

University Guidelines



Where can I study for a degree?

- Degree courses can be found at all universities, art schools plus a number of further education colleges.

What types of degree are there?

- **Foundation art degree** - this gives students a chance to try different genres of art before choosing a full degree course. Currently it is free to students who are under 19 years old when they start the course. It is a Level 3 qualification.
- **Foundation degree plus degree** - these are useful courses to take if you are set on a certain subject but you either do not have the necessary grades to access the course or not the desired combinations of subjects. The duration of these courses are usually four years, although some are one-year stand-alone courses.
- **Bachelors degree** - this is the most common type of degree and will either be a BA - Bachelor of Arts, a BSc - Bachelor of Science or a BEng - Bachelor of Engineering. Most take three years to complete.
- **Bachelors degree plus masters degree** - a guaranteed method of studying a bachelors degree plus a masters degree. A few courses are integrated but most are four years in duration. You can usually opt out after three years, leaving with a bachelors degree. •
- **Bachelors degree with a year in industry (sandwich course)** - these are an excellent method of gaining experience of the world of work in the job sector of your course. Students usually get help from their university to find these placements; you will have fix-term contract with the employer / company and are paid a salary.
- **Masters degree** - An opportunity to take your learning and research further.

When is the deadline for applying to university?

Early Entry (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science): 15 October 2022, 18:00

General Entry (all other courses with the exception of Conservatoires): 25 January 2023, 18:00

Please see timeline guide and check with individual university websites for any deadline anomalies.

Who do I speak to at school regarding my UCAS applications?

Mrs Rose oversees the whole UCAS programme and ensures that all students have something in place following their exams. This includes all UCAS applications including Early Entry applications, for medicine, veterinary, dentistry and Oxbridge, art foundations and so on.

Mrs Thorns, Mr Brinsden and Mr Synge for UCAS applications

Mr Hartley for students who wish to apply for music at a conservatoire.

How many courses can I apply for and what does it cost?

You can apply for five courses (unless you are applying for medicine - see early entrance courses below). You do not have to apply for all five at once, you can add courses up until the deadline date **15 January 2023** (for equal opportunity to gain a place on the course).

The cost is **£22.50** if you are applying for only one course or **£27.00** for multiple courses.

How do I apply for university?

- Firstly, decide on what you wish to study at university?
- Is it a course that requires an early application?
- Do I want to take a single subject or a joint honours course?
- Sign onto UCAS.
- Use the school buzzword which is Gabbot2023.
- **KEEP A NOTE OF ALL YOUR APPLICATION PASSWORDS, USERNAMES AND CODE WORDS**
- Start completing the application form - see Application sheet for further details

Early entry courses

- If you are applying to Oxford or Cambridge you can only apply for one of these universities - not both.
- If you wish to study dentistry, medicine or veterinary medicine/science you can only apply for four of these courses plus one other.
- Your fifth choice can be added after the initial early entry deadline.
- All will most likely require you to attend an interview and also take an entrance test/s either at the local Pearsons Centre, in school in November or at the university when you are invited to interview.

Applying for medicine, dentistry and veterinary

See additional guide.

Additional reading

Finally, why not read around your subject of choice by undertaking a MOOC? 'Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free online courses available for anyone to enrol.

<https://www.mooc.org>

