



Monday 08 March, 2021

Dear Graduands,

Congratulation on completing your academic program. We hope you are looking forward to your graduation.

The following graduation information is important for your preparation, this includes the announced change in graduation dates and other activities leading up to graduation.

Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Friday the 19th of March, 2021** and will be held in the **St John Paul II multi-purpose hall starting at 9:00 am**. All graduands are reminded to arrive early and be seated by **8.45 am** before the procession of official delegates to begin the official graduation program.

The rescheduled date of graduation is made in honour and respect to the Late Grand Chief Sir Michael Thomas Somare during the national time of mourning.

Rehearsal

Rehearsal will be on **Thursday 18th of March, 2021 at the graduation venue at 1.30 pm**. It is imperative that you attend the rehearsal to avoid any inconvenience and embarrassment on the day of graduation.

Outstanding Fees

Graduates with outstanding fees will find their **Certificate** and **Academic Transcript** withheld by the University until all fees owed are paid.

Purchase/Hire of Gowns

All graduating students are required to wear the DWU gown for graduation. Therefore, you will either hire or purchase a gown. The cost of hire is K150.00 and is non-refundable. The cost for outright purchase is K550.00.

Payment for gowns must be made into **DWU Bank Account – BSP Madang, Account Number: 1000433806**. When making the deposit, ensure to **print your Name/ID# and the word 'GOWN' on the deposit slip**.

For graduands under the full-time programs, you must present your bank deposit slip butt to the finance team who will provide a receipt to use to collect your gown. No cash will be accepted on the day. The finance team will be at the SVDMA during the time of gown collection.

Graduands under the flexible study mode are asked to send a copy of their payment deposit to Ms Elintha Keriaka on ekeriaka@dwu.ac.pg and cc Salote Kaumu on skaumu@dwu.ac.pg

Graduands who fully purchase their graduation gowns will have their certificates placed in their graduation folders. Graduands who hire gowns will receive an empty graduation folder and will need to return their gowns before their certificates are released.

Gown Distribution

Gown distribution for graduands in the full-time undergraduate programs will be at the **SVD Auditorium (SVDMA) starting from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wednesday 17th of March, 2021 and from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 18th March, 2021.**

Gown distribution for graduands in the flexible learning mode programs will be at the MM1 Room, Postgraduate Research Centre starting from 8:00 am to 1:00 on Thursday 18th March, 2021.

Graduation Mass

The Graduation Mass will be held at the St Joseph Freinademetz Chapel on Thursday 18th of March, 2021 starting at 5.30pm. You are all invited to be part of the worship.

Meal Card/ Official Pass for Entry

All graduands will be given three (3) meal cards during gown collection. You are entitled to one meal card for yourself and for your two guests. The issued meal cards will also serve as an official pass for gate entry and entry pass for your two guests into the SVDMA and St Arnold Jansen Hall to participate in the live streaming of the ceremony. The meal pass must be kept safe once you collect. Gate entry will be restricted to only by presentation of the official pass. Graduands can use their DWU Student ID on graduation day as gate entry. You are asked to comply with this instruction as we would like to limit the crowd in respect to COVID-19 measures.

Livestreaming of the graduation

Your two guests will be able to watch the livestream of the graduation at the SVDMA and St Arnold Jansen Hall. The livestream of the graduation link will be provided on the Divine Word University Website and DWU Official Facebook page for any of your family members and friends to witness.

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

With the current COVID-19 situation at hand, you will find that:

- Seating arrangements for graduation will be spaced out to ensure that the social distance of 1.5 metres is maintained throughout graduation
- Masks must be worn at all times on campus most importantly during gown collection, rehearsal and the official graduation ceremony
- There will be no shaking of hands when receiving of award, bowing of heads will be preferred
- Graduands must bring a bottle of water to maintain hydration during graduation
- Graduands' two guests will witness the livestream of the graduation at the SVDMA and St Arnold Jansen Hall and not at the graduation venue

Accommodation on campus

Graduates and visitors will not be allowed to reside with students on campus during their stay in Madang. You are asked to make alternative accommodation arrangements for your stay. Restroom facilities in the SVDMA and adjunct to the MC Department will be open for public use as dormitory areas will be restricted to the public.

Graduate Tracer Study Questionnaire

Graduands in full-time programs are invited to complete the Graduate Tracer Study Questionnaire online. The Graduate Tracer study is to gain more information on the student post academic studies and feedback on DWU programs, experience and areas for improvement.

The Graduate Tracer Study can be accessed through this link <https://www.dwu.ac.pg/en/index.php/about-us/quality-assurance#research-and-publication>.

Your completed Graduate Tracer Study Questionnaire must be emailed to gad@dwu.ac.pg.

Compulsory Alumni Form

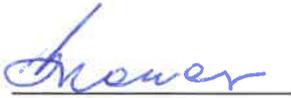
Graduands are asked to complete the DWU Alumni Association Registration Form and return it to the boxes when you return your gowns in the respective venues.

You can also go to the Alumni Page on the DWU Website and fill it electronically and email to alumni@dwu.ac.pg.

"All graduands are strictly required to graduate in your full regalia; DWU Gown, Hood and Mortar Board (Master/Bachelor), Gown and Stole (Diploma)".

On behalf of the University, I take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you on your achievement and graduation. With the challenge of having to cope with the COVID pandemic, let us make graduation as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Cecilia N'Drower
Registrar

