

Welcome

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UCAS 2019/20 Entry Timeline (draft)

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- End of term – main focus in F6 is to draft the Personal Statement (4000 characters). 2nd draft due on return in September.
- Teachers write references and predicted grades
- Non-university students given guidance on Apprenticeships/careers but also build CV/Personal Statements



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Most students have some idea of the location they want to be in – whether it is in the South of England, by the sea, miles away or close to home. Many opt for somewhere that far enough away from their families to be independent but not too far to get home, usually two or three hours drive.

How to find out about universities

University websites and prospectuses are a good place to start finding out more but by far the best way to get a feel for a university is to visit. Look out for open days, campus tours, taster sessions and master classes. This will give you a taste of what the university is really like and current students will often be on hand to answer your questions. All universities offer open day events at the weekend now. Open days require a booking in most cases.

Useful websites for research

www.ucas.com

www.university.which.co.uk – advice on what A Levels you need for the degree you want to study.

www.whatuni.com

www.unistats.direct.gov.uk - Comparison of key data for different courses.

www.studential.com – personal statement and admission tests advice.

www.thestudentsurvey.com - National Student surveys on UK institutions.

www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk – student finance advice.

All major broadsheet newspapers also have online university search and research availability which can help you make your decisions.

Questions to answer when researching universities

- Is it a campus or non-campus university?
- How far away from home is the university?
- Are the transport links good?
- What sort of location would you like to be in? For example, a country town or large city.
- Is there part-time work available? Does the university offer help in finding work?
- What bursaries/scholarships do they offer?
- What's the university's reputation like? League tables published by national newspapers will give you an indication of teaching quality and graduate mobility.
- How many students attend the university? Is this important to you?
- How does the course compare with similar courses at other universities?
- What is the accommodation like?
- What are the study facilities like? For example, libraries and IT facilities.
- How good are the social and sporting facilities?
- What student support is available? For example, medical, financial and disability support. Will you need special support, such as dyslexia support?

The UCAS website has lots of advice documents and videos etc

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians#guides>

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Can apply to five universities

Common problems

- Failure to check entry requirements or take entry tests
- Understand that some universities make offers based on grades, some on tariff points (A = 48pts, B = 40 pts etc)

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- UCAS **'Track'** shows their offers progress
- Their first choice offer is their **'Firm'**, even if it's conditional
- **'Insurance'** is the second choice if Firm is not attained
- Offer waiting times can be inconsistent, but should be all in by 31st March
- No offers made? **'Extra'** (25/2 – 4/7) allows them to add more choices
- **'Clearing'** opens from beginning of July – spare places available
- **'Adjustment'** is a short period of time (5 days after results day) where a student can apply to other uni's if they exceed their predicted grades. Firm choice is still safe, but Insurance place goes
- **'Direct Contact Services'** – they need to 'opt in' to this, as their data is shared. UCAS matches grades to courses. Universities then contact you & telephone interview/offer

Summary of support

Support for living costs*

Please note, this does not include the tuition fee loan which covers the cost of the tuition fee.

Household income	Government Maintenance Loan	University of Manchester non-repayable support**	Total support
£25,000 or less	£8,700	£2,000	£10,700
£25,001	£8,700	£1,000	£9,700
£30,000	£8,076	£1,000	£9,076
£35,000	£7,452	£1,000	£8,452
£35,001	£7,452	£0	£7,452
£40,000	£6,828	£0	£6,828
£45,000	£6,204	£0	£6,204
£50,000	£5,579	£0	£5,579
£55,000	£4,955	£0	£4,955
£60,000	£4,331	£0	£4,331
£62,215	£4,054	£0	£4,054
£65,000	£4,054	£0	£4,054

Estimated living costs (based on 2017/2018 figures)

Costs	Undergraduate year (40 weeks)	Weekly cost (based on 40 weeks)
Accommodation (self-catered)*	£4,955**	£123.86
Meals (excluding meals out)	£1,525	£38
Clothes	£400	
Transport (includes local transport and travelling home/visiting friends)	£375	Weekly bus pass from £8
Other (e.g. books, educational visits, equipment, mobile phone bill, socialising, laundry, photocopying and printing)	£2,000	£50
TOTAL	£9,255	

Oxbridge?

- Links with Royal Grammar School Guildford to enhance support for students wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge
- Entry test mocks
- Practice interviews
- Support activities to enhance applications
- Summer task – focused research task towards proposed course