

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, 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)

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 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



SEARCH ENGINE

www.ucas.com

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.nus.org.uk

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

www.timeshighereducation.com

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>

www.gov.uk/guidance/studying-in-the-uk-guidance-for-eu-students

To check if an institution is recognized in Britain :

www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised



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APPLICATION

Online application

www.ucas.com

Application deadline

- > **15 October** Oxford and Cambridge and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry
- > **the last Wednesday in January** for the majority of courses

Requirements

English tests

- > IELTS www.ielts.org
conducted at the Institut national des langues www.inll.lu
- > TOEFL www.toefl.org
conducted at Berlitz www.berlitz.lu
- > Cambridge tests
conducted at Berlitz www.berlitz.lu

Procedure

1. Choose your courses on www.ucas.com
2. Fill in your application
3. Write your personal statement
4. Get a reference from your teacher, principal or head teacher
5. Take an English language test
6. Prepare for an interview (if required)

CLEARING

All applications received after **30 June** are entered into Clearing.

Register from **July** until **mid-October** on www.ucas.com.

You can use Clearing if

- > you're applying after 30 June
- > you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- > you didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- > you've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in Track

How does Clearing work?

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

TUITION FEES

> Scotland:

No more free education for **new EU students** from the academic year 2021/22 onwards!

> England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales:

new EU nationals will pay [international fees](#)

Check the website of the university for more details.

BREXIT

Student visa compulsory

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](#)
- > have enough money 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 \(apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk\)](#)

Procedure

1. Have a valid passport : you will need a passport with a biometric chip
2. Have the CAS: your university or college will give you a document called: "Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)"
3. Complete the application form
4. Pay an application fee (£348 for students)
5. Pay a fee called an Immigration Health Surcharge (£470 per year). This gives you access to the UK's National Health Service.



STUDENT LIFE

ACEL (Association of Luxembourg Student Unions) informs you about all aspects of student life: housing, social security, student jobs and internships, etc.

<https://acel.lu/>

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid from the Luxembourg State

- > The Ministry of Higher Education and Research offers grants and loans to students enrolled in higher education and meeting certain conditions.
- > Financial aid is awarded only for recognised degree courses!
- > Consult the section « eligible degree courses » on our website www.cedies.lu
- > Contact us in case of doubt etudes@mesr.etat.lu

Application deadlines:

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

For more information on the financial aid application procedure and the eligibility criteria (with the possibility to use our calculation simulator), please visit: www.cedies.lu .

**For a faster processing, apply online via
MyGuichet.lu!**

