

So you want to go
to a UK
university?

Money matters

Fees: UK PASSPORT HOLDERS LIVING IN THE EU ONLY!

- Universities can charge up to about 9250 pounds a year.
- You can pay the fees yourself (Code 01)
- Or you can apply for a student loan (Code 02)

Note: You must have lived in the EU for the **3 years** prior to the start of your course to qualify.

EVERYONE ELSE: You are now classed a **INTERNATIONAL**. Check the fees before applying! They are typically £15000 – 40000 per year depending on course, and you are *not* eligible for a student loan.

Living expenses: minimum £10,000 per year outside London, and £14,000 in London, to cover accommodation, food, transport, books and activities...

If your parents work in the European Institutions they can claim education allowance and child allowance for you up to the age of 26 if you are in full-time education (about 1000 euros per month tax free for courses outside Belgium)

Timeline

S6 March: You can join the Team and have an initial interview with me

S6 May: UCAS opens – you can register and begin your application!

S7 October 1st : Internal deadline for applications which include Oxford, Cambridge and all medical and veterinary courses. (I have to send your complete application to UCAS by October 15th)

S7 November 15th: Internal deadline for all other applications. This is essential to give me time to prepare your reference and finalise your application before Christmas.

The earlier the better Although you are guaranteed equal consideration if you submit by Jan 25th, universities start giving away places as early as October! It is also well-known by admissions tutors that **the best students apply early**

How it works

- Application is entirely online. You apply through the school, and complete:
 - Personal details
 - Choices
 - Education – your S6 grades
 - Personal statement
- Reference is added by school and the form then sent to UCAS
- Maximum of five choices with some restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford **or** Cambridge

Advice and support

- I (Mr Billingham) am the school UCAS contact, and I will
 - guide you through the process
 - advise you as you choose universities and courses
 - help you write a good personal statement
 - contact all your teachers for predicted grades, and write your reference
 - give you a mock interview if you are called for interview
 - answer questions as they arise
- The school charges a fee of 260 euros for the service. Your parents will receive a bill when you register.

Choosing a course

Start by thinking about careers. Would you want to

Care for people?

Work with children?

Work in an office?

Spend your day behind a computer?

Run a business?

Be creative?

Work alone or in a team?

Manage a team?

Be outdoors?

Travel?

Build things?

Work with your hands?

Teach?

Do sports?

Consider how long you want to study, and how flexible you want your time to be! Would you be ok working shifts, or nights and weekends?

Choosing a course

Go to [UCAS.com](https://www.ucas.com) and university websites.

It's not like School!

Subjects are **VERY DIFFERENT** at university. Research the **details of courses** carefully – optional modules available, field work, labs, type of assessment (exams, essays...)

Look for interesting variations and combinations.

- Maths with French, Sport, Business, Theoretical Physics, Statistics, Accounting
- Law with ... European legal studies, criminology, sociology, management, Italian
- Biology? Why not Genetics or Biotechnology or Biochemistry?
- Economics or Econometrics?

Subjects not taught at school

Forensic studies, construction management, artificial intelligence, mechatronics, behavioural studies, sport and exercise psychology, creative writing, social policy

Year in industry

Year abroad (not only for language courses)

What grades do I need?

~~Most universities will not commit to EB grades~~

Click instead on A levels to get an idea

Estimated* equivalence

A* 9

A 8.5

B 8

C 7.5

D 7

E 6 – 5?

* Important note: This is NOT official,
nor binding on the universities!

Typical offers

Oxford & Cambridge, medical courses, highly competitive courses in other top universities:	8.5-9.0 overall with 9.0 in specified relevant subject(s)
'Russell Group' and other top Universities (e.g. Edinburgh, Manchester, Durham, Birmingham, Bristol, Southampton, most London colleges...):	8.5 overall with 8.5-9.0 in specified relevant subject(s)
Other good universities (e.g. Sussex, Kent, Keele, Loughborough):	7.5 – 8.5 overall with 7.5 – 8.5 in specified relevant subject(s)
Other universities, often with excellent courses in specialised subject areas:	7.0 – 7.5 overall with 7.0 – 7.5 in specified relevant subject(s)

What should I take for the Bac?

- Think about careers and keep your options open.
- Consider your S5 grades. Be realistic! It gets harder in S6.
- Don't overload yourself. 35 periods of 12 subjects is heavy.
- Consult UCAS and university websites.
- Consult the table of subjects.
- Don't be influenced by peers or the teacher you like best! These can change!

UK government documents on eligibility for UK fees

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-nationals-in-the-eea-and-switzerland-access-to-higher-education-and-19-further-education#higher-and-19-further-education-courses-starting-from-1-august-2021>

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