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OPTIONS FOR YEAR 12 LEARNERS

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES:

1. GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE / APPRENTICESHIP.
2. PROVIDE INFORMATION ON GETTING HELP ABOUT MAKING SUBJECT / LOCATION CHOICES.
3. SUGGEST A SENSIBLE TIME-FRAME TO MAXIMISE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS.
4. PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE FINANCE WORKS

THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AT THE END.

AIM HIGH

AS A COLLEGE, WE HAVE NO PREFERENCE ON YOUR END DESTINATION AS LONG IT IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

WITH THE MASSIVE GROWTH IN APPRENTICESHIPS AND THE COST INCREASING ANNUALLY FOR UNIVERSITY, WHAT WAS HISTORICALLY AN EASY CHOICE TO MAKE HAS BEEN MADE MORE DIFFICULT. HOPEFULLY AFTER TONIGHT YOU WILL HAVE SOME MORE IDEAS ON WHERE TO PROCEED IN ENSURING YOU MAKE THE CORRECT CHOICE



ACHIEVE GOOD SUMMER ASSESSMENT RESULTS

EXAMS WILL BE HELD IN MAY

WHY?

- INFORMS THE COLLEGE FORMALLY ABOUT YOUR CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS LEARNING WHICH IN TURN WILL INFORM UNIVERSITIES THROUGH ACADEMIC REFERENCES

DECIDE ON A COURSE

- IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A “CAREER” DEGREE (E.G. MEDICINE, VETERINARY, LAW, TEACHING) ORGANISE SOME RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE BEFORE SEPTEMBER.
- GET INVOLVED IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN / OR OUT OF SCHOOL. THEY MAY BE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO YOUR COURSE, OR AT LEAST ALLOW YOU TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS, RESPONSIBILITY AND RELIABILITY ETC.
 - *THESE COULD INVOLVE: NCS, FUTURE FRONTIERS, DUKE OF EDINBURGH, ETC.*
- THINK ABOUT SUPER CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - THOSE THAT TAKE YOUR REGULAR CURRICULUM FURTHER. THEY TAKE THE SUBJECTS YOU STUDY IN THE CLASSROOM BEYOND THAT WHICH YOUR TEACHER HAS TAUGHT YOU.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT AN
OXFORD OR CAMBRIDGE APPLICATION...

AND/OR

FOR THOSE WHO ARE REALLY CLEAR ON
WHAT SUBJECT THEY WANT TO STUDY AT
DEGREE LEVEL...

TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SUPER-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

- Going above & beyond the school curriculum
- Is driven by a genuine passion for a subject and can take many forms
- Will be a step into academic working

WHY ARE THESE ACTIVITIES IMPORTANT?

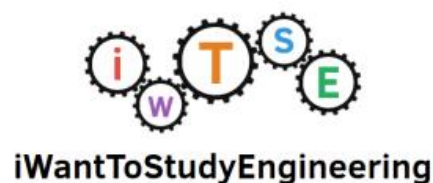
Super-curricular activities help to:

- Demonstrate subject interest and develop research skills
- Show the student can work independently and be self-motivated
- Broaden the student's subject knowledge

WHAT CAN THESE ACTIVITIES INVOLVE?

- **READING** BOOKS ON YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT
- **LISTENING** TO PODCASTS ON YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT: E.G. LAW IN ACTION ON RADIO 4
- **WATCHING** ACADEMICALLY CREDIBLE VIDEOS: E.G. NUMBERPHILE ON YOUTUBE FOR MATHS
- **USING WEBSITES** TO ACCESS COMPLEX PROBLEMS, LEARNING ACTIVITIES, BOOK REVIEWS, JOURNAL ARTICLES ETC.

Super-curricular ideas: Online resources



And... news stories, relevant
scholarly articles, online journals

Some useful links to extension resources:

Science/Mathematics/Engineering:

- Isaac Physics: <https://isaacphysics.org/>
- I Want to Study Engineering: <http://i-want-to-study-engineering.org/>
- Brilliant: <https://brilliant.org/>
- STEP Mathematics Support Forum: <https://maths.org/step/welcome>

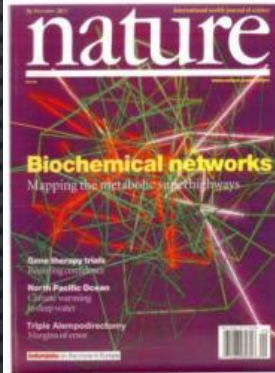
Computer Science:

- In addition to above resources, there are good computational problems at: <https://brilliant.org/community/problems/popular/easy/computer-science/>
- Project Euler: <https://projecteuler.net/>

All Subjects

- Cambridge HE+ website: <https://www.myheplus.com/>
- Oxford 'Oxplore' website: <https://explore.org/>
- A list of suggested wider reading for all subjects:
<https://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/sites/default/files/imce/admissions/docs/Cambridge-wider-reading-suggestions.pdf>

Super-curricular ideas: Directed reading



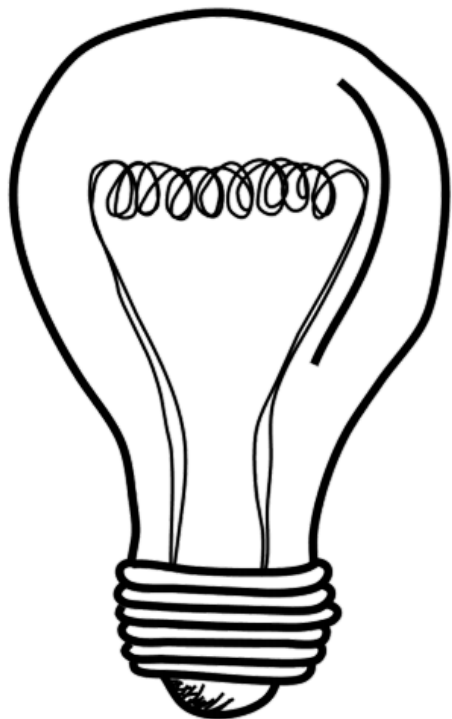
Additional directed reading is crucial to informed choices and application success. Applicants should keep a reading journal.

Reading must be critical and analytical:

- What is the argument in the book/article?
- What is the supporting evidence? Flaws?
- What does the applicant think?



Super-curricular ideas: Project work



Working towards a piece of work such as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) helps students to focus their super-curricular learning in an area they are particularly interested in.

- The EPQ wouldn't form part of an offer for an applicant, but completing one is encouraged.

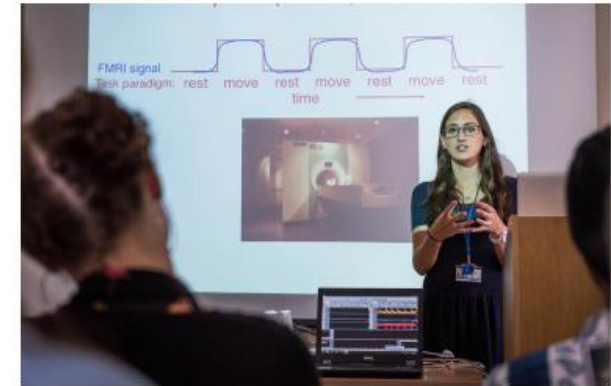
Super-curricular ideas: University taster sessions

- Subject Masterclasses
- Taster Days
- Summer Schools



ox.ac.uk/access

www.cam.ac.uk/outreachevents



Super-curricular ideas: Work experience



- Work experience isn't expected or required.
- However, for vocational courses, having some relevant work experience is useful and recommended.
- It demonstrates commitment to the intended career and the opportunity to acquire greater understanding of the realities and pressures associated with that career.

SUPER-CURRICULAR IDEAS: VISITS – IF/WHEN THEY ARE POSSIBLE

- VISITS TO ART GALLERIES, THE CINEMA AND THEATRE, MUSEUMS, PLACES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST ARE IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR ART, CLASSICS, DRAMA & THEATRE, ENGLISH, HISTORY, LANGUAGES ETC.



SUPER-CURRICULAR IDEAS: COMPETITIONS

OXFORD ESSAY PRIZES:

[HTTP://WWW.OX.AC.UK/ADMISSIONS/UNDERGRADUATE/APPLYING-TO-OXFORD/TEACHERS/ACADEMIC-COMPETITIONS-SCHOOLS-AND-COLLEGES](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/teachers/academic-competitions-schools-and-colleges)

CAMBRIDGE ESSAY PRIZES RUN BY VARIOUS COLLEGES:

E.G. FITZWILLIAM, PETERHOUSE, NEWNHAM AND TRINITY

**DO YOU KNOW
WHAT YOU WANT TO
DO?**

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

- WHEN YOU ARE UNDECIDED:
 - FOLLOW SUBJECT ENTHUSIASM AND TALENTS
 - BREADTH – KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN AT THIS STAGE
 - TALK TO STAFF, Y13s
 - 70% GRADUATES DO NOT USE THEIR DEGREE SUBJECT DIRECTLY
- WHEN YOU HAVE A DEFINITE AMBITION:
 - TAKE A REALISTIC VIEW OF YOUR POTENTIAL
 - CHECK THE SUBJECTS REQUIRED/PREFERRED FOR YOUR COURSE AND WORK HARD AT THEM
 - TAKE NOTE OF NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS, E.G. WORK EXPERIENCE, PORTFOLIO

KNOW THE LANDSCAPE

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>

UNDERGRADUATE

Studying a course at university, college, or a conservatoire



Unsure about a course, provider, or student life?

Talk to students who are already studying... they know the provider, the courses, the accommodation, and what the city or town has to offer.

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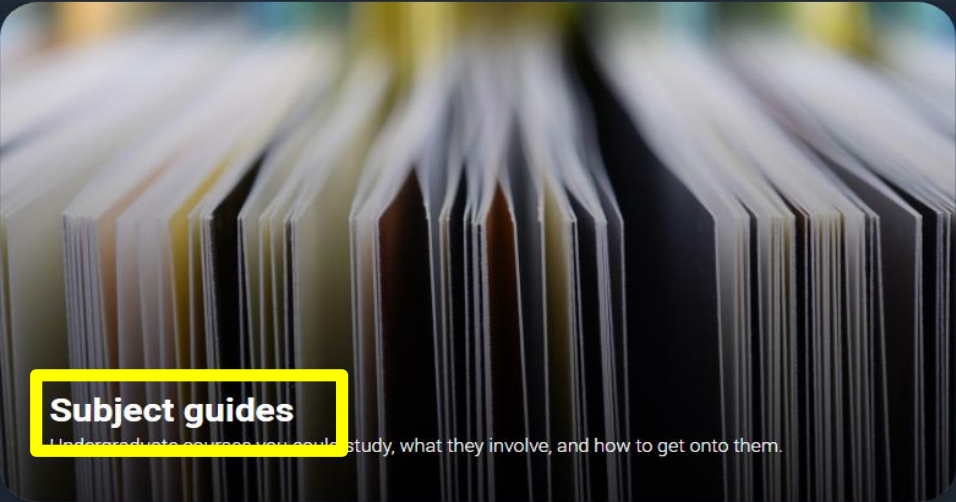
Choosing what and where to study

How to find out about courses that might be right for you, and where you could study them.

Find out more about subjects that interest you

[Home](#) / [Undergraduate](#)


WHAT AND WHERE TO STUDY



Subject guides

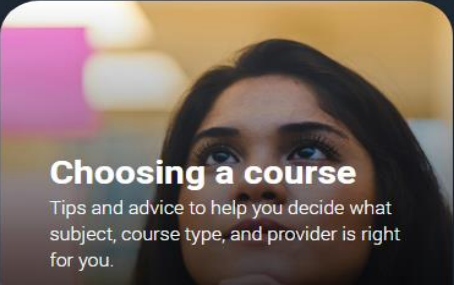
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Choosing a course

Tips and advice to help you decide what subject, course type, and provider is right for you.



Open days and events

Great ways to find out more about higher education, and if a university is right for you.



< EXPLORE

SUBJECTS BETA


Start your journey by exploring subjects you could study, be inspired to find the perfect subject for you.

 Explore

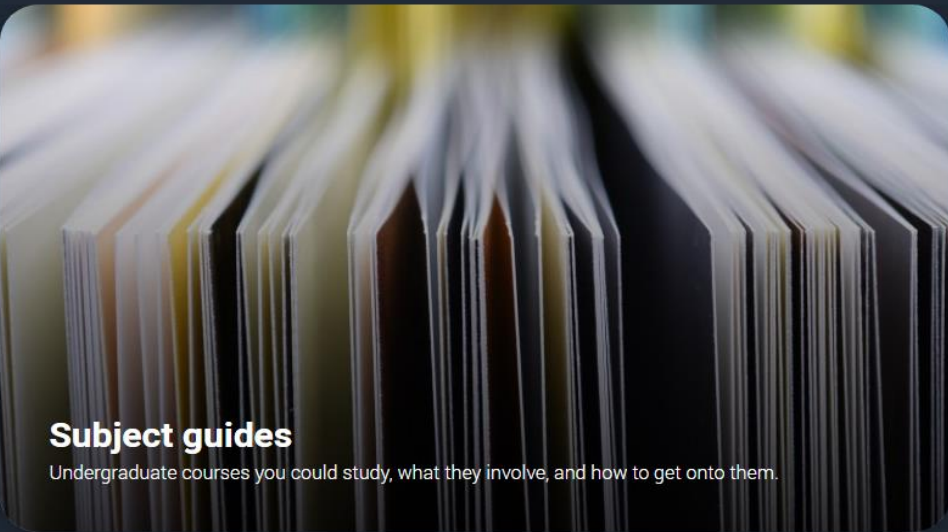
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You also get guidance on course types in a subject

 / Undergraduate

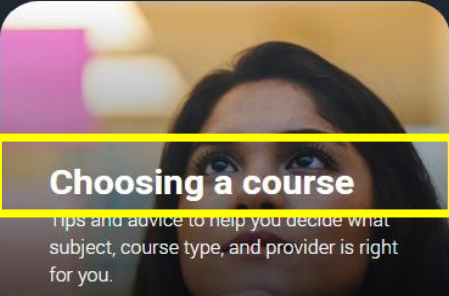
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Scroll down in this section to the search link for details on specific courses in each subject

Choosing a subject

It's important you choose a subject you enjoy and will help you reach your goals. Here are some things to help you choose the right subject for you:

- Think about what you enjoy day-to-day – maybe this could be part of a future job role?
- Explore different job sites and graduate career options to look for ideas on what you'd like to do once you've finished your studies.
- Think about your career goals and the qualifications required as part of a person specification.
- [Take a look at our subject guides](#) to get an idea of the types of subjects you could study, and the industries graduates go on to work in.
- [Search for courses by subject](#) to see what's available.

Search for **Courses**



e.g. economics

Study level

Undergraduate ▾

Entry year


2021 - 2022 ▾


Postcode


e.g. GL52 3LZ













Go

Let's say it's Biochemistry, anywhere in the UK





 **University of Aberdeen**
3 courses
Aberdeen, Scotland
www.abdn.ac.uk


 Chat to students


Biochemistry  Main Site  BSc (Hons)  4 Years  Full-time
Biochemistry with Industrial Placement  Main Site  Msci (Hon)  5 Years  Full-time
Chemistry  Main Site  MChem (H)  5 Years  Full-time


Use the side menu to find out about Aberdeen's Biochemistry course

 Qualification type
Bachelor of Science (with Honours) - BSc (Hons)

 Location
Main Site

 Start date
20 September 2021

 Study mode
Full-time

 Duration
4 years


[Course summary](#)

[How to apply](#)

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[Fees and funding](#)

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 Make sure you check on the university, college or conservatoire website for any updates about course changes as a result of COVID-19.

Course summary

Biochemistry attempts to understand the complex array of molecules and their interactions which come together to create all living things. Biochemistry lies at the interface between biology and medicine. Whether it be single-celled bacteria or the trillions of cells found in humans, all of the fundamental processes of the cell happen at the biochemical level. Understanding these processes can provide insights into subjects ranging from the evolution of life to developing treatments for common conditions such as diabetes, cancer and obesity.

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements

- ▶ UCAS Tariff - Not accepted
- ▶ A level - BBB
- ▶ Scottish Higher - AAB
- ▶ Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate (first teaching from September 2016) - DDM
- ▶ Scottish Advanced Higher - ABB
- ▶ International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme - 32 points
- ▶ Leaving Certificate - Higher Level (Ireland) (first awarded in 2017) - H2, H2, H2, H3, H3

Other courses (e.g. ARU Pharmaceutical Science) will use the Tariff Method to decide offers

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements

▶ UCAS Tariff - 96 points

▶ A level

▶ Access to HE Diploma

▶ GCSE/National 4/National 5

LOTS OF IMPORTANT DETAIL – E.G.
SEARCH FOR MEDICINE (A100) AND
CLICK ON BIRMINGHAM'S
COURSE.....

Medicine (5 years)

University of Birmingham

UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Undergraduate

2018 - 2019 1 option **2019 - 2020** 1 option

The Medicine and Surgery programme at Birmingham offers you the first-class opportunity to develop the practical, theoretical and communication skills needed to become a safe and effective practitioner. Right from the start, you'll experience the practice of healthcare in the community with a fortnightly attachment to a general practice, allowing you to see how your studies translate into clinical practice.

Based in one of the largest healthcare regions in the UK, with a diverse population of over 5 million, your opportunities for contact with a wide range of patients and a variety of health conditions are exceptional. Located next door to the Medical School is the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, which offer outstanding placement opportunities.

In 2017, the results of the National Student Survey (NSS) showed that 95% of our students were satisfied with the quality of the course.

Qualification

**Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of Surgery -
MB ChB**

Study mode

Full-time

Location

Main Site



This course is not accepting applications at this time. Please contact the provider to find out more.



Shortlist

Apply

Provider information

www.birmingham.ac.uk/index.aspx

University of Birmingham
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B15 2TT



University of Birmingham has opted into the TEF and received a Gold award.

[Find out more about the TEF.](#)

Course contact details

[View course details on provider's website](#)

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements

UCAS Tariff	Not accepted	
A level	A* A A	
		<p>Typical offer: A*AA. Candidates should have predicted AAA including Biology and Chemistry (NB. Human Biology is acceptable as an alternative to Biology).</p>
		<p>General Studies: not accepted. Critical Thinking is also not accepted. Other non-standard subjects may not be accepted. Please contact us for advice.</p>
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016)	Not accepted	
Cambridge International Pre-U Certificate - Principal		<p>Accepted in place of A levels with the following grade equivalencies: D2 = A*; D3 = A; M2 = B. Combinations of A levels and Principle subjects are accepted. NB required subjects must be offered (see A level Section)</p>
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme	32 points	<p>Higher level: 766 from Chemistry and Biology and one other approved subject (in any order)</p> <p>Subsidiary level: The subjects must include English and Mathematics if not offered at the higher level (Maths Studies is acceptable).</p> <p>Minimum of 32 points must be attained</p>

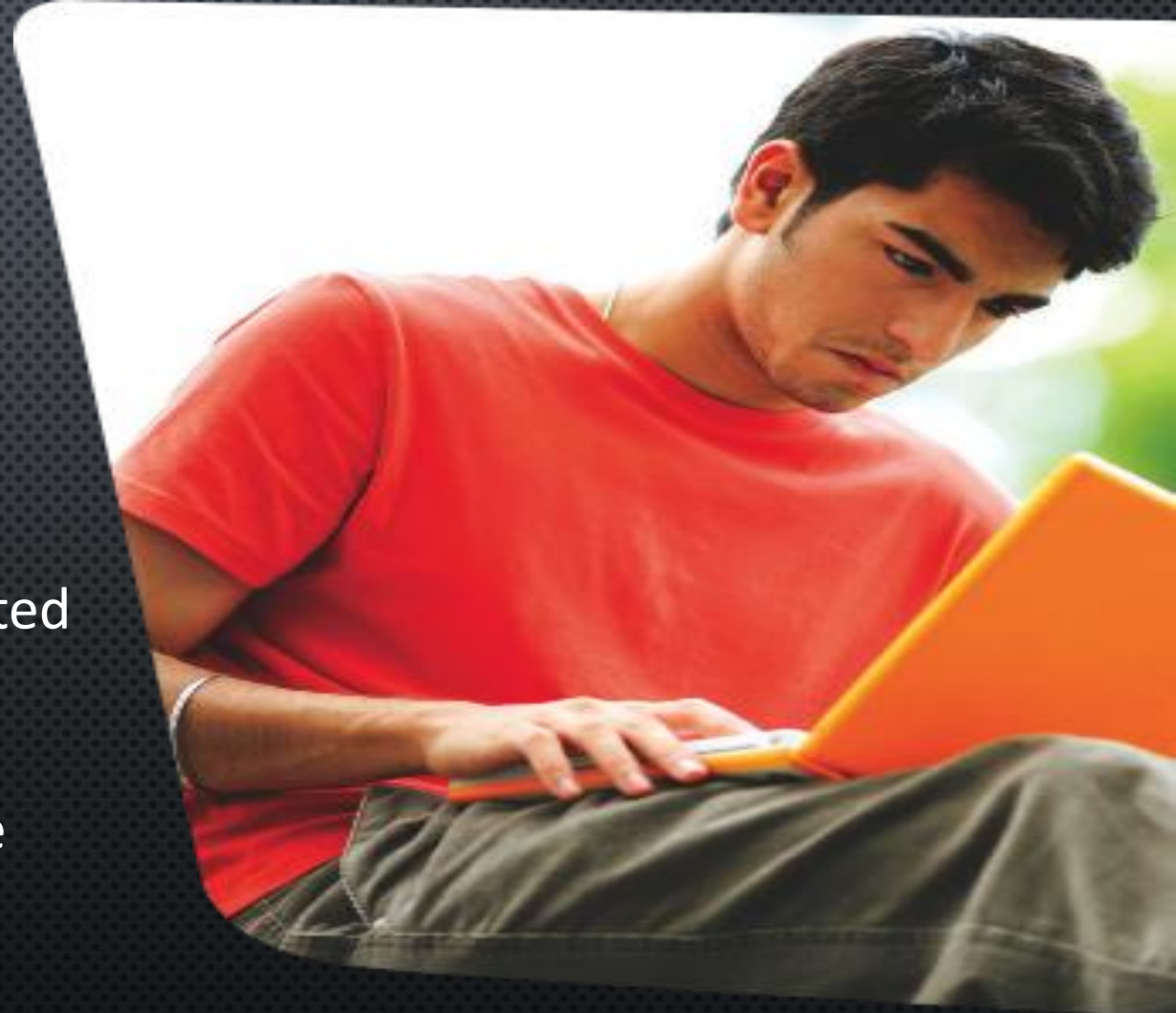
TARIFF METHOD

Tariff points = size band x grade band

Size bands - qualifications are allocated a size band of 1 to 4, based on their guided learning hours/notional learning hours

Grade bands – qualifications will also be allocated a grade band.

Tariff points are determined by multiplying size and grade bands



HOW THE TARIFF WORKS – RELEVANT POINTS FOR YOU

Grade	A-level points	AS-level points	Extended Project Qualification points
A*	56	N/A	28
A	48	20	24
B	40	16	20
C	32	12	16
D	24	8	12
E	16	4	8

DEGREE COURSE CHOICES

THERE IS A LOT OF CHOICE IN THE UK ALONE....

>36,203 COURSES

>361 PROVIDERS

USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

HTTPS://DISCOVERUNI.GOV.UK/

[Info and advice](#)[Student videos](#)[Course search](#)[Cymraeg](#)

Thinking about your uni choices?

Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK

Search by course or location

Search



Course Wizard

Answer 4 questions to find courses relevant to me

Start Now

E.G. LAW AT BRISTOL

LLB (Hons) Law

[University of Bristol](#)

1 Location : University of Bristol

[Bookmark course](#)

Course details

Study mode
Full time

Length
3 year course

Distance learning
Not Available

Placement year
Not Available

Year abroad
Not Available

Foundation year
Not Available

Student Satisfaction

72%

agreed they were satisfied with the quality of the course

[Go to Student Satisfaction](#)

Average Earnings

£23,000

15 months after the course for Law graduates at University of Bristol

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Employment

80%

go on to work and / or study within 15 months after the course

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[+ After 1 year on the course](#)

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Degrees

Please enter subject or uni

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Hi, I'm Luna, the Whatuni chatbot. I'm here to help you find the right course at the perfect uni for you.


Whether you have no clue, some clue or are all clued up on what you want to study or the career you want, I can help.


So, how about we get started...

Yes sure

 363,647 Members

 63,754 Courses

 124,200 Reviews

 280 Open days

THEUNIGUIDE.CO.UK – FORMERLY ‘WHICH? UNIVERSITY’

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Course name eg psychology

Location: city, town or county



Search for courses



All locations

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Your journey to uni starts here

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[Browse all advice](#)

OUR MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND THE WAY TO APPLY IS VIA...

WWW.UCAS.COM

Set aside plenty of time to do some research

SO NOW YOU CAN START YOUR RESEARCH.
THERE ARE OTHER SITES, AS WELL AS THE
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University

17-Nov Open Day

UNIVERSITY of
GREENWICH

24-Nov Open Day

UNIVERSITY OF
ABERDEEN

14-Nov Open Evening

UWE
Bristol University
of the
West of
England

17-Nov Open Day

PEARSON
BUSINESS
SCHOOL

24-Nov Open Day

University of
Chester

14-Nov Open Day

Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory



London Metropolitan University

Nearest city: London

Next open day: 14 November 2018

[More on London Metropolitan University](#)

LONDON
METROPOLITAN
UNIVERSITY

**NOTTINGHAM
TRENT UNIVERSITY**

01-Dec Open Day

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) open days give you the chance to find out more about NTU and to discover whether we're the university for you.

At our open days you can meet the inspiring staff who'll teach you, explore the fantastic facilities you'll learn in and tour our unique campuses. You will discover more about our courses and speak to current students to find out what life at NTU is really like.

Join us on Saturday 1 December to discover what makes Nottingham Trent University (NTU) the University of the Year (THE 2017). Find out more about our courses, explore our fantastic facilities and meet staff and current students.

[Book your place now](#)

APPLYING TO OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

THIS IS ONLY WORTH CONSIDERING IF YOU ACHIEVED MOSTLY A*s / GRADE 9s AT GCSE, ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE GRADE A (OR A*) IN ALL YOUR SUBJECTS IN YEAR 13. IN ADDITION, YOU NEED TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHY YOU WANT TO STUDY THE COURSE YOU ARE APPLYING TO, AS YOU WILL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS DURING YOUR INTERVIEW.

- YOUR APPLICATION HAS TO BE SUBMITTED FAR EARLIER. YOU SHOULD AIM TO COMPLETE THE MAJORITY OF THE APPLICATION FORM *BEFORE* THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM.
- OXFORD MAY ASK YOU TO TAKE A PRE-INTERVIEW TEST, OR SUBMIT A PORTFOLIO OF WORK.
- CAMBRIDGE MAY ASK YOU TO A PRE-INTERVIEW TEST, OR AN AT INTERVIEW TEST, OR SUBMIT A PORTFOLIO OF WORK. THEY MAY ALSO ASK YOU TO TAKE A STEP IN THE SUMMER EXAMINATION PERIOD OF YEAR 13.
- THEY DON'T GIVE OUT ANY OFFERS BEFORE YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH A RIGOROUS INTERVIEW PROCESS.

APPLYING FOR (ART & DESIGN) FOUNDATION COURSES

- IF YOU WISH TO STUDY ART AND DESIGN AT DEGREE LEVEL, YOU NORMALLY NEED TO COMPLETE A FOUNDATION YEAR FIRST.
- THESE COURSES HAVE A DIFFERENT APPLICATION PROCEDURE TO DEGREES AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION TO EACH INSTITUTION YOU WISH TO APPLY TO.
- YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS YOURSELF TO GET AN APPLICATION FORM, BUT WE WILL THEN SUPPORT YOU IN COMPLETING IT.
- STUDENTS NORMALLY APPLY LOCALLY FOR A FOUNDATION COURSE
- YOU MAKE YOUR UCAS APPLICATION DURING YOUR FOUNDATION YEAR IF YOU WISH TO GO ON TO STUDY A DEGREE.

TESTS FOR PROSPECTIVE LAWYERS AND MEDICS — AND OTHERS

THERE ARE ADMISSIONS TESTS TO FIND OUT ABOUT:

- LAWYERS SHOULD LOOK AT THE **LNAT** SITE
- MEDICS SHOULD LOOK AT THE **UCAT** AND **BMAT** SITES
- FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ADMISSIONS TESTS MORE GENERALLY, SEE THE NEXT SLIDE

LNAT.AC.UK

(£50; CHECK FOR BURSARIES)

[LNAT FOR STUDENTS](#)[LNAT FOR INSTITUTIONS](#)[LOG IN](#)

L N A T

NATIONAL ADMISSIONS TEST FOR LAW

[WHAT IS LNAT?](#)[REGISTRATION](#)[HOW TO PREPARE](#)[ON TEST DAY](#)[YOUR FUTURE](#)

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WHAT IS LNAT?

The Law National Aptitude test helps you understand if Law is the right career path for you, and it helps Universities check that you'll be able to succeed on a law course.

✓


LNAT IS:


- A test of your verbal reasoning skills
- A test of your ability to understand and interpret information
- A test of your inductive and deductive reasoning abilities
- A test of your ability to analyse information and draw conclusions


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LNAT ISN'T:

- An intelligence test
- A test of your knowledge of law





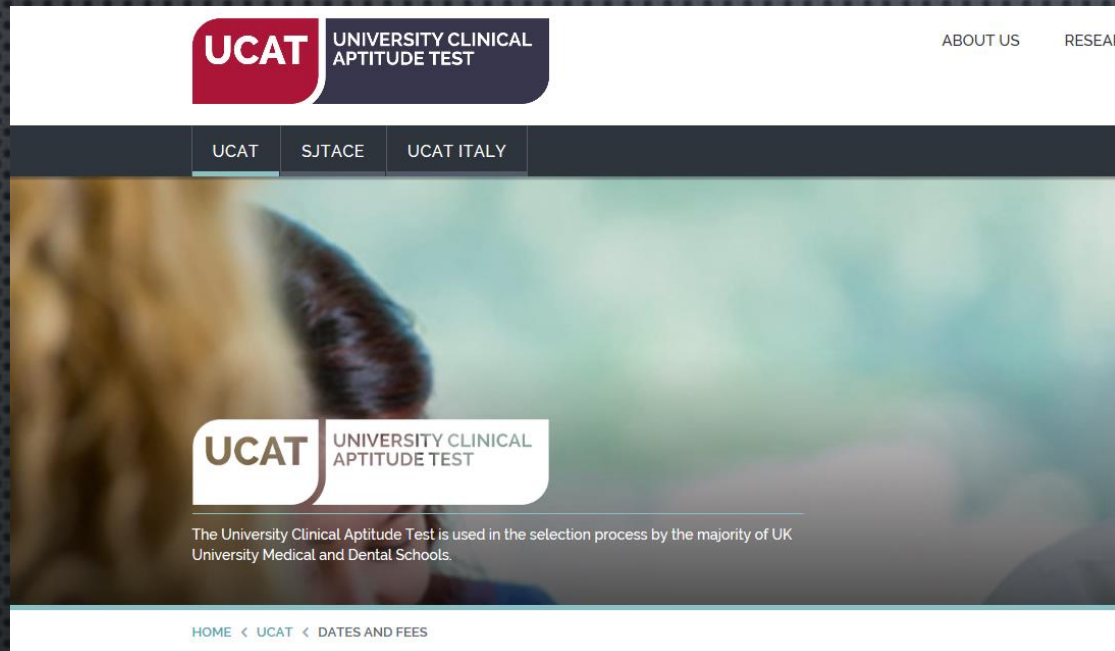




APPLY TO TAKE THE TEST

REGISTER NOW >

From 1st August; for testing from 1st September; not sat in school




UCAT.ac.uk
(£75;
check for
Bursaries)

Register between 2 June and 22 September
Book from 28 June
Not sat in school

BMAT Sept or Nov (£59 tbc; check Bursaries)

www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/

**Cambridge Assessment**
Admissions Testing

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The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

For test-takers

BMAT

BMAT – February

BMAT – September


BMAT – November

BMAT Netherlands

BMAT Malaysia

Preparing for BMAT

Preparing for BMAT



About BMAT

The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) gives you the chance to stand out from the crowd and show your potential to succeed on medical and health-related courses. It tests your ability to apply scientific and mathematical knowledge, as well as problem solving, critical thinking and written communication skills that are essential to university-level study.

On this website you'll find everything you need to feel informed, supported and prepared to take the BMAT.

BMAT – February

BMAT – September

BMAT – November

BMAT Netherlands

ADVICE FOR MEDICS

- COMPETITION IS INTENSE (*IN 2018, IMPERIAL HAD 2,299 APPLICANTS, INTERVIEWED 867, OFFERED 611, ENROLLED 304*)
- YOU MAY END UP RECEIVING JUST ONE OFFER; IN THIS CYCLE, ONLY ONE OF OUR LEARNERS WHO APPLIED HAS AN OFFER. DON'T SET YOUR HEART ON A PARTICULAR MEDICAL SCHOOL
- MEDICAL SCHOOLS REJECT EXCELLENT APPLICANTS
- CONSIDER IT AS POTENTIALLY THE FIRST TIME OF TWO ATTEMPTS, IF YOU ARE COMPETITIVE AND RESILIENT ENOUGH TO REAPPLY
- A YEAR 14 APPLICATION IS A WELL-TRODDEN, SUCCESSFUL PATH – A GAP YEAR CAN BE A GOOD THING FOR ASPIRING MEDICS
- THAT SAID, A THIRD YEAR TO GET THE A LEVEL GRADES IS OFTEN UNACCEPTABLE WITHOUT EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

WHAT NOW?

- SPEND SOME TIME RESEARCHING COURSES ON UCAS.COM AND OTHER SITES MENTIONED ABOVE
- KEEP WORKING HARD ON YOUR YEAR 12 COURSES
- ORGANISE WORK EXPERIENCE WHERE NECESSARY (PARTICULARLY FOR MEDICS, VETS AND ARCHITECTS)
- READ/RESEARCH AROUND YOUR SUBJECT MORE DEEPLY, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY TO OXBRIDGE

IF YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO STUDY.....

- TALK TO OUR CAREERS ADVISER, YOUR HEAD OF YEAR, A STAFF MEMBER YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH
- SPEAK TO YOUR CURRENT TEACHERS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD AT IN THEIR SUBJECTS.
- THINK ABOUT THINGS THAT YOU ENJOY DOING.
- MAKE USE OF THE COURSE GUIDES ARRIVING SOON FROM UCAS
- MAKE SURE YOU DO YOUR RESEARCH PROPERLY
- VISITING UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS CAN GIVE YOU A GOOD IDEA OF THINGS YOU MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT ENJOY STUDYING.

WHAT IS ON THE UCAS FORM?

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

2. SPECIFIC COURSES APPLIED FOR

3. EDUCATION

4. EMPLOYMENT

5. PERSONAL STATEMENT

■ *NUMBERS 1 TO 4 CAN EASILY BE ENTERED IN AN HOUR OR TWO
(ASSUMING YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR!)*

■ *WRITING THE PERSONAL STATEMENT IS WHAT TAKES THE TIME*

WHAT IS ON THE UCAS FORM?

6. PREDICTED GRADES

7. DATES WHEN YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

8. AN ACADEMIC REFERENCE

- *THIS PART OF THE FORM IS COMPLETED BY EITHER YOUR MONICA OR GLORIA*
- *YOU ALSO HAVE TO PAY – (£25) APPLICATIONS ARE PAID FOR ONLINE USING A DEBIT / CREDIT CARD. WE CANNOT APPROVE AND SEND THE FORM TO UCAS UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID.*

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOUR FORM HAS BEEN SENT TO UCAS?

- YOU RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM UCAS WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF YOUR FORM BEING SENT.
- UCAS SEND THE FORM TO THE 5 UNIVERSITIES YOU HAVE APPLIED TO, REMOVING THE DETAILS OF THE OTHER 4 FROM EACH VERSION.
- YOU MAY START TO HEAR FROM UNIVERSITIES VERY QUICKLY, OR YOU MAY WAIT FOR QUITE A WHILE — EACH UNIVERSITY HAS THEIR OWN SLIGHTLY UNIQUE WAY OF DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS!
- YOU WILL HOPEFULLY RECEIVE EITHER CONDITIONAL OFFERS OR AN INTERVIEW (WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL WILL LEAD TO A CONDITIONAL OFFER).
- ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN EITHER ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY ALL 5 OF YOUR CHOICES, YOU WILL THEN BE EMAILED A DECISION FORM BY UCAS. YOU THEN HAVE TO MAKE A *FIRM ACCEPTANCE* OF ONE PLACE AND ALSO SELECT AN *INSURANCE* PLACE AS WELL, OR YOU CAN REJECT ALL THE OFFERS. THE DEADLINE FOR THIS IS USUALLY IN MAY.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE REJECTED BY ALL 5 UNIVERSITIES?

- IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE OFFERS FROM ANY OF YOUR 5 CHOICES THEN YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UCAS EXTRA, WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO APPLY FOR ANOTHER COURSE. EXTRA ALLOWS YOU TO APPLY FOR COURSES WITH VACANCIES BETWEEN THE END OF FEBRUARY AND THE END OF JUNE.
- IN EXTRA, YOU APPLY FOR ONE COURSE AT A TIME AND WAIT FOR THEIR DECISION BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY ANYWHERE ELSE.
- YOU CAN ALSO USE EXTRA EVEN IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED OFFERS FROM SOME OF YOUR ORIGINAL 5 CHOICES, ALTHOUGH YOU NEED TO REJECT ALL OF THESE OFFERS BEFORE YOU CAN USE EXTRA.

WHAT HAPPENS ON A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2022

- IF YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THE GRADES FOR YOUR FIRST CHOICE UNIVERSITY THEN YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A PLACE THERE.
- IF NOT, BUT YOU HAVE AT LEAST ACHIEVED THE GRADES FOR YOUR INSURANCE CHOICE YOU WILL HAVE A PLACE THERE.
- UNIVERSITIES MAY TAKE YOU EVEN IF YOU HAVE ONLY JUST MISSED THE GRADES IN THEIR OFFER — **BUT YOU SHOULD NOT COUNT ON THIS HAPPENING AND OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS DEMAND FOR PLACES ON MANY COURSES HAS BEEN GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF PLACES THAT ARE AVAILABLE.**
- YOU CAN CHECK THE UCAS WEBSITE EARLY IN THE MORNING BEFORE COMING INTO SCHOOL TO GET YOUR RESULTS, AS OFTEN THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE ALREADY MADE A DECISION.
- IF YOU HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THE GRADES REQUIRED BY YOUR INSURANCE CHOICE, OR IF YOU HAD NO OFFERS, YOU CAN THEN ACCESS **CLEARING** AND HOPEFULLY WILL STILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN GAINING A PLACE.

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY – AN OVERVIEW

Achieve good Pre Public Examination Results	May 2021
Decide on a course	Summer 2021
Visit some universities	Summer / Autumn 2021
Complete the UCAS application form	July – October 2021
(Applicants for courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Law need to sit an independent test)	July - October 2021
Offers / offers of interviews / invites to open days	November 2021 – May 2022
Make a firm acceptance of one offer and also hold an insurance offer	By May 2022
(UCAS extra if rejected from all universities)	February – June 2022
Achieve good A Level Results	May / June 2022
(Clearing)	August 2022

UK DEGREES

- BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) USUALLY 3 YEARS
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc) USUALLY 3 YEARS
- SOME ARE SPECIALISED, EG BECON
- 'SANDWICH COURSES' USUALLY INCLUDE A YEAR OF WORK EXPERIENCE, SO TAKE 4 YEARS
- SOME COMBINE A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S (HIGHER LEVEL) DEGREE, ESPECIALLY SCIENCES, EG MChem, USUALLY 4 YEARS

UK DEGREES

- HONOURS DEGREES ARE GRADED AS FOLLOWS:
 - 1ST CLASS
 - UPPER 2ND (2:1)
 - LOWER 2ND (2:2)
 - 3RD CLASS
- NO NATIONAL CURRICULUM – THE SPECIFICATIONS VARY A LOT WHICH GIVES YOU REAL CHOICE
- METHODS OF ASSESSMENT VARY A LOT AS WELL – SOME FOCUS ON FINAL EXAMS AND OTHERS ON CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
- CHECK ACCREDITATION FOR LAW, PSYCHOLOGY, FORENSICS DEGREES

A FEW PEOPLE EVERY YEAR DECIDE THAT THEY WANT TO
STUDY AT A UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE THE UK

DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE EXCELLENT UNIVERSITIES THAT
EXIST IN THE UK

THERE ARE SOME USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION IF YOU
DO WISH TO STUDY ABROAD:

UCAS WEBSITE

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STUDYING OVERSEAS

Explore this **section** ▼

Studying a year or all of a degree abroad can have great benefits. Here are some options if you are considering studying abroad.

Choosing to study abroad can prove to employers that you're flexible and culturally mobile. Many employers also think studying abroad gives you great maturity and a breadth of experience that makes you stand out from other candidates.

In 2014/15, around 24,000 UK students spent time studying or working abroad. Over 96% of these were undergraduate students, and the rest were postgraduates.

- 18,200 were studying.
- Over 5,800 were working.
- 790 were volunteering.

The [Erasmus+ exchange programme](#) arranged nearly half of the overseas study visits, and 42% were facilitated through UK university links.

The most popular periods for study placements were:

- one week – 1,955
- 30 weeks – 1,335

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Reputation and Variety

As part of the US Department of State's EducationUSA network, we offer students from the UK accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited universities in the USA.

There are thousands of British students currently at American universities. We are the official UK source of information on applying to US institutions.

Our online guides provide information on:

- [Choosing a US university](#)
- [Funding a US education](#)
- [Admissions processes and standardised tests](#)
- [Preparing for departure to the USA](#)

**STUDY IN THE USA IS NOT A CHEAP
OPTION...**

UNLESS THE UNI IS PREPARED TO HELP
WITH FINANCES:

WHAT IS CALLED A **NEED-BLIND
APPLICATION**

IN THIS CASE, IF THEY WANT YOU, THEY
PROVIDE THE \$\$\$..

NEED-BLIND ADMISSIONS

SOME US UNIVERSITIES ARE NEED-BLIND AND DO NOT BASE ADMISSIONS DECISIONS ON YOUR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY WILL MEET YOUR FULL FINANCIAL NEED IF YOU ARE ADMITTED. THIS DOES NOT MEAN IT IS FREE; YOU ARE STILL EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, USUALLY CALCULATED BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR PARENTS' INCOME.

VERY FEW UNIVERSITIES IN THE USA ARE NEED-BLIND AND OFFER FULL FINANCIAL NEED TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. THEY ARE THE MOST COMPETITIVE FOR ADMISSION. CURRENTLY, THE FOLLOWING US UNIVERSITIES OFFER THIS:

NEED-BLIND ADMISSIONS

- MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT – ACROSS THE RIVER FROM BOSTON)
- HARVARD COLLEGE (THE UNDERGRADUATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY)
- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (IN NEW JERSEY)
- YALE UNIVERSITY (IN CONNECTICUT)
- AMHERST COLLEGE (IN MASSACHUSETTS)

FOR MORE INFORMATION , CHECK THE UNIVERSITY'S FINANCIAL AID WEBPAGE. YOU CAN ALSO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS / FUNDING AID ON [BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org) AND [EDUCATIONUSA](https://educationusa.org).

US APPLICATIONS



THE PROCESS IS COVERED BY TWO WEBSITES:

- COLLEGE BOARD FOR COURSE INFORMATION
- THE COMMON APPLICATION WEBSITE FOR APPLYING

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

YOU WILL PROBABLY NEED TO TAKE TWO '**SAT**' ENTRANCE TESTS:

- ONE GENERAL (READING, WRITING, MATHS)
- ONE SUBJECT SPECIFIC (US SYLLABUS)

MAKE SURE YOU PREPARE AND REGISTER TO TAKE THEM IN TIME. YOU CAN TAKE THEM MORE THAN ONCE.

WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ANY US APPLICATION BY MID NOVEMBER OF YEAR 13 AT THE LATEST.

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The SAT is offered internationally in August, October, December, March, and May. In fall 2020, the SAT is also available internationally in September.

SAT Subject Tests™ are available internationally in August, October, December, May, and June. In fall 2020, Subjects Tests are also available internationally in November.

[➔ Register now.](#)

2020-21 International Dates and Deadlines

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. ET, U.S. To see U.S. test dates, [visit Test Dates and Deadlines.](#)

Fall 2020 Registration

Thank you for your patience as we experience significant demand for fall SAT registration. The registration system is available. [Learn more about registering for](#)

STUDENT FINANCE (AT THE MOMENT)

- STUDENT FINANCE LOAN CAN COVER FEES (UP TO **£9250** PER YEAR; UNIVERSITIES MUST HELP OUT POORER STUDENTS IF THEY CHARGE THE MAXIMUM) AND ALSO LIVING EXPENSES
- YOU PAY BACK NOTHING WHEN YOU STUDY BUT INTEREST ON YOUR DEBT WILL ACCRUE AT 5.6% (RPI + 2%)
- YOU PAY BACK WHEN EARNING MORE THAN **£26,575** AT 9% OF YOUR INCOME OVER THAT AMOUNT, VIA THE TAX SYSTEM: £308 FOR £30K SALARY, SPREAD OVER THE YEAR
- RPI INTEREST RATE FOR LOW EARNERS; HIGHER INTEREST RATE FOR HIGHER EARNERS (RPI + UP TO 3%)
- YOU STOP PAYING IF YOUR SALARY DROPS BELOW **£26,575**
- YOU PAY FOR A MAXIMUM OF 30 YEARS, THEN IT'S WRITTEN OFF

STUDENT FINANCE (AT THE MOMENT)

- THIS INFORMATION FROM **MARTIN LEWIS** (UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2020) IS A USEFUL WAY OF GETTING YOUR HEAD AROUND THE WORRY OF '£50K DEBT'
- FOR HIM, THE KEY IS TO FOCUS ON WHAT YOU REPAY, NOT WHAT YOU OWE:
- LOW EARNERS WILL PAY BACK LITTLE OF THEIR DEBT
- MEDIUM EARNERS WILL ONLY PAY BACK SOME OF IT
- [HTTPS://WWW.MONEYSAVINGEXPERT.COM/STUDENTS/STUDENT-LOANS-TUITION-FEES-CHANGES/](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/)

STUDENT FINANCE (AT THE MOMENT)

Student Loans Mythbusting

The truth about uni fees, loans & grants



Martin Lewis

Updated 14 September 2020

Share this guide 

Ignore newspaper headlines about students leaving university with £50,000 of debt. That's mostly a meaningless figure. What counts is how much you'll repay. For some that's far more, for others it's free.


This guide is written to bust common myths about student loans, grants and finance, including the 20+ key facts every potential student, parent and grandparent should know.

Recently graduated and worried about the interest?


- Read Martin's '[Student loan interest is now 5.6% – should you panic or pay it off?](#)' guide



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You might get [extra money](#) on top of this, for example if you're on a low income, are disabled or have children.

Before you apply

You start repaying once you earn over a certain amount. The size of your monthly repayments will depend on how much you earn, not what you owe.

You'll be charged interest on the loan from the day you take it out. The terms and conditions can change.

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- DON'T JUST RELY ON WEBSITE INFORMATION, THOUGH
- IF IT IS POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR, GO AND VISIT THE PLACES WHERE YOU ARE CONSIDERING SPENDING 3 OR 4 YEARS....
- GO ON (VIRTUAL) OPEN DAYS AND ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS

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London Metropolitan University

Nearest city: London

Next open day: 14 November 2018

[More on London Metropolitan University](#)

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01-Dec Open Day

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) open days give you the chance to find out more about NTU and to discover whether we're the university for you.

At our open days you can meet the inspiring staff who'll teach you, explore the fantastic facilities you'll learn in and tour our unique campuses. You will discover more about our courses and speak to current students to find out what life at NTU is really like.

Join us on Saturday 1 December to discover what makes Nottingham Trent University (NTU) the University of the Year (THE 2017). Find out more about our courses, explore our fantastic facilities and meet staff and current students.

[Book your place now](#)

- BROWSE THE CALENDAR AND GO ON A SATURDAY IF YOU CAN
- YOU NEED TO MAXIMISE LESSON TIME TO ACHIEVE THE A LEVEL GRADES THAT YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR

THE PROCEDURE AT LDE UTC

- FROM JUNE, Y12 STUDENTS REGISTER ON THE UCAS APPLY WEBSITE
- BY THE END OF NOVEMBER IN YEAR 13 YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION.
- BY THEN, YOU WILL HAVE DECIDED UPON UP TO FIVE CLOSELY RELATED COURSES, WITH A RANGE OF ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS. THERE IS NO ORDER OF PREFERENCE ON THE UCAS FORM.

THE PROCEDURE AT LDE UTC

- SUBJECT TEACHERS WILL PREDICT A LEVEL GRADES IN JULY USING YOUR **SUMMER ASSESSMENT**
- AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR 13 YOU WILL BE ASKED TO CONFIRM WHETHER YOU ARE AN **EARLY ENTRANT**

I.E. OCT 15TH DEADLINE FOR ALL OXBRIDGE, MEDIC, VET, DENTIST COURSES
- FOR EARLY ENTRANTS, SUBJECT TEACHERS WILL WRITE A SUBJECT REFERENCE BY MID SEPTEMBER WHICH ARE COLLATED IN YOUR UCAS REFERENCE BY EARLY OCTOBER
- FOR LATE ENTRANTS (USING JAN 15TH DEADLINE), A **SECOND** PREDICTED GRADE COLLECTION IS DONE IN MID NOVEMBER; AFTER THIS POINT, YOUR REFERENCE WILL BE WRITTEN.

THE PROCEDURE AT LDE UTC

- THE UCAS REFERENCE WILL BE COMPILED AND EDITED BY THE **HOY & GGD** USING THE SUBJECT TEACHER'S COMMENTS, YOUR **ALL ABOUT ME FORM** AND NOTES TAKEN FROM TALKING TO YOU.
- ALL REFERENCES ARE CHECKED BY GLORIA AND MONICA BEFORE THEY ARE SENT TO UCAS.
- LEARNERS WRITE A '**PERSONAL STATEMENT**' WHICH SUPPORTS THEIR CHOICE OF COURSES (4000 CHARACTERS INCLUDING SPACES – ABOUT A SIDE OF A4)
- ONLY ONE PERSONAL STATEMENT IS ALLOWED – SO THE FIVE COURSES MUST BE SIMILAR

THE PROCEDURE AT LDE UTC

- AT THE END OF YEAR 12, SUBJECT TEACHERS WILL PREDICT A LEVEL GRADES FOR YOUR UCAS APPLICATION, **BASED ON Y12 PERFORMANCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE SUMMER EXAMS** AND WRITE A SHORT SUBJECT REFERENCE FOR EARLY ENTRANTS, APPLYING BY 15 OCTOBER (FOR OXBRIDGE AND MDV COURSES)
- EARLY ENTRANTS' PREDICTIONS WILL NOT CHANGE IN THE AUTUMN TERM
- THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION POINT FOR PREDICTED GRADES (AND SUBJECT REFERENCES) IN NOVEMBER FOR JANUARY 15TH ENTRANTS; **YOUR GRADE WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY GO UP AT THIS POINT**

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

- YOU CAN ENTER UP TO 4,000 CHARACTERS INCLUDING SPACES OR 47 LINES OF TEXT (INCLUDING BLANK LINES), WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
- WHEN YOU SAVE TEXT, THE SYSTEM WILL TELL YOU HOW MANY CHARACTERS ARE LEFT OR IF YOU HAVE USED TOO MANY.
- YOU CAN PREVIEW YOUR STATEMENT AFTER YOU HAVE SAVED IT.
- YOU CANNOT USE ITALICS, BOLD OR UNDERLINING .
- THE SYSTEM WILL RECOGNISE EUROPEAN CHARACTERS EG Â É È
- WRITE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT IN WORD AND PASTE ONTO THE UCAS FORM AND USE A CLEAR FONT E.G. VERDANA, ARIAL, TIMES NEW ROMAN SIZE 12.

STRUCTURE

- 50 – 75% SHOULD BE ABOUT WHY YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE PARTICULAR COURSE, HOW YOUR VARIOUS EXPERIENCES SUPPORT THIS CHOICE.
- THE OTHER 25 – 50% SHOULD BE ABOUT SUPPORTING EVIDENCE RELATING TO TRANSFERABLE SKILLS – VOLUNTEERING, HOBBIES, ETC.
- USE POSITIVE AND APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
 - DON'T BE NEGATIVE, TURN ANYTHING NEGATIVE INTO A POSITIVE AND USE THIS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE AND HOW YOU OVERCAME THAT OBSTACLE.

WRITING ABOUT THE COURSE

- AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT SHOULD RELATE TO THE COURSE
- THE PERSONAL STATEMENT WILL BE SEEN BY ALL YOUR CHOICES AND COULD BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR AN INTERVIEW, SO BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON IT
- REMEMBER, IN MOST CASES, THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WRITTEN WORK THAT THE COURSE TUTOR SEES BEFORE MAKING A DECISION

MAIN THINGS TO WRITE ABOUT

- NUMBER 1
 - **WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE COURSE YOU HAVE CHOSEN:**
 - WHY DOES THE SUBJECT INTEREST YOU?
 - INCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REQUIRED TO STUDY THE COURSE
 - WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT?
 - WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT ABOUT THE SUBJECT?
 - ANY ACTIVITIES THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR INTEREST IN THE COURSE(S)
 - FUTURE PLANS
- Number 2
 - **Why you are suitable for the course:**
 - Which skills and experience do you have that will help you succeed on the course.
 - What have you done to develop your knowledge of the subject?
 - What evidence is there that you have read, studied, gained experiences outside the confines of your A level courses?
 - **include evidence of research, additional reading, show enthusiasm, don't just list things.*

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- RESILIENCE, INDEPENDENT STUDY AND RESEARCH SKILLS, TEAM WORKING SKILLS, TIME MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION, CONFIDENCE, DETERMINATION, FLEXIBILITY, ADAPTABILITY, RELIABILITY.
- **EXAMPLES SUCH AS...**
- WAITER – DIPLOMACY, FLEXIBILITY, ASSERTIVENESS
- VOLUNTARY FUNDRAISING – DRIVE / PERSISTENCE, FINANCIAL AWARENESS

PERSONAL STATEMENT – TOP TIPS

- **DO** EXPECT TO PRODUCE SEVERAL DRAFTS
- **DO** ASK PEOPLE YOU TRUST FOR THEIR FEEDBACK
- **DO** CHECK WEBSITE COURSE CONTENT AND ENTRY PROFILES
- **DO** CUT THE SMALL TALK – BE CONCISE
- **DO** CHECK OBSESSIVELY (DO NOT RELY ON SPELL CHECK)
- **DON'T** USE ELABORATE LANGUAGE
- **DON'T** LIST YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. (SHOW NOT TELL AND GIVE EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE)
- **DON'T** LIE OR EXAGGERATE
- **DON'T** FORCE HUMOUR
- **DON'T** PLAGIARISE (UNIVERSITIES SCAN STATEMENTS TO DETECT COMMON PHRASES, SENTENCES ETC. THE COPYCATCH SYSTEM CHECKS EACH STATEMENT TO FIND SIMILARITIES)
- **DON'T** LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE

TAKING A GAP YEAR

SOME STUDENTS CHOOSE TO DEFER THEIR ENTRY BY A YEAR. YOU SHOULD STILL APPLY DURING THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR, EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLAN TO START UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2023.

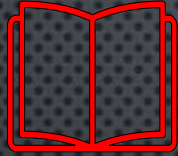
SENSIBLE REASONS TO TAKE A GAP YEAR;

- YOU ARE PLANNING TO SPEND TIME DOING CHARITY / CONSERVATION WORK, EITHER IN THE UK OR ABROAD. (THERE ARE MANY COMPANIES OFFERING THESE OPPORTUNITIES – SOME DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE STUDY ROOM
- YOU NEED TO EARN SOME MONEY TO HELP FINANCE YOUR TIME AT UNIVERSITY

APPRENTICESHIPS

- THE SCHOOL IS INFORMED REGULARLY ABOUT A VARIETY OF APPRENTICESHIPS.
- OPPORTUNITIES TEND TO START APPEARING AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR
- CHECK YOUR EMAILS REGULARLY FOR UPDATES FROM MYSELF, MONICA AND JANICE
- ALSO CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES PADLET REGULARLY AS WE UPDATE THIS WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES FREQUENTLY.

WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS?



WORK + LEARN = APPRENTICESHIPS

- ▶ A REAL JOB WITH A REAL EMPLOYER
- ▶ PAID A SALARY
- ▶ QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
- ▶ CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, HOLIDAY, SICK
- ▶ SUPPORT FROM A TRAINING PROVIDER
- ▶ 1 - 4 YEARS

SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES

ACCOUNTING | ADVERTISING & MARKETING
AGRICULTURE | ANIMAL CARE | AVIATION
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | CATERING
CREATIVE & DIGITAL | DENTAL NURSING
CONSTRUCTION | CUSTOMER SERVICE
CYBER SECURITY | EVENTS MANAGEMENT
FLORISTRY | HIGH PERFORMANCE ENGINEERING
HAIRDRESSING | HEALTH CARE | HOSPITALITY
HORTICULTURE | JOURNALISM | JEWELLER
LEGAL SERVICES | GAMES TECHNICIAN
POLICE OFFICER | PROJECT MANAGEMENT
SURVEYING | SOLICITOR | [REDACTED]
VETERINARY NURSING



LEVELS OF APPRENTICESHIP

TRAINEESHIPS

INTERMEDIATE
APPRENTICESHIP

LEVEL 2
12 – 18
MONTHS

ADVANCED
APPRENTICESHIP

LEVEL 3
12 – 36 MONTHS

HIGHER/DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIP

LEVELS 4, 5, 6 &
7
12 – 48 MONTHS

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCIES

EVERY YEAR SOME LDE UTC LEARNERS
DECIDE THAT UNIVERSITY AS THE NEXT
STEP IS NOT FOR THEM...

HERE ARE SOME USEFUL SOURCES OF
INFORMATION:

LDE UTC Opportunities

YEAR 9 Opportunities 2020 - 2021



Virtual Experiences

Enhance your CV and applications –
Find out more about your future
career options.

Register and take a look at
<https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

Take a look at the region and age
requirements

Experiences in:

YEAR 10 - OPPORTUNITIES 2020 - 2021



Opportunity from UEL

In our continued support with
young people at this time we are
running a session on how to
*Improve your resilience with
Inclusive Futures*. The session is
aimed at years 10, 11, 12 (FE1) & 13
(FE2) and is a highly interactive
workshop with themes on how to
build resilience, tackling challenges
and the benefits of increased
resilience. Students will embed what

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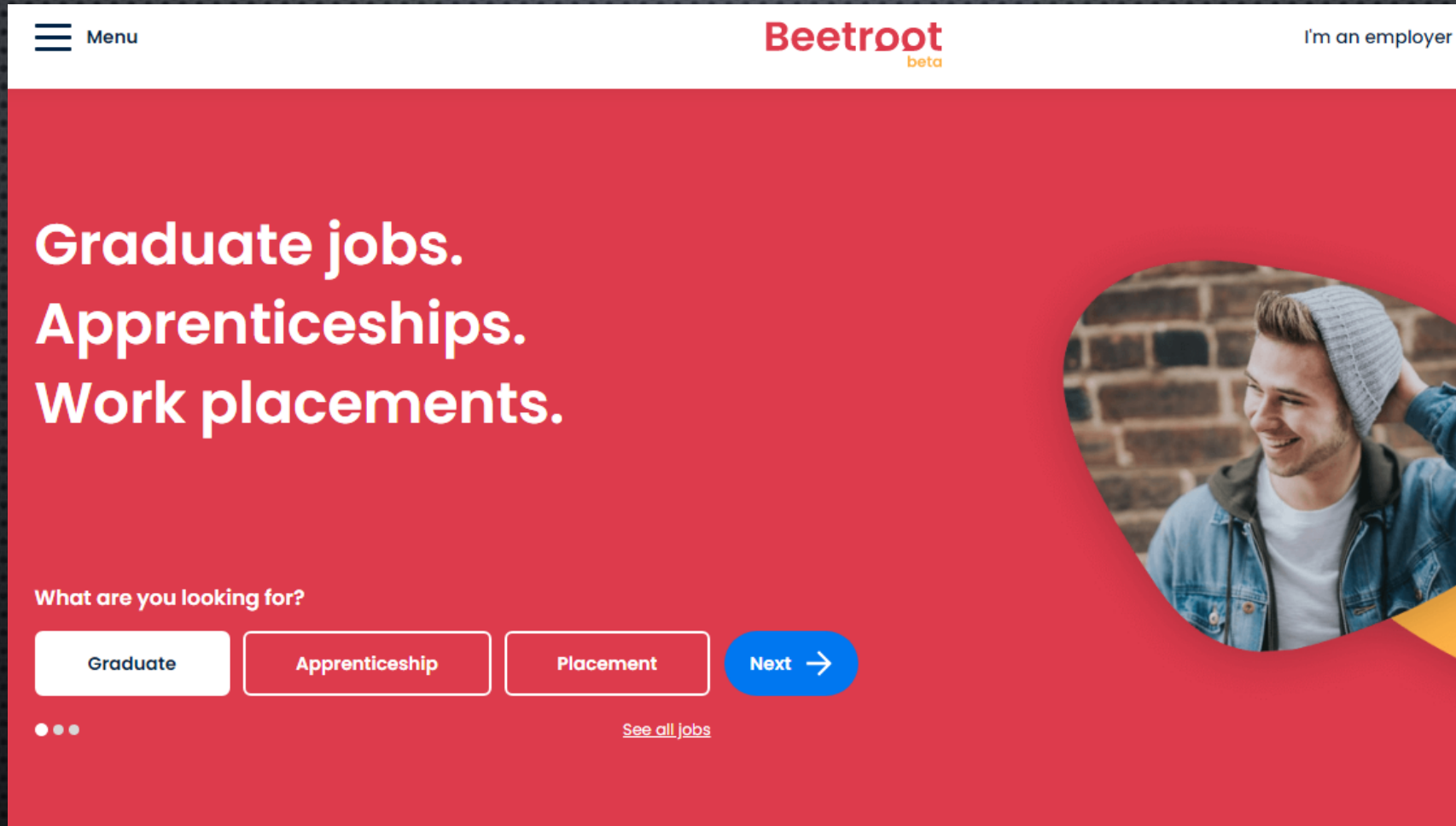
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