



Graduation Speeches 2014

The University has granted KSU permission to select a speech for thirteen graduation ceremonies (11-23) taking place next December.

The speeches will be selected by a board of 5 individuals appointed by the KSU Education Commission, which is made up of student representatives from each faculty, institute or centre.

KSU reserves the right to publish the chosen speeches on the KSU official website after they have been delivered.

Should any student have any queries or need any advice do not hesitate to contact KSU on education@ksu.org.mt.

Guidelines on how to write graduation speeches are available below.

Guidelines for Writing Graduation Speeches

Please make sure you take into consideration the following guidelines prior of submitting your speech to the KSU Graduation Ceremonies Board:

1. The deadline for your submission is at noon on **Friday 3rd October 2014**. It is essential that you hand in your speech to KSU by the stipulated deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.
2. Five hard copies of the speech must be handed in at the KSU office and a further electronic copy is to be sent by email to education@ksu.org.mt by the stipulated deadline. A personal contact form including personal details should be submitted with the speech. Such details should include; Name, Surname, University Course, Mobile Phone Number and E-mail address.
3. The duration of your speech should be circa **ten minutes** (approximately 1000 words long). The Board reserves the right to refuse considering speeches which exceed this time limit.





4. Speeches are to be in either **Maltese** or **English** and proper use of the Maltese or English language must be maintained throughout. It is imperative that the student focuses the writing of the speech to ensure a flowing and understandable delivery during the reading.

5. The Board may ask shortlisted students to attend an interview to ensure that they have satisfactory delivery skills. The interview will serve as an evaluation of the students' motivation which justifies their candidacy for reading the graduation speech.

6. Students are allowed to direct criticisms towards the University during their speech but their criticism must be **constructive and well-based** (free of any libellous elements and/or subjective remarks). Students are encouraged to suggest solutions for problems, rather than simply pointing them out.

7. Mentioning the **non-academic aspects of student life** within the speech is highly encouraged.

8. Students are to note that the Graduation Ceremony is a solemn ceremony. Humour is welcome, but not in bad taste.

9. Only **one** speech per ceremony will be selected. In light of this, KSU would like to stress the fact that speeches must not be exclusive to the student's course. KSU also recommends that the student consults with representatives of other courses present during the same ceremony so that meaningful references are made to them as well. Graduation speeches which focus on one course only will strictly not be accepted.

A detailed list of the courses that will be graduating in a particular ceremony have been uploaded to the University website here: <http://www.um.edu.mt/registrar/students/graduation>.



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