

CHOOSING THE

right course



▶▶▶ WITH THOUSANDS OF COURSES AND HUNDREDS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT DECIDING ON WHAT AND WHERE TO STUDY. BELOW ARE SOME USEFUL TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED.

CHOOSING A COURSE

- Which subject area are you most interested in?
Do you have an aptitude for this subject?
- Do you have a career in mind? Will this course help you to achieve that goal?
- Single (honours) subject: E.g. English Literature
- Combined (joint honours) subjects: E.g. Business Management and French
- BA or BSc? (or LLB, BEd or something else?)
- Does your course have professional recognition? E.g. The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- Professional Training Placement year/year abroad options available?
- Full-time or part-time study? Do you want a foundation year?
- What is the course content? How is the course delivered?
- How many lectures/classes/seminars/tutorials will you have a week?
- How is the course assessed?
- How much academic support is available?
- If you are considering a gap year, does your course accept deferred entry?



CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY

- Which universities offer your course?
- What are the entry requirements? Do you also need relevant work experience?
- What is the reputation of the university/course?
- Where is the university? How far away from home do you want to be?
- Do you prefer a campus or city-based university? What is the local city or town like?
- What financial help is available from the university? What are the living costs?
- What is the accommodation like? Is first-year accommodation guaranteed? What about subsequent years?
- What are the facilities like? Do they cater for sport? What is the library like? How active are the Students' Union? What is student life like?
- How many students does the university have?

AND REMEMBER...

There are a variety of tools available to assist you in making an informed decision. Attending open days, higher education fairs and utilising

the many online resources available should help you select the most appropriate course for you. Research is key!

The following websites may help your decision making process:

For applying to almost all full-time undergraduate degree programmes at UK universities and colleges:

[ucas.com](https://wwwucas.com)

Guardian league tables:

[theguardian.com/education/universityguide](https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide)

Times league tables:

[thetimes.co.uk](https://www.thetimes.co.uk)

Advice on courses and universities:

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

Online student community:

[thestudentroom.co.uk](https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)

Information about open day dates:

[opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com)

University of Surrey website:

[surrey.ac.uk](https://www.surrey.ac.uk)

TOP 10

IN THE *GUARDIAN*
UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2018

93%

EMPLOYABILITY OR IN
TRAINING SIX MONTHS AFTER
GRADUATION HESA 2016

2,300+

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