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**University Application Guide
2022/2023**



What is UCAS?

UCAS stands for the University and Colleges Admissions Service. UCAS is an independent charity.

UCAS does:

- process applications
- provide information, advice and training
- have a Fraud and Verification Team
- take part in education sector engagement

UCAS does not:

- suggest courses
- make decisions or offers
- advise on finance, immigration, or visas for individuals

UCAS supports applications for UK universities and colleges. There are 350+ universities and colleges in the UK.

- 4 in Northern Ireland
- 15 in Wales
- 19 in Scotland
- 324 in England

There are over 35,000 courses available.

If you wish to apply to a university outside of the UK, Emperor College offers bespoke guidance and support to all students.



Choosing the right University

- 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, often in smaller towns - a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.

- SIZE

Larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.

- CULTURE AND FACILITIES

Culture is influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of the students who attend.

- GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

All universities collect destination statistics. It can be useful to find out the types of jobs or further study students elect to do.

- TUITION FEES

These will vary between providers. You may want to explore scholarship or bursaries that are available.

- LIVING COSTS

These can vary enormously based on accommodation, transport and food.

Choosing the right course

1. What does the course cover?

Courses with the same title may be very different. It is worth reading the course descriptions to better understand the content of the course.

2. Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?

Look carefully at the course content and the range of optional studies and modules available. You could even look at staff profiles and engage with the research that is being undertaken.

3. Does the university offer any internship, placement or study abroad opportunities?

It is useful to look at the employer links that universities have and how you can use these links to gain valuable employment experience.

4. How is the course taught?

Some courses are more lecture based and others may have increased group work and seminars. It is worth considering whether it will allow you to play to your strengths.

5. How is the course assessed?

Some universities offer more exams than others and some allow students to express their understanding through a variety of methods, such as presentations and practical tasks. Again, it is worth looking at the forms of assessment to ascertain whether they offer you the greatest chance of success.



Research Resources

[UCAS.COM](#)

The UCAS website is a really great place to start your research. Register to the UCAS Hub to explore your options. You can find and favourite courses, to help curate your search. You can attend virtual tours and online events. You can even speak to existing students using [Unibuddy](#).

[UCAS HUB LIVE & FACEBOOK GROUPS](#)

UCAS also offers a series of live events. These sessions can help you make informed decisions about which institution you wish to join. You can also join Facebook groups to find out more about universities and course options.

[UCAS FUTURES](#)

UCAS Futures also offers virtual events where you can speak directly to universities and colleges from around the UK. These events allow you to talk directly to admissions teams and subject experts. You can get advice on applying through UCAS and completing your personal statement.

The Application Process

The UCAS application process is entirely online.

You can choose a maximum of five course choices, unless you are studying Medicine or Veterinary science where you have a maximum of four. As one of your options, you can choose either Oxford or Cambridge, you cannot choose both.

The application for five courses costs £26.50.

Key dates for 2023 entry are:

17 MAY	UCAS Undergraduate Apply Opens (2023 Entry)
15 OCTOBER	Deadline for Oxbridge Candidates
25 JANUARY	Application Deadline
23 FEBRUARY	UCAS Extra opens
30 JUNE	Last date for applications before Clearing opens

Begin your application at ucas.com

Sections to be completed include:

- Personal details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement (4000 characters or 47 lines)
- Reference (supplied by Emperor College)

The personal statement is a very important part of your application and the only part that you have full control over. Emperor College will provide you with bespoke guidance and support on completing both your UCAS application and personal statement.

For additional guidance about university applications visit emperorcollege.com



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