

Why Higher Education

Think It Through – Opportunities and Benefits

Why take a degree or diploma?

- Graduates are adaptable to change. They also have more chance to gain and demonstrate the employable skills of self-management and team working.
- The CBI states that one in five jobs (20%) now require a degree.
- Graduates are more likely to work in high skilled posts than non-graduates.
- Higher Education develops:
 - subject knowledge
 - independence
 - ability to learn
 - constructive thinking
 - ability to work without close supervision
 - organisational skills
 - communication skills
 - social skills

Higher Education offers the opportunity to:

- achieve your full academic potential, possibly up to post-doctoral level;
- develop your interpersonal and professional skills and so achieve your career goals;
- realise your full personal and social potential, including sporting, recreational and cultural ambitions, possibly including the ability to travel;
- take advantage of one of the best 'clubs' in the world – The Student Union;
- come into contact with students from different countries, cultures and creeds;
- experience a completely open environment, free of dogma, domination and discrimination;
- make life-lasting friendships and relationships; and, if you make the right choices, undergo what could be one of the most enjoyable, exciting and rewarding experiences of your life!

Locations of Universities and Colleges England and Wales



Locations of Universities and Colleges Ireland and Scotland

Ireland



Scotland



Locations of Universities and Colleges

University/College	Map ref	University/College	Map ref
Aberystwyth University	7C	Coleg Sir Gar / Carmarthenshire College	7B
Accrington & Rossendale College	5D	College of West Anglia	6F
American InterContinental University, London	Lon	Cornwall College	9B
Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge	7F	Courtauld Institute of Art	Lon
Anglo European College of Chiropractic	9D	Coventry University	7D
Askham Bryan College, York	5E	Craven College, Skipton	5D
Aston University, Birmingham	Bir	Croydon College	Lon
Bangor University	6C	Cumbria, University of	4C
Barking and Dagenham College, Romford	Lon	De Montfort University	6E
Basingstoke College of Technology	8E	Dearne Valley College, Rotherham	5E
Bath College, City of	8D	Derby, University of	6D
Bath Spa University	8D	Doncaster College	5E
Bath, University of	8D	Duchy College, Cornwall	9B
Bedford College	7E	Dudley College of Technology	Bir
Bedfordshire, University of	7E	Durham University	4D
Birkbeck, University of London	Lon	Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College	Lon
Birmingham City University	Bir	East Anglia, University of	6F
Birmingham Conservatoire	Bir	East London, University of	Lon
Birmingham Metropolitan College	Bir	East Riding College, Beverly	5E
Birmingham, University College	Bir	East Surrey College, Reigate	8E
Birmingham, University of	Bir	Easton College, Norwich	F6
Bishop Burton College, Beverley	5E	Edge Hill University, Ormskirk	5C
Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincoln	6E	Edge Hotel School	7F
Blackburn College	5D	Essex, University of, Colchester	7F
Blackpool and The Fylde College	5C	European Business School, London	Lon
Bolton, University of	Man	European School of Economics	Lon
Bournemouth University	9D	European School of Osteopathy, Maidstone	F8
Bournemouth, Arts University College	D9	Exeter College	9C
BPP University College of Professional Studies	Lon	Exeter, University of	9C
Bradford College	5D	Falmouth, University College	9B
Bradford, University of	5D	Farnborough College of Technology	8E
Bridgwater College	8C	Glamorgan, Cardiff and Pontypridd, University of	8C
Brighton and Sussex Medical School	8E	Gloucestershire College	7D
Brighton, University of	8E	Gloucestershire, University of	7D
Bristol Filton College	8D	Glyndwr University, Wrexham	6C
Bristol, City of Bristol College	8D	Goldsmiths	Lon
Bristol, University of	8D	Gower College Swansea	7C
Bristol, University of the West of England	8D	Greenwich School of Management	Lon
British College of Osteopathic Medicine	Lon	Greenwich, University of	Lon
British Institute of Technology & E-commerce	Lon	Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education	5E
British School of Osteopathy	Lon	Guildford College	8E
Brooklands College	8E	Harper Adams University College, Newport	8C
Brooksby Melton College	E6	Havering College of Further and Higher Education, Hornchurch	Lon
Brunel University, Uxbridge	8E	Hereford College of Arts	7D
Buckingham, University of	7E	Hertfordshire, University of	7E
Buckinghamshire New University	7E	Heythrop College	Lon
Cambridge, University of	7F	Highbury College, Portsmouth	8E
Canterbury Christ Church University	8F	Holborn College	Lon
Cardiff University	8C	Hopwood Hall College	5D
Cardiff, University of Wales Institute	8C	Huddersfield, University of	5D
Central Lancashire, University of	5D	Hull College	5E
Central School of Speech and Drama	Lon	Hull York Medical School	5E
Chester, University of	6C	Hull, University of	5E
Chichester College	8E	ifs School of Finance	Lon
Chichester, University of	8E	Imperial College London	Lon
City and Islington College	Lon	Islamic College for Advanced Studies	Lon
City College Birmingham	Bir	Keele University	6D
City College Coventry	7D	Kensington College of Business	Lon
City of Sunderland College	4D	Kent, University of	8F
City of Westminster College	Lon	King's College London	Lon
City University	Lon	Kingston University	8E
Cleveland College of Art and Design	4E	Kirklees College	5D
Cliff College, Calver	6D	Lakes College – West Cumbria	4C
Colchester Institute	7F	Lancaster University	5D
Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	6C	LCA Business School, London	Lon
Coleg Menai	6C		

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Leeds City College	5D	Petroc, Barnstaple	C8
Leeds College of Art	5D	Plymouth College of Art	9C
Leeds College of Music	5D	Plymouth, University of	9C
Leeds Metropolitan University	5D	Portsmouth, University of	8E
Leeds Trinity University College	5D	Queen Mary, University of London	Lon
Leeds, University of	5D	Ravensbourne	Lon
Leicester College	6E	Reading, University of	8E
Leicester, University of	6E	Regents College, London	Lon
Lincoln College	6E	Richmond, The American International	
Lincoln, University of	6E	University in London	Lon
Liverpool Community College	5C	Roehampton University	Lon
Liverpool Hope University	5C	Rose Bruford College	Lon
Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, The	5C	Rotherham College of Arts and Technology	5E
Liverpool John Moores University	5C	Royal Academy of Dance	Lon
Liverpool, University of	5C	Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester	7D
London College, UCK, The	Lon	Royal College of Music	Lon
London Electronics College	Lon	Royal Holloway	Lon
London Institute in Paris, University of	Lon	Royal Northern College of Music	5D
London Metropolitan University	Lon	Royal Veterinary College	Lon
London School of Commerce	Lon	Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	8C
London School of Economics		Ruskin College Oxford	7E
and Political Science	Lon	SAE Institute	Lon
London School of Science and Technology	Lon	Salford, University of	Man
London South Bank University	Lon	School of Oriental and African Studies	Lon
London, University of the Arts	Lon	Sheffield College	5D
Loughborough College	6E	Sheffield Hallam University	5D
Loughborough University	6E	Sheffield, University of	5D
Manchester College, The	Man	Solihull College	Bir
Manchester Metropolitan University, The	Man	Somerset College of Arts and Technology	8C
Manchester, University of	Man	South Cheshire College	6D
Medway School of Pharmacy	Lon	South Devon College	9C
Mid-Cheshire College, Northwich	6D	South Downs College	8E
Middlesex University	Lon	South Essex College	7F
Moulton College	7E	South Nottingham College	6E
Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts	Lon	South Tyneside College	4D
Myerscough College	5D	Southampton Solent University	8E
Nazarene Theological College	Man	Southampton, University of	8E
Neath Port Talbot College	7C	Southport College	5C
NESCOT, Surrey	Lon	Sparsholt College Hampshire	8E
New College Durham	4D	St George's, University of London	Lon
New College Nottingham	6E	St Helens College	5D
New College Stamford	6E	St Mary's University College, Twickenham	Lon
New College Telford	6D	Staffordshire University	6D
Newcastle College	4D	Stephenson College Coalville	6D
Newcastle University	4D	Stockport College	Man
Newham College London	Lon	Stourbridge College	Bir
Newman University College, Birmingham	Bir	Stratford upon Avon College	7D
Newport, University of Wales	8C	Suffolk, University Campus	7F
North East Worcestershire College, Redditch	7D	Sunderland, University of	4D
North Lindsey College	5E	Surrey, University of	8E
North Warwickshire and Hinckley College	6D	Sussex, University of	8E
Northampton, University of	7E	Swansea Metropolitan University	7C
Northbrook College Sussex	8E	Swansea University	7C
Northumberland College, Ashington	3D	Swindon College	8D
Northumbria University	4D	Tameside College, Ashton under Lyne	Man
Norwich City College of Further		Teesside, University of	4E
and Higher Education	6F	The College of Law	8E
Norwich University College of The Arts	6F	Trinity College of Music	Lon
Nottingham Trent University	6E	Trinity Saint David	7B
Nottingham, University of	6E	Truro and Penwith College	9B
Oxford & Cherwell Valley College	7E	Tyne Metropolitan College	4D
Oxford Brookes University	7E	UCP Marjon – University College Plymouth	
Oxford University	7E	St Mark & St John	9C
Pearson College	Lon	University College London	Lon
Pembrokeshire College, Haverfordwest	7B	University for the Creative Arts	8F
Peterborough, University Centre	6E	University of West London, The	Lon

Locations of Universities and Colleges

University/College	Map ref		
Uxbridge College	8E	College of Computer Training, Dublin	Dub
Wakefield College	5D	Cork Institute of Technology	7Z
Walsall College	Bir	Dublin Business School	Dub
Warrington Collegiate	5D	Dublin City University	Dub
Warwick, University of	7D	Dublin Institute of Technology	Dub
Warwickshire College	7D	Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology	Dub
West Cheshire College	6C	Dundalk Institute of Technology	5A
West Thames College	Lon	Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	6Y
Westminster Kingsway College	Lon	Grafton College of Management Sciences	Dub
Westminster, University of	Lon	Griffith College Dublin	Dub
Wigan and Leigh College	5D	IBAT College Dublin	Dub
Wiltshire College	8D	ICD Business School, Dublin	Dub
Winchester, University of	8E	Independent Colleges Dublin	Dub
Wirral Metropolitan College	6C	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown	Dub
Wolverhampton, University of	Bir	Institute of Technology, Carlow	6A
Worcester College of Technology	7D	Institute of Technology, Sligo	4Z
Worcester, University of	7D	Institute of Technology, Tallaght	Dub
Writtle College, Chelmsford	7F	Institute of Technology, Tralee	7Y
York College	5E	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	4Z
York St John University	5E	Limerick Institute of Technology	6Z
York, University of	5E	Limerick, University of	6Z
Yorkshire Coast College of Further and Higher Education	4E	Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	6Z
		Mater Dei Institute of Education	Dub
		National College of Art and Design	Dub
		National College of Ireland (NCI)	Dub
		National Counselling Institute of Ireland, Limerick	6Z
		National University of Ireland, Galway	6Y
		National University of Ireland, Maynooth	5A
		Pontifical University, Maynooth	5A
		Portobello Institute, Dublin	Dub
		Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Dub
		Shannon College of Hotel Management	6Z
		St Angela's College, Sligo	4Z
		St Patrick's College of Education	Dub
		St Patrick's College, Thurles	6Z
		Trinity College Dublin	Dub
		University College Cork (NUI)	7Z
		University College Dublin (NUI)	Dub
		Waterford Institute of Technology	7A

Locations of Universities and Colleges within Scotland

	Map ref
Aberdeen, University of	1D
Abertay Dundee, University of	2C
Dundee, University of	2C
Edinburgh Napier University	2C
Edinburgh, University of	2C
Glasgow Caledonian University	3C
Glasgow School of Art, The	3C
Glasgow, University of	3C
Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh	2C
North Glasgow College	3C
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh	2C
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen	1D
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	3C
Scottish Agricultural College	3B
St Andrews, University of	2D
Stirling, University of	2C
Strathclyde, University of	3C
University of the Highlands and Islands	1C
University of the West Scotland, Paisley	3C

Locations of Universities and Colleges within Northern Ireland

	Map ref
Agriculture, The College of, Food and Rural Enterprise, Antrim	4A
Queen's University Belfast	4A
Stranmillis University College	4A
Ulster, University of, Coleraine	3A

Locations of Universities and Colleges within Eire

	Map ref
All Hallows College	Dub
American College Dublin	Dub
Athlone Institute of Technology	5Z
Carlow College	6A
Church of Ireland College of Education	Dub
Colaiste Mhuire	Dub

Abbreviations used above

Lon	London (8E)
Man	Manchester (5D)
Bir	Birmingham (7D)
Dub	Dublin (5A)

Choosing Your University

Things to Consider

When choosing a holiday most people spend ages poring over websites to make sure that what they book is what they really want.

How much more important then to ensure that your choice of university, for a 'Visit' which might last 3 or 4 years, is well-researched so that there is a good match with your needs and preferences.

By working through the following, you will get a clearer picture of what you are looking for and you will be able to use this information as a filter on the many 'resorts' on offer.

Subject Available

Make a note of the subject or subjects that you are interested in studying at university.

Subject(s): _____

You then need to find out which universities offer you these courses – use the UCAS Handbook, other guides or one of the databases such as ECCTIS, StudyLink or Which University. For many subjects (such as English, History, Law, Chemistry) you will find that the list is still very extensive; however, take the time to check that the course offered at each university is what you want. You will find that courses with the same title can vary substantially from institution to institution. By checking the details you might find that you can shorten the list further to institutions that really do offer the course you're looking for. For example, you may want a sandwich course or one that offers the option of studying a foreign language in addition to the main subjects. Send for prospectuses from each university you are interested in.

Notes

UMS Scores and Targets

1. Subject _____

Unit 1 score _____ Target Grade _____

Unit 2 score _____ Points Required _____

Unit 3 score _____

Total _____

2. Subject _____

Unit 1 score _____ Target Grade _____

Unit 2 score _____ Points Required _____

Unit 3 score _____

Total _____

3. Subject _____

Unit 1 score _____ Target Grade _____

Unit 2 score _____ Points Required _____

Unit 3 score _____

Total _____

4. Subject _____

Unit 1 score _____ Target Grade _____

Unit 2 score _____ Points Required _____

Unit 3 score _____

Total _____

UMS Tariff

The uniform marks shown for each module/unit do not necessarily represent the actual mark range used for marking that module/unit. Grade boundaries for modules/units are set at Awarding Meetings on the basis of candidate performance on the actual mark range used. These boundaries are then converted to the uniform marks shown in the tables, with intermediate values calculated accordingly.

Table 1: Advanced Subsidiary (AS)

Subject		Module								
Grade	UMS	Grade	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS
Max Mark	300	Max Mark	50	60	90	100	105	120	150	180
A	240	A	40	48	72	80	84	96	120	144
B	210	B	35	42	63	70	74	84	105	126
C	180	C	30	36	54	60	63	72	90	108
D	150	D	25	30	45	50	53	60	75	90
E	120	E	20	24	36	40	42	48	60	72

Table 2: Advanced Level (A2)

Subject		Module							
Grade	UMS	Grade	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS	UMS
Max Mark	600	Max Mark	60	100	120	150	180	210	300
A	480	A	48	80	96	120	144	168	240
B	420	B	42	70	84	105	126	147	210
C	360	C	36	60	72	90	108	126	180
D	300	D	30	50	60	75	90	105	150
E	240	E	24	40	48	60	72	84	120

UCAS Calendar

UCAS - Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

JANUARY - AUGUST

Collect the information you need. Find out about:

- the variety of courses available;
- colleges/universities in UCAS;
- course entry requirements;
- location, facilities and accommodation offered.

It is important to consider the whole picture when choosing a university or college. Although your studies are the most important feature of Higher Education you must be happy where you are studying.

JUNE

You should get hold of prospectuses and find out about your university and course choices by attending open days and taster courses.

Also check out the information available on the UCAS website – including the Course Search online database.

EARLY SEPTEMBER

First date for receipt of applications.

You will need to complete your application before the end of November (end of September for Oxbridge candidates).

Before you complete the application:

- make your final choice of up to five courses;
- prepare all the information offline;
- take enough time to get it right, but remember the deadlines.

Leave time for the person who is to write your reference to complete their part of the application.

Submit your application online through the UCAS Apply system.

15 OCTOBER

Closing date for applications to Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science/Medicine.

15 JANUARY

Closing date for all other applications except certain art and design courses.

Applications received after the final date of 15th January will be marked as 'late' and considered only at the institutions' discretion.

END OF FEBRUARY – END OF JUNE Extra

Applicants who have already made five choices, received decisions from all these choices and who have declined any offers received can use Extra to apply for other courses that still have vacancies. You can apply for several courses in Extra, but can only apply for one course at a time.

24 MARCH

Last date for receipt of applications for certain Art & Design courses (check which deadline applies on Course Search)

DECEMBER - APRIL

During this time you may be:

- invited for interviews;
- contacted for more information;
- given conditional offers if you are waiting for examination results;
- given unconditional offers if you meet all the entry requirements - the place is yours!

MARCH - JULY

Last dates for receipt of decisions made by universities and colleges on applications received before mid-January. If you have received conditional offers, you now have to decide on your Firm Choice and also on an Insurance Choice if you have received more than one conditional offer.

The reply date will be displayed on Track and printed on the letter you receive. If you do not reply by the date given, the offers will be declined. **The reply date is your individual reply date so it may be different from other people's.** This is because it is based on when you received the last decision from your universities and colleges.

MID-AUGUST

If you achieve the required grades, your firm offer will be confirmed by the institution.

If your firm offer institution rejects you, your insurance offer will be confirmed by that institution, provided you achieve the required grades. Either offer may still be confirmed if you nearly reach the required grades of your offer. If your firm and insurance offers both reject you, then your application will enter the Clearing system.

AUGUST

Adjustment period

If you achieve better grades than you require for your firmly accepted offer, you may look for an alternative course that has places available whilst still holding your original choice. Full details of this process are available at www.ucas.com.

30 JUNE - late SEPTEMBER

Clearing

Applicants not accepted by either choice and very late applicants will be able to look for a course through Clearing. Applicants make direct contact with colleges and universities offering places in the Clearing scheme. The Track service will be used to tell applicants when and how they can use Clearing, and give them their Clearing Numbers.

Higher Education courses begin in September, but Clearing continues.

UCAS PROCEDURES

On receipt of your application, UCAS will send you a welcome letter containing your personal ID number, username for Track and a list of your choices. Check the information carefully and contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit immediately if it is not correct. If you haven't received your letter within 14 days from sending your application, contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit.

Once your application is processed, universities and colleges can access it online. They will be able to view your

whole application, but they will not see where else you have applied. Universities and colleges may contact you to tell you that they are considering your application. Not all of them do this, so don't worry if you don't hear from some of your choices. The universities and colleges will consider your application against their own admissions criteria. Each has their own criteria and their own ways of working, so you can expect to hear from them at different times: you may be contacted within a very short period of time or it may be some months before you hear anything. They will decide on an individual basis whether they wish to make an offer or not and will send their decision to UCAS. Decisions will be displayed on Track as soon as they are received.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE DECISIONS

UCAS will notify you of the decisions made by universities and they may come in any order. They will be one of the following:

- (a) Unconditional Offer - only if you have the necessary qualifications.
- (b) Conditional Offer - based on forthcoming examination results.
- (c) Notification that you have been unsuccessful.

Some decisions may combine an offer of a degree place with the alternative of an HND, usually with lower conditions attached to the latter

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