# DoubleTree, Milton Keynes Friday 1 November 2019



# Congratulations and welcome to your ceremony!

#### Registration

Having registered, you will have your ceremony tickets, presentation card and graduate directories. Please keep your presentation card with you as you'll need this when you go on stage. If you have any queries during the day, please visit the Enquiries desk, situated by Registration and our team will be happy to help.

#### Academic dress

If you have arranged to hire academic dress through Ede & Ravenscroft Ltd, you should collect it from the Red Dot Bar on the ground level. Please note, mortar boards are not permitted to be worn during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, hired items should be returned to the same point.

## Photography

Ede & Ravenscroft photography studios are located in the Players' Suite on the ground floor.

Scrolls and mortarboards will be available to borrow during your photographs. Please allow plenty of time for photography as it can become busy during peak times.

## The ceremony

Doors will open to the auditorium 45 minutes before the official ceremony start time. A musical programme by Milton Keynes Brass will feature prior to the ceremony. Please make sure you and your guests have taken your seats no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony.

The ceremony will start with a short film, followed by the arrival of the academic procession. The Presiding Officer will declare the ceremony open and the presentation of graduates will begin.

When it is your turn to be presented, marshals will direct you accordingly. Please ensure that you keep your presentation card with you to hand over when you reach the stage. If you are leaving any belongings by your seat, please make sure they are tucked out of the way and not obstructing the path of other graduates or staff.

#### Refreshments

You can buy light refreshments in the Red Dot Bar 08:00-10:00 and 12:30-14:30, and in the Pre-Function Area 09:15-10:15 and 13:45-14:45. There are also numerous bars and restaurants within a few minutes' walk of the DoubleTree. Limited graduate and guest seating are available in Red Dot Bar, Endeavour, Discovery, and also on the outside terrace. If you are a green priority ticket holder, please use Enterprise.

Immediately after the ceremony, you are warmly invited to join your fellow graduates and guests for a celebratory drink, just outside the hall, available for a half-hour period.

#### Don't forget...

...to take time to visit the Alumni Association, Careers & Employability Service and the Open University Students Association (OUSA). To meet these teams, ask questions, pick up information and purchase OU merchandise, head to the ground level foyer for OUSA and the Pre-Function area on level 1 for Alumni and Careers.



