

The Higher Education Fair

Glossary

- B.A. – Bachelor of Arts
- BSc. – Bachelor of Science
- Sandwich Course – specific to UK courses and are four year undergraduate degrees with work experience in year three.
- Accredited – For some professions you need to be careful to choose an industry accredited course. For example, for Psychology careers gaining a degree that gives you BPS (The British Psychological Society) graduate status will be necessary.

For vocational degrees it is worth checking the Industry body website for a list of accredited degree courses.

Stop: Think!

As you go around the HE fair today you may want to consider some of the following points to help you narrow down your university choices.



Course/ Subject

What is the course content?

How is the course assessed? i.e. exam based; coursework; group work; practical etc.

How much contact time will you have with university tutors?

How is the course taught?

Are there opportunities to study abroad?

What are the entry requirements?

Find out what specific resources the course has access to if relevant i.e. Psychology degrees -
“what research equipment does the university have?”

Industry links

If vocational – what professional bodies and organisations does the university have links with?

What opportunity is there for work experience and how is this supported?

Are there opportunities for part-time work to support study?

Location

Is the university based in one area or spread out such as over a city?

How far will you need to commute to lectures?

Distance from home and travel links?

Cost

How expensive is the local area?

Accommodation

What's the average cost per month?

Is accommodation provided on campus?

Are there halls of residence? Is there help to find shared accommodation from Student Services?

Facilities

Does the university provide many clubs and groups for your extra-curricular interests?

Gap year

If you are considering a gap year check with the university course provider that it is ok to defer entry

Graduate prospects

What are the graduate prospects like?

What are student satisfaction rates like?

Useful websites

- [ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)
- discoveruni.gov.uk – is the official website for comparing UK universities, e.g. course data, student satisfaction scores, jobs and salaries after graduation
- [theguardian.com/education/universityguide](https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide) – for UK universities
- [timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings) – worldwide universities
- [whatuni.com](https://www.whatuni.com) – has a list of upcoming open days, universities and course finder for the UK. There is an A-Z university list, as well as 'What can I do?' providing ideas for degree subjects based on A-Levels you are taking
- [university.which.co.uk](https://www.university.which.co.uk) – helps to find the best university and degree course for you. Advice on personal statements
- [thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk) – university rankings, where and what to study, how to apply, student finance, student life, graduate careers, distance learning, studying abroad
- [push.co.uk](https://www.push.co.uk) – read 'Why bother with uni?', university information, student life, gap years, open days and student finance
- [thestudentroom.co.uk](https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk) – university application advice, personal statement builder and 'University Connect'



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