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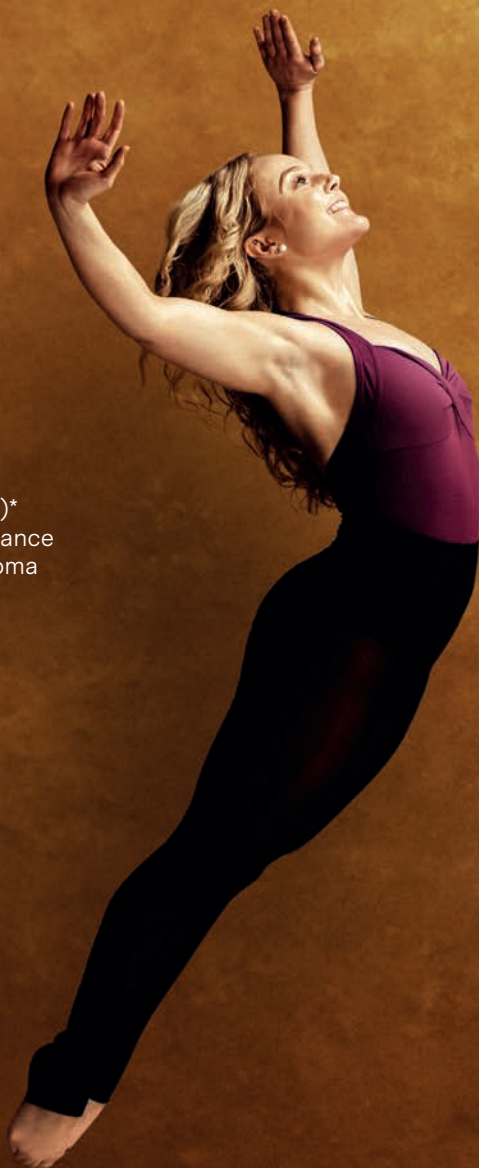
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Skills Jersey is proud to be hosting Jersey's Higher Education Fair for its 31st year at Hautlieu School on Thursday 16th March. This is an excellent opportunity for you to interact and connect with Higher Education representatives from over 35 universities from across the UK and further afield. Whether it's about kick-starting research or refining choices, you can discover a future that's right for you.

On the day, you can speak to our Student Finance team for advice on funding, plus specific queries such as deferring and gap years. Our Careers Guidance team will be available for general career advice, and our Trackers team if you're thinking about a higher apprenticeship on-island.

Schools will also be holding a range of inspirational talks from university representatives from the UK and abroad throughout the week. It's the perfect opportunity to ask those burning questions that Google just can't answer.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event and future Higher Education events.

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The aim of this guide is to help anyone interested in studying for a higher education qualification (whether in the UK, on-Island, distance learning (online) or elsewhere in the world), or looking into opportunities to study whilst in employment with the support of their employer.

In this guide we have compiled information on a wide range of options in order to help you with the important decisions you have ahead. We have included case studies from individuals that have already done their research, made their decisions and wanted to share their experiences of the process. This publication is a great place to start the process, but the key to making the right decision for you is research.

Whatever your age, whatever your situation, we're here to help and if you require any advice on your options please contact Skills Jersey on 01534 449440 to arrange a free and impartial guidance appointment.





WHY CHOOSE HIGHER EDUCATION?

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Increase your earning potential – having a degree makes you more attractive to employers, you'll have a greater choice of jobs and you'll earn more. In 2021, a study by the Department of Education showed that graduates and postgraduates had higher employment rates than non-graduates and the average, working age graduate earned £10,000 per year more than the average non-graduate.

Experience student life – yes, you're expected to work hard but uni is also fun. Whatever your interests, there are a huge range of clubs, societies and a diverse social life on offer. ¹

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APPLICATION TIMELINE

2023

The Higher Education Fair.
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to connect with university
representatives from across the UK
and further afield.

MARCH

Research, research, research!
During this period you should
be reviewing prospectuses and
visiting university websites. You
could also visit some of the
universities you are particularly
interested in applying to.

UCAS deadline is 25 January.
If you do not get your
application form in on time,
it will be marked as late and
admissions tutors are not
obliged to consider you.

JANUARY

You can expect universities to
have made their decisions by
now. If you have heard back
from all your original choices
and you have not got a place
you can apply again through
UCAS Extra.

2024

You may start to receive offers of places or invitations
for interview. You do not need to reply to the offers
you have had at this stage. Wait until you have heard
from all the universities that you applied to, and do
not make any snap decisions. If you are nervous about
the prospect of an interview, arrange a mock interview
through your school/college or Skills Jersey.

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Time to think about your personal statement. You will need to work hard to create the best 47 lines that sell your skills. If you are applying to Oxford or Cambridge or for a medicine, dentistry or veterinary course, the deadline for sending in your application form is 15 October.

OCTOBER



If you're not sure where you want to study or have any other questions or concerns, speak to your school/college or contact Skills Jersey for advice.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Start to complete your UCAS application form online. Find out when your school deadline is as it will be earlier than the UCAS deadline. This is so that teachers can write your all-important references.

MAY

You will have received decisions on all of your choices by now. Make sure that you have completed accommodation applications for your firm choice, if relevant.

AUGUST

A-Level results day 17 August.

APRIL

Once you have received all the replies to your initial applications, you must reduce your choice of universities from five to two. These are known as your 'firm' and 'insurance' offers.

JULY

IB results day 6 July

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LEADS...**





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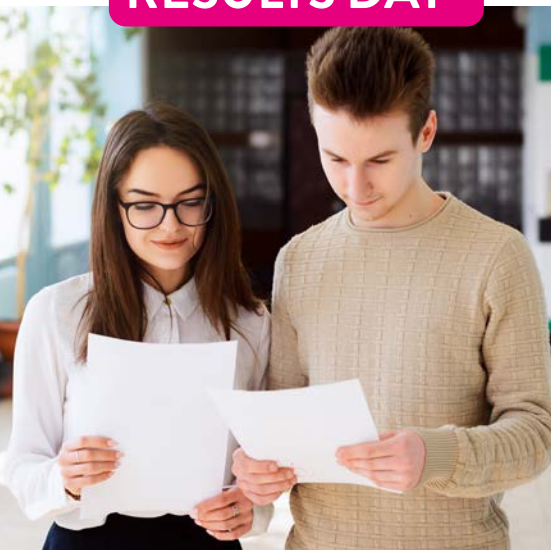


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WHAT HAPPENS ON RESULTS DAY



If your results meet the entry requirements then you will receive confirmation of your place on UCAS Track. If you have missed the grades for your first choice university, but meet the requirements for your insurance university, you are contractually obliged to go to your insurance university.

If you have decided that you do not want to go to your insurance university and want to enter Clearing instead, this cannot be done until your insurance university releases your place. This highlights the importance of making the right decisions in the first place. If you do not have the grades for either of your choices, you can go through Clearing or consider the alternatives, such as a gap year or employment.

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From results day a UCAS Clearing vacancy search will become available in Track, here you can choose courses that still have availability. You will then need to contact the university directly to see if they will offer you a place with the results you achieved. Once you have agreed a verbal offer with a university you then add the course to your UCAS application. This also counts as confirmation that you are definitely accepting their offer. Only add a Clearing choice once you've had confirmation from the university that they will offer you a place. Last year 53,510 students were offered places through Clearing.

What if you get better grades than expected?

If you receive better grades than your first choice university has asked for, there will be a five day period where you will have the opportunity to 'trade up' to a university demanding higher grades through a service called UCAS Adjustment.

If you try Adjustment but don't find any relevant courses you'll still be able to keep your Unconditional Firm choice in Track.

Both Clearing and Adjustment require you to make the decision to go to a different university in a short period of time and when you may be under some pressure. In previous years this has meant students ending up at universities that they didn't know much about. We urge you to try to do as much research about your new prospective university as possible in the short timeframe.

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The application journey

1 - Register to apply

The first thing your son or daughter will need to do is register online. They will be required to add some basic details, create a password, set security questions, and will be given a Personal ID.

2 - Complete application

Once they're logged in, your son or daughter should fill-in any remaining personal details.

3 - Submit application

If your son or daughter is in full-time education, their school or college should complete their reference.

4 - Process application

Once your son or daughter's application has been submitted, UCAS will process it and forward the details to their chosen universities and colleges.

5 - Decisions

If a university or college is considering offering them a place, they may invite your son or daughter to interview, audition or submit some work.

6 - Reply to offers

Applicants reply to offers, as well as interview invitations and any other requests.

7 - Confirm place

Universities and colleges will confirm conditional offers when the summer exam results are published. 'Track' informs applicants on whether or not they've been successful in obtaining a place at their firm or insurance choices.

Did you know:

On the UCAS website there is a whole section of information dedicated to parents and guardians?

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What are Level 3 qualifications?

Generally, universities require Level 3 qualifications and these are usually awarded UCAS Points. Examples of Level 3 qualifications include A-Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB), and BTEC Level 3 diplomas.

The list of recognised qualifications is vast however, the UCAS website gives you a full list of qualifications and more information on how the tariff works. Search 'UCAS tariff points' on ucas.com

You can check how many UCAS points your qualifications are worth by using the UCAS Tariff Points calculator. Just search 'tariff calculator' on ucas.com

Some universities may specify a number of UCAS points or grades required for a particular subject. If a university is asking for UCAS tariff points, it is important to check if there are any qualifications they will not accept. A university, for example, may ask for 112 UCAS tariff points but may add, "General Studies A-Level and AS qualifications and key skills qualifications will not be considered".

AS-Levels / A-Levels

The tables here shows UCAS points awarded for some of the most common Level 3 qualifications.

If you would like further information on routes into higher education you can contact Skills Jersey on 01534 449440 or email skillsjersey@gov.je

AS-Level	A-Level	UCAS points
	A*	56
	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
	D	24
A		20
B	E	16
C		12
D		10
E		6

BTEC

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	BTEC Diploma	BTEC Extended Diploma	UCAS Points
		D*D*D*	168
		D*D*D	160
		D*DD	152
		DDD	144
		DDM	128
	D*D*	DMM	112
	D*D		104
	DD	MMM	96
	DM	MMP	80
	MM	MPP	64
D*			56
D	MP	PPP	48
M	PP		32
P			16

International Baccalaureate (IB)

To calculate tariff points for the IB, applicants now have to look at the points for each individual certificate (Certificate in Extended Essay, Certificates at Higher and Standard level and the Certificate in Theory of Knowledge) and then calculate a total by adding these together. It is also worth noting that the Creativity, Action, Service component does not attract tariff points. However, the experience and skills gained through this module are usually useful to write about in your personal statement.

International Baccalaureate

IB Certificate at Standard Level	IB Certificate at Higher Level	IB Certificate in Extended Essay	IB Certificate in Theory of Knowledge	UCAS Points
	H7			56
	H6			48
	H5			32
S7				28
S6	H4			24
S5				16
S4	H3	A	A	12
		B	B	10
		C	C	8
S3		D	D	6
		E	E	4



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THE PERSONAL STATEMENT – WHAT UNIVERSITIES WANT

Writing a personal statement can be difficult with the hardest part often being the beginning, so if you're struggling, get other information down first.

Where to start: Start thinking about what you know and what you've achieved then come back to the start later.

Word count: You have a maximum 4,000 characters including spaces (about an A4 page). Use them wisely, although grades are important they aren't enough on their own, it's your personal statement that helps you stand out and is likely to get you your offer or interview.

Focus on the subject you've chosen:

Why are you interested in it? If it is a subject you've studied before, tell us what you enjoy and understand about it. If it's a new subject tell us why you have

picked it. At least 60% of your statement should be focused on the subject you are applying for but make sure you include something about you as well.

Super curricular activities:

Talk about what you have done that is not curriculum based to show your understanding and prove you're passionate about your subject e.g. events or optional lectures you have been to, journals you have read, websites or blogs that you follow. Make sure you emphasise your motivation and enthusiasm for it. If your degree is closely linked to a profession you should show your understanding of the role.

“Make sure your personal statement is true to your experiences and if you are going to be interviewed you should make sure you re-read it before your interview and be prepared to expand on what you have told us.”

Work experience: We are looking for evidence in your writing that you know what the course/career is about and that you have made an informed choice to take it. Think about using MOOCs, professional body websites, online journals, books or arranging a chat with a professional in that field. Also, consider current issues in your chosen subject and if it's an NHS course make sure you talk about the core values and 6 C's. Reflect on what you have learnt from any of these experiences, whether that is subject or environment related. You can use activities such as paid or voluntary work, school or college responsibilities to evidence transferrable skills - but don't just write a list, make sure they are relevant and link them to the course or career you are applying for.

Summary: Finally, you should write one or two sentences as a summary, reminding the university why you're the best student to be offered a place. If you have career ambitions tell us about them but we don't expect to see that.

Make sure your personal statement is true to your experiences and if you are going to be interviewed you should make sure you re-read it before your interview and be prepared to expand on what you have told us.

Make sure that you reflect on your skills and experiences (don't just describe them) and relate everything you tell us to your chosen course or career.

Good luck with your applications!

Need more help? Search 'personal statement' on ucas.com for helpful guides.



HOW TO CHOOSE WHERE TO GO

The Talbot Campus at Bournemouth University

Higher education institutions vary enormously in size, tradition, location and facilities. Some are situated in city centres, some have their own campus sites and others are in very rural environments.

Do your research

Prepare by following these simple steps:

1. List the factors that are important to you (remember this isn't just about the course, include location, facilities, accommodation, services and the social, sporting or cultural activities available in your list of factors)
2. Prioritise this list – decide which order of importance these factors are to you
3. Research the universities
4. Compare each university to your 'shopping list' of important factors
5. Shortlist the universities that score highest on your 'shopping list'

Next steps

Once you have your shortlist:

Try to visit before you decide

University open days are a great opportunity to meet lecturers, visit campuses, see accommodation and check out the area. Living in Jersey often means attending open days which can be difficult, but do not worry. If you're planning a trip to the UK contact the university directly to arrange a convenient time to visit; chances are they will offer to show you around anyway.

Did you know:
according to the 2021
National Student
Survey, 75% of
students were satisfied
with the quality of
their course

But what if I can't visit?

Information can be found on university websites. Take a look at virtual campus tours, digital prospectuses and online open days. If you have any specific questions regarding your course or accommodation then contact the university admission staff, who will be able to help you.

Visit jerseyskillsshow.com/higher-education-fair for videos, contact details and further information on a range of universities.

Things to consider

- How many students study at the university and are on your course; do you want to be one of twenty or one of two hundred or more?
- Is the university based all in one area or is it spread out over a larger area such as a city?
- You will have to travel to lectures for at least three years so look into how far the commute is.
- High entry requirements do not always mean that this is the best course for you. These requirements can be influenced by other factors (e.g. the demand for the subject and the popularity of the university).

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE

Look deeper. Research the course as thoroughly as you do the university. Prepare by following these simple steps to find out:

- What modules are taught on a course (this can vary greatly even for courses with the same name)
- How much contact time you will have with lecturers
- If the course is taught entirely by one faculty
- How the course is assessed
- If work experience is incorporated
- What the optional modules are
- What the teaching style is (module assignments, group work, examinations)

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undergraduate
degrees were awarded
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Southampton

STUDYING IN THE UK

The UK is the most popular choice for Jersey students travelling off-Island to study a degree.

The UK higher education system is globally recognised as having strengths in its academic research and teaching quality. There are a wide range of universities offering a broad variety of subjects and thousands of different courses to choose from. UK degrees can often be tailored to meet your interests and can include specialised modules.

The UK government now has a teaching excellence framework (TEF) for universities. This will allow students to make more informed decisions regarding their higher education choices and for universities to be held accountable for their fees.

UCAS is the central system through which all higher education applications are submitted and processed and provides a structured, easy to use system with clear timescales for course applications.

UCAS is a helpful source of information for you as a student as well as for parents/guardians and schools and colleges.

For Jersey students, travel links to study in the UK are readily available, accessible and affordable, with relatively short travel times when compared to travelling to study further afield. Studying in the UK provides students with a familiar cultural way of life whilst having the benefit of studying with a wide variety of international students. Upon graduating the majority of UK universities have strong alumni connections, which can be helpful for networking and future job opportunities.

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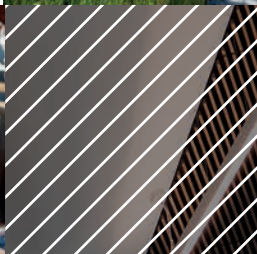
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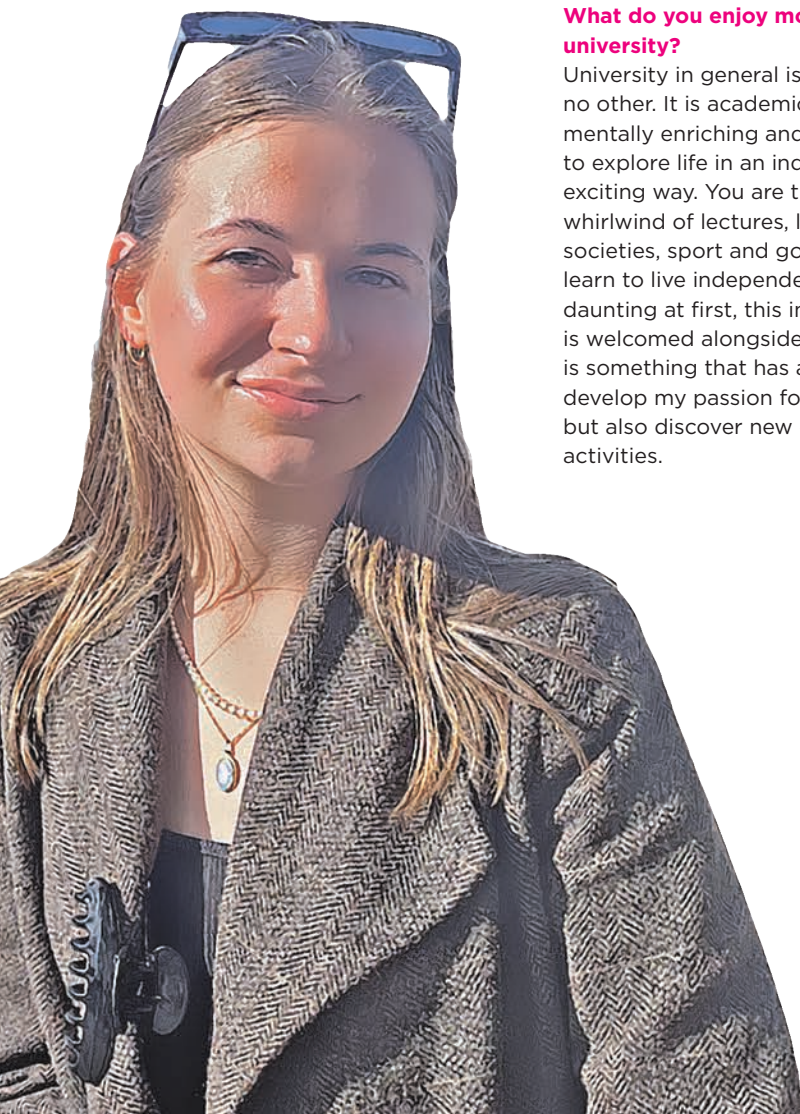


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Lucy Howarth

BA IN MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES WITH YEAR ABROAD
(FRENCH AND ITALIAN), 3RD YEAR
DURHAM UNIVERSITY



What do you enjoy most about university?

University in general is an experience like no other. It is academically, socially and mentally enriching and an opportunity to explore life in an independent and exciting way. You are thrown into this whirlwind of lectures, library days, societies, sport and going out and you learn to live independently. Although daunting at first, this independence that is welcomed alongside university life, is something that has allowed me to develop my passion for my languages but also discover new extracurricular activities.

What is the most challenging thing about going to university?

Balance. When you first arrive at university, you want to do everything and saying yes to new opportunities are so important! Yet, finding this balance between academics, social life, and personal life is something that is difficult to adjust to and one that takes time.

Why did you choose the course?

After studying both French and Italian for A Level, I knew I really enjoyed them. I looked at some courses online and I was excited about delving into the culture in more depth, and of course, becoming fluent! Whilst the first two years of my course mainly focused on literature, film, music and politics, all which have been very interesting, what intrigued me most was the opportunity to spend your third year abroad. I spent 3 months studying in Siena, Italy, which was the most incredible experience. Alongside studying at the university, I was able to travel, meet some amazing people and improve my Italian to the point where I was dreaming in it! I lived with Italians and lived like an Italian. I am currently in Aix en Provence in the South of France where I am working as a tour guide in a top hotel, art and sculpture park. Again, living with French people and being completely immersed in French culture.

When you first arrive at university, you want to do everything and saying yes to new opportunities are so important!

Any tips for students that are considering applying for university?

University is great, but not for everyone and I think it is important to remember this. I have loved it, but it is a complete rollercoaster filled with ups and downs and lots of loops. But once you arrive at the end, you will probably want to do it all over again!

Michèle Morin

BSC (HONS) MARINE BIOLOGY AND COASTAL ECOLOGY, 1ST YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

What do you enjoy most about university?

How university unites people from all over the world in one place. I am fortunate to have met many inspirational students and professionals from varying backgrounds who have shared their incredible life experiences with me. It is a privilege to be studying alongside such hardworking and talented individuals.

What is the most challenging thing about going to university?

Adjusting to the university lifestyle and learning environment as a mature student. Moving to university meant stepping away from my comfort zone and leaving the security of my family, friends, and full-time employment. Fortunately adapting to university life has eased over time.

Why did you choose your university?

Coming from an island I preferred to study at a university situated along the coast. Plymouth is ideally located between beautiful coastlines and national parks. The university also has an exceptional

reputation for the high level of marine research, teaching, and high specification facilities available to students.

What surprised you most about university life?

How much support and encouragement I received. Everyone understands how challenging it can be to contend with deadlines and exams whilst living away from home. The level of support provided by staff and students has made the transition to university life easier for me.

What tips would you give a student applying to university?

Spend time researching about the universities that offer your preferred courses.

Watching videos or reading reviews from students about their university experience can aid with your decision and it is beneficial to visit your preferred universities on their open days. This provides an opportunity to talk with current students and to gain a sense of the lifestyle you would have there.





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Alice Alley

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, 3RD YEAR
LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

What do you enjoy most about university?

What I enjoy the most about uni is just hanging out with my friends and being able to do things on our own time without worrying about curfews or other obligations. It's great to have that freedom to balance social life and academics.

What is the most challenging thing about going to university?

I find my course challenging at times, and thinking what to have for dinner every night, alongside managing my money.

Why did you choose your university?

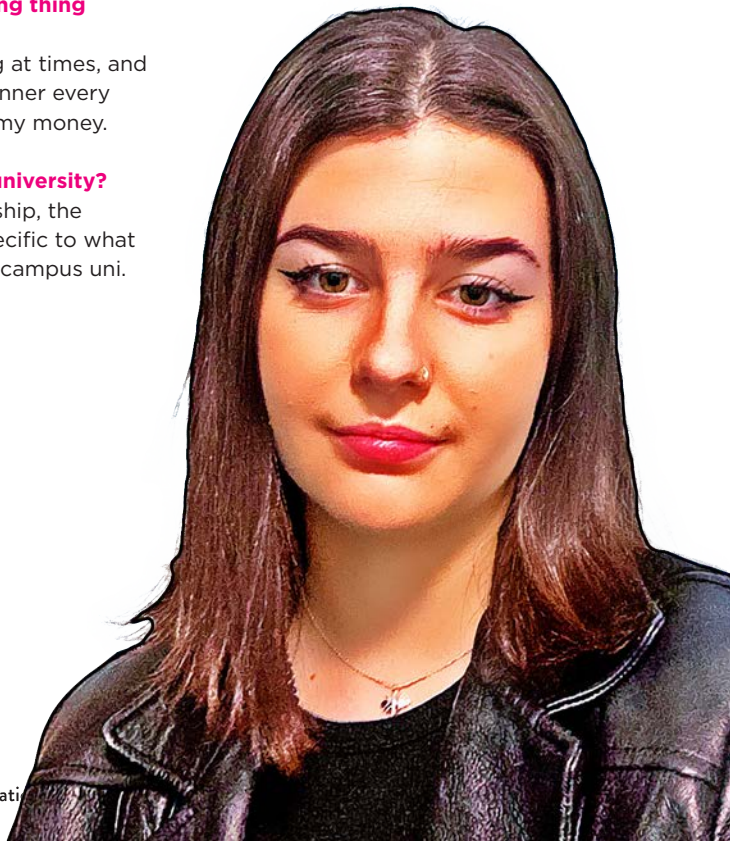
They offered a nice scholarship, the course they offered was specific to what I wanted to do and it was a campus uni.

What surprised you most about university life?

The sheer amount of coursework, even for courses that weren't supposed to be coursework heavy. And how easy it is to make friends, everyone is willing.

What tips would you give a student applying to university

Just apply even if you aren't sure, you'll get a degree and have way more fun than you can living at home.





Extension lead



Decorations for
your room



Doorstop



Earplugs

PACKING TIPS

**6 unexpectedly vital essentials
you won't realise you need at uni**

Don't just pack the obvious - some
often-forgotten home comforts
can do wonders helping you settle
into your new home

Food containers



Fancy dress items
or face paint!



STUDYING IN EUROPE

Accademia di architettura Mendrisio

Studying in Europe provides different advantages to studying in the UK. It helps demonstrate you can adapt to a different culture and native language whilst being successful in your studies which is great when it comes to recruitment in the future.

Grade profiles that universities require are generally lower than in the UK. However, there is higher expectation that you are required to pass all your modules at the end of each year. There are a huge range of degree courses taught entirely in English and it is also an excellent opportunity to learn a second language.

If you are a British student who intends to enrol on courses with an EU university, you should check with the institution about arrangements that will be in place.

You should consider the following:

- *get any necessary immigration permission**
- *get personal healthcare insurance*
- *contact the Jersey Student Finance team*

For the most up to date information please check gov.je and search for 'British nationals studying in the EU'

For up-to-date information about traveling to Europe in the Schengen Area for study purposes, visit:

schengenvisa.info.com/
[student-schengen-visa](#)

Do certain countries' degree frameworks suit my abilities more than others?

- How much of the course is exam based?
- How much is based on essays compared to coursework?
- How does the marking system work?

Did you know:
There are currently over 900 undergraduate programmes taught in English across Europe

EUROPEAN APPLICATION

The process and timeline for applying for degree programmes is different for each country and the application deadlines can vary depending upon the type of university or course.

If you are thinking about doing a degree in Europe, there are a number of universities where degree programmes are taught in English. All of these are detailed on the European University Central Application Service (EUNiCAS) website (eunicas.ie).

The website topuniversities.com is a great place to start your research and it also provides information about studying in each European country that does not have a centralised admissions system.

The following countries have centralised application systems:

Denmark (studyindenmark.dk)
 Finland (topuniversities.com/where-to-study)
 Ireland (topuniversities.com/where-to-study)
 Netherlands (topuniversities.com/where-to-study)
 Norway (studyinnorway.no)
 and Sweden (topuniversities.com/where-to-study)

The key to studying in Europe is to ensure that sufficient research is done well in advance on all aspects of the course, university life and the area in which you will be living.



**As of 31 December 2020, British national students intending on staying in a country within the Schengen zone (which is most of the EU) for more than 90 days, you will require a visa.*

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STUDYING IN THE REST OF THE WORLD

It's a big old world out there and when it comes to studying abroad there are many different options and arrangements for degree level study. If you have a sense of adventure, want to stand out from the crowd or desire to have a different educational experience, then studying abroad could be for you.

Studying in another country is a unique opportunity for you to experience and become part of a different culture whilst gaining a degree. However, higher education systems can vary between countries so you need to do your research before applying. Assessment methods and course structures also vary between countries. Some allow for much greater structural flexibility allowing students to choose classes from other subjects as part of their degree. This is different to a rather rigid British system and allows students to consider how they want to structure their degree or be assessed.

A period of time spent abroad has also become a valuable addition to the CV in today's increasingly competitive graduate employment market and could help you to stand out from the crowd.

Term dates and application dates will be different in each country. Most countries do not have a central application system which means you have to apply directly to the university, often this means a quicker decision on an offer.

Visa applications can vary a great deal, so visit the specific government website for advice and details on how to apply for a student visa. Most countries wait until after you have been accepted onto a course before confirming your visa.

Higher education varies from country to country, it could be of benefit to compare different countries' higher education provisions for a particular subject.

Annabel St George

MENG AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

What do you enjoy most about university?

Meeting new, like minded people. This not only gives you the opportunity to discuss and learn from one another but also the chance to create new friendships which is really exciting.

What is the most challenging thing about going to university?

Being immersed in a totally new environment. Having to get used to a new routine, new surroundings and new people can be quite overwhelming at times but give it time and it begins to feel like a new home!

Why did you choose your university?

Bristol is a vibrant city with something for everyone. The University also boasts internationally renowned academics who are experts in their fields. They are actively involved in research whilst teaching you so students benefit from the latest ideas and concepts. The city also has good road and rail links and direct flights to Jersey.

What surprised you most about university life?

The endless opportunities available to you in all different areas. There are so many career opportunities for example, I had never watched at Formula 1 race before I went to University but now I'm working at Williams Formula 1 for a year as a Composites Design Engineer and loving every minute of it. There's also so many extra-curricular activities, there's a society for pretty much everything!

What tips would you give to a student applying to university?

Do your research into universities and courses. It can be daunting at first seeing the sea of possibilities available to you when you're not even sure what you want to do yourself, but the more research you can do the better. Even if that means finding out what you don't want to do, that's half the battle anyway.



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A large graduation ceremony is taking place in a grand hall. The stage is filled with graduates in black gowns and blue stoles, many of whom are throwing blue and white confetti into the air. A large audience of guests is seated in the foreground, also throwing confetti. The atmosphere is celebratory, with bright lights and a festive mood. The confetti is falling from the ceiling, creating a dense, colorful shower over the stage and audience.

HOW TO CHOOSE
WHERE TO GO

STUDYING ON-ISLAN

The courses offered on-island
are all accredited by renowned
UK universities and are fully
recognised anywhere in the world.

Graduations at University College Jersey

Leaving the Island to study for a number of years does not suit everyone and, as such, a number of students choose to stay and study in Jersey. It usually costs less too with tuition fees being cheaper and the opportunity to live at home. Also, if you plan to have a career in Jersey then the work experience you undertake as part of your course can give you an excellent opportunity to network with Jersey professionals, making those all-important contacts.

University College Jersey and The Institute of Law tell us about the advantages of studying on Island:

University College Jersey

The University College Jersey experience is one of independence and autonomy in an adult learning environment. We have the largest body of Higher Education students on the island and have developed campus relationships with the Institute of Law and JICAS to deliver the true university experience. UCJ does however retain the college atmosphere where students feel valued and part of a caring and supportive community: it is this sense of community that sets us apart from off-island options. Maybe it is this balance that contributes to our 99% pass rate and the fact that 85% of our class of 2022 graduated with a 1st or 2:1 (National average is 70%).

STUDYING ON-ISLAND

Our degree programmes either include significant periods of work placement or allow for part-time study alongside existing employment. With our links to over 100 local businesses, charities, and schools, our students develop their skills and build professional networks from which to springboard into employment upon graduation. In fact, last year, 9/10 students had progressed onto employment or further study within 2 months of graduating. Additionally, lecturers are drawn from both industry and academia, which means that the learning is always current and relevant.

The Institute of Law

At the Institute of Law students' study for the prestigious University of London LLB degree, while also benefitting from a personalised learning experience. We offer small classes, delivered by experienced law lecturers in a friendly and supportive environment, with tutors on hand to help every step of the way. Students have full access to the University of London online library resources to support their studies.

Each student is given additional one-to-one support from a personal tutor, who acts as a single point of contact providing important help and guidance during the transition to higher education. We also offer the opportunity to gain practical experience through our close connections with the vibrant local practising community, via our mentoring and work experience schemes.

With part time and full-time options students have the unique opportunity not only to work in one of the world's leading offshore legal and financial centres, but also to earn while they learn to support their studies. The Institute has been providing legal education on Jersey for more than 15 years and offers the opportunity to obtain a prestigious UK degree without the need to leave the island.

Alex Crockart

TRAINEE ENGLISH SOLICITOR

VIBERTS LAW FIRM

What attracted you to a career in law?

My initial attraction to law was the ability to help people navigate real world issues. I love having a challenging and diverse workload, no two days are the same.

How has your career developed since being with Viberts?

I previously worked in financial services while undertaking my International Financial Services degree. I undertook my Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course at Nottingham Law School before returning to Jersey.

I joined Viberts and was given the opportunity to build on my existing skill set. My colleagues have helped me further develop my professional skills and rapidly expand my legal knowledge. I started as a Legal Assistant in January 2022 and I am delighted that I will be starting my training contract this March.



What 3 attributes do you need for your job?

The first key skill in my practice area is effective communication. Whether you are working on a matter with a colleague or explaining the law to a client, the ability to effectively communicate is paramount.

Secondly, precision is key for my daily tasks as legal work often involves drafting important documents. Attention to detail is vital as small changes can have a large impact on the meaning of a document.

Last but certainly not least, emotional intelligence. People are often at a difficult time when they contact a law firm. I don't think it can be understated how much having empathy for each client is important to delivering the best service.

What career tip would you give your younger self?

It is never too early or too late to follow your interest in law. If you study hard and find the right firm, there is an opportunity for an extremely rewarding career.

Viberts is a full-service law firm dedicated to providing outstanding legal advice and client service, both in Jersey and internationally working across corporate, trusts, employment, litigation, private client, family and property law. Our people are vital to our business. Without them, we can't help our clients achieve their goals or make their lives better. We're always on the lookout for the next generation of talent with the right skills and, most importantly, a 'can do' and positive attitude.

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[viberts.com](https://www.viberts.com)



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Felicity Guerin

TRAINEE DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

IQ-EQ

Felicity Guerin took part in IQ-EQ Jersey's Trainee Discovery Programme, a two-year course where trainees take part in four placements covering different business areas, including IQ-EQ's Private Wealth, Funds, Corporate and Compliance departments. Three years later, Felicity has a flourishing career as an Officer for Private Wealth. We asked her about her job and her aspirations.

What made you choose IQ-EQ?

I left school at 18 and knew I wanted to work in finance, but I didn't know what I wanted to do. I saw IQ-EQ Jersey's Trainee Discovery Programme was being advertised, which offered the chance to explore different areas in finance over two years. Three years later, here I am!

What does your day-to-day role involve?

I work in Private Wealth on a variety of structures. My day usually starts with a team meeting to discuss any urgent matters, and then I prioritise my work for the day with a to-do list. A typical day will involve checking payments, minutes, emails, calls, talking to clients, board meetings, client meetings and transactional work. I'm also involved in mentoring and training the junior members of the team.

IQ-EQ encourages all employees to develop their professional profiles. Have you taken part in any training or qualifications?

I completed an International Finance and Administration (IFA) Level 4 certificate, and I'm now working towards my Level 5 diploma.

What motivates you?

I have a team who encourages me to take advantage of all the available opportunities. Things can get busy at times, and although we have our own deadlines to meet, everyone comes together when needed.

What advice would you like to share?

"Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts." - Nikki Giovanni



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those who love to connect with people to help support our customers and our colleagues. You'll have many opportunities to learn on the job, gain experience and find the career that suits you.

Last year the Bank launched Future Skills, our group-wide movement of skill-building activities which has brought together new learning, new technologies and new communities across the bank globally, to develop the skills we need – now and for the future. It's about creating a culture of continuous growth where our people are curious to learn new skills and meet changing customer needs.

If you're interested in a particular job with us, such as a Wealth Advisor or Relationship Manager, which require specific qualifications, then the bank will fund those for you and provide you with study leave, coaching, lectures and all the necessary materials to qualify, as well as access to bespoke learning and development programmes.

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Take flexible working, this is our new normal, we offer consolidated hours, part-time, flexible and hybrid working. It's an approach I can personally vouch for in terms of taking time to enjoy family life, while at the same time nurturing and supporting my career.

Mental, physical, and financial well-being is important to us, we create a working environment that supports and builds happier, healthier people - bodies and minds."



Elvina Aghajanyan, Head of HR Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

So the question is, are you curious about a career with HSBC?

Contact: celia.a.pereira@hsbc.com or visit hsbc.com/careers



HIGHER & DEGREE LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

What are they?

These are a relatively new type of apprenticeship.

A higher apprenticeship usually involves studying for a Level 4 qualification, such as a foundation degree. A degree apprenticeship will involve degree level study. You will need to be accepted by a university to study for your course and the university will give you details of their entry requirements. The apprenticeship

may involve studying for your course in Jersey or through a distance or blended learning programme with a UK university.

What is involved?

Degree and higher apprenticeships are not the same as a sandwich degree or a work placement. They involve working for a company whilst studying for a university level qualification on a part-time basis. This means that it may take longer to complete your course than if you studied it full-time.



As your employer will expect you to combine a full-time job and part-time study over several years, you will need to be very motivated to complete one of these apprenticeships. However, as an employee as well as a student, you will be paid a salary. This means you will be earning and gaining valuable experience and skills at the same time as working towards your university qualification.

What support will I get?

If you take up a degree or higher apprenticeship, you will be able to access a lot of support. Trackers Apprenticeship Programme will provide you with a mentor to support you, your employer may also provide someone to help you develop in your role and study on your course, plus you will have support from your university.

Higher & Degree Apprenticeships in Jersey

Trackers Apprenticeship Programme works in partnership with University College Jersey in the following Higher Apprenticeships: Civil Engineering HNC (2 years part time), Civil Engineering B-Eng (3 years part time), Construction Management HNC (2 years part-time), Construction Management BSc Hons (2 years part-time), CIPS Level 4 Diploma – Procurement and Supply Chain (Via Gov. je).

More information

For more information about higher apprenticeships available in Jersey, visit gov.je/trackers or email trackers@gov.je



CIVIL ENGINEERING HNC & B-ENG APPRENTICESHIP

Thinking about a career in
Civil Engineering?

The opportunities are endless, including project management, design and planning, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering and transport engineering to name a few.

Did you know you can study and
qualify to be a Civil Engineer here
in Jersey?

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“The opportunities are endless, including project management, design and planning, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering and transport engineering to name a few.”

Pathways to qualifying
***HNC Higher Civil Engineering
 Apprenticeship***

You can join this apprenticeship programme when you are 18 or over and have completed your A-Levels, or an equivalent Level 3 relevant subject.* A Level 3 qualification including Maths and/or Physical Science is desirable. You must be working in a suitable role in the Civil Engineering industry and be prepared to commit to two years of study one day per week, plus extra hours for assignments and revision. The course fees are covered by your employer and the Government of Jersey. You will gain HNC qualification from LSBU, through University College Jersey.

***B-Eng Degree Civil Engineering
 Apprenticeship*****

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Ross Walker

CATEGORY OFFICER, CAPITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE AT GOVERNMENT OF JERSEY
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Why did you decide to do an apprenticeship over going to university?

An apprenticeship was appealing to me because it meant I could earn while I learnt. I also felt that I would get more practical experience.

What have been the highlights of your apprenticeship?

The highlights have been the work that I have been involved on. Government of Jersey is involved in so many different types of areas. Working in procurement has exposed me to industries and services I had never worked on before. I feel these experiences working with different stakeholders from all levels is what excites me and keeps everyday being different to the next.

What elements have you found the most challenging?

As the Government of Jersey is such a large organisation and the projects are so vast they can take months to be completed, keeping that motivation going even though you can't see results straight away was, for me, the most challenging aspect.

How have you found the experience of balancing work, study and life?

Within Commercial Services and specifically procurement, where I have spent most of my time, the support from colleagues makes balancing work, study and life very easy. Working on the apprenticeship scheme means that they



have already made the decision to invest in me, because of this they give you the space to study.

How have Trackers mentors helped to support you?

The mentor support that I have received from Amy at Skills Jersey has been invaluable, in the early stages Amy really helped to get me settled into the job. Throughout the rest of the time, she was there to help with organisation of my projects, understanding the wider Government and how an organisation of this size operates.

What are the next career steps for you?

Since starting as an apprentice with Commercial Services I have now become full-time with procurement, my aims over the next year are to complete all my CIPS exams while getting a few big projects that I have been working on completed.

Do you have any advice for future apprentices?

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DISTANCE LEARNING & BLENDED LEARNING DEGREES

If you are interested in studying a degree, but do not want to study it in the conventional way it may be worth looking at distance or blended learning degrees.

Distance learning involves studying a degree from a recognised university or college without physically attending the institution for the whole of the course.

Blended learning degrees involve a combination of online learning and face-to-face learning, and can give you the flexibility of distance learning, with some face-to-face learning of traditional degrees.

The amount of time you study at university and how that time is organised can vary for blended degree study e.g. one course may include blocks of study at the university and another may involve weekends throughout the course. It is important that you check this out before enrolling on a blended learning degree programme.

If you are considering studying your degree via a distance or blended learning programme, you should think about issues such as:

- *How much face-to-face contact would I like to have with other students and tutors?*
- *If face-to-face study is part of the programme, what will the cost of travel/accommodation be?*
- *Does the university provide accommodation if necessary or will I need to organise this?*
- *What support and resources does the university provide when I am studying from home?*
- *What resources/equipment will I need to provide, for example a quiet place to study, access to the internet and a laptop/computer/tablet etc?*

Support

If you study a part of your degree or the whole of it via distance learning you will have regular support from your tutor and contact from fellow students through online forums, e-mail, phone and virtual conferencing.

Your university may also use video and audio study materials as well as seminars via webinars. The webinar may be pre-recorded or may take place in 'real time'. You will need to have reliable internet access and a computer that you can work from. Assignments are usually submitted via email or online.

Motivation

Distance learning and blended learning require determination, motivation and self-discipline. Often the degree will take longer as you are studying part-time and often will require study in the evenings or weekends if you are working. However, completing a degree whilst in work demonstrates commitment to further your career and employers may view this in a positive light.

Here are some pros/cons

It is important to weigh up the pros and cons of each study option to see which option suits you.

Distance or blended learning programmes can be appealing for people who would like to do a degree without leaving their job or having to live away from home for long periods.

As these study options do not involve full-time residential study at a university, your 'student experience' may be different to a student who is studying their degree at the university on a full-time, residential basis. For example, you may not have access to the full range of student societies etc.

Distance/blended learning degrees often have more flexible study periods which means you can have a larger say over the pace you study at. This can be useful when trying to balance work commitments or family life.

The costs associated with this type of study are usually lower than full-time residential study; however, subject options might be limited to degrees where you do not need access to specialist equipment.

Applying

If you are considering applying for a distance or blended learning course UCAS advises applying directly to the university or college as UCAS doesn't offer a central admissions service for these programmes.

BUDGETING: OUR TOP TIPS

Budgeting for university can be tough. It's worth thinking about ways to make your money last longer for the whole year.

Here are some of our top tips:

Don't forget to budget

Budgeting is key when it comes to keeping tabs on your money, so you know exactly what's coming in and going out.

The UCAS website has some great resources on creating a budget and even has a budget calculator to give you a rough idea of what your key income and outgoings might look like. Search '*managing money*' on www.ucas.com

Trusts and bursaries

We have some fantastic trusts and bursaries available in Jersey that offer extra funding support for students. We highly recommend looking at ones that fit your course and applying for them! The bonus is that you can apply for these alongside your Student Finance funding.

A big benefit is that most providers will often offer extra support through work experience, career advice and future work opportunities. Just search for '*trusts and bursaries*' on www.gov.je



Make your money go further

Getting an NUS card (now called a Totum card) is a must! It gives you access to loads of student discounts and deals from food and travel to clothes and plenty more.

www.totum.com

Read the small print!

Check through the paperwork on things like your phone contract or bills as they may not provide the best deal. Especially when you arrive back on-island, you don't want to be paying in excess for things like data.

TV licence

One thing you may not realise, is that most students will need a TV licence. Check the UK's TV Licencing website. Your university's online forums may also have advice from previous students.

STUDENT FINANCE DEADLINE DATES

Skills Jersey's Student Finance team assess and administer higher education applications for funding. We offer a grant for those wishing to study for a degree, be it on or off-Island.

Students can apply for this grant to help towards university fees and living costs. The grant is means-tested and the amount that you will receive is based on household income. We take into account parents and/or their partner's or student's income, depending on the family situation.

Application timeline

January 2023

Application goes live
gov.je/applyforstudentfinance

June 2023

Deadline for Income Statement
Forms to be sent to Student Finance

September / October 2023

University starts

March 2023

First deadline for Student Finance
applications for the next academic year

August 2023

Students are required to provide a copy of their results
and unconditional offer letter to Student Finance



THINKING ABOUT A GAP YEAR?

So what's it to be? Traveling the world, volunteering abroad, or gaining work experience. A productive gap year can be valuable to many employers on your CV. Let's explore some options!

Travelling abroad

Explore the world, discover new cultures, learn a new language, volunteer or join an internship abroad. All while boosting your CV. There's a big world out there and...it's waiting for you!

Placement year

It's worth considering taking a degree with a placement year if travelling abroad is what you want to do. Placement years normally take place in the 2nd or 3rd year of your degree, so this would mean not taking a gap year until 2024 or 2025. It also gives you the opportunity to work and study towards your degree, all whilst seeing another part of the world. Win, win!

Internships, work experience and volunteering

Unique, real-world experience from volunteering to interning sets you apart from other students. Plus, universities show preference to students who display commitment, passion, and perseverance to something bigger than themselves.

Part-time and online courses

Why not try something new with a short course. Learn a language, how to program, take a cookery course or learn a new sport or instrument. Some gap providers will even offer skills development. So do your research.

There are also a wide range of online courses, many are free, where you can study at your own pace. There's even

some from the world's top universities! Check their websites to find out what's on offer. It's a great opportunity to add something different to talk about in your personal statement and university interview.

Save money for university

One advantage to working locally (or abroad) during your gap year is earning money that can be used to fund your life as a student. It's a great way to give you a taste of being self-sufficient too.

A gap year is what you make it!

A gap year can help you get into university, help you get a job, find yourself, or see the world. The gap year benefits are endless!

Search for **'gap year'** on ucas.com for more inspiration!

Apply and defer?

If you're planning a gap year you can still apply to university but defer your entry. This means you can still access the support provided by your school/college during the application process.

Confirming your place for the following year can take a huge weight off your shoulders whilst enjoying your gap year.

To be eligible for funding from Student Finance there are residency requirements you need to meet. If planning on travelling, please contact the Student Finance to ensure you will still meet this criteria.



SECOND THOUGHTS ON YOUR PLANS?

Plans change for many different reasons. If something doesn't feel right it's ok to change plans at any stage. It is really important to listen to yourself and speak up.

Our top tips:

- Don't be afraid to talk through your ideas or thoughts – make sure you get advice from your careers teacher, Skills Jersey careers advisers, friends, family or employers.
- Make sure you know all options available to you. There is always a solution.
- Worried about Student Finance? Whatever your situation, support and advice is on offer from Student Finance on last minute changes.

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Skills Jersey
gov.je/skillsjersey

Open Days
opendays.com

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prospects.ac.uk

Student Finance
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UCAS
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Discover Uni
discoveruni.gov.uk

Gap Year
yearoutgroup.org

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Bachelor of Nursing Degree Programme
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Distance Learning

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online/ distance learning degrees. For further
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