

# HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UK

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, ranging in size, mission and subject mix. As they are totally autonomous they have their own degree-awarding powers and decide 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

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

## Scottish universities vs British

- > The Scottish Government has announced free tuition for eligible EU students who choose to start studying in Scotland in the 2019-20 academic year. For more information visit the SAAS website.  
<https://www.saas.gov.uk>
- > Most degree courses in Scotland last four years! They are sometimes referred to as Master of Arts.

## DEGREES

### undergraduate level

- > **Bachelor degree's = 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 Bachelor's degree**
- > **Master's degree = 1 to 2 years after Bachelor's degree**
  - Taught Master = 1 to 1,5 years
  - Research Master = 3 to 4 years
- > **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) = 3 years after a Master's degree**

## USEFUL WEBSITES

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

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

[www.educationuk.org/global](http://www.educationuk.org/global)

[www.studyinscotland.org](http://www.studyinscotland.org)

[www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)

[www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)

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

[http://unistats.co.uk](http://http://unistats.co.uk)

To check if an institution is recognized in Britain :

<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised>



## UNITED KINGDOM studying in ...





# APPLICATION

## Online application

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

## Requirements

### English tests

- > IELTS [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)  
conducted at the Institut national des langues [www.inll.lu](http://www.inll.lu)
- > TOEFL [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)  
conducted at Berlitz [www.berlitz.lu](http://www.berlitz.lu)
- > Cambridge tests  
conducted at Berlitz [www.berlitz.lu](http://www.berlitz.lu)



## Application procedure

### Deadlines

- > **15 October:** apply for Oxford and Cambridge as well as for courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine
- > **15 January:** apply for all other courses
- > **24 March:** deadline for all art and design courses
- > **30 June:** ultimate application deadline
- > **July to September:** "clearing procedure" on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) if you have been refused or you didn't apply.

## CLEARING

### You can use Clearing if you

- > apply after 30 June
- > didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- > didn't meet the conditions of your offers

### How it works?

1. you identify courses (with vacancies) that interest you and contact the course providers directly to see if they will offer you a place.
2. If you're applying after 30 June, you still need to register and make an application through UCAS. In Clearing you need to complete all the application as normal, including your personal statement, but you can't add course choices.

# TUITION FEES

## Undergraduate courses

- > **in England, Wales and Northern Ireland:**  
up to 9000.-£ per year
- > **in Scotland:**  
no tuition fees if you are an EU-Student from outside the UK

The SAAS-Scottish Awards Agency for Scotland usually pays the full amount (1820.-£) on your behalf. You must still submit an application form to SAAS to have your fees paid.

### More information

[www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

## Brexit

EU students starting university in 2020/21 academic year will have guaranteed home fee for the duration of courses in England.

# LIVING COSTS

In addition to your university tuition fees, your living costs will vary depending on your lifestyle and your choice of accommodation. UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) requires an international student to have a budget of at least £1,265 per month to study in London.

### More information:

<https://www.studyinlondon.ac.uk>  
<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/>

# CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY IN THE UK

As an EU citizen you won't need a visa to come to the UK. Check for new Brexit conditions on <https://www.gov.uk>

### Regulations might change after Brexit!

### More information on

<https://gouvernement.lu/fr/dossiers/2019/brexit.html>  
<https://www.gov.uk>

# STUDENT ACCOMODATION

You have several possibilities to find accommodation:

## Hall of residence

Most universities provide places for first-year students in their halls of residence.

You may be offered accommodation in a hall of residence where you will have your own bedroom but share facilities such as the kitchen with other students.

Check the websites of those institutions for further information. Complete the accommodation form of the universities and return it by the date stated.

### More information on

[www.timeshighereducation.com](http://www.timeshighereducation.com)  
[www.studentcrowd.com](http://www.studentcrowd.com)

## Private sector accommodation

Many students live in private, rented accommodation. This is especially popular for students in the second year of their studies and onwards. You can rent a place on your own, or share with other students.

**You can find additional information about private hostels, lodgings, bed-sits or shared flats/houses on the following web sites:**

[www.accommodationforstudents.com](http://www.accommodationforstudents.com)  
[www.unite-students.com](http://www.unite-students.com)  
[www.sisb.lu](http://www.sisb.lu)

# SOCIAL SECURITY

A valid European Insurance Card gives you the right to access state-provided health care. So you are entitled to free medical treatment under the UK's National Health Service (NHS) [nhs.uk](http://nhs.uk)

You must also register in Britain with a doctor or General Practitioner and a local dentist.

To get a maximum reimbursement, always choose a practitioner of the NHS.

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[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)  
[www.skill.org.uk](http://www.skill.org.uk)



# FINANCIAL AID

## Financial aid from the Luxembourg state


Cedies grants scholarships and loans (at a maximum 2% interest rate per year) for studying in higher education. Financial aid is only granted for recognized degree courses!

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

### Application deadlines:

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

For more information, conditions and to calculate your financial aid visit [www.cedies.lu](http://www.cedies.lu)

Apply online at [www.Guichet.lu](http://www.Guichet.lu) !  
MyGuichet.lu 

## Private scholarships in Luxembourg

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

## UK scholarships and bursaries

On this website, you can search through thousands of scholarships at UK schools, colleges and universities.

### More information:

[www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org)

# WORKING AND STUDYING

Working alongside your studies is a fantastic way to gain skills and experience for your future career.

You may work up to 20 hours a week during the academic year and full time during the vacations without a work permit.

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## How to find a part-time work?

If your course involves a work placement or internship, it is likely that your school, college or university will arrange this for you.

Your institution may have a Careers Advisor who can help!

### More information:

[www.studentjob.co.uk](http://www.studentjob.co.uk)

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