

studying in the...

United Kingdom



THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Research and Higher Education



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 the 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**

Degrees awarded:

- > Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Engineering
- > Architecture, Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine = 5-7 years of study

▶ **Higher National Diploma (HND) = 2 years**

- > If completed with high grades, it can lead to the third year of a degree.

▶ **Foundation degree = 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 such as nursing and social work

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- ▶ 2nd October 2023 for conservatoires – music applications
- ▶ 16th October 2023 for Oxford and Cambridge and most courses in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine/Science, and Dentistry
- ▶ 31st January 2024 for the majority of undergraduate courses

REQUIREMENTS

English tests

- ▶ **IELTS** www.ielts.org
conducted at *Institut National des Langues* Luxembourg
www.inll.lu
- ▶ **TOEFL** www.toefl.org
conducted at Berlitz Luxembourg www.berlitz.com
- ▶ **Cambridge tests**
conducted at Berlitz Luxembourg www.berlitz.com

PROCEDURE

- ▶ Choose your courses on 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 30th June are entered into Clearing.
- ▶ Register from July until mid-October on www.ucas.com.

You can use Clearing if you

- ▶ are applying after 30th 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



BREXIT

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/;
- ▶ 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

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 (£363 for students).
- ▶ Pay a fee called an Immigration Health Surcharge (£470 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 £ a year).

Check the website of the university for more details!



SEARCH ENGINE

- ▶ UCAS Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
www.ucas.com

USEFUL LINKS

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



STUDENT LIFE

ACEL

ACEL (Association des Cercles d'Étudiants Luxembourgeois) informs you about all aspects of student life:

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



www.acel.lu





FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID FROM THE LUXEMBOURG STATE

- ▶ 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!
- ▶ Contact the Financial Aid Department of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education in case of doubt.

aide-fi@mesr.etat.lu

Application deadlines

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

Eligible study courses

Consult the section “[eligible study courses](#)” on our website www.mengstudien.lu.



More information on the financial aid application procedure and the eligibility criteria:

www.mengstudien.lu

(with an integrated calculation [simulator](#))



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Contact the Higher Education Information Service of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education to ensure that the higher education qualification you are aiming for is recognised!
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