



Graduation
TIME TO CELEBRATE



Congratulations on completing your studies!

This booklet provides you with all the important information you need to know to ensure you have a memorable and rewarding experience at your graduation ceremony.

We hope that you are able to join us at your graduation ceremony with your family, friends and fellow graduates to celebrate your achievement and your time at ECU.

ECU Graduations Team

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Key dates

CEREMONY DATES & TIMES

Saturday, 2 February 2019

Ceremony One: 10am

- School of Science
- School of Nursing and Midwifery

Ceremony Two: 2pm

- School of Arts and Humanities

Ceremony Three: 6pm

- School of Engineering
- School of Medical and Health Sciences

Sunday, 3 February 2019

Ceremony Four: 10am

- School of Business and Law

Ceremony Five: 2pm

- WAAPA
- School of Education – *Bachelors only*

Ceremony Six: 6pm

- School of Education – *Postgrads only*
i.e. PhDs, Masters, Grad Cert, Grad Dip

Bunbury – Saturday, 16 February 2019

Street Parade at 5pm. Ceremony at 6pm.



CUT-OFF DATES

Perth Ticket and Regalia Collection

Tuesday, 22 January (9am–6pm) &
Wednesday, 23 January (9am–6pm) from
the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Bunbury Ticket and Regalia Collection

Friday, 15 February (4pm–7pm).
Regalia collection on ceremony day (1pm–4pm) at the
Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC).

Pay Encumbrances

Friday, 30 November.

Invitation Opens

Monday, 3 December. Main round of invitations
will go out on Tuesday, 18 December.

Invitation RSVP

Midnight on Sunday, 6 January 2019.



Your Step-by-Step Guide to Graduating

Step 1: Accept, defer or decline your Graduation Invitation (before Sunday, 6 January 2019)

Accept – this will confirm your attendance at the ceremony where you will receive your testamur (continue to step 2)

Defer – you can defer your attendance by up to 12 months. You will receive an invitation to the next round of graduation ceremonies.

Decline – you can choose to have your testamur posted to you or you can collect it from Student Records. You will not receive an invitation to graduate at any future ceremonies for your current award.

Step 2: Order your academic regalia (before Monday, 21 January 2019)

It is compulsory for all graduates to wear academic regalia appropriate to the degree they are being awarded.

Order online by following the regalia link from your graduation invitation on SIMO.

For enquiries about your regalia order, contact GFP Graduations on 1300 360 445 or support@gfp.com.au

Step 3: Collect your tickets and regalia

Perth Collection

Tuesday, 22 January (9am–6pm) & Wednesday, 23 January (9am–6pm) from the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Bunbury Collection

Friday, 15 February (4pm–7pm). Regalia collection on ceremony day (1pm–4pm) at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC).

Please have your Attendance Confirmation or Student ID with you and your regalia order confirmation.

If you are unable to collect your tickets and regalia on the above dates, please contact the Graduations Office on (08) 6304 2011 or email graduations@ecu.edu.au to make alternative arrangements.

Step 4: Attend your graduation ceremony

Please arrive at least one hour before your ceremony is due to start.

All graduates must attend the briefing which commences in the theatre 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.

Professional photography is available at the venue and light refreshments are available after the ceremony.

On the Day of your Ceremony

When to arrive at the venue

You should arrive 2 hours before your ceremony start time if you are collecting your graduate ticket on the day (or 1 hour before if you are already in possession of your ticket).

What to do when you arrive

Collect your tickets (if required) from the ECU Ticket and Information Desk.

Collect your regalia (if required) from the collection point.

If you wish to have professional photographs taken, we recommend you allow up to two hours for this.

Put on your regalia before entering the theatre – you will be called in to the theatre 45 minutes prior to the start of your ceremony for the graduate briefing. Ceremonies run for approximately 2 hours.

After the ceremony

All graduates and guests are invited to attend the **Toast to Graduates**. Light refreshments will be served (duration 45 minutes).

If you hired your regalia, please return it to the regalia room at the venue.

Professional photography will be available after your ceremony (we recommend you allow up to two hours for this).

What to wear

Graduation ceremonies are formal occasions.

Graduates and their guests are advised to wear smart attire.

Click [here](#) for information on how to wear your regalia.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please be aware that there may be other events taking place at the venue on the same day, so parking on-site may be limited.
- Please note that there is limited seating in the foyer at the venue. Guests will be asked to enter the theatre 20 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
- Drinks will be available for purchase at the venue prior to the ceremony.
- Please ensure you sit in the correct seat in the ceremony, otherwise you will not be in the right place to cross the stage.
- Please note all guests (including children over 3 years old) require a ticket. Prams are not permitted in the theatre.
- If you require special access seating for you or your guests, please contact the Graduations Office to arrange this.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I obtain a visa for me or my family to attend the graduation?

Complete the International Letter Request Form (found on the graduation website under International Students) and return it to Student Hub.

I studied a double degree, which ceremony should I attend?

You will receive an invitation for each degree. We recommend you select to attend one ceremony and both your degrees will be announced and presented together.

Contact the Graduations Office to confirm which regalia you should wear.

How many guests can I bring to my ceremony and how much are tickets?

All graduate and up to 2 guest tickets are free (4 guest tickets for PhD graduates). All graduates are guaranteed 2 guest tickets initially.

Check the graduation website after the RSVP date for additional ticket availability, which can be purchased online for \$25 each.

How long will my ceremony last?

Ceremonies run for approx. 2 hours. After your ceremony all graduates and guests are invited to the 45 minute **Toast to Graduates** where light refreshments are served.

Who do I speak to if I have a query about my regalia or graduation photography?

Please contact ECU's regalia and photography supplier GFP Graduations (contact details on [page 8](#)).

What happens if I can't attend my ceremony?

You have the option on SIMO to defer your attendance for up to 12 months (you will need to respond to the next invitation you receive), or you can select not to attend any ceremony and have your testamur posted to you. If you don't respond on SIMO, your testamur will not be produced.



Glossary & Facts

Confer

The awarding of qualifications by the University Council.

Graduand

A person who has completed their degree but who has not yet had their award officially conferred.

Graduate

The recipient of a conferred degree (or other award).



Fact – 3,603 ECU graduates attended a ceremony in 2017! Don't miss out!

Inabsentia

When a graduate chooses not to attend their graduation ceremony and requests to have their testamur posted to them.

Regalia (Academic Dress)

Formal clothing worn by graduates at a graduation ceremony, consisting of a gown, hood and head-wear.

Did you know? The head-wear is known as a mortarboard; so called because it resembles a mason's square board for carrying mortar!



Testamur (Parchment, Certificate)

The certificate you receive when you graduate, which confirms that you have completed all requirements of the award you have studied.

Useful Contacts

ECU Graduations Office

P +61 (8) 6304 2011

E graduations@ecu.edu.au

W www.ecu.edu.au/graduations/overview

ECU Student Administration (for all queries regarding your testamur)

P 134 328

E enquiries@ecu.edu.au

GFP Graduations

(for all queries regarding your regalia and photography)

P 1300 360 445

E support@gfp.com.au

The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

(venue for ticket and regalia collection and ceremonies)

P +61 (8) 9338 0300

A 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth WA 6000

W www.pcec.com.au

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC)

(venue for ticket and regalia collection and ceremonies)

P 1300 661 272

A 2 Blair Street, Bunbury WA 6230

W www.bunburyentertainment.com



Contact Details

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