

Welcome to the UK!



UK Educational system



Study options

A variety of study options



UK universities have one of the most diverse subject offerings in the world.

Undergraduate courses include:

- bachelor's or undergraduate degrees (full-time)
- bachelor's or undergraduate degrees (part-time)
- shorter courses such as a foundation degree, Diploma of Higher Education, Higher National Diploma, and Certificate of Higher Education.

Postgraduate courses include:

- master's degrees
- MBA courses
- PhDs or doctorates
- postgraduate diplomas and qualifications (these are usually shorter than a master's and do not involve a thesis or dissertation)
- professional and vocational qualifications.

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Choosing a location



In the UK, there are over 160 higher education institutions to choose from, and you will find them in every location.

- Here are some of the things to consider when choosing your location:
- Would you prefer being in a city, or somewhere quieter and more remote?
- Do you have an extra-curricular passion that would suit a certain location?
- Do you have family or friends in the UK that you would like to be near?
- Have you considered cost of living in big cities?
- Do you have a preference for studying in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland?

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Finding a course that's right for you



When choosing a course, think about:

- What subject are you most interested in?
- What modules and options are on offer?
- Does the course include a work placement?
- What do you want to do next?
- What grades do you need?
- Do other students enjoy this course?

Search for more than 50,000 undergraduate courses using **UCAS** (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) <https://digital.ucas.com/search>

Search for postgraduate courses using **Prospects** <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses>

Use **Discover Uni** to compare data on undergraduate courses: <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

Stay in the UK after you graduate

The Graduate Route allows you to apply to stay in the UK for two or three years after you finish your degree.

- Open to all international students who have successfully completed their degree from 1 July 2021 onwards.
- The route is unsponsored.
- Ability to switch to a skilled work visa once you have found a suitable job.
- Learn more: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/graduate-route>



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Types of universities

Traditional universities



- Often the largest and have the longest histories.
- Located in cities.
- May have higher entry tariffs.
- Global reputations for research, with many of the prestigious 'Russell Group' universities falling into this category.

Metropolitan universities



- Based in cities.
- Shorter histories than accompanying traditional universities.
- Wider variety of courses on offer.
- Lower entry tariffs (although this will depend on the university and course).

Campus universities



- Facilities that are all self-contained (lecture halls, accommodation, shops, libraries, laboratories).
- Located on the outskirts of cities or in smaller towns (although there are plenty of campus universities in cities, too).
- Feel safe and part of a community.

Specialist universities

- Focus on a particular subject area, such as science, law, agriculture, music, dance or drama.
- Some are known as 'conservatoires'.
- Examples include the University of Law, the Royal Agricultural University, the Royal College of Music and the Royal College of Speech and Drama.



How to apply

Applying as an undergraduate

Most undergraduate applications are made through UCAS.

To apply:

- register at www.ucas.com
- complete an application form
- apply for up to five courses
- pay a small application fee.
- UCAS will then contact you with any offers from your chosen universities or colleges.

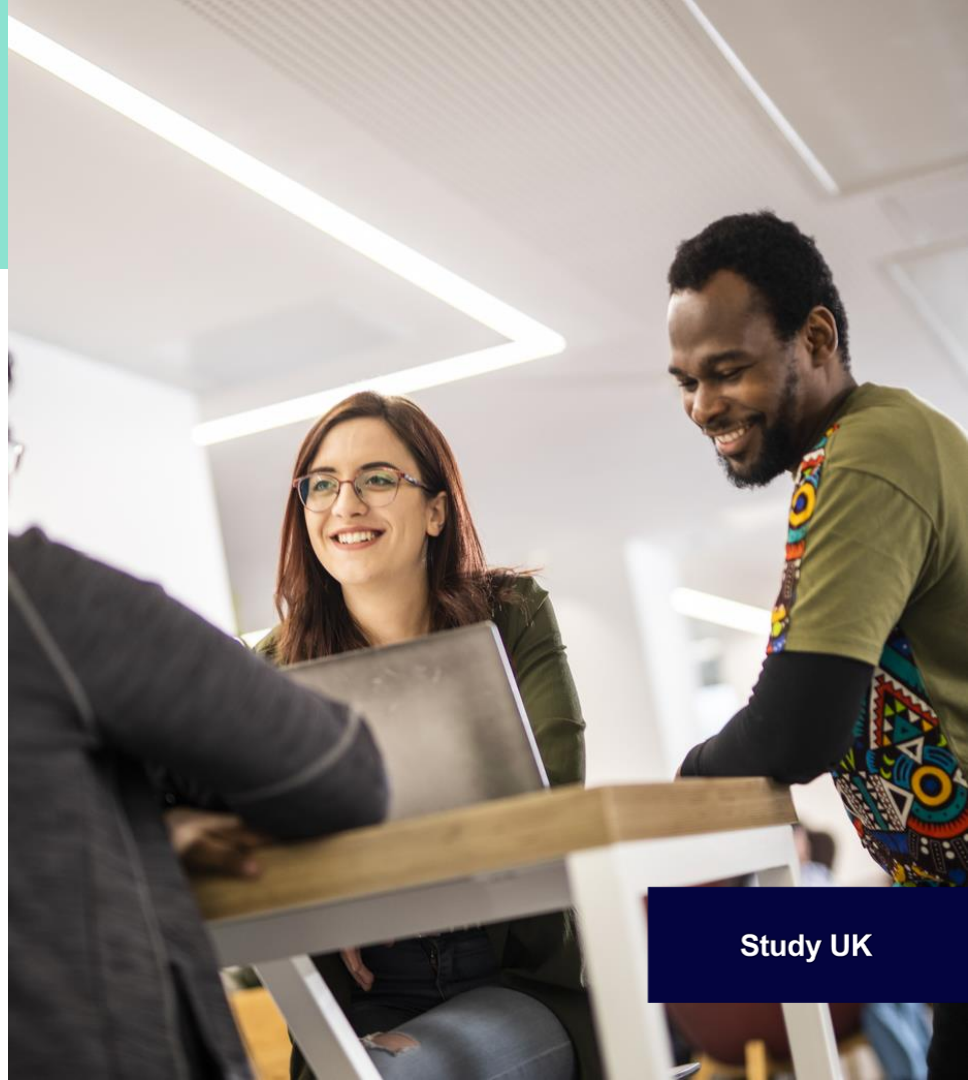


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Applying as a postgraduate

For postgraduate courses, you apply directly to your chosen university in the UK.

- Applications are straightforward.
- Check and compare courses between universities.
- Complete an application form.
- Apply for as many courses as you like.
- More information:
- UCAS postgraduate website: www.ucas.com/postgraduate
- Visit universities' own websites.



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Undergraduate application deadlines



15 October

- Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- Most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry.

25 January

- Most undergraduate courses.

March

- Some art and design courses.

30 June

- Late deadline for most undergraduate courses.
- Applications after this deadline go into Clearing, so you will not be guaranteed your first choice.

For more information about undergraduate courses in the UK, visit <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/apply/undergraduate>

Postgraduate application deadlines

Deadlines for postgraduate courses in the UK are flexible.

- Courses close once they are full.
- Early applications recommended.
- Check deadlines with university.
- You may need to apply for a visa, so give yourself ample time to apply.



Your application form

There is a range of information you will need to provide on your application form.

This includes:

- your email address and contact information
- your education history
- your employment history (including any unpaid or voluntary work)
- a reference
- your residential status
- any support you may need while at university.



Your personal statement



Your personal statement is where you get the chance to outline:

- your skills
- your hobbies and interests
- any relevant work or voluntary experience
- why you have chosen this course.

As an international student, you should also share:

- why you want to study in the UK
- your English language skills
- why you want to be an international student.

Word count: **500 words** for undergraduates (often around the same for postgraduates, check your university's requirements).

There are lots of templates online that help with your personal statement, such as the **UCAS Personal Statement Tool**, at www.ucas.com

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Applying for a UK visa



As an international student, it is most likely that you will apply for a student visa through the Student Route.

- Once you have an unconditional offer, you can apply for your student visa.
- It costs £363 to apply for this student visa outside of the UK.
- Your student visa will allow you to live and study in the UK throughout your course.
- For more information on the student visa and your options, visit <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>

If you are a student from an EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, you can use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to complete the identity stage of your application.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app>

Applying for a UK visa



A student visa through the Student Route is appropriate for most international students.

Other visas may better suit your situation.

www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa offers information on:

- type of visa to apply for
- where you can study in the UK
- when you should apply
- taking an English language test
- bringing a family with you
- renewing a visa application.

You can also visit: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/student-visas>

University fees



- For international students, undergraduate fees range from around **£10,000** to **£26,000** per year for lecture-based degrees.
- For medical degrees, you can expect to pay up to **£58,600** per year.
- Postgraduate degrees in the UK are shorter and cheaper.
- Most postgraduate degrees can be obtained in **just one year**, making them excellent value for money.
- Postgraduate degrees typically range from **£15,000** to **£30,000**.

Scholarships and funding



There are many options available to international students who are looking for help funding their studies in the UK.

- UK government scholarship programmes (e.g. Chevening Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships, GREAT Scholarships)
- Fully-funded postgraduate studentships (PhDs). <http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/>

UK universities offer:

- scholarships by subject or department
- scholarships by region or country
- scholarships based on academic merit.

Always check different institutions' websites to find out what's available.

You can search for a scholarship on the Study UK website <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding>

Thank you for
listening

