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 collection point in the ground floor Gallery. Please note, mortar boards are not permitted to be worn during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, hired items should be returned to the Ground Floor Foyer.

Photography
Ede & Ravenscroft photography studios are located in Function Rooms 1 and 2, on the first 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 hall 45 minutes before the official ceremony start time. A musical programme by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra musicians 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
Light refreshments are available to purchase at the venue, however due to the number of visitors, you may prefer to visit one of the numerous restaurants, cafes and bars in the immediate vicinity. There is a small cafe bar on the ground floor of the Lighthouse, and teas, coffees and soft drinks available from the bar on the first floor.

Immediately after the ceremony, you are warmly invited to join your fellow graduates and guests for a celebratory drink on the first floor.

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 first floor.