

GRADUATION 2022 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These questions were updated on 19th May 2022

Where is Graduation 2022 taking place?

All ceremonies will be at the Sportspark on UEA (University of East Anglia) campus.

How much time do I need to allow before the ceremony?

You must arrive at the Sportspark two hours before your ceremony start time. There will be 500 graduates and around 1,500 guests attending each ceremony and you need to go through a ticket check, collect your gown, have your official photo taken and be seated in the ceremony hall no later than 20 minutes before your actual ceremony time.

Social Distancing/Face Coverings/Covid Passports

We are complying with the current Government guidance which no longer requires social distancing, face covering or covid passports to be used at events.

Hand sanitiser stations and supplies of face coverings will be located throughout the hall for those who wish to use them. The hall will be cleaned between each ceremony.

How will you look after people with additional support needs?

The ceremony hall is accessible and includes spaces for wheelchair users or those who wish to transfer into one of the hall seats. We are aware that graduates, students and/or their guests may require additional support in terms of accessibility or disabilities (physical or hidden) to ensure everyone enjoys the day. We aim to ensure that all requests are accommodated.

As part of the registration process, graduates and students were asked to include this information for themselves and/or their guests. We will be in direct contact with all those who completed this section of the process before mid-June.

If you did not include this information on the registration form or are now aware that additional support is required, please email graduation@uea.ac.uk with details of the ceremony you are attending and the support you require. As above, we will be in direct contact with you before mid-June.

Where can I park?

Information on parking arrangements for Graduation 2022 will be published in these questions in the coming weeks.

How long is my ceremony?

All ceremonies will last approximately 70 minutes.

Will my certificate be given to me during the ceremony?

No, we will not be giving out certificates during your ceremony. If you graduated at a previous postal only event, you have already been sent your certificate. If your award is being conferred in July, your certificate will be posted out to your registered address in August.

Do I need to pay for my tickets?

No. Tickets are free of charge. They will be sent out by email in the week prior to the event.

Do children need tickets?

Children under the age of two can sit on a lap and do not need a ticket. Buggies and car seats must be left outside the ceremony hall. Children aged 2 years and older must sit on their own seat and have a ticket.

When will I hear about my ballot tickets?

Not all students use their 3 guaranteed guest tickets, and the spare ones are entered into the ballot. As we want to ensure that all ceremonies are full, we do have to wait until closer to the event before we can complete it. The ballot will be held during the last week of June, and you will be notified shortly afterwards.

Will the ceremony be live streamed?

Yes, your ceremony will be live streamed. Further details will be published nearer the event.

Can I get a letter of invitation for my guests from overseas?

Please contact the Student Information Zone at for help with letters of invitation.

[Student Information Zone \(uea.ac.uk\)](http://uea.ac.uk)

When can I order my gown and my official photography?

All gowns must be pre-ordered. Your ticket and proof of gown hire must be shown to gain entry to the Sportspark. If you wish to have an official photograph taken this is optional but must also be pre-ordered.

Information on how to order gowns and photography has been sent to all those who have registered to attend. Please direct all queries relating to gown and photography orders to our official gown and photography supplier, Ede & Ravenscroft.

Is there a School photograph after the ceremony?

For the Class of 2022, where ceremonies are held by School, there will be a group photograph immediately after the ceremony. This will take approximately 20 minutes.

As the ceremonies for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 are not School specific there will not be any School photography after these ceremonies.

What happens after the ceremony?

There will be a post-ceremony area with a wide variety of local caterers, a bar and live music. You will be able to relax here with your family and friends and begin your celebrations. Further details will be published nearer to the event.

Please contact your School and/or the Student Union for details of any other events and activities.

Are animals permitted into the event?

Registered guide dogs, assistance dogs and therapy animals are welcome into each ceremony. We would appreciate if you could indicate on the registration form if you will be attending with any of these animals to ensure we can offer any support you might need. If you did not include this on your registration form, please email graduation@uea.ac.uk with the details of the ceremony you are attending along with any support you require. We are unable to accept any other animals.

Is there any accommodation on campus?

Graduation guests may wish to stay at Broadview Lodge, our on-campus guest accommodation. Broadview Lodge offers comfortable, affordable, en-suite rooms, right in the heart of campus in Nelson Court. For further information and to check availability and book online please visit www.broadviewlodge.co.uk