Wedding Ceremonies - Additional Information

When can I hold my ceremony?
Ceremonies can be held on Saturdays and Sundays only.

How long is a standard booking?
A standard booking is two hours, which includes access for set up and clean up.

- 20 minutes – basic set up (limited chairs, carpet, signing table)
- 15 minutes – guest arrival
- 5 minute – bride arrival
- 30 minutes – ceremony
- 30 minutes – congratulations and mingling
- 20 minutes – clean up

The venue must be vacated at the end of your timeslot. If you are likely to have a labour intensive set-up or plan to follow your ceremony with a champagne reception, we suggest booking a longer timeslot.

Can I access the venue beforehand to set up?
No, you cannot enter the venue before the time you have booked. If you require additional time to set up, you need to book a longer timeslot.

What decorations can I have?
You are welcome to organise any free-standing decorations such as chairs, signing table and carpet. Alternatively, you may choose to organise one of our all-inclusive set up packages.

Can we play music during the ceremony?
Quiet music is permitted during ceremonies. Amplified music is not permitted, as it may cause disruption to other events. Bagpipes may be played with prior permission only.

Is there electricity?
Electricity is available in both the Sunken Garden (near the sundial) and Tropical Grove (near the bench).

Can we have confetti or rose petals?
Confetti, rose petals or rice are strictly prohibited.

Can I serve drinks at my ceremony?
Option one: The University Club can organise beverages and/or canapés immediately following your ceremony (Saturdays only). If you choose to take up this option, no liquor permit is required.

Option two: you can organise your own caterers to provide sparkling wine and/or canapés immediately following your ceremony. If you choose to take up this option, a liquor permit must be completed and returned to us along with your booking form.

Who is responsible for cleaning up afterwards?
The person making the booking is responsible for ensuring that the area is left in a clean and tidy condition. A fee for the cleaning/repair of an area will be imposed if it is left in an unsatisfactory condition.

What if it rains?
Unfortunately no wet weather alternative is available, so please bear this in mind when booking a garden ceremony.
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Where can guests park?

Sunken Garden
The closest guest parking is in car park 20

Tropical Grove
The closest guest parking is in car park 18 or 19

Bridal party access

Sunken Garden
The bridal party may disembark in car park 22 (outside the central administration building) however the wedding vehicle must then move to car park 20 for the duration of the ceremony.

Tropical Grove
The bridal party may disembark in car park 18 or 19

Bridal parties cannot arrive by helicopter, hot air balloon or horse-drawn carriage.

Are there bathroom facilities?
The closest public bathrooms are located under the archway to the east side of Winthrop Hall. An accessible female bathroom is located on the north side of General Purpose Building 2 (south of the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery) and an accessible male bathroom is located to the west side of the Arts building.

Do I need to visit UWA before our wedding?
We recommend that you visit UWA before your wedding, especially if you are not familiar with the campus.

Can I hold a rehearsal beforehand?
You may hold a rehearsal beforehand, however you must contact the events team to arrange a suitable date and time.

Can I change the date or time of my booking?
Any changes to booking times, dates or venues will incur a $100.00 administration fee.

What happens if I need to cancel my booking?
If cancelled within 90 days of wedding date, the total hire fee will be forfeited.
If cancelled outside 90 days of wedding date, a 50% cancellation fee will apply.