

Disability Support

The University encourages all students to attend their graduation ceremony. Clearly, we wish all those attending to be able to enjoy this special day and we would encourage anyone who might require disability support to contact Nicola Smith (contact details below) in the Rutherford-McCowan Building in advance so that we can determine how we may best assist you on the day. The following brief description of the graduation ceremony is designed to highlight any extra support that graduands with special needs may require in order to attend the graduation.

The graduation ceremony takes place in the Crichton Memorial Church on the Dumfries Campus.

Graduands are assembled in the foyer area of the Rutherford-McCowan Building before the ceremony and names are checked to ensure everyone is present. They will then join the procession to the Crichton Memorial Church where they may expect to be seated for as much as half an hour before the start of the ceremony. The graduation ceremony itself lasts approximately one hour and for much of the time graduands will be seated.

When it is time for their degrees to be conferred, students leave their seats and are directed to the front of the Crichton Memorial Church. During the time you are waiting for your degree to be conferred it may be necessary to stand for a few minutes. Degrees are conferred by the Chancellor (or his representative, the Vice-Chancellor) who sits on a platform at the front of the nave. The platform is reached by a step, there is then a short walk across the platform during which the Chancellor (or his representative, the Vice-Chancellor) will confer your degree and shake your hand.

You will also have your academic hood put over your head and will receive your degree parchment before descending one more step from the platform. You will then return to your seat.

At the end of the graduation, the procession of academic staff and new graduates exits from the Crichton Memorial Church and processes back to the Rutherford -McCowan Building.

If you think that you may experience difficulty in sitting for the duration of the graduation ceremony or standing or climbing/descending steps, or if you have any other concern about the arrangements for graduation (e.g. if you have a visual or hearing impairment), please write to or email Nicola Smith as soon as possible at the following address:

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(Please include your student number, the date and time of your graduation and a daytime contact telephone number in all correspondence.)