

studying in the...

# United Kingdom



THE GOVERNMENT  
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# HIGHER EDUCATION

The UK has two distinct educational systems: one for England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and one for Scotland. However, both systems are compatible with each other.

## 2 TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

### Universities

British universities are diverse in size, mission, and subject mix. As they are totally autonomous, they have their own degree-awarding powers and decide on entry conditions for students.

### Colleges

Colleges also vary in size, mission, and subjects. Like the universities, they are self-governing bodies with large autonomous powers.

Some award their own degrees; in others, qualifications are awarded by a university or a national accrediting body.

## MANY TYPES OF COURSES

- ▶ single subject course leading to a single honours degree
- ▶ two-subject course leading to a joint honours degree (entry requirements are higher than for a single honours degree)
- ▶ course of 2, 3, or 4 subjects leading to a combined degree
- ▶ sandwich course (including up to one year of integrated work experience)





# DEGREES

## UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

- ▶ **Bachelor's degree = 3 to 4 years**
  - > Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), Bachelor of Education (BEd), Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)...
- ▶ **Foundation degree (FdA, FdSc) = 2 years**
  - > equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree
  - > academic study integrated with relevant work-based learning
- ▶ **Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) = 2 years**
  - > normally equivalent to the first two years of a degree
  - > mainly linked to a particular job or profession

## POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

- ▶ **Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma = 1 year after a Bachelor's degree**
- ▶ **Master's degree = 1 to 2 years after Bachelor's degree**
  - > Taught Master/Research Master
- ▶ **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) = 3 years after a Master's degree**





# APPLICATION

## ONLINE APPLICATION

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 for conservatoires – music applications
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for Oxford and Cambridge
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for the majority of undergraduate courses
- ▶ check the UCAS website

## REQUIREMENTS

### English tests

- ▶ IELTS [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)  
conducted at *Institut National des Langues* Luxembourg  
[www.inll.lu](http://www.inll.lu)
- ▶ TOEFL [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)  
conducted at Berlitz Luxembourg [www.berlitz.com](http://www.berlitz.com)
- ▶ Cambridge tests [www.cambridgeenglish.org/](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/)  
conducted at Berlitz Luxembourg [www.berlitz.com](http://www.berlitz.com)

## PROCEDURE

- ▶ Choose your courses on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).
- ▶ Fill in your application.
- ▶ Write your personal statement.
- ▶ Get a reference from your teacher, principal or head teacher.
- ▶ Take an English language test.
- ▶ Prepare for an admissions test/interview (if required).



## Clearing

- ▶ All applications received after 30<sup>th</sup> June are entered into Clearing.
- ▶ Register from July until mid-October on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

### You can use Clearing if you

- ▶ are applying after 30<sup>th</sup> June;
- ▶ did not receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept);
- ▶ did not meet the conditions of your offers;
- ▶ have declined your firm place using the “decline my place” button in Track.

### How does Clearing work?

- ▶ If you have not already applied, you first need to register and make an application.
- ▶ Unlike applying before Clearing, you will only be able to add a choice after you have submitted your application.
- ▶ You will receive a welcome email, with details of how to access Track, and your Clearing number.

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)



## COMPULSORY STUDENT VISA

Apply for a student visa to study in the UK if you

- ▶ are 16 or over;
- ▶ have been offered a place on a course by a licensed student sponsor [www.gov.uk/](http://www.gov.uk/);
- ▶ have the necessary finances to support yourself and pay for your course;
- ▶ can speak, read, write and understand English.

### When to apply?

The earliest you can apply for a visa is 6 months before you start your course.

### Where to apply?

GOV.UK

The best place to find government services and information

[www.gov.uk/student-visa](http://www.gov.uk/student-visa)

### Procedure

- ▶ Make sure you have a valid passport
  - > You will need a passport with a biometric chip.
- ▶ CAS
  - > Your university or college will give you a document called "Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)".
- ▶ Complete the application form.
- ▶ Pay an application fee (£490 for students).
- ▶ Pay a fee called an Immigration Health Surcharge (£776 per year). This gives you access to the UK's National Health Service.





# TUITION FEES

## ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, AND WALES

- ▶ EU nationals will pay international fees (around £ 20,000 per year).

Check the website of the university for more details!



# SEARCH ENGINE

- ▶ UCAS Universities and Colleges Admissions Service  
[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# USEFUL LINKS

- ▶ Student visa – GOV.UK  
[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- ▶ Study UK | British Council  
<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>
- ▶ Academic & University News | Times Higher Education (THE)  
[www.timeshighereducation.com/](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/)
- ▶ The Complete University Guide – University League Tables  
<https://universityleaguetales.co.uk>
- ▶ Study in Scotland  
[www.scotland.org/study](http://www.scotland.org/study)





# STUDENT LIFE

The following websites provide information on:

- ▶ housing
- ▶ social security
- ▶ student jobs
- ▶ internships

<https://mengstudien.public.lu/en/etudier-etranger/royaume-uni/moving-to-the-united-kingdom.html>

[www.ucas.com/money-and-student-life/student-life](http://www.ucas.com/money-and-student-life/student-life)

[www.acel.lu](http://www.acel.lu)





# FINANCIAL AID

## STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION – AideFi

- ▶ The Ministry of Research and Higher Education offers grants and loans to students enrolled in higher education and meeting certain conditions.
- ▶ Financial aid is awarded only for recognised degree courses!
- ▶ Check the eligibility of your courses in the section “eligible study courses” on our website [www.mengstudien.lu](http://www.mengstudien.lu) and contact the Financial Aid Department of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education in case of doubt.  
[aide-fi@mesr.etat.lu](mailto:aide-fi@mesr.etat.lu)

### Application deadlines

- ▶ from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> November (winter semester)
- ▶ from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> April (summer semester)

**More information on the financial aid application procedure, the amounts and the eligibility criteria at [www.mengstudien.lu](http://www.mengstudien.lu)**



Apply online via [www.guichet.lu](http://www.guichet.lu)!

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