

# Great choices and great outcomes

- UCAS' services for applicants



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## > Introduction to UCAS

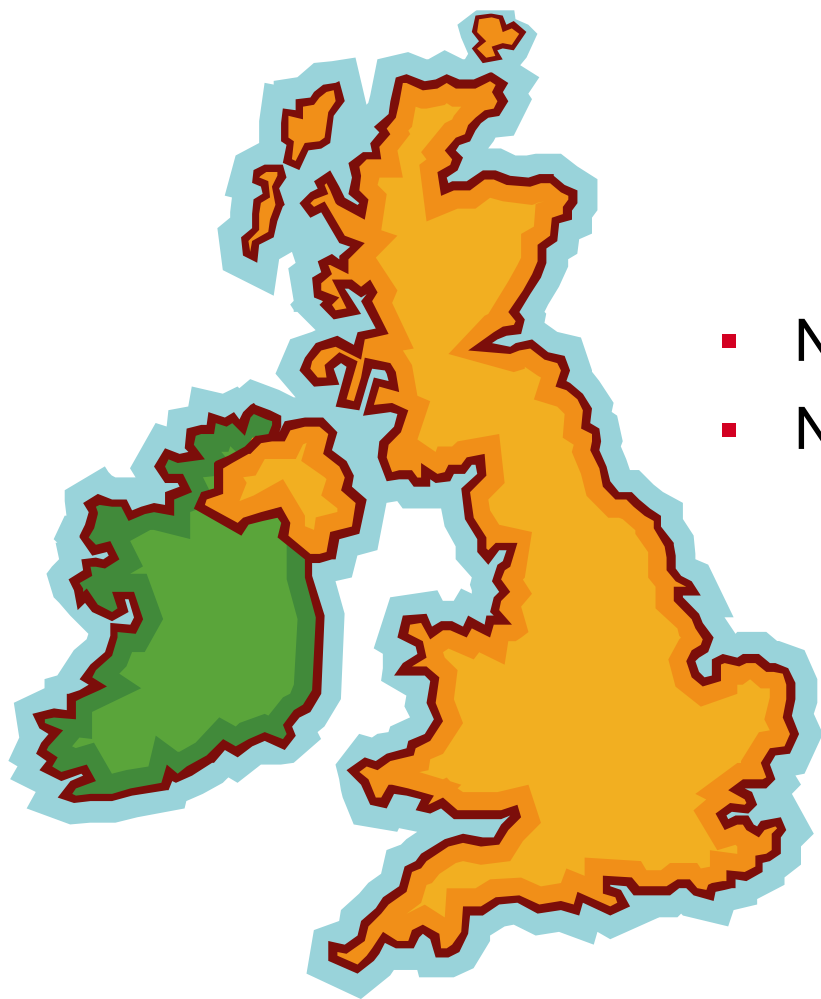
- Central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to higher education courses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- We operate on behalf of all full-time courses at member higher education institutions (HEIs)
- All UK universities are members of UCAS
  - Undergraduate courses are recruited through UCAS

UCAS

helping students into higher education



## > The provision of higher education in the UK



- Number of institutions 304
- Number of courses 50,000+

## > The competitive advantage

Gaining a place at university or college has three stages:

1. Research
2. The UCAS application
3. Consideration by HEIs





> Course Search

> Apply

> Track progress

> Where to study

classroom and then going on to analyse the results, forming a conclusion and relating it to the work of other Geographers, hoping that I can add to the field of study.

One of my hobbies is walking and I often consider the river formations and their interactions with other features of the physical landscape as I travel around the hills of my local area.

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**About this video** - Find out how to start your personal statement. This guide explains what to include, and tackles the most common fears and concerns about writing a personal statement.



## Managing applications to UK higher education courses

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Managing

> Course Search



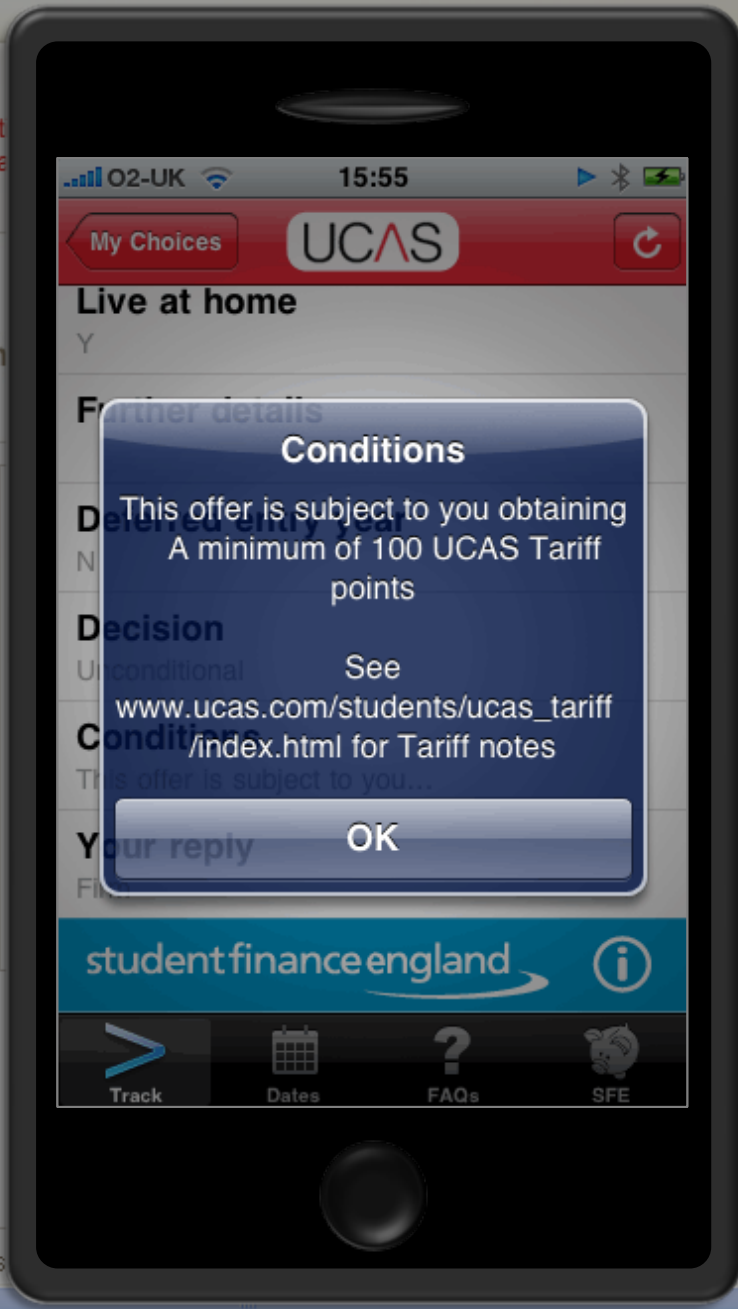
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Live at home

**Conditions**

This offer is subject to you obtaining  
A minimum of 100 UCAS Tariff points

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[www.ucas.com/students/ucas\\_tariff/index.html](http://www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/index.html) for Tariff notes

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**STEP 1**  
Choosing courses

**STEP 2**  
Applying

**STEP 3**  
Offers

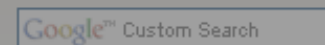
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Results

**STEP 5**  
Next steps

**STEP 6**  
Starting university or college

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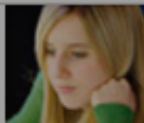
**Need to know**

**2009 National Student Survey results**  
[The National Student Survey results went live on 29 September at unistats.com...](#)

**Medicine, dentistry, veterinary courses**  
[Check our advice before applying...](#)

**Early application deadline:**  
**15 October 2009**  
[For medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine/science, Oxford University or University of Cambridge applications...](#)

**Watch our video to applying on UCAS tv**  
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Search

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subject

course type

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regions

- Eastern
- East Midlands
- Greater London
- North East
- Northern Ireland
- North West
- Scotland
- South East
- South West
- Wales
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humberside

Hold down your CONTROL key to select more than one region at a time

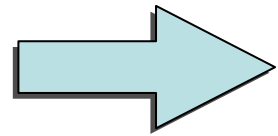
do you want to search for courses leading to:

qualified teacher status  professional accreditation





<a href="#">English</a> (Q300)	3FT Hon BA
<b><u>Bournemouth University</u></b> (B50)	qualification
<a href="#">English and History</a> (QV31) EP .	3FT Hon BA
<b><u>The University of Bradford</u></b> (B56)	qualification
<a href="#">English (Interdisciplinary)</a> (Q300)	3FT Hon BA
<b><u>University of Brighton</u></b> (B72)	qualification
<a href="#">English Studies and English Literature</a> (Q301) EP .	3FT/4SW Hon BA
<b><u>University of Bristol</u></b> (B78)	qualification
<a href="#">English</a> (Q300) EP .	3FT Hon BA
<a href="#">English and Classical Studies</a> (QQ38) EP .	3FT Hon BA
<b><u>University of the West of England, Bristol</u></b> (B80)	qualification
<a href="#">English</a> (Q300) EP .	3FT Hon BA
<b><u>Brunel University</u></b> (B84)	qualification
<a href="#">English</a> (Q300) EP .	3FT Hon BA
<b><u>University of Cambridge</u></b> (C05)	qualification
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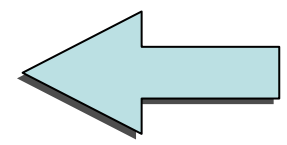
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**University of Bristol**  
**English**  
3 year full-time Degree

- > [What does this course offer me?](#)
- > [What qualifications do I need?](#)
- > [Application and selection](#)
- > [About this institution](#)
  
- > [Fees, bursaries and financial support](#)



This highly respected course offers chronological coverage of English literature from the medieval period to the present day, as well as a choice of special options. It is primarily assessed by coursework.

What does this course offer me?

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">About the course</a>  | <a href="#">Skills developed on the course</a> |
| <a href="#">Special features</a>  | <a href="#">Careers</a>                        |
| <a href="#">Department awards</a> | <a href="#">What the students say</a> ↑        |
| <a href="#">Course options</a>    | <a href="#">Entry statistics</a>               |
| <a href="#">Teaching methods</a>  | <a href="#">FAQs</a> ↑                         |
| <a href="#">Assessment</a>        |  |

What qualifications do I need?

## > Key features of the UCAS application process

- Maximum of 5 choices
- Some choice restrictions:
  - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry – max 4 choices
  - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simultaneous consideration
- ‘Invisibility’

## > Making a UCAS application

Every applicant has five sections to complete:

- Personal details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement

Forward to tutor:

- Reference

⇒ UCAS

⇒ Universities / colleges



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## > Key features of the UCAS application process

Mid-June                   ▪ *Apply* available for student registration

Early-September       ▪ First date for receipt of *Apply* applications



15 October

- Early 'on-time' deadline:
  - Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry
  - Oxford or Cambridge



15 January

- Deadline for all other 'on-time' applications

30 June

- Final date for submission of 'on-time' overseas applications

## > Decision making by institutions

- An admissions tutor may initially make one of three decisions:
  - Unconditional offer
  - Conditional offer
  - Unsuccessful
- Or recommend:
  - A place on an alternative course



## > Applicant replies to offers

- Once the final decision has been received, a maximum of two offers may be held
- Applicants have a choice of three reply options:
  - **Firm** acceptance
  - **Insurance** acceptance
  - Decline the offer

## > Questions



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