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Overview of the UCAS Application Process

Higher Education involves studying for qualifications such as first degrees, Higher National Diplomas or foundation degrees.

- Most courses take place in universities, but some are also taught at further education colleges, specialist art institutions, music colleges and agricultural colleges.
 - Higher Education courses are funded by SAAS
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SAAS

Student Awards Agency
for Scotland



Higher Education: Entrance requirements

- Highers achieved
 - Predicted grades
 - UCAS points
(mainly English universities)
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Investigate colleges, universities and courses (June to September)

- S6 Induction
 - Individual university websites
 - UCAS website
 - Complete Future Plans (due 05/09/16)
 - UCAS Higher Education Exhibition
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- Open days



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Getting started

Undergraduate higher education is a world of fascinating subjects that help you reach new careers and higher earnings. Many students continue into higher education after completing further education qualifications like A levels or foundation degrees.

Everything you need to know about applying

This video takes you through all the things to consider on your journey to higher education, so you can relax knowing you've got everything covered.

Preparing for higher education

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Choosing a course

There are over 37,000 undergraduate courses at over 370 providers in the UK. Most applicants choose up to five similar courses to increase their chances of getting a place.

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How to choose a course

After **getting started** with what to study, entry requirements and application deadlines, you might still find a large number of courses to choose from around the country. Browsing through the **search tool** might give you inspiration, or you could read our **tips on how to choose between similar courses and providers**, or **visit a uni** to see what it's like.

[Find an undergraduate course](#)

You can either search by course, provider or location, or you can **browse through subjects**. This search tool also includes undergraduate performing arts courses at conservatoires – these are more performance-based than their academic equivalents, and they're applied to through **UCAS Conservatoires** rather than here at UCAS Undergraduate.

[Find a foundation degree](#)

This is a separate search tool just for foundation degrees.

[Find a part-time course](#)

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UCAS Search tool

Search courses

Where do you normally live?:

Search courses available in*: Clearing 2015 2015 2016

*This helps us to show courses that are available to you. [Click here for more info](#)

Search by **any** or **all** of the following

Course:

Provider:

Location:

Don't know what to study?

Need help finding courses? Browse subjects and find out what's available.



UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below.

- [Postgraduate courses](#)
- [Postgraduate teacher training courses](#)
- [Foundation degrees](#)



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Higher Education Applications 2015: Checklist for Parents

In PSE we have been discussing the process of applying for higher education courses through the completion of an **online UCAS application**.

Now – October / November

S6 students have registered on UCAS Apply (www.ucas.com/apply) and started their applications.

We will help them through this process which won't finish until after they receive their final results.

Please refer to our Higher Education Timelines. Additional information is available through the free parents' newsletter on the UCAS website. (www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/parents-and-guardians)

Encourage an enormous amount of research

Questions to ask to encourage them to research:

- Which of your current subjects do you most enjoy?
- Which of your current subjects are you best at?
- Which degree courses relating to these subjects can you follow?
- What career would you like in the future?
- What are the grades you will need to study that course?

Parent information tool

Use our tool for advice, hints and tips to help your child, or someone you care for through the application process.

[Start the journey](#)



An overview of the application journey



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External to UCAS



Student finance
External to UCAS



Course search
Find courses at universities or colleges



Sign up for our monthly parent newsletters



Support and resources

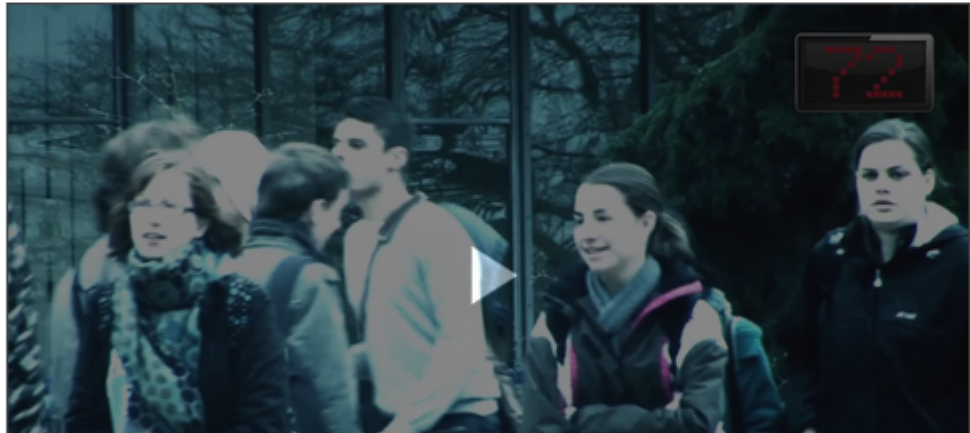


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Parents and guardians

Here you can find practical advice to help you support your son or daughter throughout the application cycle.



UCAS for parents – open days

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Higher Education Timelines 2016 - 2017

Date w/b	Tasks	Important Dates / Presentations	Early UCAS Applications
22/08/2016	Research Register on Apply Future Plans LNAT registration (Law)	24/08/16 LEAPS presentation, Atrium per 4	Register on Apply Start Personal Statements LNAT registration (Law) UKCAT registration (Medicine)
29/08/2016	Research, Personal Statement Preparation Register on Apply Future Plans	29/08/16 Parent Information Evening 01/09/16 LNAT testing begins	Personal Statements Meet with Guidance teacher 01/09/16 BMAT registration
05/09/2016	Personal Statement Preparation Register on Apply	5/09/16 Hand in completed Future Plans. 06/09/16 Edinburgh Higher Education Convention	Meet with Guidance teacher Personal Statements
12/09/2016	Register on Apply Personal Statement Preparation	14/09/16 University of Edinburgh Presentation: 'Applying to Competitive Institutions & Subjects'	Hand in draft personal statements Meet with Guidance teacher
19/09/2015	Autumn Holiday		Personal Statements on Apply. 21/09/16 UKCAT registration closes
26/09/2016	Personal Statement Preparation	All registered on Apply	Final date for sending completed forms to Guidance teacher 1/10/16 BMAT registration closes 5/10/16 UKCAT - last testing date 5/10/16 LNAT registration closes for Oxford applicants
03/10/2016	Personal Statement Preparation	5th- 7th October - LEAPS interviews	7/10/16 Early Applications sent to UCAS
10/10/2016			15/10/16 Deadline for registration for Oxford Pre - interview Assessments Deadline for registration for Cambridge Pre - interview Assessments
17/10/2016	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	22/10/16: Closing date for Cambridge SAQ's LNAT - last testing date for Oxford applicants

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August/September

Register on Apply and
enter personal details



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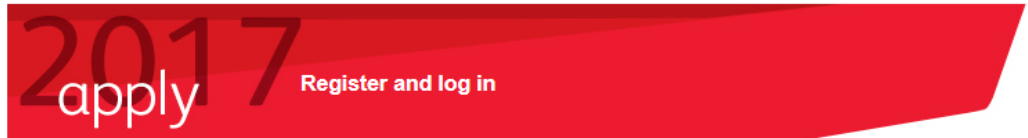
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Log in

If you have already registered, please enter your username and password below to log in. **You must enter your username in lower case and your password in the same case you used to register.**

Username
Password [Forgotten login?](#)

Register

If you have not registered for 2017 entry, please click the 'register' button to use this service. **You only need to register once.** If you apply more than once in a cycle your application fee will not be refunded.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria

- Academic Qualifications
 - Personal Statement
 - Reference
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Personal Statements

- Draft **10/10/16**
 - On Apply by **31/10/16**
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Personal Statements

- Support them to create a first draft of their personal statement – this is the written section of The form and must be all about why they should be offered a place to study the courses They have chosen. All drafts should be completed on a WORD document.
- Act as a sounding board for them to edit, edit, edit, the personal statement, until you can Answer positively to the following questions: |
 - From just their personal statement is it obvious what course they want to pursue?
 - When you read it, does it sound as if they're excited and enthusiastic about furthering their study?
 - Have they given examples of relevant reading around their chosen area of study E.g. articles in scientific journals, literary fiction etc.?
 - Have they used their most relevant experiences to show they are prepared to Start studying their chosen courses?
 - Is it completely free of spelling, grammar and punctuation errors?

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Advice

Need to write your personal statement?

Not sure where to start?

Your personal statement is your chance to describe the ambitions, skills and experience that will make you right for your choices. We've developed this tool to get you thinking about what to include.

[Get started >](#)

Please view this web app in either Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari or Internet Explorer 10 and above.



Starting work on your personal statement

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What you need to do:

1. Simply answer the questions in the boxes on the left of the screen.
2. Review and refine your answers to make them really succinct and improve the flow.
Remember you have a maximum of 4,000 characters of text, so keep an eye on how much you're writing for each section.
3. When you've finished, click the Create PDF button to take a copy of what you've written and get going with your first draft.

Click on the Advice tab at the top of this page to get handy hints on the dos and don'ts when writing your personal statement.

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Create PDF

Start again

Writing about the course

Why are you applying for your chosen course(s)?

Why does this subject interest you?

Why do you think you're suitable for the course(s)?

Personal Statements

– an important selection tool

Good statements:

- Are clear and concise
 - Show evidence of research into courses
(link existing skills and qualities to requirements)
 - Are grammatically accurate
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- 'Sell' the candidate to selectors

Personal Statements

Include:

- Reason for choosing the course
- Achievements/positions of responsibility
- Work experience – skills developed
- Possible career aspirations
- Hobbies, interests & other relevant information

Personal Statements

Universities are looking for

- Knowledge – awareness and familiarity with the subject area
 - Relevant experience
 - Commitment – dedication, reliability and suitability (*skills and associated qualities*)
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- Maturity – readiness for university study

Subject References

Completed by 4/11/16

Application forms

13th November

Completed application forms sent to Guidance teachers

Deadline

12/12/16

All forms sent to
UCAS

Early Applications (15/10/16) **Medicine, Vet Medicine, Dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge**

Personal Statements

- Final draft by 12/09/16
- Entered on Apply by 21/09/16

Subject References

- 31/08/16- applicants request references from S6 teachers

Application forms

- Completed by 26/09/16
 - 07/10/16 Applications sent to UCAS
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What happens next?

- UCAS sends form to universities listed on application
 - Admissions staff go through selection process
 - Decisions submitted to UCAS
 - Progress of application can be viewed on Track section of the UCAS website
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