

Information about the University Graduation Ceremony

The university graduation ceremony will begin punctually. The candidates are asked to inform their family members and acquaintances accordingly.

10 relatives are allowed to take along.

Candidates meet in the Senatssaal (entrance only through the Aula; see sketch below) 15 minutes before the beginning of the ceremony. There is a short meeting and then candidates will line up for the procession into the Aula.

Candidates should appear in formal dress.

An authorised photographer (Foto Gasser, www.foto-gasser.at) will take pictures of the university ceremony. A video will also be made. In order to avoid any disruption of the ceremony, the audience is asked to refrain from private photography and filming.

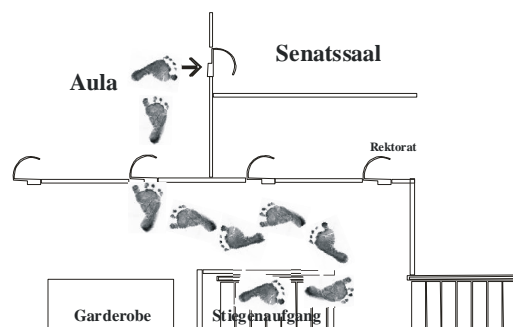
The university is not responsible for any forgotten documents, articles of clothing, etc.

Participation of student delegations or fraternity members must be registered three days before the ceremony in the Admissions Office.

Student delegations or fraternity members are to stand on the window side of the Aula.

The setting up of private food and drink stands during the academic festivities is forbidden within the buildings of the University of Graz!

There will be a champagne stand next to the Aula where beverages can be purchased at reasonable prices.



Sequence of Events of the

University Graduation Ceremony

Opening of the ceremony and the presentation of the candidates

The Dean opens the ceremony with a short greeting. The candidates as well as the public take their seats. Afterwards, the Dean of Studies introduces the candidates. When his or her name is called, the candidate stands up, bows and takes a seat again.

The Dean's speech

The Dean expresses his or her thanks for the presentation of the candidates and gives a short speech. Then he or she asks the Promotor to ceremonially confirm the conferring of the title of doctor, master or bachelor. The candidates rise from their seats.

Taking the academic vow

After the Promotor has read the vow, the Pedell steps up to the candidate. Each candidate lays his or her right index finger on the faculty sceptre and takes the vow with the words "I promise."

Confirmation of the academic title

The Promotor confirms the academic title, naming the candidates individually one after the other. The candidates remain standing in front of their seats.

Presentation of the diploma roll

The Promotor now calls the candidates once again using the academic title. When his or her name is called, the candidate goes up to the graduation table, takes the roll containing his or her diploma and then goes to the Dean, the Dean of Studies and once again to the Promotor to receive their congratulations. Afterwards, the candidate returns to his or her seat and remains standing.

Thanking to the dignitaries

After the last candidate has received his or her roll, the first candidate takes a step forward and says: "In the name of all the candidates, I would like to say thank you."

Gaudeamus igitur and recessional

After the gaudeamus igitur, the dignitaries and the Pedell exit to the sounds of the fanfare.