

HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENING

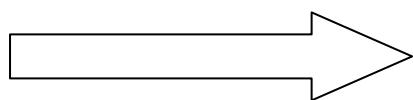


CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY

- Does the university offer the right course?
- How far away do they want to go?
- Would they be able to live at home?
- What does the town / city have to offer?
- What is the University like? Campus/city based?
- Do they want catered facilities or non catered?

HOW DO THEY CHOOSE THE RIGHT COURSE?

- There are over **50,000** full time undergraduate courses on offer in the UCAS system
- The curriculum in one subject e.g. history, can vary enormously at different institutions



It is very important to look at the course content over the 3 or 4 years and NOT just the first year

WHAT SHOULD THEY LOOK FOR EXACTLY?

- The entry requirement
- The course content
- The length of the course
- The examination system over the whole course
- The number of students accepted on the course/the number of students who usually apply

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- The drop out rate
- The sort of jobs graduates on the course go on to do
- The course structure:
 - ❖ Single subject degree
 - ❖ Joint honours degree
 - ❖ Sandwich course
 - ❖ Year abroad
 - ❖ The style of teaching

UCAS POINTS / GRADE SYSTEM

- A* = 140
- A = 120
- B = 100
- C = 80
- D = 60
- E = 40

AS counts as 50% of the above points (but no A* for AS)

BTEC NATIONALS			Tariff points
Grade			
Diploma	Certificate	Award	
DDD			360
DDM			320
DMM			280
MMM	DD		240
MMP	DM		200
MPP	MM		160
PPP	MP	D	120
	PP	M	80
		P	40

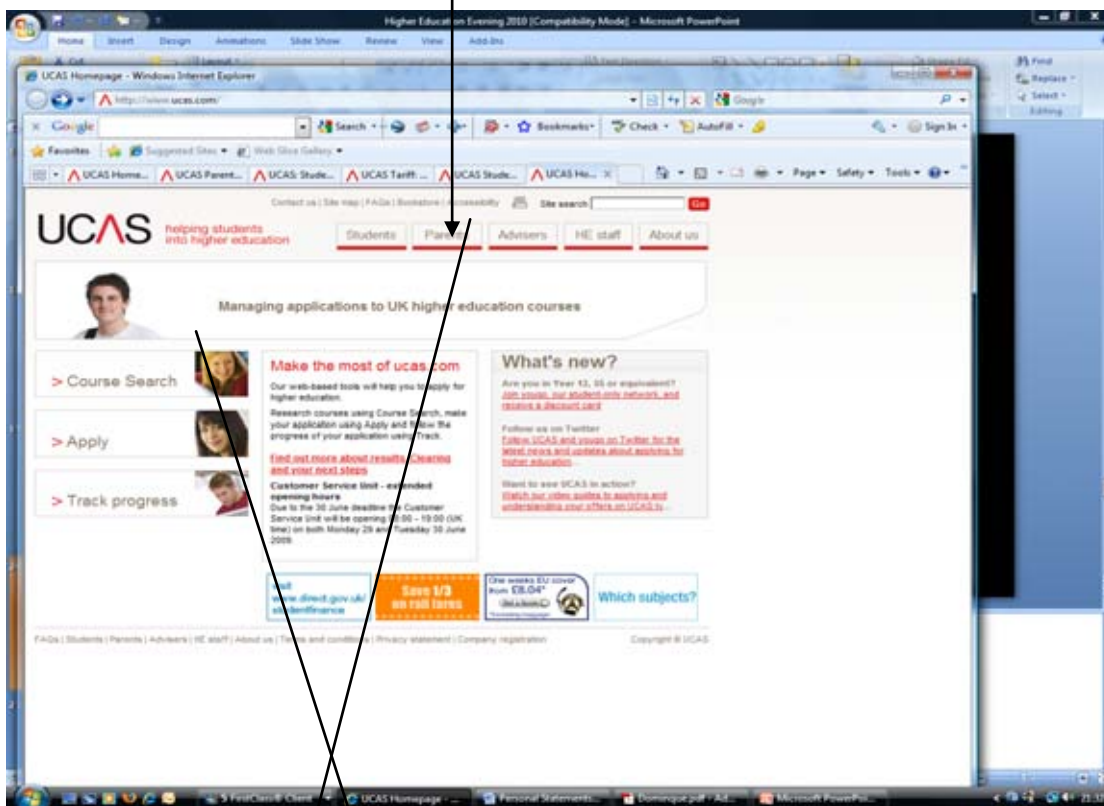
Applying



www.ucas.com

Students once they have registered, have a username and ID number. They must keep it in a safe place. They cannot log on again without it.

Information for parents



To research courses and universities

Information for students

If you follow this link you will access all the UCAS/University jargon.

[Home](#) > [Students](#) > UCAS terms explained

How many courses can they select?

- They can choose 5 courses only
- Once they have had offers they keep only 2:
 - Their favourite one (it will be called **firm** offer)
 - Their back up choice if they don't make the grades for their firm offer (it will be called **insurance**)

THE UCAS FORM

Personal details

Examination results

Choices

Personal statement 47 lines 4000 characters

School reference

Pay and send (Pay on line)

DEADLINES

- **1st October: Charters Deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science.**
- **29th November: Charters Deadline for other subjects and universities**
- **18th March: Charters Deadline some Art and Design courses**

Useful internet sites

Useful websites to research courses

www.ucas.com

www.opendays.com

<http://www.unistats.com/>

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/universityguide>

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/good_university_guide/

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/single.htm?ipg=6524>

Some of these sites list the best universities for each subject and give you information on what it is like to study each subject at university.

NOTE THAT THE BEST COURSE MAY NOT BE AT ONE OF THE SO-CALLED BEST UNIVERSITIES.

BRUNEL for example is a leading institution for Design

LOUGHBOROUGH for Sport science

LANCASTER for Management.

ADVICE given to students: RESEARCH THE BEST UNIVERSITY FOR YOUR SUBJECT

COURSES WITH THE SAME TITLE WILL HAVE DIFFERENT CONTENT

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