



A small selection of
virtual university sites
that may interest you,

UCAS and Higher Education

VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY GUIDES

Most universities have now taken a proactive approach to the Coronavirus situation by providing online materials for students interested in expanding their knowledge during lockdown and to help students about to attend university or considering Higher Education.

Designed to give students an understanding of both the nature of the courses on offer and the structure and facilities available at university, much of the information given by the universities is applicable to and transferable to other universities or institutions.

In the following pages I have collected together a small example of what is on offer. I would recommend visiting individual university websites for greater detail. All information is correct at time of publishing this guide. Please remember that universities will be continually updating this information so the links may be subject to change or redirection.

The examples given are to illustrate the variety of approaches now being adopted by the universities and serve as a guide rather than an endorsement or specific recommendation. I have assembled this guide to help prompt your own research into your next educational steps. Simply click on the links provided or paste the addresses into your URL browser to investigate further

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UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN FACE BOOK CLASSROOMS

Many Universities have active Facebook sites with lots of information and events streaming live. Why not investigate what is on offer from the universities you are interested in?

https://www.facebook.com/UoLVirtualClassroom/?eid=ARCZY8-DyFg3CHq6cwEK5xo9eVjkODTivRfN9zWaR7Z2mRTvD8w5iuHZqdJ5KSUwPbI_ZW-SYmRdfeji



SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT UNIVERSITY



Many universities have established learning portals such as this one from Southampton Solent - simply paste the address below into your URL browser window and it will allow you to register for access to their online materials. This can be useful for students about to attend the university or for those students wishing to augment their knowledge or make decisions about which university to attend.

https://uni4me.co.uk/institutions/solent-university-southampton/?utm_source=Southampton%20Solent%20University&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12271411_UKSR%20-%20Schools%20and%20Colleges%20-%20April%202021%20-%20with%20names&utm_content=Uni4Me%20site&dm_i=24FD,7B00J,SC6E4V,TNFLJ,1



UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER

https://www.winchester.ac.uk/media/content-assets/documents/West_Downs_newsletter_July2020.pdf

UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTERS

Many universities produce regular newsletters like this example from the University of Winchester (University of Southampton). It is a great way to see what the university has to offer and to find out about events and upcoming opportunities to speak to students or drop in on online lectures. Why not see if the university you are interested in has a 'subscribe' feature and you can receive these regularly?



Green credentials

The West Downs Centre is set to achieve the 'Excellent' rating of the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) - the benchmark standard for the construction of environmentally sustainable buildings in the UK - with 'Outstanding' credits for energy, contributing to the University's ambition to become the most sustainable higher education institution in the UK.

Features of the building include solar panels, a 300sqm whiteflower roof on the top of the drum-shaped Auditorium, built-in bird and bat boxes and carefully selected building materials, rainwater harvesting to recycle water from the roof of the Learning Hall to provide flushing water as well as irrigation for the trees and plants. The building is thermally efficient with mechanical ventilation and heat recovery systems to help minimise the amount of energy that can escape to the outside.

Winchester is the first UK university to secure Green finance for campus development, with a £30m loan from Triodos Bank, Europe's leading sustainable bank. Triodos Bank is a global pioneer in sustainable banking, using the power of finance to invest in projects that are good for people and the planet.

Healthier people through better buildings

The West Downs Centre is one of the first university projects in the UK to register for WELL Certification, an accreditation scheme which recognises buildings that support and enhance human health and wellbeing.

The WELL Building Standard (WELL) is a performance-based rating system for measuring and certifying features of buildings and indoor spaces that positively impact human health and wellness.

Features of the development that boost wellbeing include a contemplation space for practising mindfulness, access to nature through the courtyard garden, landscaped areas for encouraging outdoor use, and reduced harmful buildings emissions, including air and water testing.

Currently, there are 215 WELL Certified projects around the world, with just seven certified projects in the UK. WELL Certification is due following an inspection of the completed building.

Contemporary design, inspiring spaces

The contemporary design by Winchester-based Design Engine Architects includes a 350-seat drum-shaped auditorium, which will host public events, art gallery, cafe, food hall, library, social learning areas and versatile teaching spaces. There are also plans to open a zero-waste shop. Many of these facilities, including the cafe and shop, will be open to the public to enjoy.

The entrance plaza features informal seating areas, while an enclosed courtyard with a water feature offers a quiet space for reflection at the heart of the building.





Webinars and online taster lectures.

We are also working with our academics to bring you a range of subject-specific taster lectures.

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/information-for/young-people/webinars>

MOOCS (free online courses)

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free online courses.

<https://www.mooc-list.com/university-entity/university-east-Anglia>

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/information-for/young-people/preparing-for-university-mooc>

Designed to ease any uncertainties by equipping students with the skills for university learning before they get there. Relevant for anyone moving from level 3 study to university, whichever university they're planning to go to. Students can start any time.

Additional resources

Our resources portal includes subject resources, wellbeing advice and guidance on higher education.

<https://everwondered.uea.ac.uk/>

Online resource for aspiring medics

Observe GP, is a free interactive video platform, created by the Royal College of General Practitioners for aspiring medics aged 16+. It provides insights into medicine through videos and activities. <https://www.rcgp.org.uk/observegp>

UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON NEWSLETTER



You can read the latest advice for applicants who are planning to start at the University of Brighton in September on our question and answers page on the website:

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/news-and-events/coronavirus/2020-applicant-advice.aspx>

Online events for students, teachers/advisers and parents

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/visit-us/online-events/index.aspx>

Year 12 students

Our subject-based What's it like to study...? events run from 14 May and cover things like what to think about when you're applying for an undergraduate course in this area, the kinds of careers you could go on to and all about student life at Brighton for year 12 students. <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/visit-us/he-fairs-and-exhibitions/higher-education-fairs-and-visits-to-schools.aspx>

Year 13 students

If students have applied to start at Brighton we also have events covering information such as accommodation, finance and applying to university which are aimed at applicants. <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/accommodation-and-locations/helping-you-find-your-home/applying-for-university-accommodation/index.aspx>

Parents and carers

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton/advice-for-parents-and-carers/index.aspx>

If your students are applying to start with us in September 2022, all applicants are guaranteed a place in halls of residence. They need to select Brighton as their firm choice before they can apply for accommodation.

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/accommodation-and-locations/index.aspx>

The Student Loans company have published some guidance for students who are planning to start university in September this year. You'll find the latest advice on their website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-prospective-students>

[Support and information online](#)

www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton/schools-teachers/advice-for-ucas-applications

[Order a prospectus](#)

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/find-a-course/order-a-prospectus/index.aspx>

The positive effect of resilience

We'll finish this newsletter with a podcast from Professor Angie Hart, from our School of Health Sciences, talking about how resilient moves can help mental wellbeing during the coronavirus.

Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/33MZQmf>

Apple: <https://apple.co/2WNo91G>

Transcript: <https://bit.ly/3dAi92z>



UNIVERSITY OF READING



Try out taster events

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/visiting-and-open-days/taster-sessions.aspx>

Chat to Current Students - All pupils still have the opportunity to chat to current students who are available and keen to share their experiences of living and studying here; their favourite modules, opportunities they've had as part of their courses, accommodation, clubs and facilities and all other aspects of University life. https://www.reading.ac.uk/about/chat-to-our-students.aspx?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0

Online courses prepared by UoR academics - For those that wish to undertake some further study, there are also our Open Online Courses in a range of topics– (including a series designed to support A-Level study) find out more here.

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/further-learning/online-courses.aspx>

Our Live Smart: Your Essential Guide to Living at University <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/live-smart>

A Level Study Boosts: Unseen Poetry and the Creative Process might be of particular interest. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/a-level-study-unseen-poetry>

LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY



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22 Apr

Our Earth, Our People and Us - Virtual Event Day

Our Earth, Our People and Us is a student led day of free virtual events focusing on...



13 Apr

Degree Apprenticeships

What is a Degree Apprenticeship? During this talk we will look at what a Degree Appre...



14 Apr

Student Life in London

London is an exciting and vibrant city, there's certainly a lot going on and a wealth...



14 Apr

In conversation with a Bioscience Student

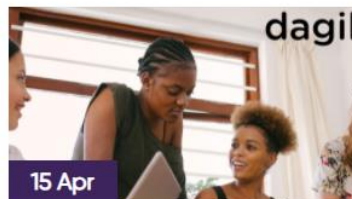
Want to know about what it's like to study Bioscience at university? Join us as we ta...



14 Apr

Towards modelling and measuring the non-random walk down wal...

LSBU Business School are pleased to present a third instalment of its Professional Le...



15 Apr

The future is bright, the future is digital!

The benefits of joining the DAGILE project include: expert tuition from corporate lec...



15 Apr

Student Budgeting Workshop

This workshop has been designed for individuals who will be managing their own budget...



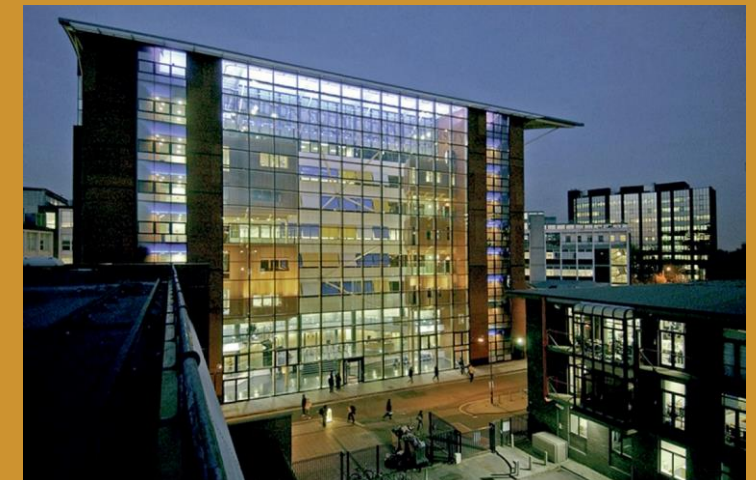
20 Apr

Psychology Postgraduate Information Session

Thinking about your postgraduate options? Join us for a live webinar and discover mor...

Universities have allowed access to many of their undergraduate events and lectures to allow you a flavour of what is on offer, once you become a student.

https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/whatson?collection=LSBU_Events_Push&query=!nullsearch&start_rank=1&sort=date



SWANSEA UNIVERSITY Webinars and Information



Accommodation

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/accommodation/>

Swansea University accommodation we have on-campus and off-campus accommodation for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and some family accommodation available

Webinars on a range of topics can be found here.

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/teachers-and-advisers/subject-specific-webinars-and-sessions/>

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/outreach/webinars/>

Parents and Guardians

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/parents/>

A parent and guardian guide to University – lots of helpful information to help you plan and support your child when they are thinking about university.

Site Map

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/system/site-map/>

Join our next Postgraduate or Undergraduate Open Day. Latest news and research.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON



Moving online has allowed some of the most prodigious universities in the uk to offer unprecedented access to their learning environments. Seize the opportunity to learn from these great institutions and to increase your chances of attending.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/ucl-study-prep>

How to create an account with UCL

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/sites/widening-participation/files/ucl_study_prep_joining_instructions.pdf



THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Many Universities now host regular online chat opportunities or are running regular drop-in lectures for prospective students or students about to start courses in September 2020.

Here are the links to Warwick – why not investigate what other universities have to offer?

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/livechat/warwickatone>



Mon 4 May, '20 [Transition to University](#)

13:00 - 14:00

Are you worried about the transition from school to university? In this session, Thomas, a Warwick student, will show a short video he's made on the subject followed by the chance to ask him questions.

[More information](#) | Tags: Student Life

Mon 4 May, '20 [Introducing English Literature](#)

13:30 - 14:30

What's it really like to study English? In this session, Ellie, an English Literature student, will show a short video she made followed by the chance to ask her questions.

[More information](#) | Tags: English

Tue 5 May, '20 [Introducing Chemistry](#)

13:00 - 14:00

What's it really like to study Chemistry? In this session, Katie, a Chemistry student, will show a short video she has made followed by the chance to ask her questions.

[More information](#) | Tags: Chemistry

Tue 5 May '20 [Living on Campus](#)

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM



CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON LINE FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Year 13

University of Birmingham - content written by current students about the University and making the transition to University life

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/eps/study/undergraduate/student-bloggers/meet-our-students-home.aspx>

This Course helps prepare for the transition to University study. <https://www.skills4uni.bham.ac.uk/>

Our offer-holder events have been moved online and we will keep in regular contact with students who are impacted by this and these will appear on our online events site as they become available. <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/events/index.aspx>

Year 12

Pre-recorded videos:

[The benefits of higher education](#)

[Student finance](#)

[Choosing courses/universities](#)

[Writing a personal statement, hints and tips from admission tutors](#)



The possibilities and opportunities to really get to grips with the next steps in your educational journey rest with the time you can spend researching what is on offer. Take notes, bookmark sites, contrast and compare. University is a new adventure and will be different from college. Proactive participation is the key to success at this point and also when you eventually attend at an undergraduate level.

This small sample is designed only to whet your appetite for discovery and I hope you enjoy searching for what your future may entail.

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