



UNIVERSITY OF  
WINCHESTER

# Guide to Graduation

20-23 October 2026



# GRADUATION 2026

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Disclaimer: This information is not relevant for students currently studying on the following programmes: Nursing (all pathways), Nutrition and Dietetics, Physiotherapy and Social Work (MSc). These students should follow the separate instructions which have been emailed to their university email address.

Graduation is the pinnacle of your student journey and a chance to reflect upon and celebrate all your achievements during your time at Winchester. This guide will take you through what to expect over the coming months and what you will need to do to prepare for your ceremony.

All our ceremonies will be taking place between **20-23 October 2026**.

If you have any questions that aren't answered in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact the Graduation team via [graduation@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:graduation@winchester.ac.uk).

### APRIL – JUNE 2026

- Check the [schedule](#) to see which ceremony your programme will attend.
- Check the [eligibility criteria](#) to see whether you will be eligible to attend.
- Update your personal email address and home address on [My Record](#).
- Prepare for any final assessments and/or placements.
- Read through the graduation FAQs on the next page of this document.

### JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026

- Return any library books or loaned multimedia equipment.
- Pay any outstanding financial debts owed to the University.
- Wait for your official graduation invitation – this will be sent to you via email.
- Complete graduation registration to confirm whether you will be attending.
- If attending, order your academic gown (details to follow).
- If attending, purchase your guest tickets (details to follow).

### OCTOBER 2026

- Get ready for your ceremony – make sure you check timings for your day and download guest tickets in advance!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

- **I no longer have access to my Unimail account – how will I receive communications about graduation?**

All communications will be sent to both your Unimail and personal email addresses, so you won't miss out on any information. Please ensure you add [graduation@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:graduation@winchester.ac.uk) onto your list of safe senders.

- **Can I change which ceremony I am due to attend?**

It is unfortunately not possible to change to a different ceremony. If the date or time is not convenient, you will have to graduate in absentia (not attend).

In some exceptional circumstances, you may be able to defer attending your graduation for one year, although this is not guaranteed. If you would like to discuss deferring further, please email [graduation@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:graduation@winchester.ac.uk).

- **Can I attend my ceremony for free?**

As a student, you do not need to buy a ticket to attend your ceremony however you will be required to wear academic dress to take part. This will cost between £48.00 and £52.00 to hire, dependent on your level of study.

- **How much do guest tickets cost?**

If you would like any friends or family to attend your ceremony, they will need to purchase guest tickets. These will cost £22.00 each, and you will initially have the opportunity to purchase up to 3 guest tickets.

There may be an opportunity to purchase more tickets at a later date however this is not guaranteed. Further information will be provided alongside your official invitation.

- **Can I request a letter to support my/my guest's visa application?**

Yes, we can provide letters to support visa applications however we are unable to do so until you have received your official graduation invitation. These invitations will start to be sent over the summer.

- **When will further details be released?**

You will receive further information about graduation, including details of any deadlines, alongside your official graduation invitation in the summer. The date you receive your invitation will depend on which programme you are studying and the date of the Progression & Awards Board.