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UCAS

2027 Applications

UCAS

The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector



- Approximately 80% of our students go to university
- Roughly 65% of these go to the 'Russell Group' of Universities.
- Typically, a dozen gain a place at Oxbridge or Medical/Vet Med/Dentistry schools
- Last year our most popular university was Nottingham Trent.
- Other popular choices: Exeter, UEA, Anglia Ruskin. Challenger universities are also popular as students seek a broader variety of learning approaches.



- Students choose their intended area/s of study
- And up to 5 courses
- They complete an online UCAS form (which is sent to all the institutions)
- Which includes a personal statement (same one for all courses)
- And a reference written by the school, with the students' 'predicted' grades
- Students can make a 'dual' application. In fact, we encourage it!

How does it work?

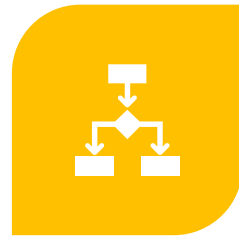
What does the UCAS form consist of?



PROFILE



EDUCATION



CHOICES



PERSONAL
STATEMENT



SCHOOL
REFERENCE

Personal statement questions

1. Why do you want to study this course/subject?
2. How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
3. What else have you done to prepare yourself outside of education and why are these experiences useful?



The reference grade* and the school reference

- Obviously, applications are made before exam results are known
- The school is asked to submit on the form what UCAS call the 'predicted' grade
- It is better to think of this grade as a 'reference grade' - **it is not necessarily what we think the student will get next summer***; it is a combination of optimism and realism. This is about getting their foot in the door!
- The bulk of the reference that goes on the form is written by Y12 subject teachers – they know the student best
- The Y13 Tutor edits and creates a final reference combining all subject content
- Student will get to see their reference before sending off.

SWCHS support



- Raising aspirations programme was started in January.
- Life lesson opportunities to explore Unifrog, our destinations platform.
- Students will start their UCAS application form in Life Lessons.
- Year 12 students 'become' Y13 on Monday 15th June.
- They will be with a new Tutor - an area specialist, and a specialist in UCAS.
- The Tutor will guide them through the process – all students will need to apply 'through' the school (using form times, tutorials).
- There are university trips planned in June and July.
- UCAS clinics will commence on Wednesday afternoons with 6th form collegiate.
- 1-2-1 tutor support to fine tune and send off application.

UCAS HUB – where you can search with your young person for courses, unis, course tasters, live sessions etc

WHAT TO STUDY NEXT?

[GET STARTED](#)

TAKE THE CAREERS QUIZ

[GET STARTED](#)

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHTS


VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCES

What's happening

Chat to students

Chat with UK and international students who are already studying the courses you've applied for at universities and colleges across the UK, on Unibuddy


[More info](#)



Your opinions matter

Help shape the student experience! Join the UCAS Student Panel for the chance to win a prize or earn rewards for completing panel activities.


[More info](#)



University course tasters

Experience what a university course would be like with Springpod's Subject Spotlights. These interactive, virtual university course tasters feature real-life lectures, seminars, and academics.

[More info](#)



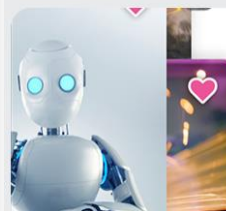
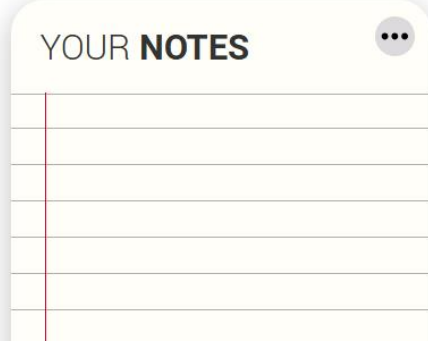
HUB LIVE

UCAS



definition is something which increases your employability skills.

YOUR NOTES



View your favourites

Save courses, universities, colleges, subjects, careers, apprenticeships, and more to your favourites.











[Choose some favourites](#)



Using Unifrog to support your child











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Top of your range

 Business and Economics - 4FT MA (Hons) 
 The University of Edinburgh A Level: A*,A,A UCAS Points: 152
 Business with Strategic Economics - 4FT MA (Hons) 
 The University of Edinburgh A Level: A*,A,A UCAS Points: 152
 Management (International Business Economics) - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 University of Manchester A Level: A,A,A BTEC Extended Certificate: D* UCAS Points: 144
 Management (International Business Economics) with Industrial/Professional Experience - 4FT BSc (Hons)
 University of Manchester











Solid (29)

In the middle

 Business Economics - 3FT BA (Hons)
 University of Liverpool A Level: A,A,B UCAS Points: 136
 Business Economics with a Year in Industry - 4SW BA (Hons)
 University of Liverpool A Level: A,A,B UCAS Points: 136
 Business Economics (Industry) - 4SW BSc (Hons)
 Lancaster University A Level: A,A,B UCAS Points: 136
 Business Economics - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 Lancaster University A Level: A,A,B UCAS Points: 136
 Business Economics and Data Analytics - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 University of...

Safe (34)

At the bottom

 Business Economics - 4SW BSc (Hons)
 University of Huddersfield A Level: B,B,C-B,B,B UCAS Points: 112-120
 Business Economics - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 University of East London A Level: B,B,C UCAS Points: 112
 Business Economics - 3FT/4SW BA (Hons)
 University of Greenwich UCAS Points: 112
 Business Economics - 3FT/4SW BA (Hons)
 Leeds Beckett University UCAS Points: 112-120
 Business Economics - 3FT/4FT/4SW + Abroad BA (Hons) // 3FT/4SW + Abroad BSc (Hons)
 University of...

Filtering searches to create bespoke options

Rank ▲ Filter ▼

Keyword search

Entry requirements

Randomised

Average points

Fees

Rent

Salary

% job required degree

Dropout rate

Hours of Uni sessions

Hours of Independent study

Hours of Placements

Acceptance rate (overall)

Acceptance rate (UK)

Size of uni

% Disabled

% Ethnic minority

% International

Guardian rank

Complete University rank

Guardian Business & Management rank

Guardian Economics rank

Guardian Accounting & Finance rank

QS world rank

THE Impact rank

People and Planet rank

Distance from home

Student Support

Spend on Access

Student Life

Supporting your child to make aspirational yet sensible choices

Upcoming events

Join us at an Open Day!

13 June 2025

Explore [↗](#)

Discover how one day could change your life. Open Days are the best way to discover what Leeds can offer you. Upcoming dates: 13th and 14th June

Getting in

2025 A Level entry requirements

A,A,A

Full-time 3 Years: GCSE: 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or higher including Mathematics grade A/7 and English Language grade B/6 or equivalent, or an appropriate English language qualification.* *If you have a B/6 in GCSE English Literature we will accept a Grade B/5 or C/4 in GCSE English Language.

2025 UCAS points entry requirements

144

IMPORTANT Check the [course page](#) to see if your qualifications are accepted.

You're taking more than one type of qualification, so on the [course page](#) double check that you will still meet the entry requirements.

Last year's successful applicants for Economics

The average UCAS tariff for last year's successful applicants was 169, and you fall in the 10-20th percentile. This means that 10-20% of the students who were on this course last year achieved lower grades at school than the ones you entered.

1.2% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:

A Level: A

BTEC Extended Certificate: D*D

save: 5 courses ▶

or [go back](#)

University facts

Guardian overall rank
37th

Complete University overall
rank
23rd

QS world rank
82nd

Teaching Excellence (TEF)
Silver

THE Impact rank
52nd

People and Planet rank
50th

Guardian subject rank
Economics: 31st

WhatUni Student Support rank
87th

Full-time undergrads
26,105

International undergrads
21%

Ethnic minority 1st years
22.4%

Disabled 1st years
16.4%

Difficulty
Aspirational

WhatUni Student Life rank
16th

University description

The University, established in 1904, is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK and are renowned globally for the quality of our teaching and research. The university's strength of academic expertise combined with the breadth of disciplines we cover, provides a wealth of opportunities and has real impact on the world in cultural, economic and societal ways. The University strives to achieve academic excellence within an ethical framework informed by values of integrity, equality and inclusion, community and professionalism.

A Russell Group University



Qualifications for Universities

A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Grade	Tariff points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Core Maths qualifications

The titles of individual Core Maths qualifications are included at Annex C (page 174).

Grade	Tariff points
A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	6

What can I do as a parent to support?

- Have the conversations and ask the questions....with no expectation of them having it figured out yet.
- If they are struggling to engage with future planning, focus conversations around how they'd like to be spending their time once they leave 6th form. Traditional classroom learning? Outside learning? On practical tasks? Working with people? Learning on the job? Earning and learning?
- Sit and explore Unifrog and UCAS 'hub' together. Visit universities/cities and engage with open day opportunities.
- Have an eye on the timeline to support personal statement deadlines etc.
- Encourage them to be proactive.
- Lots of understanding and reassurance. For some, this process of change is really difficult to navigate.
- Encourage them to engage in the support on offer from the school.

When does it need to be completed by?



PROFILE



EDUCATION



PERSONAL
STATEMENT

...by the end of the summer term ...



CHOICES

... return in September with course choices ...



SCHOOL
REFERENCE

... in by **October half term 2027**
to guarantee it being sent by Christmas ...

UCAS APPLICATION DEADLINE & COST



**Wednesday 13th
January 2027
1800 hours**

£34.50