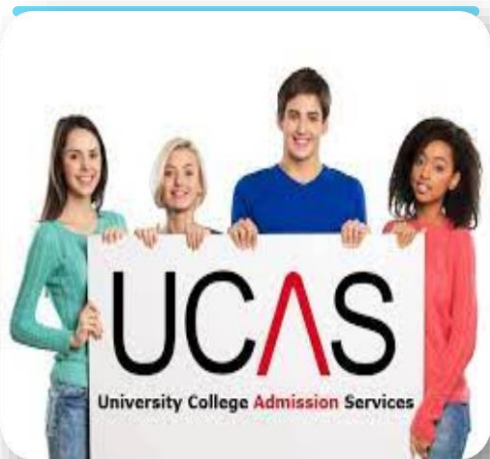




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UCAS-the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

UCAS is a private limited company based in Gloucestershire, England, which provides educational support services. Incorporated on 27 July 1993, the company's main role is to operate the application process for British universities and colleges.



UCAS does:

- process applications
- provide information, advice, and training
- have a Fraud and Verification Team
- take part in education sector engagement



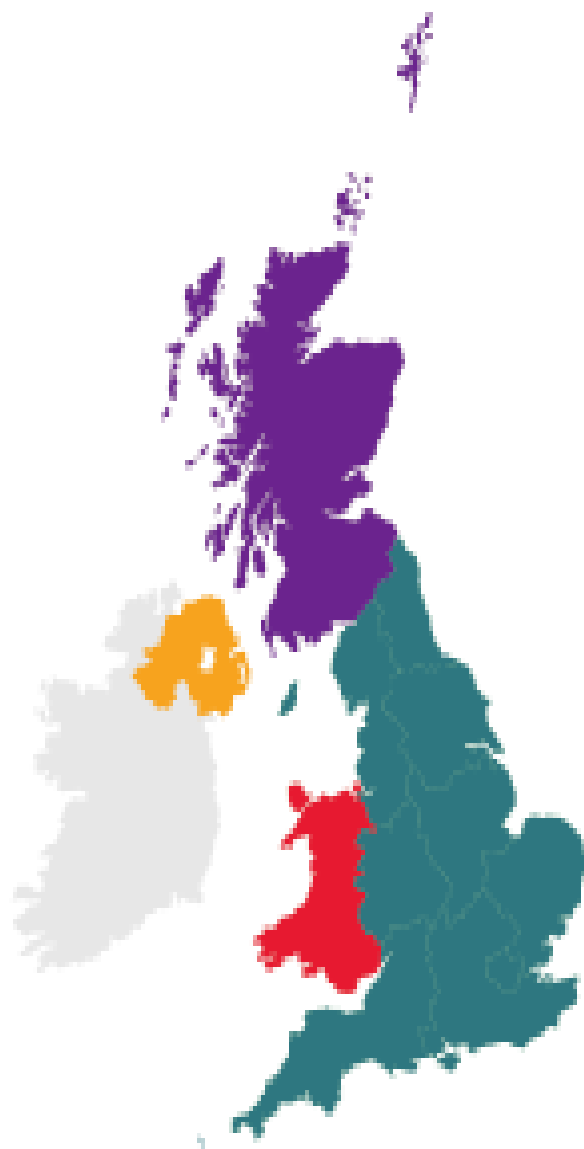
UCAS doesn't:

- suggest courses or universities
- make decisions or offers
- advise on finance, immigration, or visas for individuals

Course providers

See www.ucas.com

- **370+** universities and colleges
 - **five** in **Northern Ireland**
 - **20** in **Wales**
 - **21** in **Scotland**
 - **334** in **England**
 - **one** in mainland **Europe**
- 37,000+ courses available



Choosing the right University

- **Style** – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to more modern universities that may have a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns. This can have a major influence on the environment and lifestyle on offer.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships/bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Why Higher Education?

Opportunities while studying:

- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about
- Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career
- Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects

With a degree, they'll have:

- the opportunity to follow their career path
- better job prospects, as many employers target graduates
- higher earning potential



You **can** choose a maximum of five **courses** on your **UCAS application**, which means you **can apply** for five **courses** at only one university or college, or a different **course** at five different universities.

APPLYING TO UCAS (UK & NI)

General Advice:

Look further than just the names

- Subjects with similar names, may have different content and structure

Be prepared to spend time

- researching different courses

Career progression

- Certain careers will need specific degrees

CHOOSING A COURSE

5 WAYS TO BOOST YOUR UCAS APPLICATION



GET RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience related to your chosen subject will show universities that you are passionate and can work hard.



BE A LEADER

Universities are on the lookout for students with leadership skills, so if you lead any kind of club/society this will look great on your application.



GET A JOB

It doesn't matter what job it is - it shows universities that you can be proactive and be committed to other things alongside your studies.



GET INVOLVED

Whether it's a writing competition, a Duke of Edinburgh award or drama competition, try and take part in your college community as it will look fab on both your application.



PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE

Be creative in how you make yourself stand out to those people reading your application. Don't be afraid of what other people will think.

Completing the UCAS application- online

- ▶ Personal Details
- ▶ Course choices (up to five choices)
- ▶ Education so date
- ▶ Employment History
- ▶ Personal Statement of 4,000 characters (including spaces)
- ▶ Academic Reference
- ▶ Predicted Grades

APPLYING TO UCAS REQUIRES:

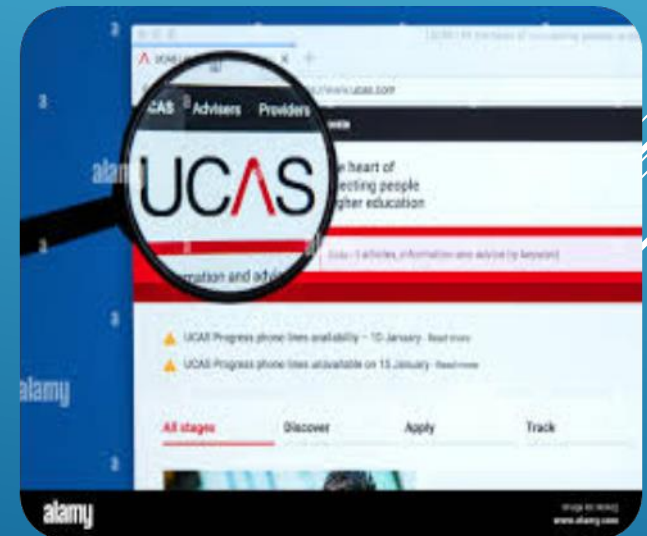
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- ▶ **UCAS application fee** and deadlines.
The **fee** for **applications** is £22.50 for a single choice or £27.00 for multiple courses and **applications** after 30 June 2023
- ▶ For most courses, the deadline to send your **application** to **UCAS** is **January 25, 2023**
exceptions are Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary science/medicine- **October 15, 2022**

UCAS FEES IN 2023

- ▶ Tuition fees are charged by universities and colleges to cover key elements of your course and academic life, as well as core services related to students' wellbeing and experience on campus
- ▶ Tuition Fees vary, depending on the university (England, Scotland, Wales & NI) and course the student chooses
- ▶ Tuition fees are paid directly to the university the student is studying at
- ▶ Not Paid Upfront - Installments

TUITION FEES



Tuition fees by region for courses starting in 2022 to 2023

Student's home region	Studying in England	Studying in Scotland	Studying in Wales	Studying in Northern Ireland
England	Up to £9,250	Up to £9,250	Up to £9,000	Up to £9,250
Scotland	Up to £9,250	No fee	Up to £9,000	Up to £9,250
Wales	Up to £9,250	Up to £9,250	Up to £9,000	Up to £9,250
Northern Ireland	Up to £9,250	Up to £9,250	Up to £9,000	Up to £4,395
EU and other international*	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable

Tuition fees normally cover:

- ▶ lectures, seminars, and tutorials
- ▶ course admin costs
- ▶ access to course-related facilities and equipment (e.g. laboratories, studios)
- ▶ access to campus libraries and computer rooms
- ▶ support services for students
- ▶ student union membership
- ▶ field trips essential for completion of your course (travel and accommodation only)
- ▶ graduation ceremony

TUITION FEES

The following courses' tuition fees are fully funded for students in the Republic of Ireland who wish to study in the north by the Dept. of Health in NI.

- ▶ Paramedic Science
- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Dietetics
- ▶ Podiatry
- ▶ Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
- ▶ Speech & Language Therapy
- ▶ Physiotherapy
- ▶ Radiotherapy and Oncology (Radiation Therapy on CAO)
- ▶ Occupational Therapy

See: [mcs_guidancedept](#) on **Instagram post for reference**

**COURSES IN NORTHERN IRELAND
(NI)**

What should your child be doing for UCAS Application?

- Research
- Extracurricular Activities
- Work Experience
- Go beyond the Syllabus
- Focus on this year's studies

The Personal Statement

- The only section the applicant has full control over.
- Their only chance to market themselves individually.
- One personal statement for all choices.
- Maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines.
- Minimum of 1,000 characters.
- No spelling/grammar check.
- No formatting.

- ▶ The personal statement is your opportunity to tell universities and colleges about your suitability for the course(s) that you hope to study. You need to demonstrate your enthusiasm and commitment, and above all, ensure that you stand out from the crowd.
- ▶ Personal statement can be up to 4,000 characters or 47 lines.

WHAT TO INCLUDE:

- ▶ Writing about the course
- ▶ Skills and achievements
- ▶ Hobbies and interests
- ▶ Work experience
- ▶ Future plans



PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Why you want to study the course you are applying for?
- If you mention hobbies/ interests try to link them to the skills/ experience required for the course.
- Could be used as the basis for an interview.
- Get the grammar, spelling & punctuation right.
- ✗ If applying to a joint degree or for different courses it is important to explain why you are interested in both aspects/ identify common themes & skills relevant to your choices.
- **Helpful Websites:**
- **Studential.com and the student room for sample personal statements**

PERSONAL STATEMENT TIPS

IMPORTANT QUALITIES AND SKILLS:

- Competent and Confident
- Committed
- Dynamic
- Flexible & Adaptable
- Able to take the initiative
- Able to work in a variety of different settings
- Curious to learn
- Lifelong Learner
- Good organisational & time management skills



End personal statement on a positive note, use opportunity to impress

“I am looking forward to becoming a psychologist”

OR

“I am passionate about working with young children in the future and therefore am highly determined to make the most of my degree and achieve my ambition to become a developmental psychologist.”

Useful websites for students to review sample personal statements:

- 1. www.studential.com**
- 2 www.thestudentroom.co.uk**

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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For courses starting from September 2018, a new Tariff will be in place. The new Tariff provides a fair and more transparent process of allocating Tariff points across a wider range of qualifications.

ILC Higher Grade	CAO Points	UCAS Tariff Points	ILC Ordinary Grade	CAO Points	UCAS Tariff Points
H1 (90 - 100)	100	36			
H2 (80 < 90)	88	30			
H3 (70 < 80)	77	24			
H4 (60 < 70)	66	18			
H5 (50 < 60)	56	12	O1 (90 - 100)	56	12
H6 (40 < 50)	46	9	O2 (80 < 90)	46	10
H7 (30 < 40)	37	0	O3 (70 < 80)	37	8
H8 (0 < 30)	0	0	O4 (60 < 70)	28	6
			O5 (50 < 60)	20	0
			O6 (40 < 50)	12	0
			O7 (30 < 40)	0	0
			O8 (0 < 30)	0	0

These tariff points will be used for applications submitted for the 2018 admissions cycle onwards (i.e. for students making applications from September 2017 for full-time courses starting in September 2018)

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Welcome

Personal details ☐Choices ☐Education ☐Employment ☐Statement ☐Reference ☐View all details ☐Pay/Send ☐

Help

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Welcome

Welcome Sean,

Your Personal ID is: *

Please make a note of this number and keep it handy. You will need to quote this number if you call our Customer Contact Centre.

Need guidance? Watch the video advice below [\[Hide video\]](#).(Unable to view videos here? You can watch them at www.ucas.com/connect/videos instead)**Verify your email address**

Your email address needs to be verified as valid before you send your application to us.

[Please click here to verify your email address](#)

Key

☒ Completed☐ In progress☐ Not started☐ Help

Before starting your application, please read through the relevant information below regarding:

- [completing your application](#)
- [applicants applying through a school, college or organisation](#)
- [applicants applying as an individual](#)
- [deadlines for submitting your application](#)

Qualification outcome ?

- ☐ Foundation degrees
- ☐ HNC or CertHE
- ☐ HND or DipHE
- ☐ Bachelor degrees (with or without Honours)
- ☐ Masters degrees
- ☐ Other qualifications

[Find out more about different types of undergraduate qualifications.](#)

Distance ?

1 mile ▾

🔍 Postcode

Area ?

- ☐ England
 - ▶ Area of England
- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Northern Ireland
- ☐ Wales
- ☐ Channel Islands
- ☐ Outside of the UK

Further education

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

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Viewing providers

36,678 courses from 374 providers



EXPAND ALL COLLAPSE ALL



▼ University of Aberdeen

390 courses



Accountancy

Master of Arts (with Honours) - MA (Hons)



Accountancy and Business Management

Master of Arts (with Honours) - MA (Hons)



Accountancy and Economics

Master of Arts (with Honours) - MA (Hons)

Show more courses



▼ Abertay University

26 courses



Accounting and Finance

Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) - BA (Hons)



Biomedical Science

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



Business and Human Resource Management

Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) - BA (Hons)

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Completing the UCAS Application

The screenshot shows the UCAS 2020 'apply' website. At the top, there's a red banner with '2020 apply' and a '<Log out' link. Below the banner, a 'Welcome' message is displayed. On the left, a sidebar lists application sections: Personal details, Choices, Education, Employment, Statement, Reference, View all details, Pay/Send, Help, and Options/Opsiynau. A 'Key' section indicates the status of each section: Completed (checked), In progress (dashed), Not started (empty), and Help (question mark). The main content area shows a 'Welcome' message to Alan, his Personal ID (145-010-8968), and a video guide titled 'How to Give an Application'. A warning message states: 'Verify your email address. Your email address needs to be verified as valid before you send your application to us. Please click here to verify your email address.' Below this, a note says: 'Before starting your application, please read through the relevant information below regarding: completing your application, applicants applying through a school, college or organisation, applicants applying as an individual, and deadlines for submitting your application.'

Sections to complete:

1. Personal details
2. Additional information
3. Student finance
4. Choices
5. Education
6. Employment
7. Personal statement
8. Predicted Grades
9. **Reference details**

Tutor adds reference

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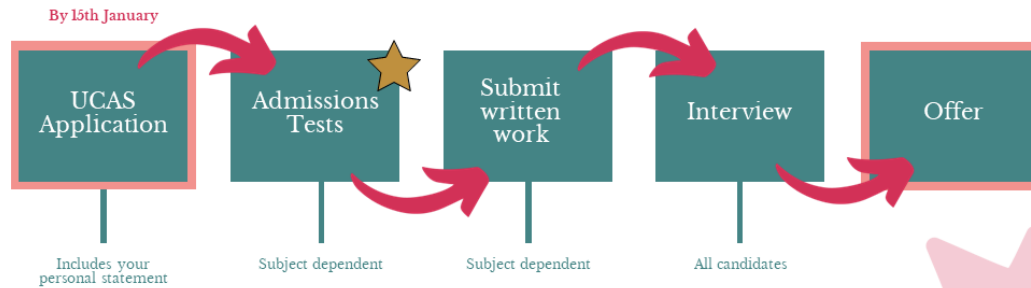
Universities/colleges

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UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCESS



- Boxes outlined in pink = all candidates will do this
- Increasingly important as a gateway for interview

EVERYONE
HAS TO DO
A UCAS
FORM

THE APPLICATION'S PROCESS

Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

And make one of three decisions:



Unconditional offer



Conditional offer



Unsuccessful

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