

Progression for students leaving June 2025

YEAR ONE 2024/5

NEXT STEPS EVENTS

CAREERS EVENING

H.E. EVENING

OPEN DAYS

TRANSFER EXAMS

YEAR TWO 2025

WEX WEEK

PROGRESSION LECTURES

LIBRARY SESSIONS IN PROSTUDY WORKSHOP FOR APPLICATION

FILLING OUT UCAS
FORM

WRITING FIRST DRAFT
OF PERSONAL
STATEMENT/CV

YEAR TWO 2025/6

FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE
FESTIVAL OF ARTS
APPRENTICESHIP
WORKSHOP

CHALLENGE OF MANAGEMENT

OPEN DAYS

SEPTEMBER UCAS
APPLICATIONS SENT
Early courses

COMPLETE UCAS
APPLICATION

YEAR TWO 2025/6

OTHER PROGRESSION ROUTES

GAP YEAR PLANING

JOB &
APPRENTICESHIP
APPLICATION

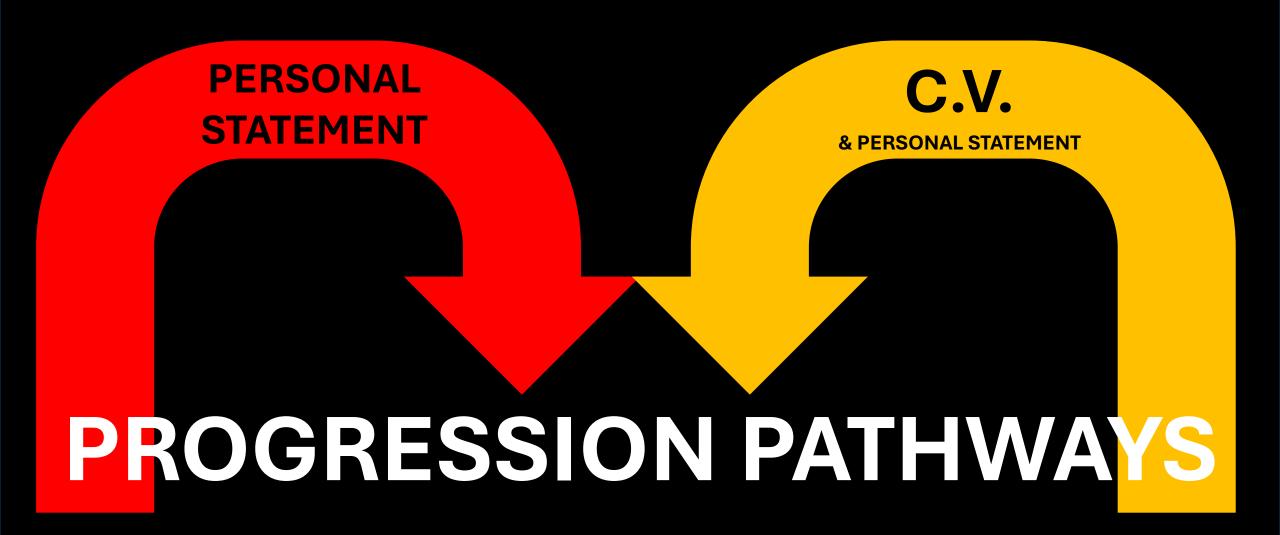
STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATION

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EXAMS

9 TH JUNE	16 [™] JUNE	23 RD JUNE	30 [™] JUNE	7 TH JULY
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	PROGRESSION DAY		WELCOME DAY	
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UCAS & APPRENTICESHIPS



'QUICKGUIDE' TO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS ON SHAREPOINT TO ENSURE YOU APPROACH THE APPLICATION PROCESS CORRECTLY



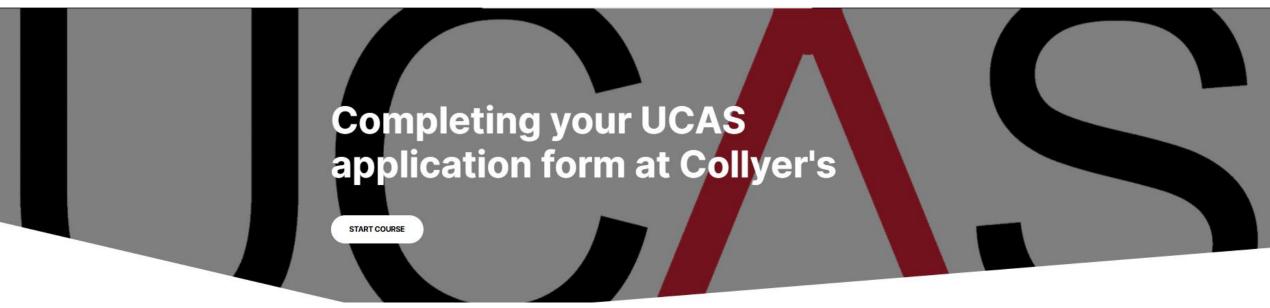
Ian McAlister Director of Progression Higher Education

UC/\S\O\EBVIEW

FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY START IN SEPTEMBER 2026 OR LATER







This course will guide you through completing your UCAS application form.

=	Resources to support your decision making	\circ	=	Adding your GCSEs and Performance, Art, Design and Music qualifications	\circ
=	Register for UCAS and link your application to the college	\circ	=	Adding your Collyer's qualifications, Unique Learner and BTEC numbers	0
=	Your Application	\circ	=	Extra Activities	0
=	Finance and Funding	\circ	=	Personal Statement	0
=	Education and Employment	\circ	=	Your Choices	0
			=	Payment	0

THIS GUIDE GIVES YOU THE BASIC STEPS YOU WILL NEED TO FOLLOW WHEN COMPLETING YOUR UNIVERSITY APPLICATION GREATER DETAIL IS FOUND WITHIN THE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS THAT YOU WILL BE FOLLOWING IN PROSTUDY BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO im@collyers.ac.uk)

SECTIONS INDICATED BY COLOURED CORNERS

- 1. Thinking about where you might like to study.
- 2. Additional research to help make decisions.
- 3. Who helps me with this application, at college?
- 4. Filling out your UCAS application
- 5. What will it be like at University?
- **5** 6. How much will it cost?
- **7.** Recap on what to do now



HOW DO I DECIDE WHERE

4% Uni Choice

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Students

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2.4% Students

Choose from.....

Over 300 HE Institutions (164 Unis) Over 50,000 courses Over 700,000 students each year

Traditional Courses (Maths, English, Sciences, etc)

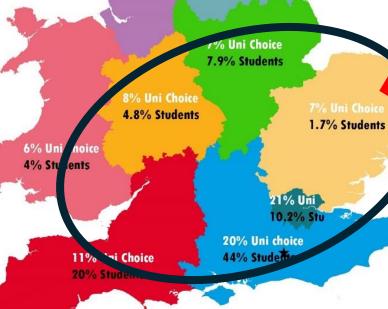
New Courses (criminology, immersive media, etc)

Combined Studies (eg. French with History, etc)

Sandwich Courses (with year in industry or abroad)

Campus/Non Campus (live on campus? Or in the surrounding area?)

1% Uni Choice 0.4% Students



520/0 are in the South

CURRENT TOP UNIVERSITY CHOICES OF COLLYERS STUDENTS

- BOURNEMOUTH
- BRIGHTON
- BRISTOL
- CHICHESTER
- EAST ANGLIA
- EXETER
- KENT
- NOTTINGHAM
- PORTSMOUTH
- RAVENSBOURNE
- READING
- SOUTHAMPTON
- SURREY
- SUSSEX
- UCL
- WARWICK
- WINCHESTER



HOW DO I DECIDE WHAT TO STUDY?

Consider...

A subject you have already studied?

A subject that relates to a career?

Something completely new?

Start making lists

What do you enjoy?

What are you good at?

What do want from life?

Do you want to be close to home?



opendays.com university and college open days

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU VISIT YOUR **SHORTLISTED UNIVERSITIES - SO YOU CAN SEE THE CAMPUS & AREAS THEY ARE IN BOOK OPEN DAYS USING** THIS SITE OR BY **BOOKING DIRECTLY** ON THE UNIVERSITY SITES.

Home Search for a university/college Browse open day calendar Advice My Open Days













22-Mar Open Day

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12-Mar Open Day

15-Mar Open Day 12-Mar Open Day

Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory



Open Day Search



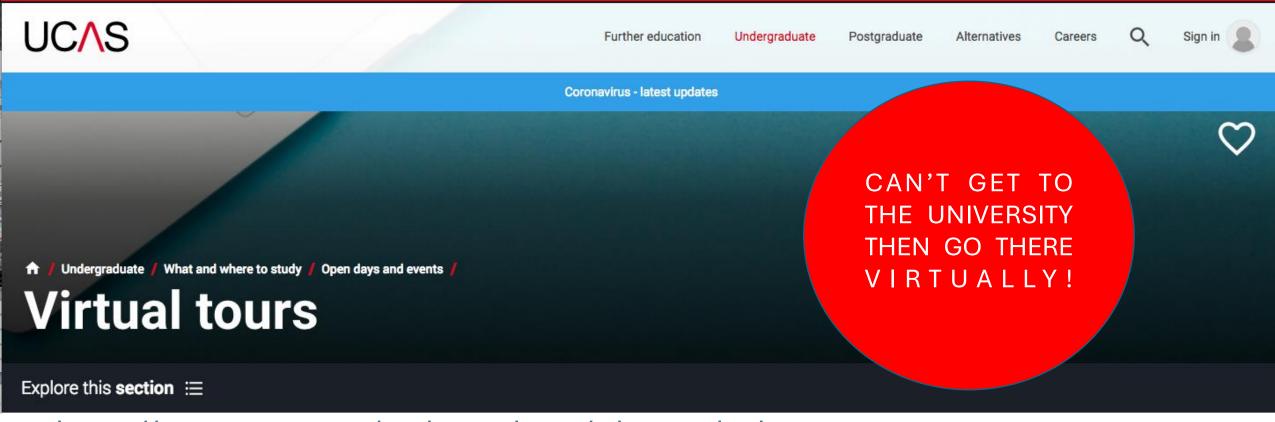
22-Mar Open Day

Join BCU's diverse student community and study at a university named as top university for work experience placements in the Midlands (RateMyPlacement).

Get a feel for where you'll spend your time studying, living, and kickstarting your career at our Undergraduate Open Day.

- · Explore our state-of-the-art facilities designed for practical learning - in which we've invested £400 million
- · Chat to our students and get all your questions answered.
- · Meet our expert staff to find out

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TO HELP MAKE DECISIONS



https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours

https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-anddigital?keywords=

USE UNIFROG TO HELP CHOOSE YOUR UNIVERSITIES

Start with what you want to study....
Then use UNIFROG to begin searching for what courses are available. If you have not already taken a UNIFROG personality and careers test then why not try this as well?



USE SMART RANKING AND FILTERS TO NARROW DOWN CHOICES

Select courses below

Pick the best courses for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.





Aspirational (162)
Top of your range

Solid (84)
In the middle

Safe (87)
At the bottom

Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)

Law - 4FT LLB (Hons)

Law - 4FT LLB (Hons)

Robert Gordon University

ON OR ABOVE YOUR PREDICTED GRADES

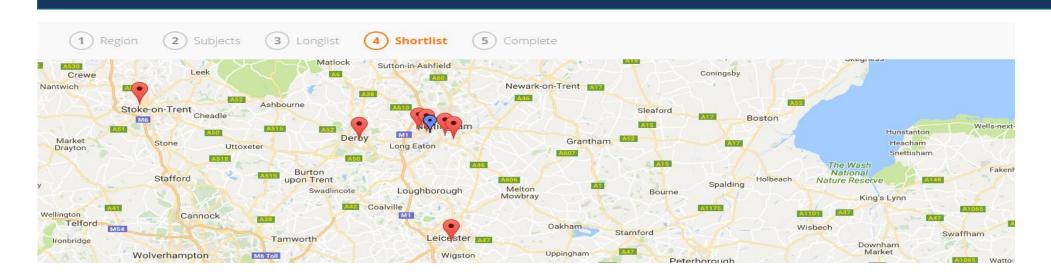
King's College London, University of

WITHIN YOUR PREDICTED GRADES

UNDER YOUR PREDICTED GRADES

Justice - 3FT LLB (Hons)

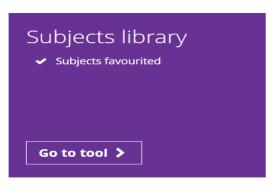
The map on each tool shows you the location of your chosen courses so you can easily compare your travelling distances.





If you're not sure what you want to do when you leave college, there is lots of exploring for you to do



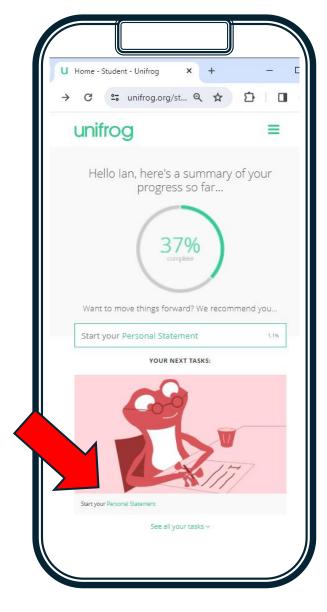


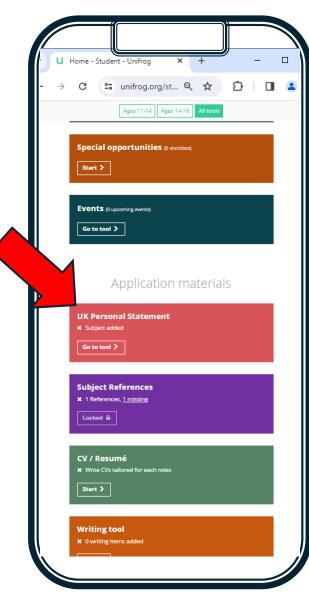




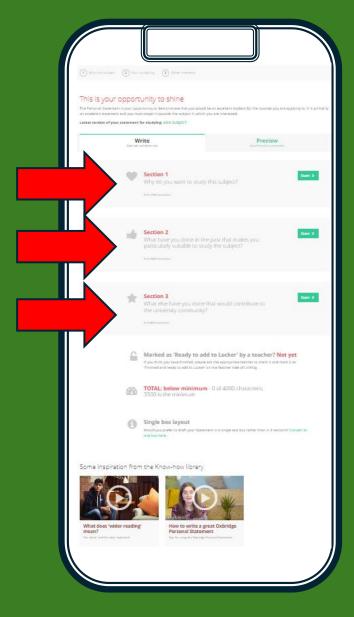
YOU WILL ALSO NEED A PERSONAL STATEMENT

Log into the student side of Unifrog and on the student homepage....





Choose Start your Personal Statement in tasks <u>or</u> find the UK Personal statement tile in application material (scroll down)



THIS TAKES YOU TO THE THREE BOX PERSONAL STATEMENT HELPER

YOU WILL NEED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ONE AND FIVE PLACES TO APPLY TO

PREDICTED A & A* GRADES MEAN YOU CAN APPLY TO

RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES

University of Birmingham University of Bristol

University of Cambridge*

Cardiff University
Durham University
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
Imperial College London
King's College London
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool

London School of Economics & Political Science
University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of Nottingham

University of Oxford*

Queen Mary University of London Queen's University Belfast University of Sheffield University of Southampton University College London University of Warwick University of York

* OXBRIDGE IS AN EARLY APPLICATION

DEADLINES

2025	UCAS 2025/2026 KEY DATES AND DEADLINES		
29th April 2025	The UCAS course search tool will start showing 2026 entry courses		
13th May 2025	Undergraduate applications will open for 2026 entry.		
2nd September 2025	You can start submitting completed undergraduate applications to UCAS.		
	Oxford, Cambridge most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science arrive at UCAS by 6pm (UK time).		
2026			
	Majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 6pm (UK time) For fair consideration		
	Extra starts for eligible applicants. If you do not have any offers, you may be able to apply for an extra course.		
	The final deadline for applications. Applications must arrive at UCAS by 6pm (UK time) after this use Clearing.		
4th July 2026	Last date for applicants to add an Extra choice.		
5th July 2026	Clearing opens for eligible applicants.		
19th October 2026	The deadline for adding Clearing choices.		

PLAN AHEAD - THINK A.B.C

A= AIM HIGH ASPIRATIONAL PLAN

B=BEREALISTIC BACK UP PLAN

C= CHANGE CLEARING PLAN

Universites will offer you places based upon your predicted grades - understand what those grades are and choose a range of courses that allow you some aspirational courses (Just above your predicted grades) some solid courses (on your predicted grades) and some safe courses (below your predicted grades)



University of Leicester

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Anglia Ruskin University





University of Reading

UK Life Scient of & Modicine ranking: 149 Times world rankings: 225 Entry

Bournemouth University

Times world rankings: 450 Entry requirements: No minimum requirement



University of Dundee

UK Life Seen Look Modifying rank nor 151 Times world

rankings: 225 Entry requirements: BBB

Bangor University

Times world rankings: 450 En ry paquirer en s: BEC

Students can make up to five choices of course at up to five different universities

COSTS = £28.50 FOR ALL FIVE CHOICES (YOU MUST apply by deadline for early courses but you can submit the form with less than

all five choices and add them at a later date through UCAS HUB)

DOCTORS & VETS CAN CHOOSE FOUR MEDICAL COURSES AND ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE

ONCE YOU HAVE MADE YOUR CHOICES AND HAD YOUR OFFERS YOU CHOOSE ONE FIRM OFFER AND ONE INSURANCE OFFER

IF YOU RECEIVE NO OFFERS YOU CAN USE EXTRA TO ADD NEW COURSES ONE BY ONE

https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices

YOU CAN USE **CLEARING PLUS** TO HAVE TAILORED COURSES SENT TO YOU

https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-

clearing/clearing-plus-magic-matching

IF RESULTS DO NOT GO AS HOPED YOU CAN ALSO USE CLEARING AFTER

RESULTS DAY

https://www.uccc.com/updorgraduata/roculto-alcaring

STEPS INVOLVED IN PROCESSING A STUDENTS UCAS FORM

(TAKES ABOUT TWO WEEKS IF HANDED IN TO DEADLINE AND CORRECTLY FILLED OUT)

Working to college deadlines ensures forms are processed before deadlines at UCAS

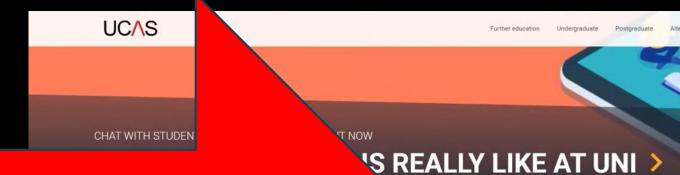
STUDENT

ATTENDS TUTOR
READS EMAILS
FOLLOWS STEPS IN
PROGRESSION
GUIDES PROSTUDY &
WORKSHOPS
WRITES PERSONAL
STATEMENT
FILLS IN FORM

TUTOR

CHECKS
PERSONAL
STATEMENT
AND UCAS
FORM
APPROVES
FORM

UCAS ADMIN TEAM CHECKS FORM ADDS REFERENCE AND PREDICTED GRADES SENDS FORM TO UCAS OR TO DIRECTOR IF IT NEEDS ADDITIONAL WORK BEFORE SENDING



or a better experience >

OUR APPLICATIONS

The hub presents all your options as 'tiles' or 'cards'

The application process is now open for applicants wanting to attend university in September 2026

Click on the tile labelled YOUR APPLICATIONS

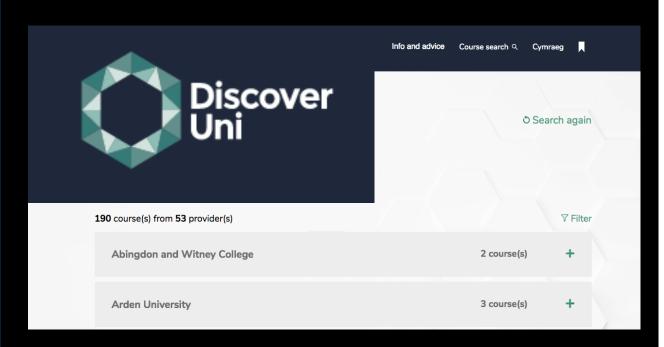




OTHER HELPFUL SITES WHEN MAKING YOUR CHOICES

https://discoveruni.gov.uk/

RANK EVERTHING ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY USING STUDENT SURVEYS AND OFFICAL STATS – MAKE SHORT LISTS



Data for: Architecture

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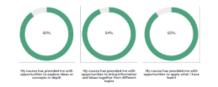
of students that responded agreed with the statement "Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course"

All final year students are asked to complete the National Student Survey. Data on the page is from 21 students. (EDN of those who were asked). Source, NSS, What is the NSS2* CE.

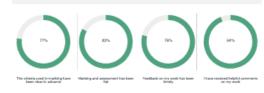
The teaching on my course



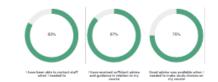
Learning opportunities



Assessment and feedback



Academic Support



Organisation and management



What you need to know about earnings data

- Labour markets change
- Salaries vary across regions in the UK
 There are lots of factors that affect graduates' earnings.

Read more about employment and earnings information 52

Earnings 6 months after the course: Architecture

£18.000

is the average earnings for all courses in Architecture after 6 months from the University of Derby. The typical salary range is:

£19.00

is the average earnings for all courses in Architecture after 6 months from the across the LIK. The typical salary range is: \$27,000 - \$22,000

Source: Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey. ITIAII students who finished their course were assect to complete the survey. Lists on the page is more 15 students (60% of those who were asked).

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Earnings 6 months after the course: Business and management

£18 000

is the average earnings for all courses in Business and management after 6 months from the University of Derby The typical salary range is: (32.00), (23.00)

£20,000

is the average earlings for all courses in Business and management after 6 months from the across the UK. The 15,000 - 22,4000

Source: Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey. STAII students who finished their course were asked to complete the survey. Data on the page is from 85 students (SSW of those who were asked).

There is no data available for this course. This is because the course has not yet run or has not been running long enough for this data to be available. For this reason, the data displayed is for students on other courses in Business and management.

Earnings 3 years after the course

£23,000

is the average earnings for all courses in Architecture after 3 years from University of Derby The typical salary range is: £20,500 - £26,500

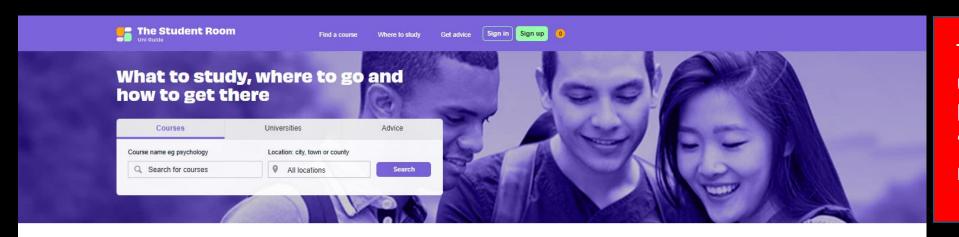
Data from 45 students. Source: Experimental statistics from the Longitudinal Education Outcomes data set. 67

Employment 6 months after the course: Business and management

This is what students are doing 6 months after finishing the course

89% go on to work and / or study





The site links to the university websites but gives you 'at a glance' entry requirements

Your journey to uni starts here

We'll keep you on track with the right advice, when you need it



Questions answered on conditional offers



How student finance actually works



University tuition fees to increase



Browse all advice



Post-Ucas deadline: what's next?



Durham University | Durham and Bishop Auckland

Geography >

Similar courses (5) >

BSC (HONS) 3.0 YEARS FULL-TIME 2020 UCAS Points: 144-168

Shortlist +



Newcastle University | Newcastle upon Tyne

Geography >

Similar courses (6) >

BSC (HONS) 3.0 YEARS FULL-TIME 2020 UCAS Points: 128-153



Northumbria University, Newcastle | Newcastle upon Tyne

Geography >

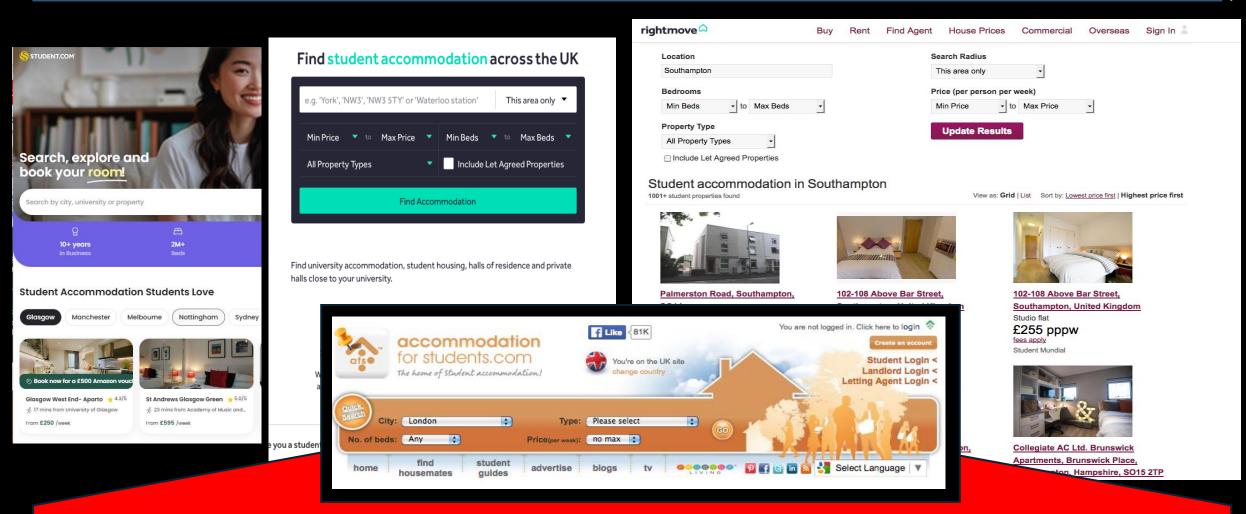
BSC (HONS) 3.0 YEARS FULL-TIME 2020 UCAS Points: 120

Shortlist +

Similar courses (6) >

Shortlist +

WORRIED ABOUT ACCOMODATION? THEN TRY THESE SITES



Most Universities provide halls for the first year of study, links to housing departments on all uni sites. Independent agencies offer student accommodation. These are some of the largest and most reputable.

7. Recap on what to do now

- 1. RESEARCH USE THE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS TO COMPLETE TASKS
- 2. VISIT VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS
- 3. MAKE SHORT LISTS IN UNIFROG
- 4. BEGIN DRAFTING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT
- 5. CONSIDER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR
- REFINE YOUR SEARCHES
- 7. VISIT AND USE THE SHAREPOINT FOR H.E AND CAREERS
- 8. TALK TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
- READ THE COLLEGE INFORMATION BULLETINS AND ADVICE SENT TO YOU
- 10. PLAN AHEAD BOOK ACTUAL OPENDAYS WHEN THEY ARE POSTED

WHAT YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETED BY THE SUMMER

- 1. FILLED OUT THE MAJORITY OF YOUR UCAS FORM
- 2. PUT THE DRAFT OF YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT ON UNIFROG

'QUICKGUIDE' APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION

FOLLOW THE DETAIL IN THE

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS ON SHAREPOINT TO ENSURE YOU APPROACH THE APPLICATION PROCESS CORRECTLY



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APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW

FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS AND JOBS AND TRAINING FROM AUGUST 2026 OR LATER



PROGRESSION

Apprenticeship & Employment Pathway

Apprenticeships

Paid job



Earn whilst learn (and work)



Different levels of qualification



Employment

Paid job



Progression with experience



Additional training may be offered



Apprenticeships - which levels are suitable for you?

• Advanced Apprenticeship = L3 – suitable for students who have L3 qualifications in subjects unrelated to the apprenticeship programme. This is a sideways step but sometimes essential to get you onto the correct pathway.

• **Higher Apprenticeship** = L4 & L5 - suitable for students who have L3 qualifications in subjects related to the apprenticeship programme. Competition for these apprenticeships is strong!

Degree Apprenticeship = L6 & L7 – suitable for students who have 3 A Levels/BTECs/T Level
at A* to C or D*to M. Competition for these apprenticeships is intense – harder than getting
into University degrees!

Apprenticeships - when do you apply?

• Annual recruitment cycle – wave 1 launch begins in October/November and wave 2 launch is February to fit in with National Apprenticeship Week. Be ready to start the application process in September of Year 2 – the Apprenticeship/Employment Pathway tasks will prepare you for early applications in the Autumn term of Year 2.



• Ongoing recruitment – some employers are happy to receive applications at any time of year and will keep your information until they have a suitable position available. The Apprenticeship/Employment Pathway tasks will prepare you for spontaneous applications as & when they are advertised.

Apprenticeship & Employment Pathway

Apprenticeships

- ✓ Collyer's Careers SharePoint
- ✓ Apprenticeships/ Employment Progression Pathway
- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ CV
- ✓ Cover letter
- ✓ LinkedIn profile
- ✓ WEX
- ✓ Part time job

Action to take now

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Action to take now

Apprenticeship & Employment Pathway

Apprenticeships

- ✓ Government Find an

 Apprenticeship website
- ✓ UCAS Apprenticeship guidance
- ✓ Unifrog Apprenticeship search
- ✓ Apprenticeship Open Days **
- √ Social media search
- √ Friends & family

Action to take now

Employment

Action to take

- ✓ Harris Lord Horsham based (very helpful!)***
- ✓ Indeed
- ✓ Reed
- ✓ Unifrog Careers Library
- ✓ Careers Fairs** (in college and in the local area)
- ✓ Social media search
- ✓ Friends & family

Have any more questions about applying for apprenticeships?

Sign up to the Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop



- Friday 4th July
- P006
- 1:20pm 2.05pm
- MyP Shop/Enrichment



'Aspirational Apprentices' Enrichment

- Autumn Term Friday Enrichment
- 2A Students only
- Sign up at Enrichment selection in September
- Be quick! Spaces are limited and it's REALLY popular!



Aspirational Apprentices' Enrichment

- Guest speakers from apprenticeship providers
- Top tips from current apprentices
- Workshops with ASK Apprenticeships
- Support with Find an Apprenticeship registration
- Build your LinkedIn profile



Need more support with your progression planning?

Careers and WEX Drop-in session Tuesdays 1:20 - 2:05pm

Ground floor of the library: L001/L002

CAREERS & **WORK EXPERIENCE**





Julie Crysell Careers Adviser

- · Careers Advice & Guidance
- Support with option choices
- Personal statement support
- UCAS application support
- · Morrisby careers matching
- Apprenticeship information
- CV's, cover letters & preparing for interviews

Georgina Campbellwood

Work Experience Co-ordinator

- · Reflecting on your interests and researching work experience placements
- · How to reach out to employers
- Your online profile and personal brand
- Preparing for work experience
- Your Health & Safety at work



Every Tuesday 13:20-14:05



Q Careers Office L001

