

Dear graduates,

We are looking forward to a beautiful Graduation Ceremony together with you.

We would like to provide some practical guidelines for Sunday 5 October 2025.

- 1. The Graduation Ceremony takes place in two sessions in the auditorium Leon De Meyer of the University Forum (UFO) of Ghent University, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 33 in Ghent.
  - morning session: from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. followed by a reception until 1:00 p.m.:
     Wiskunde Informatica Fysica en Sterrenkunde Statistical Data Analysis Space Studies Geografie en
     Geomatica Geologie Geology Sustainable Land Management
     (and related MSc in Teaching and PhD's)
  - afternoon session: from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., followed by a reception until 6:00 p.m.:
     Chemistry Biology Biochemistry and Biotechnology Bioinformatics Plant Biotechnology Nematology Marine Biological Resources Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management (and related MSc in Teaching and PhD's)
- 2. Please arrive on time, picking up the gowns can cause some delay. The doors of the UFO open in the morning as from 8:30 a.m.
- 3. Registration is mandatory. Please register AT THE LATEST by 1 October 2025 at noon.

Morning session: <a href="https://event.ugent.be/registration/proclamatie2025wevoormiddag">https://event.ugent.be/registration/proclamatie2025wevoormiddag</a> <a href="https://event.ugent.be/registration/proclamatie2025wenamiddag">https://event.ugent.be/registration/proclamatie2025wenamiddag</a>

- 4. In addition to the promovendus/promovenda, **three guests** can be present. Whether you come alone or with guests, you indicate in the registration link. We do not need to know the names of your guests, but we do need to know how many people will attend, yourself included.
- A live stream is provided to follow the ceremony online:
   <u>Livestream morning session</u> / <u>Live stream afternoon session</u>
- 6. To enter the UFO you take (only) the entrance side Sint-Pietersplein, this is on the right side of the building when you are standing in front of the building.
- 7. During the ceremony, it is advisable for the graduates to wear a gown. The gowns can be picked up at the lending desk as of 8:30 a.m./ 1.30 p.m. until at the latest 9:00 a.m. /2.00 p.m. You will be asked to hand over your identity card as a guarantee. The accompanying beret can be kept after the ceremony but the gown is to be brought back.
- 8. Please pick up your diploma during the reception.
- 9. Hosts and hostesses in the foyer and the venue will show you and your guests around. Please follow their guidelines.
- 10. There is parking facility nearby, e.g. Parking Gent Zuid.

May I ask you to follow these practical guidelines carefully and to inform your guests as well, so that the Graduation Ceremony can proceed smoothly. We will do our utmost to make it a beautiful memory for you!

We look forward to meeting you all!

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