

UCD's Policy for Graduation Ceremonies

The conferring of UCD degrees is a ceremony of special significance for the graduates, their families and friends, for the academic staff who have guided the graduates to their degrees, and for the many others who contribute to the life of University College Dublin. The ceremonies are great public occasions for the University, to which we welcome our guests who are visiting our campus, some perhaps for the first time.

To ensure the smooth running of the graduation ceremony and to respect all participants and attendees, please observe the following guidelines:

1. **Dress Code:** Graduation ceremonies are formal events, and appropriate academic dress is required. You can find detailed information at [Academic Dress - UCD Conferring](#). Wearing national dress underneath your robe is welcomed.
2. **Punctuality and Guest Attendance:** Arriving on time ensures the ceremony proceeds without disruption, honouring the experience for all attendees. Due to the capacity limits of O'Reilly Hall, each student is allocated two guest tickets. For health and safety reasons, exceptions will not be made to the two-ticket rule. For those unable to attend in person, ceremonies are live-streamed, with QR codes for access available around O'Reilly Hall and on the Conferring website.
3. **Respectful Atmosphere:** Graduation ceremonies are formal events and we kindly request that you respect this atmosphere by avoiding loud talking, blocking exits, or engaging in disruptive behaviour. For safety reasons, please do not throw objects or toss caps during the ceremony.
4. **Allergy Awareness:** To ensure the safety and comfort of all attendees, please be mindful of severe allergies to nuts, peanuts and certain flowers, such as lilies and avoid bringing such items into the Hall.

Respecting these guidelines helps to create a supportive and celebratory environment honouring the remarkable achievements of our graduates. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in making the graduation ceremony a memorable occasion for everyone.