



UK UNIVERSITIES

UCAS

Almost all applications to UK universities are done through the UCAS website. UCAS is a centralised system through which you can apply to up to five universities with one online application form. The UCAS site (www.ucas.com) contains links to all the university websites. Every course offered in the UK is listed and you can search for them using this tool: <http://search.ucas.com>. It also contains an interactive map, so that you can choose universities by their geographic location.

APPLY

When you have identified up to five universities and found the course codes (on the UCAS site) you are ready to log on to UCAS and register. To link your application to the school you will be asked for a buzzword. The buzzword for the current year will be sent to you when you contact your adviser. Do not attempt to register without it or your application will be lost in cyberspace.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

When you have registered, begin to fill in the online form. You will need to write a personal statement. Guidance can be found on the UCAS site at: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>

Samples can be found at: <https://www.studential.com/university/applying/UCAS-application-guide/personal-statement-examples>

More guidance here: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/0/how-to-write-a-great-ucas-personal-statement-for-university/>

Many more websites give guidance and examples. Use these as models, but do not copy them as you could be disqualified for plagiarism. UCAS software automatically checks every personal statement for plagiarism.

PROOF OF ENGLISH ABILITY

C or above in IGCSE English (Language or Literature) is acceptable in all but a few elite institutions. You can also take a TOEFL, IELTS or a Cambridge Certificate examination. The university website will tell you what level is required. For IELTS a minimum level of 6.5 is required in ALL parts of the exam.

FEES

Note that UK Universities now charge high fees (up to £9,000 p.a. for UK/EU students – much more for overseas students). If your family is 'ordinarily resident' in an EU country, you are entitled to the lower UK/EU fees, and a low- interest loan on the same basis as UK students. See the document FEE STATUS on this website. Note that many countries in the EU offer high quality English-medium courses at low or even zero fees - see <http://www.euroeducation.net/> BREXIT may affect the fee situation. Information will be posted as soon as it is available.

REFERENCES

You will need two references. Ask teachers to send them to your Adviser by email in a Word document (NOT pdf). This is because we have to strip out the text to upload. The references will be sent electronically and do not need to be formatted or signed as they are authorised by being uploaded through the UCAS portal. You should allow at least two weeks for them to write a reference. If you leave it too late they are within their rights to refuse. There are two guidance documents on references on this website. Please read them.

REPORT

Send a copy of your Premiere third term report to your adviser. Please send a scan, not a paper copy. There is no need to translate it.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Some scholarships are available, though not nearly as many as in the US. You can find information here: <https://www.britishcouncil.sg/study-uk/scholarships-funding> and on the websites of the universities you apply to.

DEADLINES

The final UCAS deadline is 15th January 2019, but you need to allow time for your referees to write references and for your adviser to process the information. We need to have everything by Friday 6th December. Students whose applications are still incomplete by this date will be asked to sign a disclaimer. No new applications can be started after this date.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION ON TIME.

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