



Plymstock School

Achieving Excellence through Curriculum and Culture

POST 18 CHOICES

Overview of Choices



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UCAS

Why Higher Education



Essential for some career paths.



Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.



Increase your confidence and independence.



Broaden your experiences.



Show yourself what you can do.



Invest in your future.

Types of Courses Available

Single: study one subject.

Joint honours degree: divide your time 50:50 between two subjects.

Major/minor: study two subjects, normally at a 75:25 ratio.

Combined honours programme: study between two to four subjects, specialising in just two subjects in years two and three.

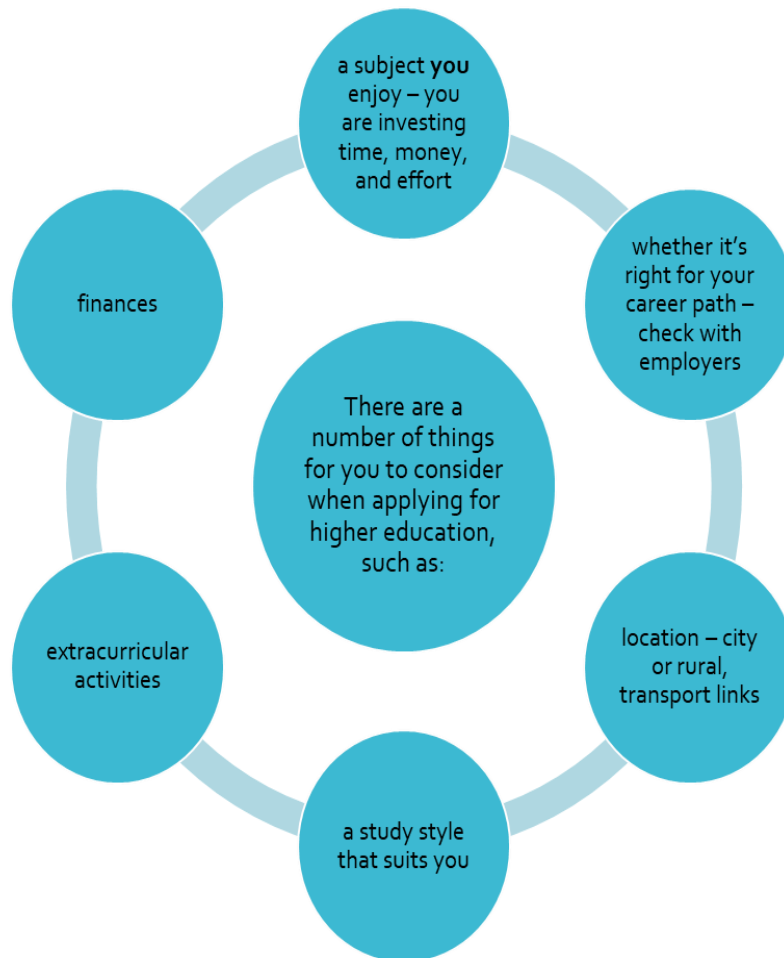
Modular courses: build a personalised course by choosing modules you're interested in.

Placement Years: courses with one year in industry or a year abroad.

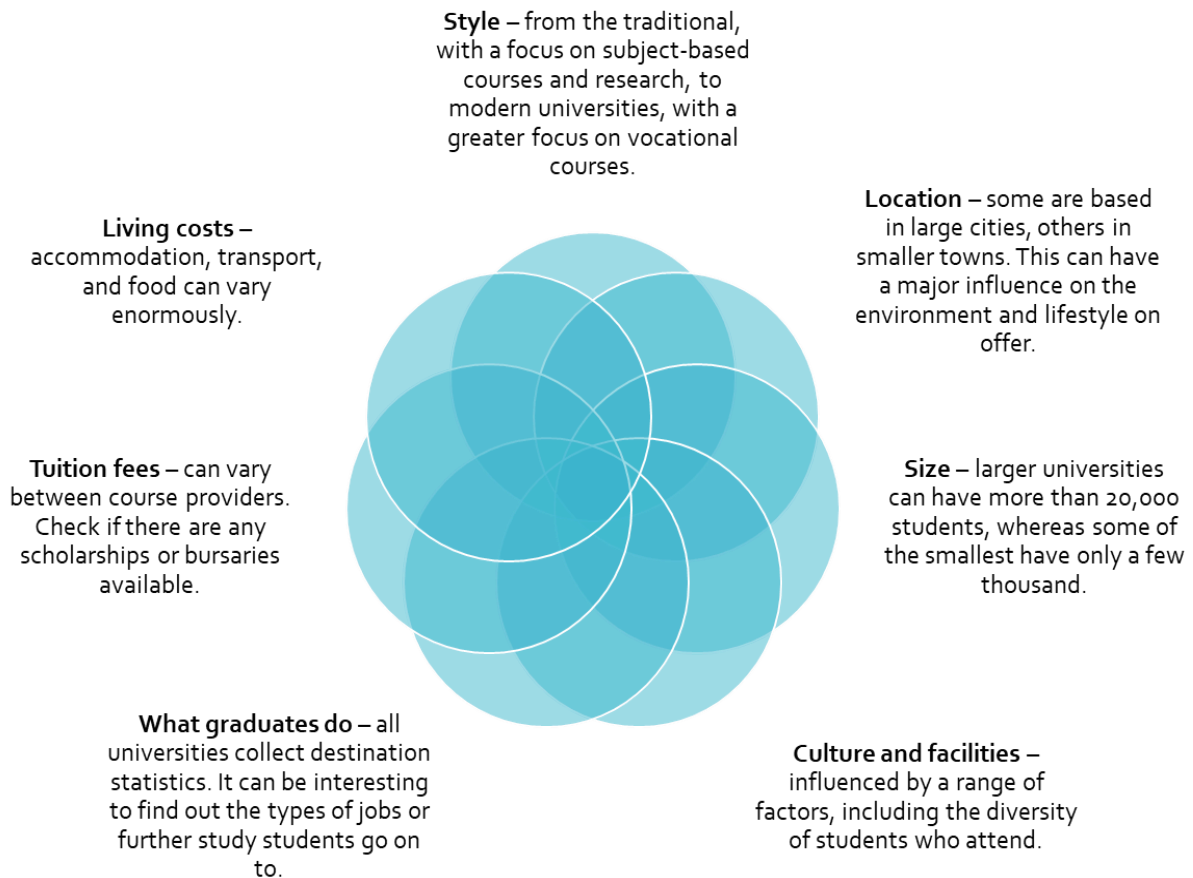
Foundation year: if you don't have the right qualifications, some universities and colleges offer this to help students prepare for and enter higher education.

Types of degrees: -Bachelor of Arts (BA): Often associated with humanities and social sciences. Bachelor of Science (BSc): Typically focuses on science, technology, and related fields. Bachelor of Engineering (BEng): For courses in engineering disciplines. Bachelor of Education (BEd): For those seeking to become teachers. Other options: Includes degrees like Bachelor of Law (LLB), Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB).

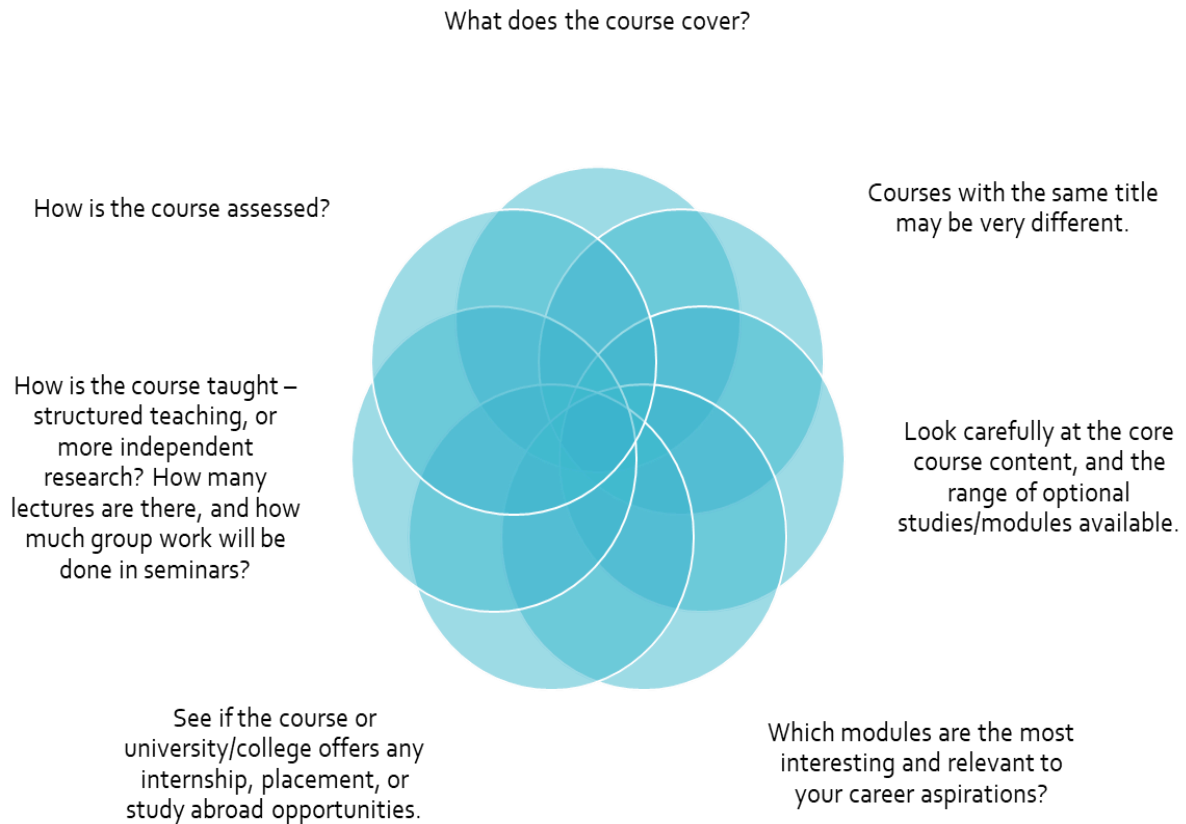
What's Right for You?



Choosing the right University for you



Choosing the right course for you



Research - it's FREE!

Learning from others – [student videos](#) and [blogs](#).

[Career options](#) – use the [job profiles](#) to explore different career roles and pathways, or take the [Buzz quiz](#) to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles may suit you.

The [Career Finder tool](#) is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for apprenticeships.

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2024/sep/07/the-guardian-university-guide-2025-the-rankings>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

<https://university.which.co.uk/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

Remember the 4 C's:-

COURSE

CAMPUS

CITY

CAREER

How to Apply

Go to www.ucas.co.uk and click on Create your UCAS Hub if you haven't created a UCAS HUB account already. This is where you will log in to access your application but also where you will be able to search for courses and create shortlists.



It is an online application



You have a maximum of five choices



If you are applying for: medicine, veterinary medicine/science, or dentistry you can only chose a maximum of four plus 1 backup e.g. biochemistry Oxford or Cambridge not both



Application cost: £28.95



'Invisibility' the universities do not know where else you have applied



Equal consideration to all applicants who apply before the deadlines

Key Dates

13 May 2025	UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2026 entry. Conservatoire applications will open for 2026 entry on the 10 July 2025
2 September 2025	First day for receipt of completed applications.
2 October 2025	Deadline for most UCAS Conservatoires music courses. Check conservatoires websites for information.
15 October 2025*	Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.
14 January 2026*	Equal consideration application deadline. Deadline for most conservatoire undergraduate dance, drama or musical theatre courses. You must check the specific course deadlines as these vary.
26 February 2026	Extra opens.
4 July 2026*	Last date for applications before Clearing.
5 July 2026	Clearing Opens

•*18:00 UK time

Register

Head to ucas.com and select Sign In.

Follow the instructions to create an account. Use your personal email address - ensure it is professional.

Make a note of your password and security questions so you remember them.

Once you have registered you will be asked some questions about where you live and level of study (undergraduate) and year of study choose 2026 even if you are thinking of deferring.

The screenshot shows the 'STARTING YOUR APPLICATION' page on the UCAS website. It features a green vertical bar on the left. The main heading is 'STARTING YOUR APPLICATION'. Below it, there is a section titled 'YOUR APPLICATIONS' with a sub-heading 'Start an application'. The text explains that users can only apply once in a cycle and provides instructions on how to start an application. There are two dropdown menus: 'In which year do you want to start your studies?' set to '2026' and 'Select the main level of study you are interested in' set to 'Undergraduate (bachelor's degrees, and equivalents)'. Below these are two cards: 'Undergraduate' (Degrees, HNDs, and HNAs) and 'Conservative' (Undergraduate or postgraduate music, dance, drama, or musical theatre). Each card has a 'Start 2026 application' button. The page is marked 'Public' in the bottom left and has a page number '16' in the bottom right.

The screenshot shows the 'Your Hub' page on the UCAS website. It features a green vertical bar on the left. The main heading is 'Your Hub'. Below it, there is a section titled '2026 Application' with a sub-heading 'Start an application'. The text explains that users can apply to universities and colleges to study degrees, HNDs, and HNAs, and also to study music, dance, drama, and musical theatre. There is a 'Start application' button. Below this is a banner for 'NEED SOME TIPS? BUDGETING FOR UNI? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!'. The 'Your feed' section contains five cards: 'DISCOVER WHAT TO DO', 'What subject should I take?', 'DISCOVER CAREERS', 'Key application dates', and 'DISCOVER WHERE TO GO'. Each card has a 'Discover more' button. The page is marked 'Public' in the bottom left and has a page number '17' in the bottom right.

You will be asked about linking your application to the school.
You need to do this so we can send off your application.

The screenshot shows the UCAS website interface for linking an application to a school. The title is "LINKING TO YOUR SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR CENTRE". On the left, there is explanatory text: "If you're applying with the help of your school, college or centre then select 'Yes'." and "You will then need to enter the **Buzzword**." followed by "The Buzzword is given to you by your school, college or centre." On the right, there are two screenshots of the UCAS application process. The top one shows a question "Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?" with "Yes" and "No" buttons. The bottom one shows a "Link to a school, college, or centre using a Buzzword" screen with a "Continue" button. The UCAS logo is in the top right corner, and a "Public" label is in the bottom left corner.

Buzzword: ClassOf2026

Once linked to the school you can link your application to your tutor group.

Your application will have multiple compulsory sections to complete.

The screenshot shows the "APPLICATION OVERVIEW" page on the UCAS website. On the left, there is explanatory text: "Your '**Application status**' helps track your progress." and "The **percentage complete** updates each time you mark a section as complete." followed by "You don't need to complete the application straight away; log in and out at any time until you're finished." On the right, there are two screenshots of the UCAS application overview. The top one shows a "UCAS APPLICATION" header with "2020 Undergraduate application" and "Your Personal ID number 1887802702". Below this is a "UCAS application" section with "Application status" and "Centre information" (UCAS Training School, Year: Former students). It shows progress for "CHOICES" (0/5), "PROFILE" (0%), and "PERSONAL STATEMENT" (NOT STARTED). The bottom screenshot shows the same overview but with progress for "CHOICES" (2/5), "PROFILE" (44%), and "PERSONAL STATEMENT" (IN PROGRESS). The "SUBMIT" button is visible. The UCAS logo is in the top right corner, and a "Public" label is in the bottom left corner.

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The application form is responsive to make it easier to complete.

Once you've completed 'Where you live' if your permanent residence is in the UK, you'll also see the 'Diversity and inclusion' and 'Extra activities' sections to complete.

All sections must be marked as **'Complete'** to send to your school or college that you may be linked to for review. You must complete all mandatory questions to mark a section as complete (they have a *).

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Profile

Personal details Name, age, title and gender Start this section	Nationality details Citizenship and nationalities Start this section	Where you live Tell us about your address history Section in progress
Contact details Address, email and telephone Section in progress	Supporting information Is that you'd like to know how to support you during your studies Start this section	Finance & funding Tell us how you'll fund your study Start this section
Diversity & inclusion National equality information Start this section	More about you Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies Start this section	

Experience

Education Qualifications and periods of study Section complete	Employment Past employment Section complete	Extra activities Have you been part in any activities to prepare you for higher education? Start this section
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Personal Statement

Personal statement Why do you want to study this subject? Start this section

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Personal Details Section

You need to complete each part that has a red asterisk *

Make sure you spell your name correctly and add the correct date of birth. You have an option to add your preferred first name.

The screenshot shows the 'PERSONAL DETAILS' section of a UCAS application form. On the left, a sidebar lists sections: Personal details, Nationality details, Where you live, Contact details, Supporting information, Finance and funding, Education, Employment, and Personal statement. The 'Personal details' section is active. The form fields include: Title (dropdown), First and middle names (with a red asterisk and a note that it must appear on official documents), Surname, Last name (with a red asterisk and a note that it must appear on official documents), Email, Previous names (with a note about maiden names), Preferred first name (with a note about preferred names), Date of birth (with day, month, and year dropdowns), and Gender (with radio buttons for Male, Female, I am another sex, and I prefer not to say). A green box highlights a note at the bottom: 'Mark this section as complete? You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.' There is a 'Mark this section as complete' button. The UCAS logo is in the top right, and a 'Public' label is in the bottom left. A page number '26' is in the bottom right corner.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Your name should already show, but you'll need to add your title and complete the other mandatory fields (marked with a *).

Once you've completed a section you must remember to **mark the section as complete and save it** at the bottom of each page.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Your Personal ID number: 1557853712

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Personal details

Nationality details

Where you live

Contact details

Supporting information

Finance and funding

Education

Employment

Personal statement

Title *

First and middle names *

Surname

Last name *

Previous names

Preferred first name

Date of birth *

Gender *

Mark this section as complete?

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Nationality Section

Your nationality is associated with the country that would issue your passport for international travel.

If you don't have a passport, it is usually the country in which you were born.

This is not your ethnicity - this is in a different section.

Additional questions may appear based on the information you have provided.

The screenshot shows the 'NATIONALITY DETAILS' section of a UCAS application form. On the left, there is explanatory text: 'Your nationality is associated with the country that would issue you a passport for international travel. If you don't have a passport, it is usually the country in which you were born.' Below this, it states: 'This is not your ethnicity. Ethnicity refers to your cultural identity and ancestry. UK resident applicants are asked about ethnicity in the diversity and inclusion section.' At the bottom of the text block, it says: 'Additional questions may appear based on the information you provide.' On the right, the form fields are visible. The first field is 'What is your country of birth?' with a dropdown menu showing 'United Kingdom'. The second field is 'What is your nationality?' with a dropdown menu showing 'UK national'. Below these, there is a section for 'Dual nationality' with a dropdown menu. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Save this section' button and a 'Go to the next section' button. The UCAS logo is in the top right corner, and a 'Public' label is in the bottom left corner.

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Additional questions may appear based on the information you provide.

What is your country of birth?
For the purpose of this section the UK includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
United Kingdom

What is your nationality?
If you're applying from outside the UK, choose your nationality as it appears in your passport. If you have dual nationality, and you need a visa to enter the UK, enter your first nationality as it appears in the passport you require you enter the UK on for your course.
UK national

Dual nationality
If you have dual nationality, select your first nationality in the box above and your second nationality here.
[Dropdown menu]

☐ **Save this section as complete?**
You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can reach the complete all sections multiple times before you can send your application.

[Save this section](#)

[Go to the next section](#) [Go to the previous section](#)

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Where You Live

You must add three years of residency in this section for your year group this will be between 1st September 2023 and 1st September 2026.

Your current address should be added first.

Then if necessary, add your previous addresses.

The screenshot shows the UCAS 'Where You Live' section of an application form. The title 'WHERE YOU LIVE' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, there is a sub-header 'Add current address'. The form includes a dropdown menu for 'Address type' with 'UK address' selected, and a text input field for 'Address lookup'. A blue button labeled 'Use this' is next to the text 'to enter your address manually'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Why are you living here?' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Other', 'Permanent home', 'Temporary because of my parents/guardians job/study', 'Temporary for education (boarding school)', 'Temporary for education (not boarding)', 'Temporary for work', and 'Temporary whilst seeking asylum or similar'. The UCAS logo is in the top right corner. In the bottom left corner, there is a small heart icon and the word 'Public'. In the bottom right corner, there is a small black circle with the number '35' inside.

WHERE YOU LIVE

Use the look up for UK addresses.

BFPO addresses can be added using the address type.

For each address tell us why you're living there; for example you may have two permanent homes.

Add current address

Address type*
UK address

Address lookup

[Use this](#) to enter your address manually

Why are you living here? *
Universities and colleges need to know whether you are living here permanently or for a temporary reason.

- Other
- Permanent home
- Temporary because of my parents/guardians job/study
- Temporary for education (boarding school)
- Temporary for education (not boarding)
- Temporary for work
- Temporary whilst seeking asylum or similar

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Contact Details

Your email address will be used by UCAS and the university and college choices.

Use a personal email address that is professional. Don't use your school email address as this will be deactivated when you leave.

CONTACT DETAILS

Your email will be used by both UCAS and your university and college choices.

If you're using a school or college email address, make sure you can always access it, so you don't miss anything important.

We would advise using a personal email address, which can be updated in the Hub preferences.

Contact details

Mobile telephone number
United Kingdom (+44) -> [text box]

Other telephone number
United Kingdom (+44) -> [text box]

Email address *
You must provide your email address in your UCAS profile
jane.smith@gmail.com [text box]

Public address

Address type *
UK address -> [text box]

Address label
[text box]

[View your address details](#)

Nominated access

Do you want someone else to be able to act, or speak on your behalf, about your application? e.g. A parent, teacher, other relative or guardian. If you are using an agent, you can choose to enter their details. You're able to enter details of someone you're happy to help manage your application - this is called nominated access.

☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Skip this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can finish your application. Mandatory fields are marked as complete before you can save your application.

[View the details](#)

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If you wish you can add someone else to act or speak to UCAS on your behalf.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you want someone else to be able to act, or speak on your behalf e.g. a parent, relative, or guardian you need to enter their details. This is called nominated access.

If you are using an agent; you can choose to enter their details.

You'll only see the fields to add the nominated contact details if you answer **Yes** to the question.

Nominated access

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Full name of nominee *

The first and last name of your nominee. They will be asked this information when speaking to UCAS on your behalf.

[text box]

Relationship to you *

How you know your nominee. They will be asked this information when speaking to UCAS on your behalf.

[text box]

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Supporting Information

This section is used to ensure you are eligible for Home Fee status in relation to the financial elements of university study.

The screenshot shows the UCAS 'SUPPORTING INFORMATION' section. On the left, a yellow vertical bar is next to the text: 'All questions are mandatory (*), but you have the option of' followed by two bullet points: 'I don't know' and 'Prefer not to say.' The main form area contains two dropdown menus for EU/EEA/Swiss residency and family status, both with a downward arrow icon. Below these is a checkbox labeled 'Mark this section as complete *'. A note states: 'You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.' At the bottom is a blue 'Save this section' button. The UCAS logo is in the top right, and a 'Public' label with a heart icon is in the bottom left. A small circular icon with '43' is in the bottom right.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

All questions are mandatory (*), but you have the option of

- *I don't know*
- *Prefer not to say.*

Have you ever lived or worked in the EU (excluding the UK), European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland? *

Do you have a parent, step parent, spouse or civil partner who is an EU (excluding the UK), EEA or Swiss national? *

☐ Mark this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

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Finance and Funding

Student Finance is an important part of your decision. Make sure you research the financial implications of going to university.

[Check how much student finance you could get - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

You don't apply for Student Finance until February/March 2026.

On your UCAS form you select UK, ChI, IoM or EU student finance services from the drop down.

For Student support arrangements you select Plymouth from the menu.

The screenshot shows the 'FINANCE AND FUNDING' section of the UCAS application form. The page has a green vertical bar on the left and the UCAS logo in the top right corner. The main heading is 'FINANCE AND FUNDING'. Below it, there is a paragraph: 'You will only be asked further questions in finance and funding if you select UK, ChI, IoM or EU Student Finance Services.' Another paragraph follows: 'We'll ask you for your current local authority under 'Student support arrangements'.' Below this is a note: 'Select ? to see our help text with advice about this.' At the bottom left, it says 'For more information head to: ucas.com/finance'. The main content area is a form titled 'What will be your main source of funding for your student?'. It includes a dropdown menu for 'UK, ChI, IoM or EU student finance services' and a 'Next Question' button. To the right of the form is a help text box titled 'What will be your main source of funding for your student?' which explains the question and provides links to further information. The page number '45' is visible in the bottom right corner.

Diversity and Inclusion

You only need to complete the questions with a red asterisk* all other questions are optional.

The screenshot shows the UCAS Diversity and Inclusion survey form. On the left, a purple vertical bar is visible. The main heading is "DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION" in bold, dark blue text. Below this, there is a text box explaining that users with a UK home address will see mandatory questions marked with a red asterisk (*). It states that there are two mandatory fields, but users have the option to respond with "I prefer not to say." A note below this explains that the information is only shared with universities or colleges after a place is secured and is used to ensure fair treatment.

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

You'll only see these questions if you have a UK home address.

There are two mandatory fields(*), but you have the option to respond with **I prefer not to say**.

This information is only shared with universities or colleges once you have secured a place, it does not influence any decision making. It's used to ensure applications are treated fairly.

Equality monitoring

Ethnic origin *

What is your religion or belief?

What is your sexual orientation?

Do you identify as transgender?

Yes
No
I prefer not to say

Don't put 'I prefer not to say' in your answer of any of the questions of ethnic monitoring

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More About You

You can share any individual needs or circumstances such as a disability or health condition. If you don't have anything to report, select "No disability".

The information you share will always be treated sensitively and only used by those responsible for arranging support and helping you with your application. It is never used by the universities to decide whether to offer you a place, but it might be used to make you an offer that looks at your achievements in context.

<https://www.ucas.com/applying/applying-university/individual-needs>

MORE ABOUT YOU

You can share any individual needs or circumstances, such as a disability or health condition. Sharing this information helps the university connect you to the right support – they may send you more information or contact you to discuss what would help you succeed. See our support on [individual needs](#) for more advice.

If you don't have any conditions to report, you select "No disability" to mark the section as complete.

Every year, over 10,000 students with a physical and/or mental health condition, long-term illness, or learning difference apply through UCAS to study at a university or college in the UK, and access a range of support available to help with their studies. Help in the activities, travel, or lifestyle. Would you consider yourself as living with any of the following?

☐ A hearing difference (e.g. deafness, deafness, or deafness)

☐ A physical impairment or challenge with mobility (e.g. climbing stairs or uneven surfaces), or dexterity (e.g. using a keyboard or laboratory equipment)

☐ A condition or impairment not listed (please give details in the box below)

☐ Two or more impairments or conditions (please give details in the box below)

☐ A social, behavioral or communication impairment (e.g. an anxiety spectrum condition, Tourette's Syndrome, or speech and language difficulties including stammering)

☐ None

☐ A visual impairment uncorrected by glasses (e.g. blindness or partial sight)

☐ A hearing impairment (e.g. deafness or partial hearing)

☐ A long-term illness or health condition which may involve pain or cause fatigue, loss of concentration or breathing difficulties – including any effects from taking associated medication.

☐ A mental health condition, challenge or disorder (e.g. anxiety or depression)

UCAS Free School Meals Application Fee Waiver

If you are entitled to Free School Meals you must answer Yes to this question. By ticking yes the UCAS application fee will be waived.

MORE ABOUT YOU

UCAS Free Schools meal Application Fee Waiver

You must answer, 'Yes' to this question in 'More about you' to identify you are eligible for the free school meals application fee waiver.

[Read our guidance to check if you're eligible to have your application fee waived.](#)

Your school or college will need to agree to your eligibility when reviewing your application and may require you to evidence this.

Are you currently receiving free school meals, or were you in receipt of free school meals between the ages of 11 to 18?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

☒ Mark this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

Help for free school meals

Check if you are eligible for free school meals. If you are eligible, you can apply for free school meals. If you are not eligible, you can still apply for a free school meals application fee waiver.

[Read our guidance to check if you're eligible to have your application fee waived.](#)

Education

You must enter all of your qualifications from GCSEs onwards (even if any are ungraded). You add your A levels and select Pending.

Click Add place of education and select Plymstock School. If you sat your GCSEs at another school you will need to add your previous school for your GCSE results and then add Plymstock School for your A levels.

You need to add your Unique Learner Number (this is on your GCSE Certificates or ask the Sixth Form Team we have this on record).

You can leave the English language tests blank - this is for international students.

The screenshot shows the 'EDUCATION' section of a UCAS application form. On the left, a pink vertical bar is next to the title 'EDUCATION'. Below the title, there are two main sections: 'Unique Learner Number (ULN)' and 'English language tests'. The ULN section explains that it is a 10-digit number for students in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and provides a text input field. The English language tests section explains that these are often needed for international students and provides two text input fields for 'Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Number' and 'International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Number'. The UCAS logo is in the top right corner, and a 'Public' label is in the bottom left corner.

EDUCATION

Unique Learner Number (ULN)
Students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland ONLY – This 10-digit is usually printed on your qualification certificates or results slip. Inputting this number can help us to check the information you submit, but if you don't have one or don't know yours, please leave this blank.

English language tests can be entered here too, if you have any other English language tests they can be added as a qualification.

Unique Learner Number (ULN)
Students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland ONLY – This is a unique 10-digit number, which is usually printed on your qualification certificates or results slip. If you are applying from a school or college, they may also have this number. Inputting this number can help us to check the information you submit, but if you don't have one or don't know yours, please leave this blank.

English language certificates
English language certificates are often needed for international students as an entry requirement for the course. Not everyone will need an English language certificate. If you're unsure whether you need one, check the entry requirements for the course on the search tool. If you have a language certificate that is not listed here, ie Pearson, Cambridge you can add these as a qualification in the section above.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Number

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Number

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Once you have added Plymstock School it will pre-populate the Exam Centre Number. You need to add start (September 2019 - for most of you) and end dates (August 2026), attendance type and study mode.

EDUCATION

If you are linked to a school/college, when you click on 'Add place of education', you'll be asked to add it.

If you can't find the name you can type this in and add it.

If you've attended another school or college, type the name of where you studied. Once you find your centre, click on the name and the Exam centre number will automatically populate.

Add when you started and finished; if you're still studying add the month, you're due to finish.

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You are linked to UCAS SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM, would you like to add this centre?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name of the school, college, or university *

Exam centre number

This may be automatically filled in based on your school, college, or university

Start date *

Select the date you left or plan to leave

Month Year

MM - YYYY

End date *

Select the date you left or plan to leave

Month Year

MM - YYYY

Attendance type *

☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Exam only

Study Mode *

If you had lessons that were been online over COVID lockdowns but now returned to school based, please select 'In person'

☐ Online ☐ In person

[Save and add qualification](#) [Back and return to Education Section](#) [Cancel](#)

There is a short list of qualifications created for you to choose from. If you can't find a qualification ask for help (this will be checked prior to sending off your application).

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ADD QUALIFICATION

2025 Undergraduate application

Your Personal ID number
1856599809

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Add General Certificate of Secondary Education (Grade 9-1)

Enter qualification modules/units here if you want to. Universities and colleges find it useful if there are specific subject requirements for the courses you choose.

Title *

Qualification date *

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Awarding organisation *

Edexcel

Grade *

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Subject

Qualification date

MM YYYY

Grade

[Add another module](#)

[Back to search for qualifications](#)

- Personal details
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- ✓ More about you
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- Personal statement

Add GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)

Enter qualification modules/units here if you want to. Universities and colleges find it useful if there are specific subject requirements for the courses you choose.

Entering unit details for A levels is optional if you have completed Cambridge International qualifications please choose CIE as your Awarding organisation, if you are currently taking Cambridge International qualifications choose CAIE

Subject *	Qualification date *	Awarding organisation *	Grade *
Biology	08 ▼ 2025 ▼	OCR ▼	Pending ▼

Subject	Grade
	▼

[Add another module](#)

[Save qualifications](#)

[Save and add another](#)

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[Next to Employment](#)



Employment

You can include paid employment in this section. You do not list voluntary or work experience.

The screenshot shows the 'EMPLOYMENT' section of a UCAS application form. On the left, there is a red vertical bar. The title 'EMPLOYMENT' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title, there are three paragraphs of instructions: 'Include details of any paid employment relevant to the courses or subjects you're applying for.', 'Any unpaid or voluntary work relevant to the courses or subjects you're applying for shouldn't be included in this section – you may wish mention that in your personal statement.', and 'If you don't have any paid work experience, leave this section blank, and mark it as complete.' To the right of the text is a large, light gray rectangular area for adding employment details. At the top of this area is a button with a plus sign and the text 'Add employment'. Below this are four empty, light gray rectangular boxes for entering details. At the bottom of this area is a small icon of a document with a checkmark and the text 'Mark this section as complete'. Below this is a small line of text: 'You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.' At the bottom of this area is a blue button with the text 'Save this section'. In the top right corner of the form, the UCAS logo is visible. In the bottom left corner, there is a small red heart icon and the word 'Public'. In the bottom right corner, there is a small black circle with the number '67' inside.

EMPLOYMENT

Include details of any paid employment relevant to the courses or subjects you're applying for.

Any unpaid or voluntary work relevant to the courses or subjects you're applying for shouldn't be included in this section – you may wish mention that in your personal statement.

If you don't have any paid work experience, leave this section blank, and mark it as complete.

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Add employment

Mark this section as complete

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

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Extra Activities

You can add up to two extra activities you have undertaken in preparation for Higher Education, these can be webinars, taster sessions at universities, Summer schools.

You can not put in an Open Day.

The screenshot shows the 'EXTRA ACTIVITIES' section of a UCAS application form. On the left, there is a blue vertical bar with a heart icon and the word 'Public' at the bottom. The main heading 'EXTRA ACTIVITIES' is in bold. Below it, the text reads: 'Please add any activity you have taken part in to prepare for higher education.' This is followed by a list of examples: 'These include national or regional schemes, university-run programmes, summer schools, taster courses, and booster courses.' Then, it states: 'Open days are **not relevant** to this question.' Finally, it says: 'If you haven't attended any such activity, please leave this section blank and mark it as complete'. On the right, there is a box titled 'Extra activities' with instructions: 'Have you attended an activity to prepare you for higher education?' and 'Please select any activity you have taken part in to prepare for higher education. For example: national or regional schemes, university-run programmes, summer schools, campus days, taster courses, and booster courses. You can also use your personal statement to include more details about the activities you took part in, the skills you learned, and how this prepared you for higher education. Note: Open days are not relevant to this question. If you haven't attended any such activity, please leave this section blank. If this section is relevant to you, please provide the following details.' Below this text is a button with a plus sign and the text '+ Add activity'. There is also a checkbox labeled 'Mark this section as complete' with a note: 'You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.' At the bottom right of the box is a button that says 'Mark this section'.

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EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Please add any activity you have taken part in to prepare for higher education.

These include national or regional schemes, university-run programmes, summer schools, taster courses, and booster courses.

Open days are **not relevant** to this question.

If you haven't attended any such activity, please leave this section blank and mark it as complete

Extra activities

Have you attended an activity to prepare you for higher education?

Please select any activity you have taken part in to prepare for higher education. For example: national or regional schemes, university-run programmes, summer schools, campus days, taster courses, and booster courses. You can also use your personal statement to include more details about the activities you took part in, the skills you learned, and how this prepared you for higher education.

Note: Open days are not relevant to this question.

If you haven't attended any such activity, please leave this section blank.

If this section is relevant to you, please provide the following details:

+ Add activity

☐ Mark this section as complete

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Mark this section

Public

Personal Statement

- This is the only section you have control over.
- Your only chance to market yourselves individually.
- One Personal Statement for all choices.
- Your Personal Statement is split into three questions.
- Show enthusiasm for the course and give supporting evidence to back this up.
- Supra-curricular, Extra-curricular activities and relevant work experience.
- Skills you can use on the course – leadership, communication, team work for example.
- Allow plenty of time as you will have to draft, redraft and redraft again!

Question 1:

Motivation for the Course - Why do you want to study this course or subject?

This is your chance to showcase your passion, curiosity, interest, and knowledge of your chosen subject area and to demonstrate to universities and colleges why it is a good fit for you and your future ambitions.

- Your motivation for this course: Have you been inspired by a role model or a moment in your life? Maybe it is a subject you love and want to pursue further. We are all driven by something and it is important for you to talk about how your path has led you to this course or subject area.

- Your knowledge of this subject area and interest: Perhaps there is a particular subject area you've researched and can't wait to learn more about, or a book or subject expert doing great things that have sparked your interest. Universities and colleges want to see that you have undertaken research so they can be confident that this is something you will enjoy and excel in. This is a great place to highlight supra-curricular activities as evidence of curiosity and interest in the subject outside of the classroom.
- Future plans and why this course/subject are a good fit: If you have a particular profession in mind you could talk about how you will use your studies to launch your career. If you don't know yet, think about how it could be important to you and your future and how the knowledge gained can be transferable to different professions.

Examples

- Personal life experience e.g. being a young carer, the environment you grew up in, an inspirational person in your life. A book read, taster lessons, news articles etc.
- Showing an understanding of your area of interest and the skills and qualities needed to succeed within it – research the course/subject area.

Question 2:

Preparedness for the course – How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? What additional reading have you undertaken that you can talk about to show your interest in the subject (i.e. journal articles, additional books)?

This is the chance for you to show evidence of the relevant or transferable skills you've gained from your formal

education and highlight your understanding of how this will help you succeed in your subject area.

- How have your studies or training related to your chosen course or subject area: This could be current study, short online courses. The key is to focus on what is recent and relevant to the course.
- What relevant or transferable skills do you have that make you a great candidate: Maybe there are some subjects studied that have developed a core set of skills required for your chosen subject/course. Or a particular module that has helped you understand where your interests and strengths lie.
- Any relevant educational achievements: Universities or colleges will see your grades on your application form so don't focus on these, talk about other accomplishments i.e. music, drama, sport, subject competitions.

Examples

- Specific modules or topics studied
- Essays or projects undertaken exploring a viewpoint or technique
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- School, local or national competitions
- Private qualifications (music, drama etc.)
- Tutoring or mentoring
- Online courses
- MOOCs
- University essay competitions

Question 3:

Preparedness through other experiences - What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? (i.e. work experience/volunteering)?

This is your chance to talk about any other activities you have undertaken outside of your formal education or personal experience which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be highly personal to you and anything you do should reflect on why you are including it.

- Work experience, employment or volunteering: Whether it is in-person work experience or a virtual work experience, volunteering in the community the key is to reflect on the experiences and skills gained.
- Personal life experiences or responsibilities: Is there a situation you have personally overcome that has influenced your decision? Are you responsible for caring that has developed essential qualities like resilience and empathy?
- Hobbies and any extra-curricular or outreach activities: This could be sports, reading, community work, university summer schools, any activities away from your studies that showcase why you would be a good student.
- Achievements outside of school: This could be a position of responsibility through your hobbies or part-time work. Achieving an award (DofE) or winning a competition.

Examples

- Extra and supra-curricular activities
- Volunteering
- Personal experience

- Young enterprise
- Work experience (in-person or virtual)
- Work
- Work-based learning (Manual Handling, Health and Safety, First Aid)
- MOOCs
- Tutoring
- Trips and visits, museums, galleries, Magistrates Court etc.
- Podcasts, TED talks, documentaries
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards

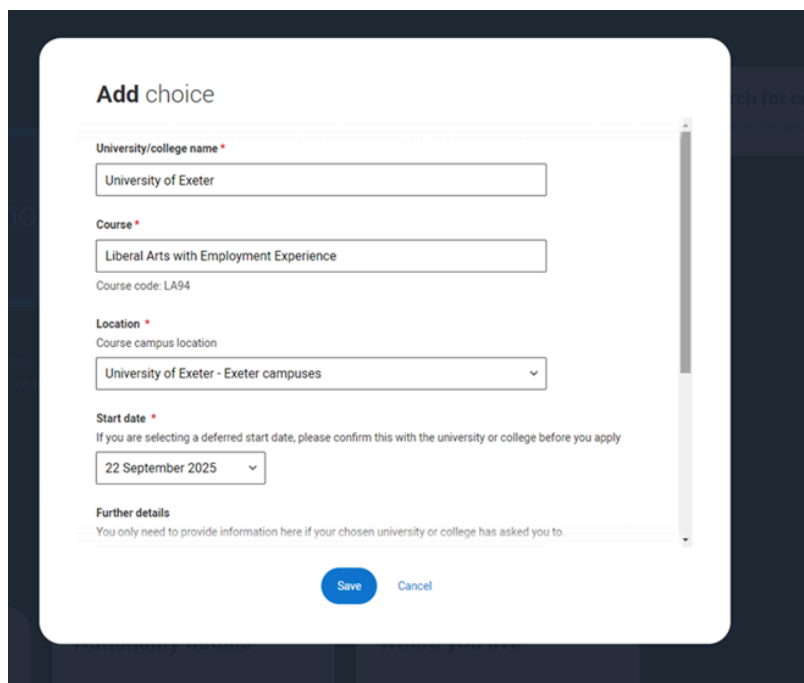
Adding Choices

Start by typing the name of the university or college and select from the options displayed.

Do the same for the course you have selected.

Locations and start dates are displayed according to the course details. For those wishing to start university in September 2026 select the 2026 date. If you are wishing to defer you can select the 2027 date at this point.

Universities and colleges will display the points of entry available in the UCAS course search, check this if you are not sure.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Add choice". It contains several input fields and a dropdown menu. The "University/college name" field is filled with "University of Exeter". The "Course" field is filled with "Liberal Arts with Employment Experience". Below this, the "Course code" is displayed as "LA94". The "Location" dropdown menu is set to "University of Exeter - Exeter campuses". The "Start date" dropdown menu is set to "22 September 2025". At the bottom, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons. A "Further details" section is partially visible at the bottom, indicating that additional information may be required depending on the chosen university or college.

Some courses will ask about Criminal Convictions (health, education etc.) DO NOT tick the box unless you have a criminal conviction.

You have a maximum of 5 choices. If applying for medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine you can only apply for 4

courses of this nature. Your fifth choice could be linked such as biomedical sciences.

If you are applying for Oxbridge you can choose either University of Oxford or University of Cambridge but not both.

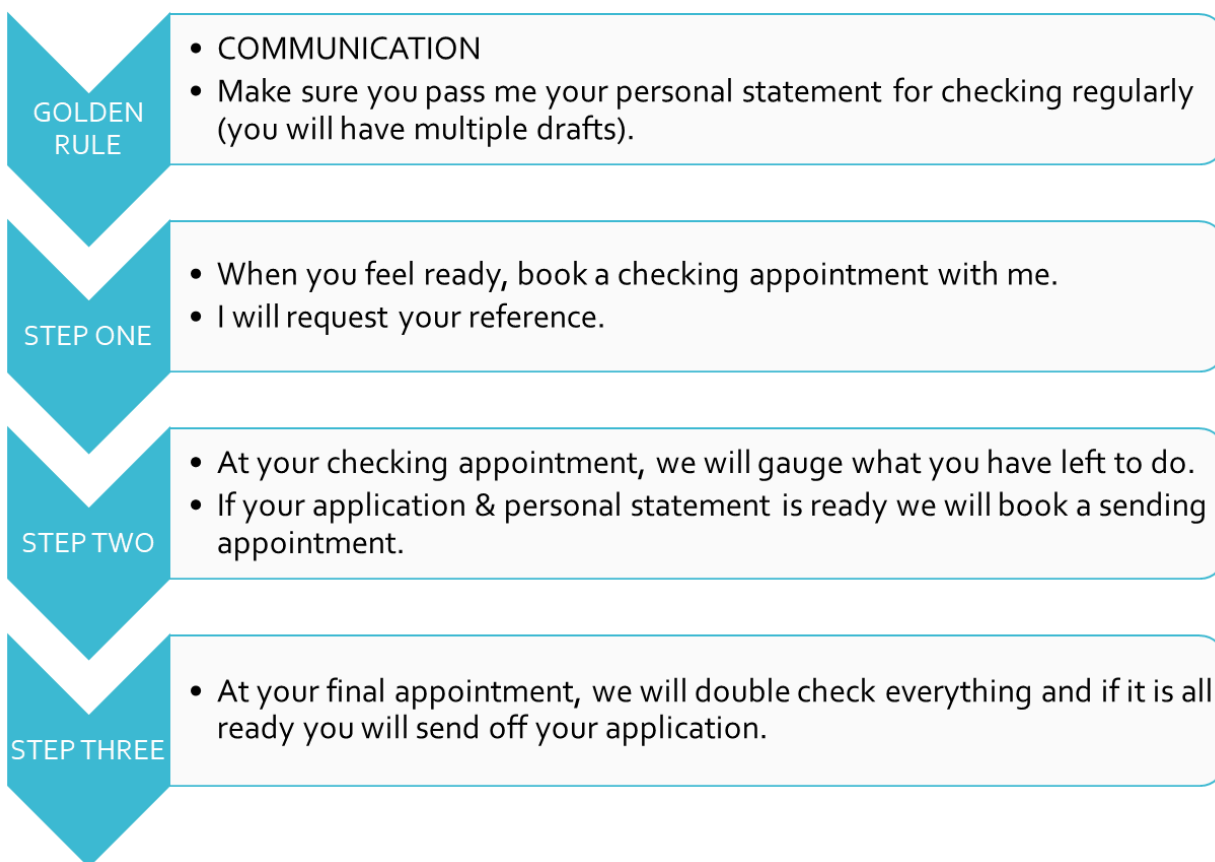
Your courses are not listed in preference order.

None of the universities can see where else you have applied.

If a course has an additional Admissions Test, Assessment or Interview it will show here however, you should have already done your research prior to selecting your choices and already be aware of any additional admissions requirements.

Checking and Sending Stages

The staged process below shows you how we manage Sixth Form applications.



Paying

Once I have met with you and checked your application I will let you know if you are in a position to pay and book an appointment for sending off your application.

Paying for your application is not the same as sending your application.

When you pay your application fee you submit your application to the school for approval.

You will then meet with me to send off your application.

We only do this when you are 100% ready and everything has been checked carefully.

The application fee is £28.95. If you are entitled to Free School Meals you are eligible for the fee waiver.

UCAS APPLICATION

2025 Undergraduate application

Your Personal ID number
1270051406

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Application status

Centre information

Group
Default Group

1/5

CHOICES

100%

PROFILE

✓

PERSONAL
STATEMENT

READY TO SEND

Review and submit >

What happens after you have submitted your application?

You will receive an email from UCAS welcoming you to UCAS TRACK – this is where you will be able to log on and track your application.

Within 24/48 hours you should receive a generic email from your universities of choice acknowledging receipt of your application

Universities reply at different rates. Some will reply quickly. Some will require an interview before making a decision. Others will use the maximum time before they reply (13th May).

When a University replies to you, you will receive an email from UCAS advising you something has changed on UCAS so you can log onto Track and check.

TOP TIP: YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR INBOX AND JUNK MAIL ON A REGULAR BASIS SO YOU DON'T MISS ANY IMPORTANT EMAILS!

You may have second thoughts about one of your choices and decide to substitute a choice. You can do this within 14 days of submitting your application.

You simply choose the choice you wish to change on UCAS track and click '[substitute this choice](#)'

Waiting for decisions

Horticulture and Amenity Management (HORT)

University of UCAS (Z98)

Location: C

Start date: 01 September 2022

Point of entry: *1st year*

Deferred entry: No

Live at home while studying: Yes

Criminal convictions declaration: Undeclared

ACTIONS

[Substitute this choice](#)

If you made a mistake with this choice, you can still substitute it (for a limited period only).

[Permanently withdraw from this choice](#)

Once withdrawn, you won't be able to change it for another choice

Art and Design Studies (ADST)

University of UCAS (Z98)

Location: C

Start date: 01 September 2022

Point of entry: *1st year*

Deferred entry: No

Live at home while studying: Yes

ACTIONS

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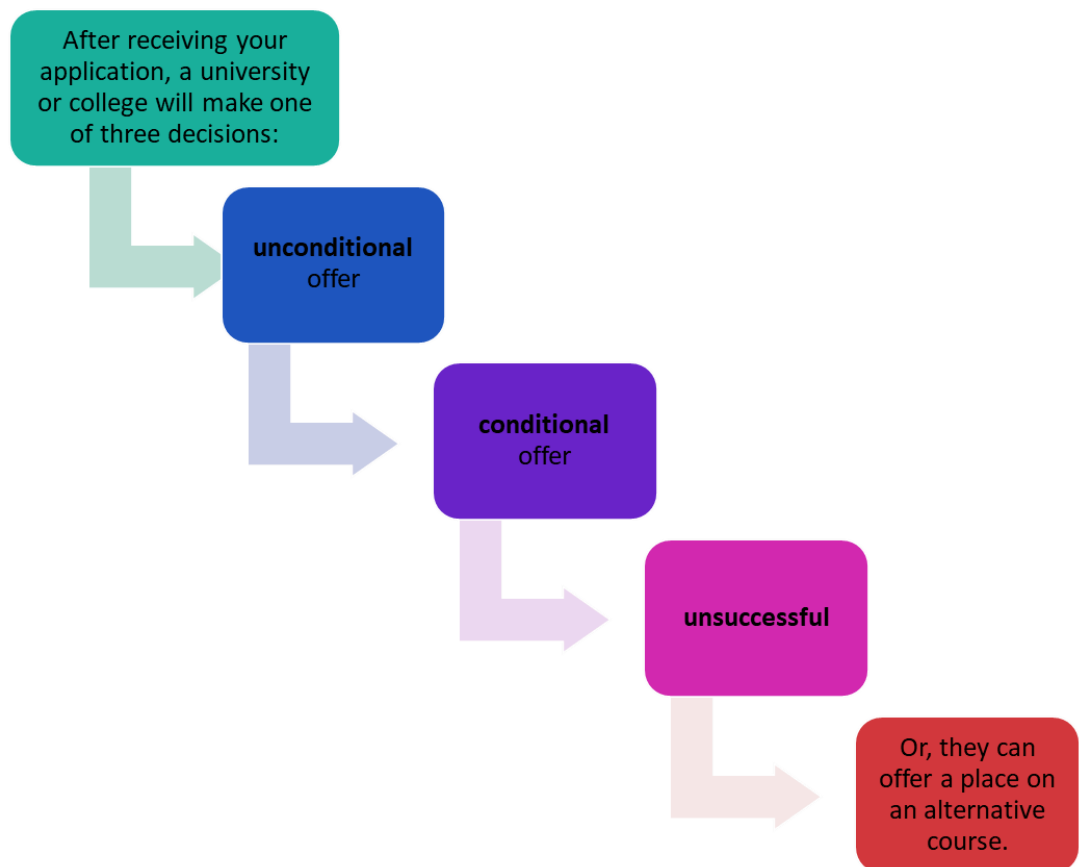
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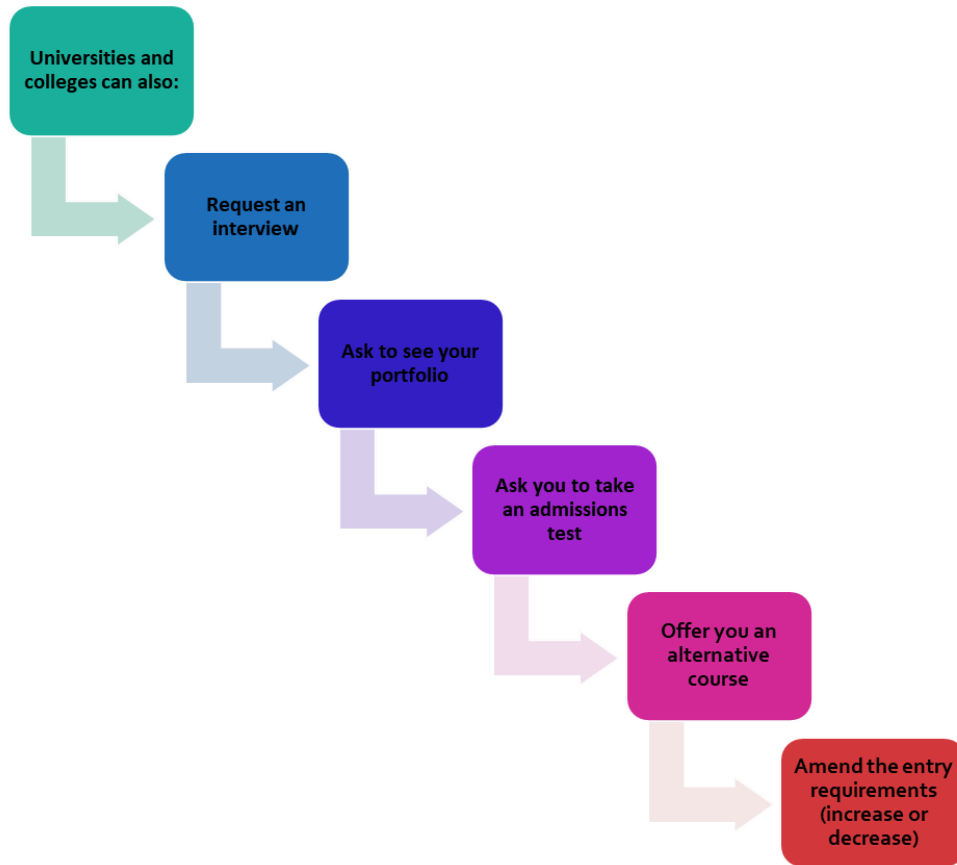
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Types of Offers/Responses

You will hear back from universities with responses at various points, all universities have their own systems so you have to be patient. Students who apply in the Autumn term do tend to hear a bit quicker but that is not always the case.

The responses from universities will depend on the courses you apply for.





What if I don't get any offers?

Hopefully this won't be the case but sometimes when applying for highly competitive courses this can happen.

If you receive no offers speak to the Sixth Form Team for advice and guidance as you have options to go through UCAS Extra (from late February) whereby you can apply for another university. Or you can go through Clearing from July.

Sometimes with highly competitive courses you have to prepare yourself that you may need to apply again.

Replying to offers

Once you are ready to make your Firm and Insurance Choice you do this through UCAS.

You will be able to reply to your offers once you have received offers from **all** your universities, there is no rush to make decisions as soon as you have received all offers. You will have until 6 May 2026 if you received all your offers by 31st March. If you receive decisions after March you will have until 2nd June to make your decision.

Once you have received responses from all your choices you will have a date by which you have to respond. This date will be shown on Track and is specific to your application.

You make a Firm choice (1st choice) and an Insurance choice (2nd choice) and Decline all other offers.

Firm Acceptance – Make sure you meet the entry requirements? Can you afford to go to this University? Have you visited there on an open day or an applicant day – do you like it there? This is a big decision make sure you are 100% happy with your first choice.

Insurance Acceptance – This should ideally be lower entry requirements than your Firm choice as this is your back-up. If you end up with your Insurance choice will you be happy to go here? Have you visited there on an open day? Again you need to make sure that your second choice is one that you are happy with.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Why An Apprenticeship?



Earn while you learn – Get paid a salary while gaining hands-on experience and training.



Practical experience - Develop real-world skills that are directly relevant to your chosen industry.



Strong career prospects – Many apprentices are offered full-time jobs with their employer after completing the program.



Nationally recognized qualifications – Gain certifications that are respected and valued across the country.



Build a professional network – Connect with experienced colleagues and industry professionals early in your career.



Invest in your future.

There are over 600 possible apprenticeship programmes which exist. It would be easier to name an industry that does not have them.

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#

- Accounting and Taxation
- Architect
- Boat Builder
- Building Surveyors
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Technician
- Data Analyst
- Doctor (from 2023)
- Early Years
- Ecologist
- Farrier
- Food Technologist
- Game Programmer
- Geospatial Mapping
- Harbour Master
- Historic Environment Adviser
- Internal Audit Professional
- Intelligence Analyst
- Journalist
- Junior 2D Artist (visual effects)
- Knitted Product Manufacturing
- Laboratory Scientist
- Licensed Conveyor
- Midwife
- Marketing Manager
- Nuclear Scientist and Engineer
- Nursing
- Operational Firefighter
- Orthodontic Therapist
- Paralegal

Choose the right level for you

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4-7
Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

Research - it's FREE!

With the following websites students can easily explore apprenticeships; learn more information and see a live selection of apprenticeship vacancies.

Top Tip: Set up alerts to stay up to date.

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Home \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](https://notgoingtouni.co.uk)

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/apprenticeships?query=>

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/meet-the-employer/>

[Apprenticeships | Prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians#>

How to Apply

With apprenticeships the application processes are varied so you need to be organised for applying. Take your time to create a list of companies you wish to apply for and as much detail as you can find about the application process. Most companies will have an Early Careers/Apprenticeships section to help you research.

- ❖ Multiple deadlines;
- ❖ Advertised throughout the year;
- ❖ Large organisations with multiple application processes may recruit earlier than smaller local organisations;
- ❖ Higher and Degree level apprenticeships with a Sept/Oct start date tend to recruit in the Autumn term of Year 13;
- ❖ Applications are made directly through the company, the government website or the education provider;
- ❖ There is no limit on the number of applications you can make;
- ❖ The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - In App/Site application
- ❖ You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!

GAP YEAR & EMPLOYMENT

A gap year offers you a break to gain life experience, explore interests, and grow personally. Benefits include increased maturity, improved self-confidence, and greater clarity about academic and career goals. It can also provide opportunities for travel, volunteering, internships, or earning money, which can enrich CVs and future university or job applications.

Research your options and make a plan looking at the logistics of travelling and how much it will cost.

Internships

- <https://studentladder.co.uk/year-13/gap-year-placements/>
- <https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>

Travel

- <https://www.skifamille.co.uk/ski-jobs/>
- <https://coolskijobs.com/jobs/>
- <https://www.workaseason.com/>
- <https://www.interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes/choose-right-interrail-pass>
- <https://www.oysterworldwide.com/project/canada-whistler-blackcomb-ski-instructor-jobs/>
- <https://yearoutgroup.org/>
- <https://projecttrust.org.uk/>
- <https://jenza.com/uk/?ipredirect=true>

Volunteering

- https://www.realgap.co.uk/volunteering?#search_page_area_1
- <https://www.iwill.org.uk/young-people-are-still-waiting-to-be-heard/>
- https://www.yipiyap.co.uk/become-a-yipiyap?utm_source=ucas.com&utm_medium=webpage&utm_campaign=recruitment_summer_2023&utm_term=lifechanging_professionaldevelopment&utm_content=gapyear_ideas&utm_position=list

Employment

- <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/search?loc=77819>
- <https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/article/284/Job-vacancies-in-Plymouth>
- <https://www.reed.co.uk/jobs/jobs-in-plymouth>
- <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/jobs-careers-and-training>
- <https://uk.indeed.com/l-plymouth-jobs.html?vjk=161d64dd8e4be993>
- <https://www.monster.co.uk/jobs/l-plymouth-south-west-england?page=1>
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