

Discover Uni

Parents' evening presentation

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The official government resource for data and information about UK universities and colleges.

- Search courses by subject or university
- Find out what students and graduates thought about their course
- Find out what students earn after their study
- Compare up to seven courses alongside each other
- Get advice about going to university in the UK, including how to choose a course, apply, access finance, and accommodation.

The screenshot displays the Discover Uni website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: 'Thinking about uni', 'Starting uni', 'Further information', and 'Cymraeg'. A search bar with 'Search', 'Compare', and 'Saved' icons is on the right. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue banner reads 'Thinking about your uni choices?' and 'Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK'. The main content area has a search section titled 'Search by course name and/or institution' with input fields for 'Course name' and 'Institution name', and a 'Search' button. To the right, a section titled 'How to use Discover Uni' explains the site's purpose and includes a 'Find out more' button. Below this, a purple banner indicates 'You have 9 courses saved' with a 'View your courses' link. The 'Information and advice' section features three cards: 'How to choose a course' (with a sub-header 'Get some tips on how to research and choose a course'), 'Exam results and Clearing' (with a sub-header 'What you need to know about results day and Clearing'), and 'How to search for courses' (with a sub-header '2 mins long' and a 'Find out more' button). A detailed view of the 'How to choose a course' section is shown in a foreground box, containing a grid of 12 topics: Downloadable Resources, Subject, Location, Course details, Earnings and employment, Student views, Costs, Entry requirements, Student support, Quality and standards, Accommodation, and Rankings and other information.

Official, reliable data

BA (Hons) History

University of X example

What you need to know about the student survey data

Some data is from students surveyed during the Covid-19 pandemic, which may have had an effect on their responses.
[Find out more](#)

Save course

Course details

Study mode	Length	Distance learning	Placement year	Year abroad	Foundation year
Full time	3 year course	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Student Satisfaction

73%

agreed they were satisfied with the quality of the course

Average Earnings for

£25,000

15 months after the course for Historical, philosophical and religious studies graduates at Birkbeck, University of London

Employment

80%

go on to work and / or study within 15 months after the course

The data we show includes:

The National Student Survey:

All final year students are asked to do this survey. It includes:

- Overall satisfaction with their course
- Views on teaching quality, feedback and assessment

The Graduate Outcomes survey:

Carried out 15 months after students finish their course. It includes:

- What they currently doing – e.g. working or studying
- What types of jobs they have
- What they're earning
- If they're using what they learned on their course

Earnings from tax records

What graduates are earning 3 and 5 years after graduation

... and there's more...

+ National Student Survey results

+ Entry information

+ After 1 year on the course

+ Earnings after the course

+ Employment 15 months after the course

+ Graduate perceptions

+ Information on the uni website

Some examples...

What students think of their course:

73%

"Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course"

Source: [NSS \(National Student Survey\)](#)

Data from 25 students (77% of those who were asked)



What graduates earn:

After 15 months	After 3 years	After 5 years
£37,500	£43,000	£53,000
Typical range: £35,500 - £45,000	Typical range: £34,500 - £54,000	Typical range: £42,000 - £64,000
Data from 10 people (75% of those asked).	Data from 40 people.	Data from 40 people.
Students graduating during 2017-2018. Source: Graduate Outcomes survey	Students graduating during 2010-2012. Source: Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) dataset	Students graduating during 2010-2012. Source: Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) dataset

What graduates go on to do:



95%

In highly skilled work

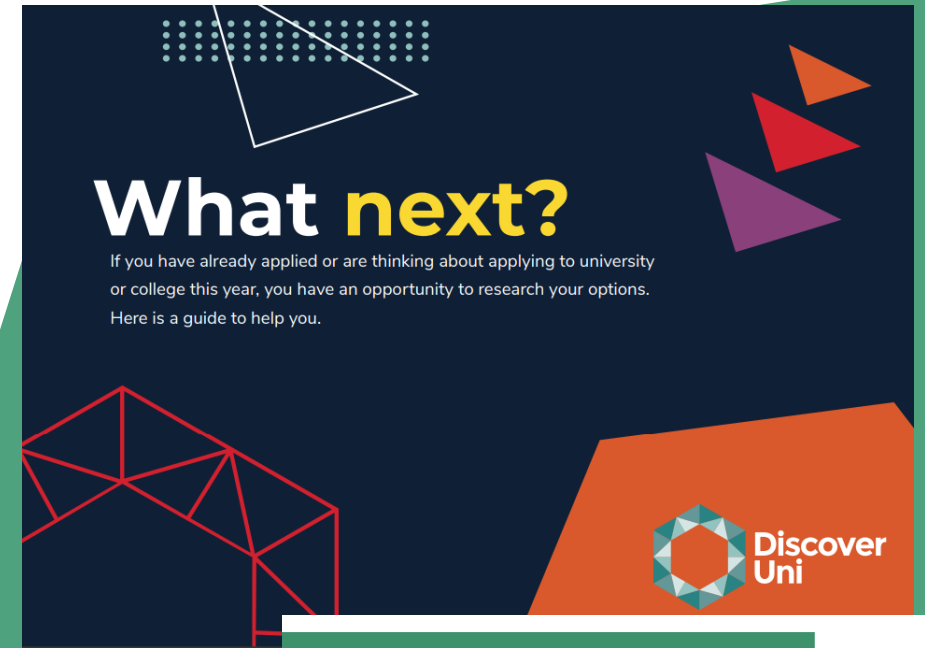
- 35% Finance Professionals
- 35% Business, Research and Administrative Professionals
- 15% Business and public service associate professionals



Doing some research

There is lots for applicants to consider when deciding what and where to study:

- What subject are they most interested in?
- What modules and options are on offer – what does the university website say?
- What do they want to do next? Will the course help them start a career, go on to further study or keep their options open?
- Where do they want to study, what type of location, what's the cost of living?
- What grades do they need to get in? Universities and colleges set their own entry requirements, which can vary widely.



How to research options

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	Option 1	Option 2	etc.
Entry requirements Do they fit with your actual or predicted grades? Remember to consider different options – why not include some courses that are above your grades, some that match and one that is lower as a backup.	BBB – match	AAB – higher than predicted	
Course content Does the course subject and content match your interests and potential career aspirations?			
Work experience Does the university or college offer placements or internship opportunities? How will these opportunities be affected by the pandemic?		Sandwich years on hold	
Assessment How will the course be assessed? Think about whether you prefer exams or coursework and check how modules are assessed.	No exams	Mix of exams and coursework	

See our 'Guide for students' on [DiscoverUni.gov.uk](https://discoveruni.gov.uk)

Search for and compare courses

What may matter to applicants

They can use the data and student survey insight to compare courses and find the right one for them.

- Is the course full-time, part-time, distance learning?
- Does it include a work placement?
- Is it accredited by a professional body?
- What do students think about the course?

Users can 'rate' the courses against their own criteria using the 'stars'.

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Thinking about uni Starting uni Further information Cymraeg

Search Compare Saved

Compare courses

+ Add saved course Compare up to 7 courses

Guidance on comparing courses

This course data presents a snapshot at a point in time, your experience may be different. Some data is from students surveyed during the pandemic. Find out more about how to use this data when making decisions about where and what to study.

4 course(s) selected

☆☆☆	×	★★★★	×	☆☆☆	×	☆☆☆	×
BA (Hons) Computer Arts		BA (Hons) Fine Art: Painting		BA (Hons) Fine Art: Photography		BA (Hons) Fine Art: Drawing	
Abertay University		University of the Arts, London		University of the Arts, London		University of the Arts, London	

Course details				
Study mode	Full time	Full time	Full time	Full time
Length	4 years	3 years	3 years	3 years
▼ Show more				
Student Satisfaction				+
After 1 year on the course				+
Earnings after the course				+
Employment 15 months after the course				+

Ways you can help

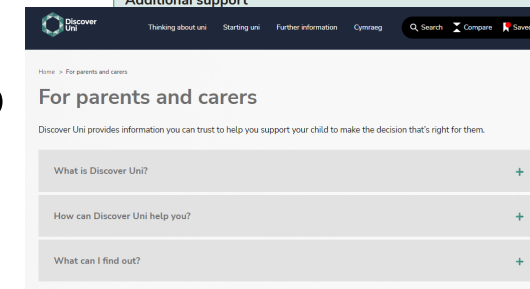
Students often feel overwhelmed by all the information out there and nervous about making a big decision. **You can help them get focused:**

- **What are they interested in** - what matters to them and what needs to inform their choices?
- **Start their research** - subject, course modules, career potential, location, entry requirements, open days, what students think of their courses.
- **Long-list to short-list** - it's easier to refine choices.
- **Deadlines** - make sure they allow enough time to draft and review their application.

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Delivery methods How is the course now being taught? Is it online, face-to-face, or a mixture? How long will any changes to teaching methods last – just for the first term, or the whole first year? What teaching methods would suit your preferred learning style best?	All online		
Location Where is the course based? Consider whether you want to be closer to home or further away, and what kind of campus you would like to attend.	3 hour train ride		
Fees and costs Are there any additional costs you may have to pay for the course, such as for materials or field trips?		£200 field trip in first year	
Financial support Are there any scholarships or bursaries available for the course?			
Additional support	Guaranteed accessible accommodation in first year		



All the info they need

How to choose a course

In this section we give you some ideas for what you might want to consider when deciding what and where to study. We also tell you about the information that can help and where to find it.

Not all these things will be important to everyone. It's a good idea to start by thinking about what matters most to you.

Downloadable Resources

Subject

Location

Course details

Earnings and employment

Student views

Costs

Entry requirements

Student support

Quality and standards

Accommodation

Rankings and other information

How will I pay for it?

There are many ways you can get help to pay for the cost of going to uni.

Some help is through loans that need to be repaid, but only once you are earning over a certain amount. Some is through grants that don't need to be paid back.

Some funding comes from the government and some is from universities and colleges, charities or other sources.

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Home > Exam results and Clearing

Exam results and Clearing

When do exam results come out?

- National Qualifications in Scotland are released on 9 August 2022

- A level results day is on 18 August 2022

See the below information to support you before and during your exam results. Good luck!

Home > Preparing to start uni

Preparing to start uni

Here's the information you need, together with tips from students, so you know what to expect and to help you prepare for your uni course.

Check your uni website and course pages regularly for details and read updates from your university or college so

A-Z of resources

Researching options

Discover Uni: <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

Prospects: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

The Student Room: <https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/>

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/>

Unibuddy: <https://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students>

What Uni: www.whatuni.com

Qualifications information

England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2021/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2021>

Scotland: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/qa96763.html>

Wales: <https://gov.wales/examination-and-assessment-guidance-2020-2021>

Northern Ireland: <https://ceea.org.uk/summer-2021>

Government information

UK Government coronavirus information: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Welsh Government coronavirus support for higher education students: <https://gov.wales/higher-education-and-student-support-coronavirus>

Scottish Government coronavirus information for students: <https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/>

Northern Irish Government coronavirus information for students: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-schools-colleges-and-universities>

Office of the Independent Adjudicator: <https://www.oia.gov.uk/>

Submit a notification to the Office for Students: <https://www.ofs.gov.uk/submit-a-notification-to-the-office-for-students/>

NI Ombudsman: <https://nipo.org.uk/>

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: <https://www.spsso.org.uk/>

Consumer protection

Competition and Markets Authority: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/competition-and-markets-authority>

Consumer protection law advice for higher education providers and students: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-guide-to-consumer-rights-for-students>

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Your rights

To help you make an informed decision about accepting an offer of a place on a course, universities and colleges are obliged under consumer protection legislation to make certain information available to you. This includes information about costs, complaints, terms and conditions, and your right to cancel the contract you hold with the university or college.

If you are applying to a university or college in England, the Office for Students has released guidance which states that your university or college should:

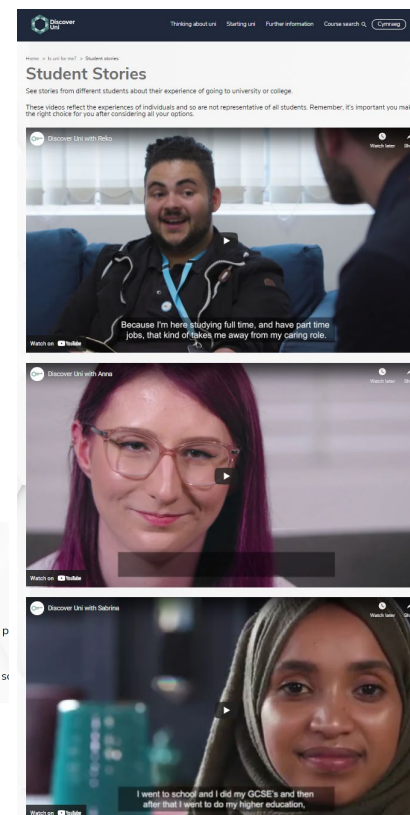
- tell you about any changes to your course, for example, whether you will be taught online or on-campus
- let you know whether the teaching on courses could change due to public health advice
- provide you with their terms and conditions
- ensure that their complaints procedure is accessible, clear and fair, and let you know where you can find it.

They should give you all of this information before places are confirmed in August. If you are applying to a university or college in Wales, the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales expects universities to make sure that students have access to clear and up-to-date information, based on what is known at the time. Where universities have made decisions about the delivery of part of the academic year, but not the whole year, they should provide information on the decisions

made to date, and the timescales in which information on the remainder of the academic year will be made available. Complaints processes must continue to remain accessible, transparent and fair, and universities must provide clear information on how students can escalate any issues, including through contacting the Office of the Independent Adjudicator.

If you don't think your university or college has given you the information you need to make an informed choice, there are a few steps you can take:

- Complain to the university or college through their complaints procedure.
- If you are in England, you may be able to complain to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator. Bear in mind that this information will only be used to search for patterns of behaviour in universities, not to take further action on your individual case.
- If you are in England or Wales, you may be able to complain to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator.
- If you are in Northern Ireland, you may be able to complain to the NI Ombudsman.
- If you are in Scotland, you may be able to complain to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.
- If you think the university or college has breached consumer protection law, you can report their behaviour to the Competition and Markets Authority.



Hear from students about their course and download our guide for students which has everything potential applicants need to know about going to uni.

Using Discover Uni

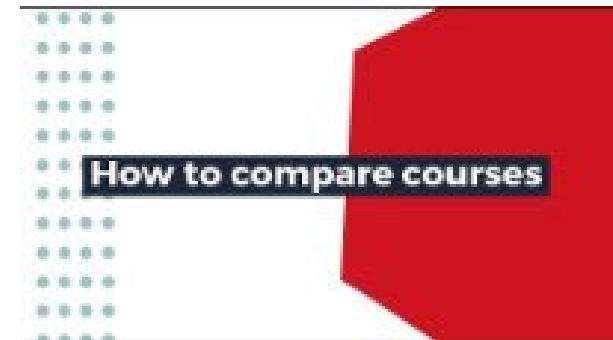
1. How to search for courses



2. How to use the course details page



3. How to use the course details page



Here are three short videos which show potential applicants how to use the wealth of official information on courses available on Discover Uni.

