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# Progression 2021

What are your plans after Sixth Form?



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- University?
- Apprenticeship?
- College course?
- Employment?
- Forces?
- Gap year?



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By the end of this presentation, you will:

- understand the choices available to you when you leave sixth form
- understand the different types of higher education courses
- know the next steps you need to take if you want to apply to higher education
- How to make your UCAS application



# Apprenticeship advice

UCAS provides [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

With the predicted growth of higher and degree apprenticeships, you'll also find a dedicated [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#) on [ucas.com](https://ucas.com), which profiles current programmes in more detail.

# Why higher education (HE)?



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.



# HE study options

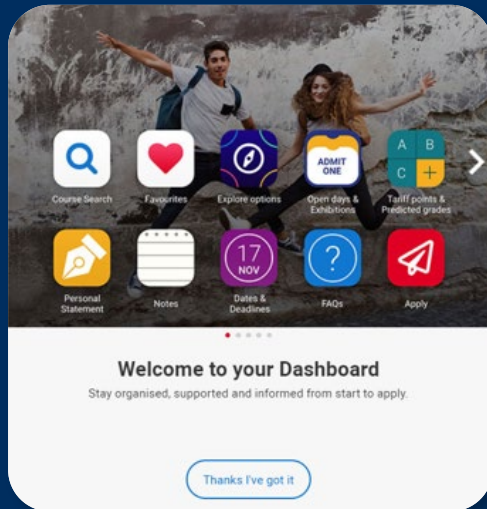
- Bachelor's or undergraduate degree: a three to four-year course which can also be available as a part-time option, allowing you to study and work.
- Foundation degree: flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes two years to complete.
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) and Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE): first and second year of a degree course.
- Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND): HNC is a one-year work-related course, and the HND is a two-year work-related course.



# Types of courses available

- **Single:** study one subject.
- **Joint honours degree:** divide your time 50:50 between two subjects.
- **Modular courses:** build a personalised course by choosing modules you're interested in.
- **Sandwich courses:** 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.

## Where to start...



Register for the UCAS Hub to explore your options:

- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points

Head to [ucas.com/hub](https://ucas.com/hub)

- 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](#).

- **Make use of Unifrog**





# Choosing the right university for you

- **Style** – from the traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns. This can have a major influence on the environment and lifestyle on offer.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.



# Choosing the right course for you

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research? How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed?
- **Will you meet the entry criteria – match your aspirations to your abilities**

## Apply key facts...



It's an online application.



Simple application cost:

- one choice – £20
- two to five choices – £26

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Maximum of five choices.

You will need to pay by card at the end of the process.



Choice restrictions:

- medicine, veterinary, dentistry (maximum of four)
- Oxford or Cambridge



'Invisibility'.



# Making a UCAS application

Begin at [ucas.com/apply](https://ucas.com/apply).

Sections to be completed:

- Personal details
- Choices – make up to five
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- Reference





# Decision-making

After receiving your application, a university or college will make one of three decisions:

- **unconditional offer**
- **conditional offer**
- **unsuccessful**

Or, they can offer a place on an alternative course.

Universities and colleges can also:

- request an interview
- ask to see your portfolio
- ask you to take an admissions test – get practising now!



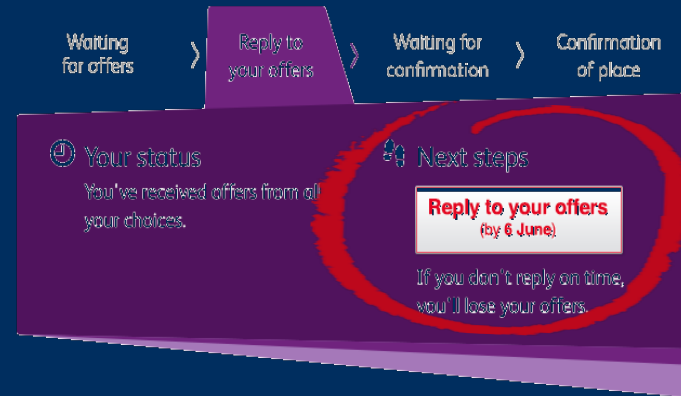
# Tracking applications

Track allows applicants to:

- follow the progress of your application 24/7
- see your choices and personal information
- view your offers
- reply to offers online – don't do this with discussing without your tutor

You may have up to five offers but you have to pick two:

- **firm** – your first choice
- **insurance** – in case you miss the grades for your first choice you also pick an insurance choice which should require lower grades
- **Unconditional** – if you have an unconditional you will only get one choice – assuming you choose that offer!



# Other options

## Extra (25 Feb – 4 Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time in Track.

## Clearing (5 Jul – 19 Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from July, and add one choice in Track.

## Adjustment (up to five days in Aug)

- Placed with firm choice, and did better than expected.
- Register in Track, then find another university or college. The new university or college adjusts the record.

## Signing up for UCAS 2021

- In Internet Explorer go to [www.UCAS.com](http://www.UCAS.com)
- Click Sign in (top right)
- Undergraduate / Apply for 2021 / Register on the new screen
- Title and gender
- Name and DOB
- UK (? mostly)
- Address
- Phone numbers and **BSF email address**
- Tick which boxes you fancy but make sure to **tick get stuff by email**
- Add a password. Save it **MAKE A NOTE OF IT IN YOUR PHONE**
- Security questions - put in phone / next
- **MAKE A OF NOTE USERNAME THERE IS NO WAY TO RECOVER IT IF YOU FORGET IT - MAKE A NOTE OF IT IN YOUR PHONE**



- Now log in
- Tick 'Through school or college'
- Buzzword is **BSF2021**
- Click yes to NHS & BSF
- Select your tutor group
- Make a note of your personal ID in your phone
- Make sure you opt into Track or I won't be able to see you offers and help you later on
- Verify your email by following instructions.
- Now you can start filling in all your personal details / exams etc
  - Fee code is 02
  - Do not put Welsh
  - You will need to put in your current A levels with grades as pending; Mr Bridgwater will put in predicted grades

Any questions ask your Tutor or Mr Bridgwater



# When to apply for 2021 entry

**19 May**

UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2021 entry.

**8 September**

First day for receipt of completed applications.

**15 October\***

Medicine/Oxbridge,

Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.

**15 January\***

Equal consideration application deadline.

**25 February**

Extra opens.

**30 June\***

Last date for applications before Clearing.

**\* All 18:00 (UK time)**

Security marking: PUBLIC

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# Personal Statements

- Personal statements will be required for:
  - Job applications
  - Apprenticeship applications
  - UCAS applications
- Students find it very difficult to write a high- quality statement
- A range of activities will be undertaken over the next few weeks to help you