

## **GRADUATION INFORMATION 2021**

### **When and where is my graduation celebration being held?**

Our graduation celebrations are being held at Norwich City Football Club, Carrow Road, Norwich, NR1 1JE, on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 September 2021. Students are invited to attend with their course cohorts as follows:

<b>Tuesday 7 September</b>		
<b>Ceremony 1 10am</b>	<b>Ceremony 2 1.30pm</b>	<b>Ceremony 3 5pm</b>
Illustration	Design for Publishing	Fashion
Architecture	Graphic Design	Fashion Communication and Promotion
Interior Design	Graphic Communication	Textile Design

<b>Wednesday 8 September</b>		
<b>Ceremony 4 10am</b>	<b>Ceremony 5 1.30pm</b>	<b>Ceremony 6 5pm</b>
PhD	Games Art and Design	Animation
MA, PGDip, PGCert	Games Development	VFX
PGCertHE	Photography	Film and Moving Image Production
Fine Art	User Experience Design	
	Interaction Design	

### **Which students are invited to the graduation celebrations this year?**

- Undergraduates who qualified in 2020 or July this year;
- MA students who qualified in 2019, 2020 or January 2021; and
- PhD students who have qualified for their awards in the period since we last held graduation in 2019.

If you had a delayed submission for your final Year 3 unit this summer, or you were given a resubmission opportunity for one or more units to complete this summer – and you qualify for an award at the Resubmission Board on 13 September 2021 – we'll invite you to attend

graduation next year, 2022. Current MA students, due to complete their awards later this summer, will also be invited to graduation 2022.

### **What are the arrangements for ticketing, and how many guests can I bring?**

NUA is registering students and guests to attend graduation, and tickets will be issued by Norwich City Football Club. The link to register is in the email we sent you on 21 July 2021.

Tickets are free, and you can bring up to two guests with you to your graduation celebration. You'll be able to collect your tickets from the football ground – more information to follow.

### **How do I get to the football ground? Is there car parking?**

Norwich City's ground is in central Norwich, about 10 minutes' walk from Norwich railway station and about 15 minutes' walk from the centre of Norwich.

Free parking is available at the football ground for your graduation celebration. When you arrive at the ground, a steward will give you a timed parking permit to display in your car, depending on the time of your ceremony:

<b>Ceremony time</b>	<b>Parking permit duration</b>
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10am	8am-12 noon
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1.30pm	12.30-3.30pm
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5pm	4-7pm
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### **Can babies and children attend my graduation celebration?**

Yes. Children and babies aged 2 and under won't need a ticket of their own but will need to sit on the lap of the guest accompanying them or in a pushchair. Children aged 3 and over need their own guest ticket and seat.

### **What are the safety measures in place, given concerns about Covid-19?**

We'll follow government guidelines in place at the time of graduation, and we'll be doing all we can to make sure that the event is safe and enjoyable for students, guests and staff.

- Norwich City Football Ground is a very large venue. The stage and seating areas are outside, but also under cover. This is the reason we have chosen to hold the celebrations here.
- We've spread out the ceremonies across the two days to help keep the numbers of people in the ground manageable. This is also why we've limited guest tickets to two per student.
- We've put in place a one-way system around the football ground, so that students and guests enter at one end of the ground and exit at another.
- We're allowing extra space between groups of guests when they're seated during the graduation celebration itself.

- Staff working at the event – including those from Ede and Ravenscroft, our gown and photography suppliers – will be wearing masks when inside.

If you have any particular concerns about safety at the event, please email [graduation@nua.ac.uk](mailto:graduation@nua.ac.uk).

### **Will refreshments be available at the football ground?**

There will be kiosks at the football ground where refreshments will be available for purchase before the ceremonies. Due to the concerns about Covid we are unable to provide refreshments after the ceremonies at NCFC and would encourage you to make plans for further celebrations in the city with friends and family.

### **Are you streaming the graduation celebrations?**

Yes, we're live streaming the ceremonies. We'll send on the YouTube links when we have them.

### **Do I have to wear a gown, hood and cap?**

Yes – you can hire them in advance or on the day from our official gownmakers Ede and Ravenscroft.

Please see the flyer from Ede and Ravenscroft attached to the email we sent you on 21 July 2021.

You can collect your gown and have your photographs taken by Ede and Ravenscroft at any time during the day of your graduation, but please remember that if you're parking at the football ground, you need to keep within the time limits of your permit – see above.

If you come to your graduation celebration without a gown, or if you are wearing clothes which the graduation ushers don't consider appropriate to the occasion, you may not be able to cross the stage in recognition of your award. Please note too that if you choose to use a different supplier for your gown, you are very unlikely to receive a gown, hood and cap which have the correct specifications.

### **What will my gown, hood and cap look like?**

For recipients of our degrees and awards, the gown and cap are black, and the hood is pale grey lined in light blue with gold ribbon.

For PhD degree graduates receiving awards of the University of the Arts London, the gown and hood are purple and trimmed with magenta, with a purple Tudor bonnet with magenta cord and tassel.

### **What are the arrangements for graduation photography?**

Ede and Ravenscroft, our robemakers, are providing a photography service at the football ground. You can order photos from them in advance – please see the flyer attached to the email we sent you on 21 July 2021.

Ede and Ravenscroft will also take a photo of you when you cross the stage at your graduation. These photos will be available to purchase on the day, and online afterwards.

### **How long will my graduation celebration last?**

Each celebration is likely to last about an hour.

### **What happens if I arrive late for graduation?**

Our advice is: don't be late!

If you arrive late, you may not be able to cross the stage in recognition of your award. Make sure you allow enough time for travel, car parking, gown collection and photography.

### **What happens if I still owe money to the University at the time of my graduation celebration?**

If you have any outstanding debts to the University, you must pay them or we may not allow you to attend your graduation celebration.

### **How can I find accommodation for my guests?**

The [Visit Norwich](#) website has links to a wide range of places to stay in the area. Unfortunately we can't offer recommendations or endorsements for accommodation, so check carefully before making any bookings.

### **Will you take any photos or other publicity at the celebrations?**

As well as the graduation photos taken by Ede and Ravenscroft, University and press photographers will take group and individual photos at graduation and clips of film for use in news and marketing materials. If you don't want to appear in individual photographs taken for these purposes, please tell the photographer at the time.

### **When will I receive my award certificate?**

In autumn 2021. We'll post more information on this page nearer the time about when you can expect to receive your certificate. If you have any queries in the meantime, email [registry@nua.ac.uk](mailto:registry@nua.ac.uk).

### **Can I stay in touch with NUA after I graduate?**

Yes. All ex-students automatically become members of our alumni network, and the Alumni office will have a stand at the football ground throughout the graduation celebrations in September. The network is here to offer support and guidance on whatever graduates decide to do next as well as bringing them back into contact with lost friends and lecturers from their time studying here. [Find out more about the work of the Alumni office.](#)