A Parent’s Guide to Higher Education

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What do you need to know?

What should happen and when

How to choose a course

How to choose a university

How to apply

What you can do to help

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What to study

- Familiar or new subject?
- Vocational or non-vocational?
- Entry requirements?
- Qualification?
- Career aspirations?
- Teaching & assessment?

Right Decision
Wrong Decision
Things to consider

- Single/joint/combined honours
- Placement (Sandwich) courses
- Pre-entry tests
- Niche subjects
Where to study

- Home or away
- Course availability
- Cost of living
- Academic facilities
- Support available
- Social opportunities
# The UCAS Tariff

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The official website for comparing UK higher education course data

Includes official data for undergraduate courses on each university and college's satisfaction scores in the National Student Survey, jobs and salaries after study and other key information for prospective students.

Course assistant

Which course features are you interested in?

Subject
View courses by subject

Qualification
Qualification type

Study mode
Full-time, part-time, distance learning

Location
Where would you like to study?

Characteristics
Sandwich year, foundation year, year abroad

Universities & colleges

A-Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Sample Hall Fees
(Source – The Complete University Guide 2018)

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<td>Cost per year</td>
<td>£3,700</td>
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- Figures quoted as ‘typical annual cost”. Facilities may vary and it could cost more for internet package, catering etc.
- Check contracts/schedule for payment details
- Private housing much cheaper but different way of living
How to apply

Apply online, max 5 choices

£13 for 1 choice, £24 for 2+

One application covers all choices

Gap year?

UCAS sends application on to choices

www.ucas.com
What happens next?

- Referee’s statement added
- Offers, interviews, tests
- Track progress online
- Sent to choices by UCAS
- Final decision and letter
- Application submitted
- Acknowledgement from UCAS
- Accept firm and insurance offers

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What your son/daughter can do now

- Teachers, staff, careers library
- UCAS guide/website; Unistats
- gov.uk/studentfinance
- prospectuses/leaflets/brochures
- HE fairs/open days/visit days
- friends/family/current students

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How parents can help

BE OPEN MINDED!!!!

• Talk!
• Gap year?
• Open days/applicant visit days
• Accommodation costs and schedules
• Cooking and washing!
• Money matters
How parents can help

• Insurance, TV Licence
• Course equipment, bedding, cutlery, laptop
• Disability support
• Homesickness
• Mobile phone/internet
• Cash for first few days
• Adding value to degree
Support from C&K Careers

C&K Careers offer advice, guidance and information on applications to Higher Education, employment, voluntary work, gap year and self employment with the help of:

* Careers Advisers in schools, colleges and Careers Centres (Dewsbury, Halifax and Huddersfield)
* Contact C&K Careers on 01484 225500 and ask for the operator
* Excellent information resources in Careers Centres and links through www.ckcareersonline.org.uk
* Link on Parents Information Evening web page
Final things to bear in mind

• University contract is with the student
• Application deadlines
• No age limit, no rush
• Big life change – for whole family
• http://www.hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parentsandcarers/
• parents@hud.ac.uk
• 01484 473145
Open Days 2018
Saturday 30 June
Saturday 22 September
Saturday 20 October
Wednesday 7 November
Friday 30 November
9.30am – 3.00pm

http://www.hud.ac.uk/open-days/

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