

## Friends and family



If you are attending a Degree Congregation at the University as a friend or family member of a graduand, you may find the following information useful when planning your day.

### Getting to the University

Degree Congregations are held in the Great Hall ([building R6 on the Campus Map \(PDF - 397KB\)](#) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map-oct12.pdf>)) on our [Edgbaston campus](#) ([/contact/directions/edgbaston-directions.aspx](#)).

### Parking

If you are travelling to the University by car, please use the new North East Car Park (off Pritchatts Road, postcode B15 2SA) which operates a Pay and Display system. The new North East Car Park can be found on the [Edgbaston Campus Map \(PDF - 397KB\)](#) ([/Documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map.pdf](#)).

Parking fees are as follows (to non-University permit holders):

Up to 1 hour - £1.00  
1 to 3 hours - £3.00  
3 to 5 hours - £4.00  
5 to 8 hours - £6.00

### Tickets and seating

Graduands should collect both their own, and guest tickets on the day of the Degree Congregation from the Ticket Desk in the Avon Room Coffee Lounge. Each graduand is allocated two guest tickets. The Avon Room Coffee Lounge is in University Centre ([building R23 on the Campus Map \(PDF - 397KB\)](#) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map-oct12.pdf>)).

Guest seating is allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. There will be seats for everyone with a ticket.

Tickets for additional guests (beyond the first two) may be available on the day from the Ticket Desk.

- [More about tickets and seating \(/graduation/oday/tickets.aspx\)](#)

### Television Screening Rooms

Guests who are unable to obtain additional tickets can watch the Degree Congregation in one of our Television Screening Rooms. No tickets are required for these venues - seats are only available on a first-come first-served basis. The Television Screening Rooms will be signposted from the Great Hall.

### Facilities on campus

There are a number of places to [eat, drink and shop \(/community/university-campus/retail/index.aspx\)](#) near the Aston Webb Building, where the Degree Congregation takes place.

### Visa to attend the ceremony

Please read [our visitor visa guide \(/International/students/visas/graduation.aspx\)](#) if you need a visa to attend your Degree Congregation.

In support of your application, the University can produce a letter for the graduating student that states that they have been invited to attend a Degree Congregation, and that they are able to bring two guests with them to the ceremony. We are unable to issue named invitations to guests.

You will need the graduating student to get a copy of this letter by [submitting an online enquiry \(https://universityofbirmingham.service-now.com/ASStudent/\)](#).