

Jesus College, Oxford

2014 Degree Days - Frequently Asked Questions v5.0

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Ceremony updates are shown at: <http://intranet.jesus.ox.ac.uk/degree-ceremonies.aspx>

A ceremony brochure can be downloaded from [here](#).

Venues

- Please check the venue and guest quotas for your degree day carefully;

It is advised that guests go to the ceremony venue ahead of the graduands in order to get good seats and be seated - the doors of the Sheldonian open at 2pm and close at 2.30pm.

Please note that the degree day is not suitable for children under 7 years old.

General Information

- **Guests** - Guests may accompany their graduands into College using the Third Quad entrance to College, from Midday . Before the graduand briefing guests should make their way to the ceremony as there may be queues to enter the venue. A professional photography team is also available in College – **please arrive in good time at the College to ensure there is adequate time for photographs before the ceremony.**

A timetable to the day will be issued to each graduand ahead of your graduation after you have made your guests' meal payment online.

- **Degree Certificates**

Degree certificates will be sent directly to graduands by the University.

- **GOWNS – IMPORTANT!** A gown (and hood if applicable) for your new degree are automatically ordered for you by our Events Manager, Simon Smith. Payment for the hire is to him on the day by cash or cheque.
- **It is your responsibility to bring your own sub-fusc and mortarboard.**

Gowns - Undergraduate BA degrees (inc. BA Medicine):

- You will process in your hired BA gown and be given your hired hood at the ceremony by our gowning staff. **YOU STILL NEED TO BRING** your sub-fusc and mortarboard (but without your undergraduate gown you wore to exams).

Gowns - Undergraduate Masters, e.g. MMath etc:

- You will process round in your own Commoner's or Scholar's gown and receive your new hired Undergraduate Masters gown and hood at the ceremony. **YOU NEED TO BRING** your undergraduate gown you wore to exams, sub-fusc and mortarboard.
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Gowns - Postgraduate degrees, e.g. Msc/Dphil:

- You will process round in your sub-fusc and your own Graduate/Scholar's black gown and mortarboard (both with sub-fusc).
- You will be given your hired new degree gown and hood at the ceremony itself by our Events Manager. The gown you process round in will, if it is your own, be returned to the College Chapel by our Events Manager for you to collect later on in the day.

- The ushers will show you where to go during the ceremony. Our Events Manager will help you make sure you are wearing the correct attire at each stage of the ceremony.

▪ **2014 Gown Prices**

- The cost of gown hire (payable on your degree day) by cash or cheque (payable to Simon Smith, the College's Conference & Events Manager) are as follows:

- DPhil gown £40

(DPhil gowns do not have or need hoods)

- MA gown & hood set £35
- MSc, MSt, BM-BCh gown and hood set £40
- Undergraduate Masters gown & hood set £40
- BA gown & hood set £35

- **Left luggage** - There will be secure storage available in College – please ask on the day. Graduands should not carry bags to the ceremony.
- **Late arrival** – Students who arrive at College after the Dean of Degrees has taken graduands to the Sheldonian will have their degree conferred in absentia – this is a University rule. Ceremonies start promptly and candidates will be refused access to the ceremony once the candidate list has been handed to the Proctors by our Dean of Degrees.
- **Mobility-restricted guests** – Please notify us in advance if your guests require wheelchair access to the ceremony/meal in College, or have great difficulty with stairs. Please note there is no reserved seating available in the Sheldonian.

- **Parking** – please note there is no parking available at the College or the University Club. There is pay and display parking in central Oxford (see www.oxford.gov.uk , or we suggest using one of the Park and Ride services (see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk). Information about blue badge parking can be found [here](#).

- **Accommodation**

You may be able to find accommodation or via Oxford Rooms (www.oxfordrooms.co.uk - special rates are available for Old Members).

- **Procession** – you will process 2 by 2 in conferral order of the ceremony – please line up in First Quad as follows (1. nearest the Lodge arch);

1.Dphil, 2.M.A., 3.B.M.B.C.h, 4.M.S.c., 5.M.Phil, 6.M.S.t., 7.M.Jur., 8.M.B.A., 9.M.Biochem, 10.M.Chem, 11.M.Eng., 12.M.Math., 13.M.Phys, 14.B.C.L., 15.B.M., 16.B.A.

- **Photographs** - Gillman and Soame will have photographers in College on the day. You can pre-register for this at www.oxfordphoto.co.uk. There is no booking of slots – just ask the photographer. Check the individual day's timetable for when they will be available.

- Please make sure your guests' camera flashes are turned off inside the Sheldonian. The use of tripods is not permitted in the Sheldonian.

- **Extra Guest Tickets**

Additional guest Ceremony tickets:

Fully booked. A waiting list is operating for any returns. Please enquire via fellows.secretary@jesus.ox.ac.uk

- **Additional (chargeable) guest meal tickets:**

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