

Graduation Information

15 Oct 2024

Online Registration

In order to attend your graduation ceremony you will need to register online at www.gownhire.co.uk



Online registration is now open and will close on **Friday 27th September 2024**. Please ensure you have registered before this date as unfortunately we will be unable to accept any late applicants after this deadline. The Graduation Team strongly recommends you do this as soon as possible. Late registration or registration on the day is not permitted.

Please note that you must have fully paid your tuition fees before Friday 20th September 2024 in order to graduate. If you have any queries, or would like to make a payment please contact the Finance Team on 01254 292929.

Guest Tickets

There are currently an unlimited number of ticket allocations per student at a cost of **£10 per ticket**.

Guest tickets are available to purchase at the same time as gown hire and photography through www.gownhire.co.uk. Guest tickets must be purchased by 27th September 2024.

Due to the length and formality of the graduation ceremonies they are not suitable for young children. Children over 2 must have their own guest ticket and be accompanied by an adult guest (not a graduand). Children under 2 do not need a ticket and can sit on a guest's knee. If you wish them to have their own seat then they must have a ticket. Under no circumstances are children allowed to sit with graduands. Please note there are no childcare facilities at King George's Hall and prams and buggies are not permitted in the Hall and there is no storage.

All your tickets will be available to collect when you attend the collection desk on the day in the University Centre. Please bring with you your confirmation email or show the QR code.

No additional tickets will be allocated on the day.

Gowns and Photographs

Academic dress is compulsory for all graduation ceremonies and is made up of a gown, hood and mortar board. All gowns are black but the colour and style is dependent on your qualification and awarding institution. You can book your gown and photographs through our official supplier, Ede & Ravenscroft, at www.gownhire.co.uk at the same time as formally registering to attend. **The deadline for registering and ordering your gown is Friday 27th September 2024.**

Graduates are requested to wear a standard of dress befitting the formal occasion. It is advisable to wear a button fronted top/shirt so that your gown can be fastened to it. Please note that you will be required to walk in the procession and up and down steps to the stage so appropriate footwear is recommended.



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Disability Access Arrangements

Please ensure that you declare any access arrangements that you or your guests require when you are registering online. Our Disability Advice Service will then be in touch to make specific arrangements for you or your guests. Guest seating is unallocated but guests that have access requirements will be given a specific seat to meet their needs and the Disability Advice Service will be available on the day to assist.

On the Day

Prior to the ceremony you will need to collect your tickets, get your gown and have your photographs taken.

Please ensure that you note the 'Running Order of the Day' and allow enough time for all these activities. You must be ready an hour before the ceremony start time. If you fail to collect your tickets and gown on the day at the times stated, you will not be permitted to attend the ceremony. Late attendance to the ceremony will also not be permitted under any circumstances as this will disrupt the formal proceedings.

Certificates

Graduates will be able to collect their certificates on the day from the University Centre. Please ensure you bring your ID with you. If you are unable to attend your ceremony, you can collect your certificate from Registry on a date that suits you after graduation. Please contact the Exams department on 01254 292929.

Is there parking available?

Please note there is no parking available on site. The nearest car park is the multi-storey on Feilden Street which is next to the Sports Centre.

Queries

If you have any queries please visit the Graduation section of the Blackburn College website in the first instance.

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Should you have any questions that cannot be answered by the webpages, please contact the Graduation Team on **graduation@blackburn.ac.uk**

Running Order of the Day

	11am Ceremony	2pm Ceremony
Ticket collection, Gowning and Photography open	8.30am	11.30am
Ticket collection, Gowning and Photography close	9.45am	12.45pm
Graduands lining up in University Centre	10am	1pm
Guests to be seated in King George's Hall (KGH)	10.15am	1.15pm
Procession starts	10.30am	1.30pm
Ceremony starts (KGH)	11am	2pm
Ceremony ends (approx)	12.30pm	3.30pm
Celebration event starts (The Pavilion)	12.30pm	3.30pm
Celebration event ends (The Pavilion)	2.30pm	5.30pm
Gown return deadline	6pm	6pm



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