

GRADUATION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
When and where is Graduation?	Friday 10 July 2026 at Bute Hall, University of Glasgow.
What time is the ceremony?	<p>GSA are planning to hold two ceremonies at 10.30am and 2.30pm on Friday 10 July 2026 at Bute Hall, University of Glasgow. All students who are eligible to graduate will be invited to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Ceremony (10.30 am) – Architecture, Fine Art • Afternoon Ceremony (2.30 pm) – Design, Innovation and Technology <p>Times are subject to change and will be finalised prior to Invite to Graduation being launched.</p>
How will I know if I am eligible to graduate?	<p>Students currently in their final year of study and due to have their awards ratified in June 2026 are eligible to register for graduation. Your final results when published, will indicate what award you are eligible for. If you have already successfully completed your programme in the last two academic years but did not register to graduate at the time, you should be eligible to register for graduation.</p> <p>Students whom on receipt of their results, are not satisfied with the outcome and wish to submit an academic appeal, may not graduate until the outcome of their appeal is known. Please contact Registry for further information on the appeals process.</p>
Why do I need to graduate?	Graduation is when students officially have their award conferred by the University of Glasgow. Once your award is conferred, you will be able to receive your parchment.
How do I register for graduation?	Students who are eligible to graduate will be informed by email. Once you receive your invitation to register for graduation, you can complete your application online via the link sent to you by Registry.

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	<p>All eligible students, whether attending graduation or not, must register online to graduate by Friday 1 May 2026.</p> <p>Please note, there are two stages when registering to graduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stage 1 – Completion of Online Registration Form- Stage 2 – The Finance Office confirming you have no tuition fees outstanding <p>Students who are attending graduation must settle any tuition fee debts to our Finance Office by Friday 1 May 2026.</p> <p>Once both stages are complete, you will be considered as fully registered to graduate.</p>
<p>I don't know whether I should graduate by attending a ceremony or in-absentia. What is the difference?</p>	<p>During online registration, you will be asked to select whether you wish to attend the ceremony or graduate in-absentia. If you select in-absentia your award will be conferred in your absence.</p> <p>If you select to attend the ceremony, you will have the experience of accepting your award alongside other students from GSA and be able to have two guests celebrate the event with you.</p>
<p>If I attend the ceremony, can I bring any guests?</p>	<p>Yes, all graduands that select to attend the ceremony will be allocated two complimentary guest tickets.</p>
<p>I would like to bring more than two guests to the ceremony, is this possible?</p>	<p>At this point we can't guarantee more than two guest tickets. However, you can request additional tickets during the registration process and if there are any additional tickets available, they will be allocated equally to all those that request them.</p>

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<p>One of my guests has special requirements, how do I let Registry know in advance of the ceremony?</p>	<p>If any of your guests have special requirements, please indicate this when you register online.</p> <p>Those with mobility issues can be seated in the main area which is accessible by all.</p>
<p>How do I receive tickets for the graduation ceremony?</p>	<p>You will collect these on the day of Graduation when you register at Bute Hall.</p>
<p>How long is the ceremony?</p>	<p>The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.</p>
<p>What is the dress code for graduation?</p>	<p>Graduating students should be appropriately dressed for the occasion. All graduating students are required to wear academic dress (i.e., gowns and hoods).</p> <p>National dress may be worn.</p>
<p>How do I know if I have a tuition fee debt?</p>	<p>Once you complete online registration, Finance will check your tuition fee account and if you have any outstanding debt, you will receive an email advising you of what you have to do. If you have any questions regarding tuition fee debt, please contact the Finance Office directly at fees@gsa.ac.uk</p>
<p>I will not be able to clear my tuition fee debt in time to graduate, what happens now?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, if you have outstanding tuition fee debt after Friday 1 May 2026, you will not be able to graduate at this ceremony. If you have any questions regarding tuition fee debt, please contact the Finance Office directly at fees@gsa.ac.uk</p> <p>You should contact Student Support if you think you may have difficulties clearing your tuition fee debts.</p>

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<p>Do I have to pay to graduate?</p>	<p>Please be advised that there is no graduation registration fee to register for the graduation ceremony. If you decide to attend the ceremony there will be an additional cost to hire your gown, which is worn when you graduate. Other costs, such as photography, are optional.</p>
<p>If I register to graduate either by attendance or in-absentia and then decide not to, can I withdraw?</p>	<p>If you register to graduate and subsequently decide not to, providing that you inform Registry before Friday 19 June 2026, then we should be able to accommodate your request.</p>
<p>When will I receive my parchment?</p>	<p>Your parchment will be issued to you on the day of Graduation. As the timeframe between examination boards can be very tight, occasionally there can be a delay in the production of a small number of parchments for the ceremony. If your parchment is not inside your scroll, we will issue this to you by post as soon as it is produced.</p>
<p>If my parchment is being posted to me, which address will it be sent to?</p>	<p>Your parchment will be posted to the home address we have on file for you, as soon as possible after the ceremony. It is imperative that you ensure that Registry is aware of your correct home address otherwise your parchment may not reach you. You can update your home address during the registration process.</p> <p>If you need to update your address after you register for graduation, please email studentrecords@gsa.ac.uk with the details.</p>
<p>I agreed for my name to be in the Graduation Booklet. Will I receive a copy of this?</p>	<p>Yes, you will receive a copy of this on the day if you attend the ceremony. If you are graduating in-absentia, then your Graduation Booklet will be posted to your home address as soon as possible after the ceremony with your parchment.</p>
<p>Will the ceremony be live streamed?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the ceremony will not be live streamed.</p>

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<p>I agreed for my name to be in The Herald on the day of graduation. Will I have an opportunity to buy this?</p>	<p>The Herald is widely available for purchase in most newsagents across Glasgow on the day of graduation.</p> <p>For our in-absentia graduates, there is likely to be the opportunity for you to purchase a copy online which will be sent to you directly from The Herald offices. Further information will be sent to you once it is available.</p>
<p>I have selected to attend the ceremony but can no longer attend. Will GSA refund my travel costs?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, GSA cannot refund travel costs associated with attendance at the ceremony. Please refer to the terms and conditions of your travel booking for a possible refund.</p>
<p>I can't see the answer to my question in these FAQs?</p>	<p>If you have a question which is not covered in these FAQs, then please email studentrecords@gsa.ac.uk with your question. We will also update these FAQs with any answers to common questions we get asked.</p>