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LONDON**

**University Application Guide  
2026 Entry**



# 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 style.

- **Size**

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

- **Culture & 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 type 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 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 what plays to your individual 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 assessment methods to understand what might offer you the greatest chance of success.





# Research Resources

## [UCAS.COM](#)

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

## [UCAS HUB LIVE & FACEBOOK GROUPS](#)

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

## [UCAS EVENTS](#)

UCAS Events 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, which has recently changed.

# 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 Oxford or Cambridge, you cannot choose both.

The application for five courses costs **£28.50**.

## Key dates for 2026 entry are:

15 OCT 2025	Deadline for Oxbridge Candidates
14 JAN 2026	Deadline for all other courses.
26 FEB 2026	UCAS Extra opens.
4 JULY 2026	Last date for UCAS Extra choice before Clearing opens.
5 JULY 2026	Clearing opens.

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

Sections to be completed include:

- Personal Details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement Questions (4000 characters)
  - Why do you want to study this course or subject?
  - How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
  - What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?
- Reference (supplied by Emperor College)
  - General statement about college
  - Information about extenuating circumstances which impact candidate's performance
  - Any other circumstances specific to the applicant that you think the universities should be aware of

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 your UCAS application and personal statement.





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# University Progression

The Emperor College Foundation Programme is a widely recognised qualification that is accepted by a variety of universities. Emperor College has established positive relationships and have confirmed that the following universities are happy to accept applications from Emperor College graduates:



University  
of Glasgow



UNIVERSITY  
of York



ROYAL  
HOLLOWAY  
UNIVERSITY  
OF LONDON



University of  
**Southampton**



CITY UNIVERSITY  
LONDON



Queen Mary  
University of London

UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTMINSTER

OXFORD  
**BROOKES**  
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF  
**SURREY**



London  
**South Bank**  
University



*\*This list represents a sample of universities and Emperor College students can apply to many more.*

Our foundation programme in **Business, Economics and Social Sciences** covers five core modules. These are:

- Academic Research and Skills
- Core Mathematics
- Business and Innovation
- Economics
- Social Sciences

This course structure allows students to apply to a range of university programmes, including:

- BA (Hons) Business and Management
- BA (Hons) Business and Law
- BSc (Hons) Business with Economics
- BSc (Hons) Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
- BSc (Hons) Business Economics
- LLB (Hons) Law
- BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Social Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BA (Hons) International Business Management
- BA (Hons) Business Studies
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Digital and Technology Solutions (Data Analyst)
- BSc Economics
- BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology

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