

Your journey to studying in the UK



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Study UK

1. Explore possibilities

- Explore course or subject area
- Find the right university for you – consider location, type of university and costs

2. Apply and accept

- Create a UCAS account or apply direct to the university
- Complete the application form by the relevant deadlines
- Pay deposit (if required)
- Check for additional tests, interviews, portfolio requirements or auditions
- Await admissions decision. Offers are usually subject to meeting academic and language conditions
- If you receive a conditional offer narrow down your choices to two – firm and insurance (if applying through UCAS)
- Apply for accommodation

3. Getting ready to arrive

- Meet the conditions of your offer and have your place confirmed by the university
- Check if you need a student visa at <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>
- Obtain your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number and apply for your visa
- As part of the visa, there is an Immigration Health Surcharge which entitles you to free NHS treatment in the UK
- Arrange travel – UKVI recommend not booking travel until you've received your visa
- Check university arrival information and Freshers (Orientation) Week details
- Pack your luggage and get excited
- WELCOME!

4. Top tips

- You may also be able to apply using Common Application or Direct
- Stay and work in the UK with the Graduate Route, visit <https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa> to find out more
- Universities will make admission decisions based on predicted grades, or final grades if you have completed your school education. Typical offers will be conditional on the final grades
- Apply by 15 October for courses at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry
- Apply by the last Wednesday in January for most undergraduate courses and for your application to be guaranteed consideration
- 30 June is the late deadline for most undergraduate courses. Applications received after this deadline will automatically go into 'clearing'
- UCAS Clearing is a system that matches university applicants who haven't had an offer with institutions that still have places available

