

Choosing Your Degree Worksheets

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Choosing the right degree, and university, is a difficult process and it can be overwhelming sorting through all the information you'll receive.

We have created some simple worksheets to help you navigate this information and reach the best decision.

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Understanding Your Interests

Explore your interests by completing the table below.

- 1. Start off by adding in the subjects you have studied in your previous education.
- 2. Score your subjects according to how much you enjoyed them (1 = didn't enjoy, 5 = really enjoyed)
- 3. If multiple subjects scored the same in section 2, rank them in order of your favourite.
- 4. Complete the comments section explaining why you ranked the subjects the way you did.

Note: Have a really good think about the reason you have scored subjects the way you have. If you don't like the teacher, does that mean you don't like the subject or could you enjoy it if it was taught in a different way? Do you like it because it challenges you? Do you look forward to learning more?

1. Subject	2. Like/dislike score 1-5	3. Favourite subject ranking	4. Comments	

Assessing Your Skills

Explore what you like to do in your spare time:

- 1. Add in the name of your hobby.
- 2. What skills does your hobby use?
- 3. Think about what jobs these skills could be used for.

Drawing	Focus, Creative, Vision, Detail	Graphic Designer, Textiles, Social media, Interior Design
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Note: Lots of hobbies and interests have transferable skills that you may not think relate to certain courses and therefore may not have considered as an option. Try researching if courses or jobs look for certain skills.

2. Skill	3. Job roles
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Making Informed Decisions

Use the space below to create a set of criteria that is important to you. This will vary for everyone but could include campus or non-campus, course structure, facilities, accommodation, social activities and Students' Union, course contact hours and type of assessments.

Have a think about which criteria is most important to you and which would be good but not essential. This will help you in the next worksheets as you compare universities and courses.

1 = Very important

2= Important

3= Not important

Criteria	Importance

Positives and Negatives

Remembering your criteria from the previous page, make a quick note of the positives and negatives as you compare universities or courses. This will help you get your thoughts into a more structured format and you can see which is meeting more of your criteria. Remember to think about what is most important.

Course 1	Course content, facilities	No hybrid option or placement
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University/ Course	Positives	Negatives		

University Scoreboard

Similarly to Positives and Negatives, the university scoreboard will help you compare universities, but here you will assign a score to each category. This will help you see how well each one scores based on your experience and preferences.

University	Campus	Student Union	Accom	Course structure	Course content	Total
University 1	4	3	5	3	3	18

Give each criteria a number between 1 (not very good) and 5 (very good).

University			Total



Where to find out more about course options

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