

Applying to University and UCAS

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What is UCAS?

Central application service

Only method of entry to UK degree programmes

50,000 courses at 395 providers

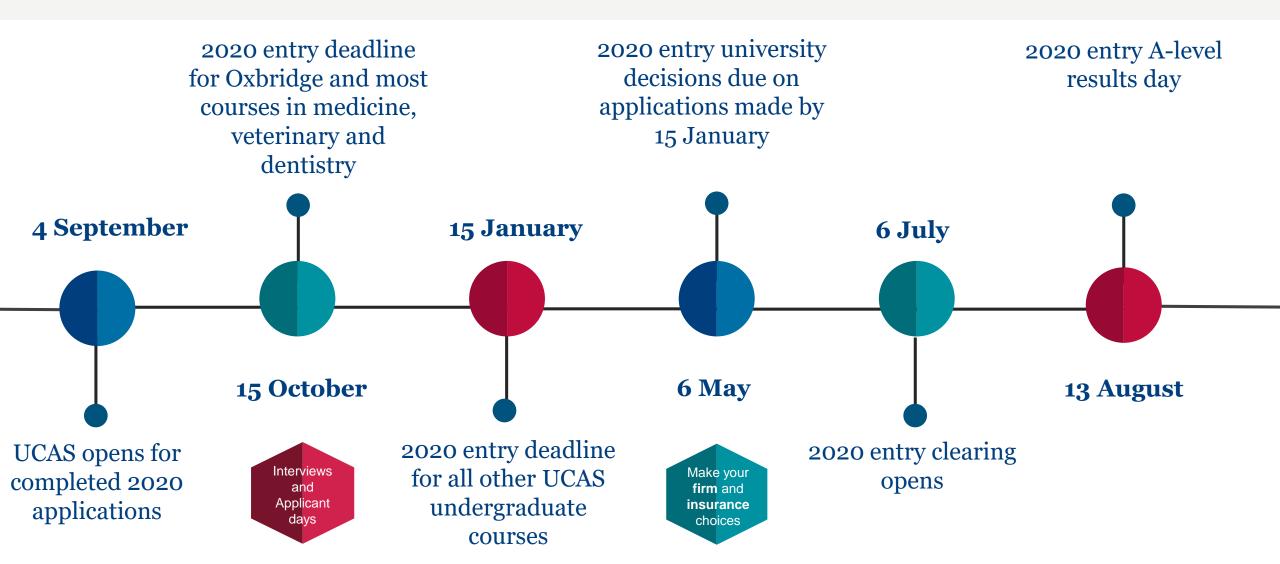
Apply for up to 5 universities or courses

Restrictions:

Medicine,
Veterinary,
Dentistry – Oxford
OR Cambridge

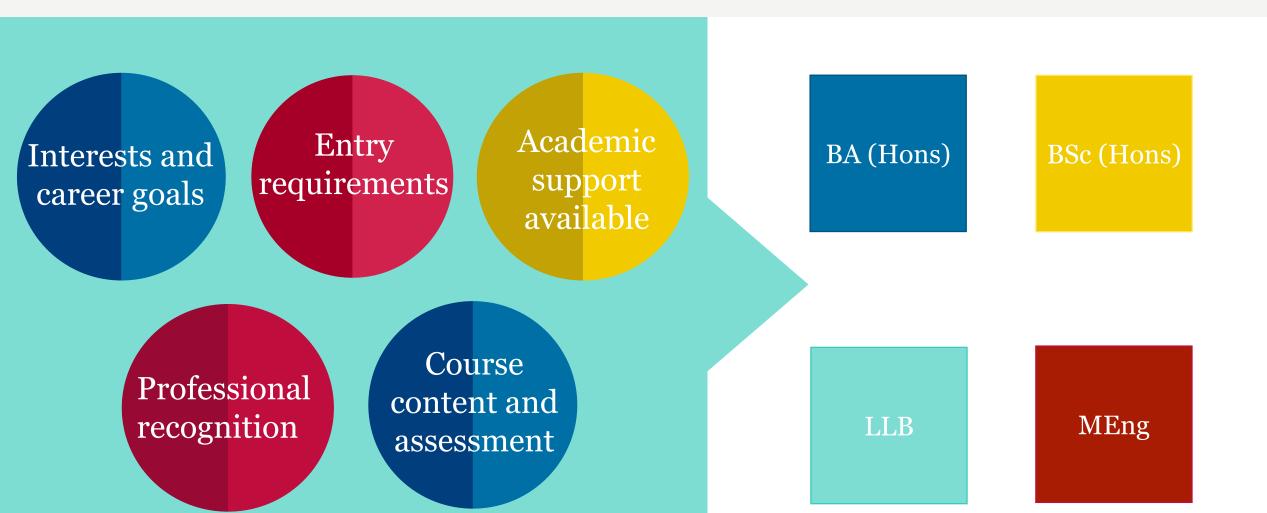


UCAS timeline 2020: key dates in the academic year





Think about







Course first.... university later

50,000+ courses

395 providers: public, private, further education

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Ever thought about studying...

Hand Embroidery UCA Brewing and
Distilling
Heriot-Watt

Viking Studies
UCL

Applied Golf Management Studies University of Birmingham

Games
Development
Falmouth University

Physics with
Nuclear
Astrophysics
University of Surrey

Zoology University of Reading Robotic Engineering University of Essex Maths and
Music
Cardiff University

Vietnamese & Economics SOAS

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Researching a course

Modules

Modules listed are indicative, reflecting the information available at the time of publication. Please note that modules may be subject to teaching availability, student demand and/or class size caps.

Please note: If there is an optional Professional Training placement as part of your course, you can view the full module listing for this on the relevant **programme specification**.

	FOUNDATION	BSC (HONS)		
Year 1				
Module title			Status	Semester
BUSINESS MATHEMATICS			Compulsory	1
BUSINESS SKILLS			Compulsory	1
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING 1			Compulsory	1
OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	Г		Compulsory	1
BUSINESS ECONOMICS			Compulsory	2
BUSINESS LAW AND ETHICS			Compulsory	2
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING	G1		Compulsory	2
MARKETING PRINCIPLES			Compulsory	2



What qualifications do you need?

A-level ▼

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Overall

- BSc (Hons)
 - ABB

Applicants taking an A-level science subject with the Science Practical Endorsement are required to pass the practical element.

Please note: A-level General Studies and A-level Critical Thinking are not accepted.

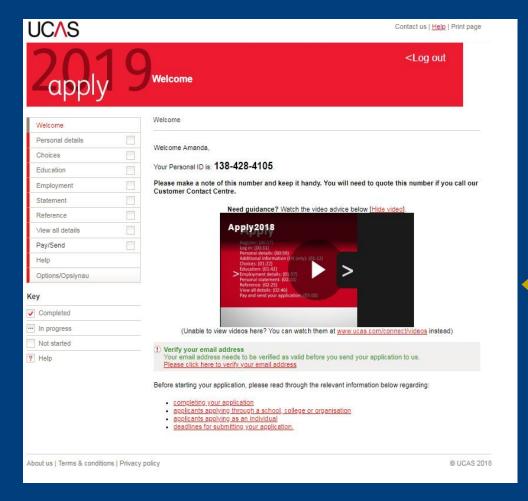
- BSc (Hons) with foundation year:
- CCC

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Applying

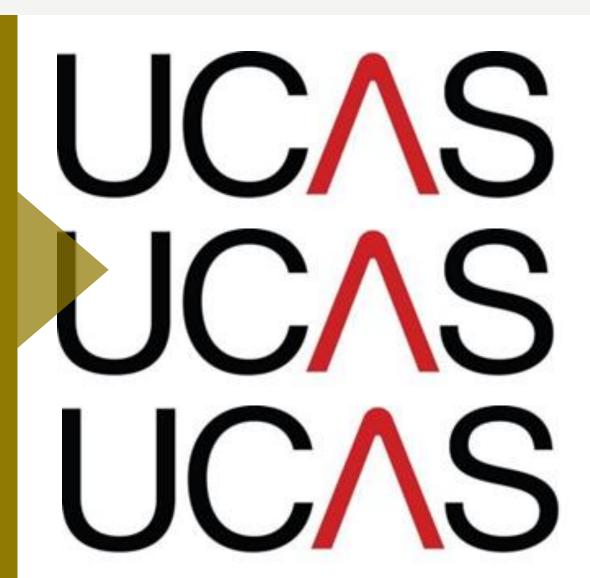


- » Personal Details
- » Choices
- » Education
- » Employment
- » Personal Statement
- » Teachers' reference



What is the Personal Statement?

- A key element of the UCAS application
- A statement of 4000 characters
- One statement for five choices
- A student's initial chance to 'sell' themselves to their chosen institutions
- Helps applicants 'stand out'
- Contributes to a decision whether to interview or make offer



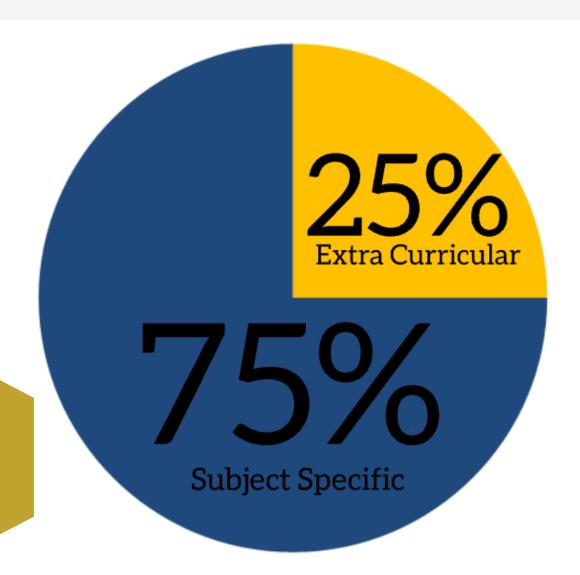


What Should a Personal Statement Contain?

Reasons for choosing the course

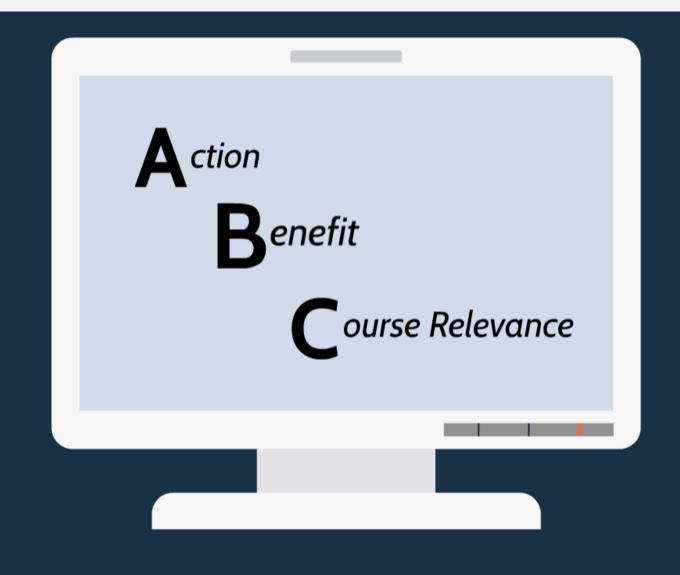
Subject specific & course knowledge

Personal extracurricular





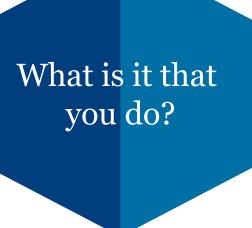
Making it relevant – not just a list!







Action



"I spent two weeks doing an internship at GlaxoSmithKline in the summer"



Benefit



How has this helped you?

"From this, I developed a deeper understanding of the drug development process, from conception to production"



Course relevance



Make it relevant

"Having an understanding of how drugs are developed will be a useful foundation for the pharmacology modules within the Biochemistry degree."



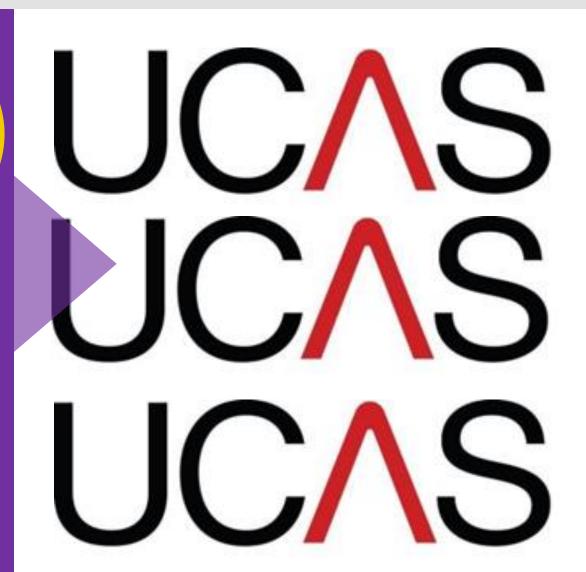
A guide to: Understanding the application process

Offers will appear on UCAS track

Universities will keep in touch

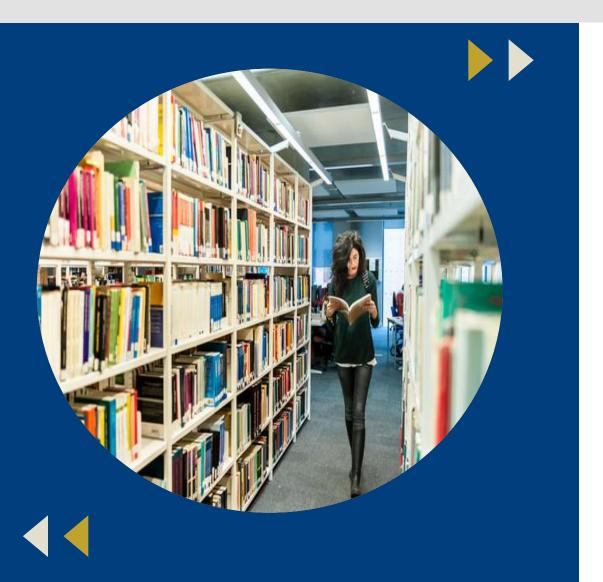
Applicant Day

- Chance to look around the university and attend subject specific talks
- Talk to academics
- View accommodation and the facilities in smaller groups and attend seminars





Unconditional, Conditional?



Conditional (C) – Your offer is conditional on achieving certain entry requirements. Unconditional (UC)
Your offer is unconditional, and you have been offered a place at the university regardless of any future results

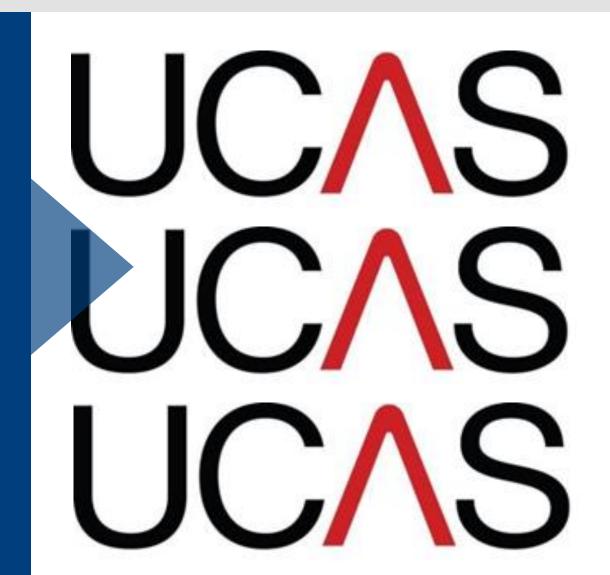
Your offer may be based on your performance in an interview or an audition

When applying be realistic about the grades you are expected to achieve.



A guide to: Making a decision

- Once you have received your offers and the deadline has passed, you must decide on your
 Firm (1st) and Insurance (2nd) choice universities
- Your insurance choice should have lower entry requirements than your firm choice
- On results day UCAS will automatically update
- Clearing
- Adjustment





A guide to: Making a decision



You can access UCAS from anywhere



UCAS Track will automatically update on results day





Attend as many open days and applicant days as possible to make best possible decision for you



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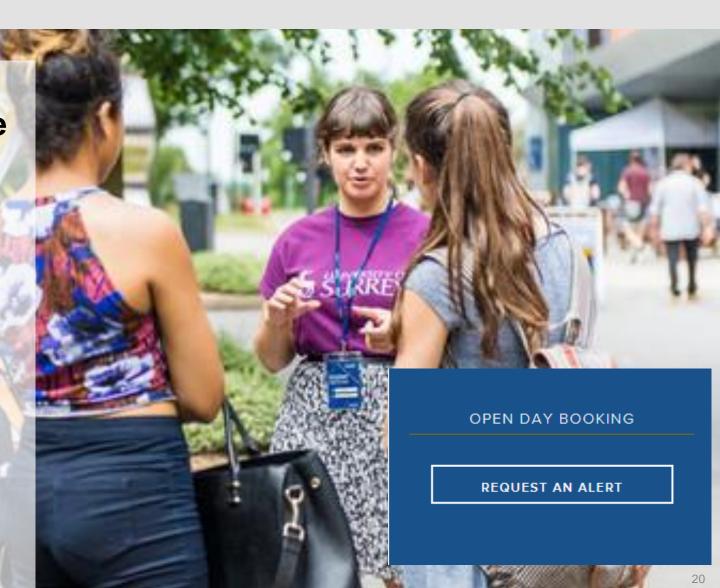
Attend open days

Our next open days will take place on:

- Friday 26th June 2020
- Saturday 27th June 2020
- Saturday 12th September 2020
- Sunday 11th October 2020
- Sunday 25th October 2020

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