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November 2025 - Afternoon Ceremony

Arrival

We recommend that you arrive on campus **one** **and a half hours BEFORE** your ceremony starts. You and your guests must be in the ceremony hall 30 minutes before the ceremony start time.

Graduand Registration & Guest Ticket Collection

Registration for graduands will open from **12:30pm** to **1:45pm** in **Sports Hall 1 (Sports Centre).**  As part of the graduand registration process you will also be issued with any guest tickets ordered and any additional tickets previously purchased.

Whilst you are completing the registration process, please ask your guests to wait for you in the Sports Foyer.  Following your registration and collection of your robe you should return to the Sport Foyer where you can then provide your guest(s) with their ticket.

Both the graduand and guest ticket grant entry to your ceremony and the graduation reception afterwards.

**If you have not registered and taken your seat 30 minutes before the commencement of the ceremony you will not be able to participate.**

Academic Gown & Hood

Graduands will not be permitted to participate at the ceremony without the correct academic gown and hood. If you have ordered your academic dress from [Ede & Ravenscroft](https://www2.edeandravenscroft.com/graduation/) then you can collect it from **12:30pm** in **Sports Hall 1.**

Graduand Seating

You must be seated by **2:00pm** in the row and seat detailed on the ticket that you were issued at the Graduation Registration Desk. This is so you are called up on stage in the right order.

Guest Seating

Guests must be seated in the **ceremony hall** by **2:00pm**. Guest seats in the ceremony are not individually reserved and so those arriving earlier will have a greater choice available.

Children accompanied by an adult are allowed at our graduation ceremonies. However, if a child becomes unsettled, we reserve the right to ask the guest and the child to leave the ceremony and watch the live broadcast on Youtube. Tickets must be purchased for children over two years old.

Your Ceremony

Your ceremony will commence at **2:30pm** and will last approximately 90 minutes.

Dress Code

Graduands must wear the correct academic dress. Graduation ceremonies are a formal, ceremonial occasion and we ask that graduands and their guests dress formally. Graduands and guests are welcome to wear national, traditional or military dress if relevant.

Academic Award Announcement

You will be led by one of our marshals in the correct presentation order to the stage. Once on stage your name will be announced and you will be directed to cross the stage, where your award will be acknowledged by doffing you lightly on the head. You will then shake hands with the Chancellor and the Faculty Dean. If you do not wish to shake hands with the Chancellor or Faculty Dean, place your right hand across your chest when approaching them.

End of Your Ceremony

All graduates will process out of the ceremony via the back doors. We recommend that you pre-arrange a meeting point with your guests, re joining them somewhere en route to the graduation reception.

Graduation Reception

After the ceremony concludes please make your way to Campus Central for the reception where you can celebrate with family, classmates and friends – please retain your graduation ticket as you can exchange this for a celebratory drink and canapes.

Live Stream

Loved ones can't join you on the day?  Don't worry, they can still share this moment by watching the ceremony live off campus via the webcast at: [Live webcast | About | University of Stirling](https://www.stir.ac.uk/events/graduation/live-webcast/).

Photography

The official photography service is located in **Campus Central, level 3** and the studio will run throughout the day from **8:00am until 6:00pm**. Queues can be long, so we advise you to have your photographs taken before your ceremony if time allows, but please make sure you are seated in the ceremony hall by **2:00pm.**

Accessibility Access

Assistance is available on campus as necessary to access graduation registration, the ceremony, photography studio and the reception. There are designated areas in the ceremony hall for guests who are wheelchair users.

Navigating the Campus

If you or your guests are not familiar with our campus, please visit our online [campus maps](https://www.stir.ac.uk/media/stirling/events/graduation/general/A4-Graduation-Map-2025-(3).pdf)

Car Parking

Complimentary event car parks will be available, please follow directions from traffic marshals who will direct your vehicle to available parking locations when on campus.

Purchase your Memento

In **Campus Central** you will also find a selection of stalls selling commemorative graduation souvenirs and merchandise.

Refreshments

The café at the **Sports Centre**, **Boardwalk,** **Macrobert Art Centre,** and **Campus Central** will be open for the service of refreshments during the day.

Return of Academic Gown & Hood

Your academic dress can be returned to any of the following locations:

* **Campus Central, Level 1**

Graduation Ball Class of 2025

(Sunday 23 November)

Tickets are available now for students, friends and family! Don’t miss out! Purchase your tickets at: [Winter Graduation Ball 2025 | University of Stirling Online Shop](https://shop.stir.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/commercial-services/commercial-services/winter-graduation-ball-2025).

Accommodation

Make the most of your graduation celebrations and book your on-campus accommodation for your ceremony and/or Graduation Ball.

To book with a special graduation rate visit [Stirling Court Hotel - Rooms, Meetings, Dining, Weddings](https://stirlingvenuesaccommodation.stir.ac.uk/Search.aspx?arrivalDate=2025-11-23&departureDate=2025-11-24&roomCount=1&location=&promotion=321806&people=0&l=en-GB) and quote 321806 or telephone 01786 466000 or email [stirlingvenues@stir.ac.uk](mailto:stirlingvenues@stir.ac.uk).

We hope you and your guests have a wonderful day. Don’t forget to share your photographs on Instagram and Twitter.

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