

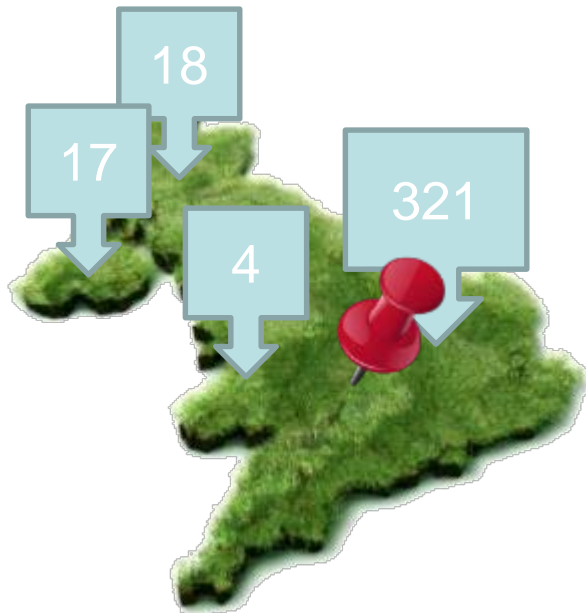


UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE
AT UNIVERSITY
2017

UCAS

- UCAS is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to full-time higher education courses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Ucas operates on behalf of all full-time courses at member institutions



- Number of institutions **360**
- Number of courses **35,000+**

UNIVERSITIES

- **SELECTING UNIVERSITIES: offers come in grades**
- **RECRUITING UNIVERSITIES: offers come in Ucas tariff points**

TYPES OF UNIVERSITY

City?

Campus?

How do you decide?

***Consider: course, university ranking,
location***

OPEN DAYS



Open Days: June and September

How to decide when to go?

How to decide which ones to attend?

Our Advice..... Make sure you do visit your two most likely universities



RESEARCH YOUR COURSES

- **University Prospectuses**
- **University Websites**
- **Ucas website**
- **Unistats: gives student satisfaction details**
- **University league tables:**
- **Professions' websites; eg BMA, RCN, Law Society, Engineering Council**
- **Open days**
- **Entry requirements**
- **Choosing a course**
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/what-study>

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **Some courses require GCSE grades at certain levels (eg Psychology often needs B in maths)**
- **Some unis require particular subject combinations at Level 3 (eg Bio + Chem HL for Medicine, Maths and Physics HL for Computing,**
- **Some courses require work experience (eg Primary education, Vet, Nursing,**
- **Some prefer work experience (eg law, journalism, social work)**
- **Further admission tests: Lnat, Ukat, Oxbridge tests**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- **Research your course and university**
- **Attend open days**
- **Select 5 university courses**
- **Plan your personal statement**
- **Check your predicted grades match the requirements**
- **See your reference with your HE tutor**
- **Make your application: deadlines apply! Jan 15th**
- **Wait for offers: Oct -March**
- **Select one firm choice/one insurance: Spring 2017**

COURSE CHOICES

- **Up to 5 courses**
- **Can apply to more than 1 at same university**
- **Each university only knows you are applying to them**
- **No order of preference**

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

Research

Personal Statement

Plan / Prepare

Personal Statement

Short-List Carefully

Personal Statement

Visits



WHY IS A PERSONAL
STATEMENT SO
IMPORTANT?



KEEP CALM
AND

WRITE YOUR

PERSONAL
STATEMENT

IS IT REALLY A BIG DEAL?

How do you decide what you're going to do after Dane Court?

How do you beat the competition? You're going up against 1000's of other students.

How are you going to make sure you get your first choice course?



WHAT IS A PERSONAL STATEMENT?

- 4000 CHARACTERS THAT SHOW YOU'D MAKE A GREAT STUDENT.
- THIS IS HOW MOST UNIVERSITIES SELECT STUDENTS FOR INTERVIEW.
- SOME UNIVERSITIES DON'T INTERVIEW.

WHERE DO I START?

- **Read course descriptions for the qualities, skills and experience needed for your subject.**
- **Read up and visit universities, try out taster days, and summer schools.**
- **For all the courses you will be applying for, you only write one personal statement.**



WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT?

1. Why are you applying?

- your ambitions
- what interests you about the subject, course providers and higher education.

2. What makes you suitable

- any relevant skills, experience or achievements gained from education, work or other activities.

THE IDEAL PERSONAL STATEMENT



- Clearly structured (think 'interview')
- Obvious subject focus (general & specific)
- Links current & future studies
- Evidences relevant skills & experiences
- Aim for 70 to 80% academic focus
- Full use of 'space' (but paragraphed)
- Error free
- Original (UCAS Similarity Detection Service)
- Enthusiasm; motivation; 'spark'

YOU MIGHT BE THINKING....



When do you start?

- ✓ Now!

When do you need to have it finished?

- ✓ **Oxford and Cambridge = 15th Oct 2017, 18:00 (UK time)**
- ✓ **Everyone else = 15th Jan 2018, 18:00 (UK time)**

Who will help you?

- ✓ **Your mentor**
- ✓ **Your chosen subject teachers**
- ✓ **Ms Hale and Mrs Pickard**
- ✓ **Your family**

TIME LINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Date	Event	Student action
Sept –December 2017	Ucas active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with HE tutor • Open days • Revised predicted grades?
October-December	Applications processed in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications sent • Track account monitored
November 2017	Admissions test take place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take extra tests if necessary
Oct-April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews • Offers made by unis 	Students choices: firm and insurance?
Jan –May 2018	Student Finance active	Application for finance made
May 2017	Final choices deadline	Track updated with decisions
July 6 th 2018	IB results in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uni choices confirmed • Wait for Clearing
August 2018	A level results in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing opens. • Final destinations

UNIVERSITY OFFERS

- **Ucas Tariff points**
- **IB points**
- **Subject grades**



UNIVERSITY OFFERS IBDP

- **IBDP- Offers usually made in IB points
(eg **35 IB points**)**
- **IBDP- Most selecting universities require
the full diploma**
- **IBDP- Offers can be made in ucas points**

OFFERS IBCP

- IBCP – Offers in Ucas tariff points (eg **112 ucas points**)
- IBCP – Requirements for grades in the Btec course (eg **D*D* in Sport**)

Eg ...

- Grades in vocational courses added to IB subjects using Ucas points
(eg 160 points, inc DD)

OR

- Grades in vocational courses added to IB points
(eg D*D* and 5 in HL psychology)

UCAS TARIFF IBDP COURSES

IBHL	TARIFF	IBSL	TARIFF	Extended essay	TARIFF
7	56	7	28	A	12
6	48	6	24	B	10
5	32	5	16	C	8
4	24	4	12	D	6
3	12	3	6	E	4

IFS AND BUSINESS STUDIES

IFS	Tariff points	Bus. St A level	Tariff points
A*	56	A*	56
A	48	A	48
B	40	B	40
C	32	C	32
D	24	D	24
E	16	E	16

JANUARY-AUGUST 2018

- **University selection takes place**
- **Interviews: NOT everyone**
- **Make choices: Firm and Insurance by April. Implications?**
- **Results day**

Successful?

Adjustment?

Clearing?

RESULTS DAYS

- **IB: July 6 2018**
- **Health, ICT, Sport: ongoing**
- **Business/IFS: 17 August 2018**

