



Graduation 2026

Important dates and information for your Graduation

13 to 17 July 2026

<p>Online booking Phase 1</p> <p>Graduands are invited to book a place at their ceremony and will have the opportunity to purchase up to two guest tickets.</p> <p>Guest tickets cost £30 each</p>	<p>Opens: 10am on the following dates:</p> <p>Monday 23 March 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Arts and Humanities • Aegean Omiros College <p>Tuesday 24 March 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Science and Health <p>Wednesday 25 March 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Social Sciences • University of Essex Online (Kaplan) • Beaconhouse International College <p>Closes: 4pm on Friday 1 May 2026</p>	<p>All tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Graduands will be able to purchase up to two guest tickets in phase one, subject to availability.</p>
<p>Online booking Phase 2</p> <p>It is possible for ceremonies to be fully booked during phase 1.</p> <p>Places for graduands and tickets for guests will be released, subject to availability, during phase 2 and any available guest tickets may be limited per graduand.</p> <p>Guest tickets cost £30 each Reception only tickets cost £15 each</p>	<p>Opens: 10am on the following dates:</p> <p>Tuesday 26 May 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Arts and Humanities • Aegean Omiros College <p>Wednesday 27 May 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Science and Health <p>Thursday 28 May 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Social Sciences • University of Essex Online (Kaplan) • Beaconhouse International College <p>Closes: 4pm on Thursday 2 July 2026</p>	<p>All tickets are subject to availability and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>There is no guarantee that tickets will be available during phase 2, even if graduands did not purchase any during phase 1.</p>
<p>Graduation Assistance Fund</p>	<p>Opens: Monday 23 March 2026</p> <p>Closes: Friday 19 June 2026</p>	<p>Applications can be submitted via Blackbullion: https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/money/gr-uation-assistance-fund</p> <p>You will still need to confirm your attendance at your graduation ceremony.</p>

<p>Gown hire can be arranged online via our gowning company or can be hired on the day. The following costs apply:</p> <p>£45.00 – for orders placed in advance £52.00 – for gowns hired on the day</p>	<p>Opens: 10am, Monday 23 March 2026</p> <p>Closes: 4pm, Thursday 2 July 2026</p>	<p>You may hire a gown on the day of your ceremony. This can take a little longer, so please arrive early to avoid delays.</p> <p>Gowns can be collected two hours before your ceremony.</p>
<p>The refund deadline for guest tickets</p>	<p>4pm on Friday 3 July 2026</p>	<p>Refunds must be requested by email to the Graduation and Awards Office</p>
<p>Research students - the deadline for submitting your thesis to the Research Repository to be eligible to attend Graduation.</p>	<p>5pm on Wednesday 24 June 2026</p> <p>https://repository.essex.ac.uk/cgi/users/login</p>	<p>You will receive an email from the Repository regarding any embargoes on your thesis – you MUST reply to this email otherwise you cannot attend Graduation.</p>
<p>Collection of Graduation tickets and gowns from LTB 6 and 7</p>	<p>Graduands are asked to collect their gowns two hours before their ceremony start time.</p>	
<p>Gown returns</p>	<p>Gowns must be returned on the day of your Graduation ceremony.</p>	<p>There are two drop-off points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTB2 • Essex Sports Arena