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How to choose and apply to the right University and course

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Terminology

- UCAS
- Undergraduate/ Foundation
- Integrated Masters
- Sandwich
- Validation
- Accreditation
- Russell Group
- Conservatoires
- Research Intensive
- Post-92/ New
- Newer
- Private
- F.E. Colleges

The UCAS form - deadlines

- Music and some Conservatoires – 1st October
- Oxbridge/ Medicine/ Veterinary Medicine/ Dentistry – 15th October
- Majority of courses – 14th January
- Final deadline – 30th June
- Final decisions from HEI's – 2nd May
- A level Results Day – 14th August

The UCAS 'form'

- Personal details
- Choices
- Qualifications
- Personal Statement
- Reference

Choices

- 5 options
- 50,000 different undergraduate degrees
- 395 institutions
- Grades/ Points
- Contextual offers
- Courses – BA/BSc/BMus/BEng/MSc/MEng
- Accreditation – BPS/ ACCA etc

Grades and Points

A level	BTEC	POINTS
A*	D*	56
A	D	48
B		40
C	M	32
D		24
E	P	16

Choosing...

- Course
- Location
- Size
- Cohort
- League tables
- TEF
- **Research**
- Deferred entry
- Modern Culture
- Media Studies
- Comfortable Subjects
- Uncertainty of choices

Did you know about?....

- **Digital Security**
- **Landscape Architecture and Design**
- **Content Creation**
- **Child Development and Playwork**
- **Sports Business Management**

Personal Statement

- 3 QUESTIONS – 4000 Character limit
 - 1) Why do you want to study this course or subject?
 - 2) How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
 - 3) What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?
- Volunteering
 - Work experience
 - Hobbies

The university response

- Unconditional
- Conditional – grades/ interview/audition
- Unsuccessful

- Extra

The applicant response

- Firm
- Insurance
- Decline

The Mantlepiece factor

- X factor vs Meh factor
- Be prepared to rule things 'out', before you can rule things 'in'
- Do attend open days
- Spend time with support services
- Explore accommodation options from Year 2 onwards.....
- Do **not** go on holiday on Post-16 results day
- Manage drop out 'hot spots'
- Work on life skills and budgeting
- The Study Skills Handbook – Dr Stella Cottrell
(Palgrave Study Skills)



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Thank you

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