

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE- UNIVERISTY

Having a degree is a requirement for an increasing number of professions and graduates can expect to earn considerably more than non-graduates.

Securing your degree through studying at university provides an opportunity to leave home and live independently whilst learning, and will provide you with access to a wide range of job roles and opportunities on graduation.

There is an initial cost to studying at university (see below), but over time this is off-set by increased earning potential, as well as the life experience of studying and living away from home.

Undergraduate Degree: Choosing a Course

This is something that you can start researching at the start of year 12, and even earlier to inform your A Level choices. It is important that you consider both location, and course content.

Whilst all postgraduate degrees will add value to future employability and earnings, some top employers and professions will also take into account the university where you achieved your degree.

The most prestigious degrees are obtained from **Russell Group Universities** (<https://russellgroup.ac.uk/about/our-universities/>).

As you would expect, this is reflected in their entry requirements, which generally will range from A*, A*, A* to a mixture of A*-B, and you will need a strong personal statement to set you aside from other applicants.

Non Russell-Group university courses are accessible with lower entry grades, although the higher the grade requirement (tariff) the better the course.

There are thousands of different courses, and this can be quite overwhelming. I would suggest looking at a list of courses at universities you are interested in attending. These tend to be listed under subject areas, so use the link below to explore the range of degree courses available.

[Explore | UCAS](#)

Be inspired....!!!

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Think carefully about where you want to spend the next 3 or 4 years. Do you want to look at local universities in London, which provides the option to live at home, or do you want to look further away and live independently.

This is a big decision, and I would very strongly recommend that you spend some time thinking about this. Choosing the wrong university can result in students dropping out of courses, or just being very homesick and unhappy. So, if you are at all unsure please talk to friend, parents/carers and teachers before making a decision.

Open Days:

I would strongly recommend that you do visit university campuses and towns before accepting a place at a university as you need to get a good feel for a place before deciding to spend 3 or 4 years there.

Some universities will require you to register in advance if you wish to attend these, so please check university home pages.

Undergraduate Degree: Application

You should start your application as soon as possible, as these take time to completed, and rushed applications tend to lead to hasty and poorly informed decision on universities and / or courses.

There is excellent step-by-step guidance on the UCAS website:
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university>

We would strongly recommend that you do use all five available choices (but choose universities and courses carefully – see above), although you can submit an application with less choices.

Applying Deadlines

- Medical, veterinary and Oxbridge: 15th October
- Conservatoires – Early entry (please visit individual course pages for exact date)
- **All other applications: 29th January**

Undergraduate Degree: Finance

Course fees are typically £9,250 per year, paid via student loan that you repay following graduation. You can chose to pay fees upfront rather than taking out a student loan.

There is lots of information on finance on the UCAS website:

[Student finance in England - Everything you need to know \(ucas.com\)](#)

Undergraduate Degree- Next Steps

The process of accepting courses is relatively straight forward, although be aware that you cannot accept a place until you have had a response from all universities.

If your firm choice is conditional, you can also accept an insurance (back-up) choice. If your place in conditional, the university will ask you to reject all other offers in order to accept this place.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/track-your-ucas-application>

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