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UCAS application



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Applicants can choose up to five courses on UCAS. However, there are some exceptions.

If you are interested in medicine, veterinary science, veterinary medicine or dentistry courses you can only choose four of these types of courses. However, you may choose a fifth non-medical course.

If you are considering Oxbridge, you can only choose a course at either Oxford or Cambridge in one application cycle.

KEY DEADLINES

15 October: Deadline to apply for medicine, veterinary science, veterinary medicine or dentistry courses. Deadline to apply for courses at Oxford or Cambridge

15 January: Deadline for most other applications

APPLYING

The UCAS form consists of several sections that ask for your personal details, qualifications, employment history and your course choices. Remember to keep a note of your username, password and Personal ID.

You will also be required to submit a personal statement. This is your opportunity to tell universities why you want to study a particular course and demonstrate your interest and enthusiasm for the subject. As part of the UCAS application, your teacher will provide an academic reference. UCAS charges £24 for up to five choices, and £18 for a single choice.

AFTER APPLICATION

Universities will review your application and make a decision. If you are made an offer from a university it will be either unconditional or conditional. Unconditional offers are usually made to applicants that have already completed their exams and meet the entry requirements - or when universities are confident that applicants will meet those requirements. Some universities may have additional criteria, such as passing a pre-interview test or attending an interview.

Once you've heard back from all of your choices, you can make a decision on your firm (first choice) and insurance (back-up choice) universities.

Generally you should ensure that your insurance choice university requires lower grades than your firm choice.

If you haven't received offers from any of your five choices, you may want to consider using UCAS Extra. This is a system that gives applicants an opportunity to apply for another course before results are published.

RESULTS

Depending on the type of qualification you're taking, results are published either before or during August. If you meet the conditions of your firm or insurance choice, your place will be confirmed. If you exceed your results, you may wish to go into Adjustment. Adjustment is for students who have exceeded the conditions of their offer and would like a place on a course with higher entry requirements. If you don't meet your firm or insurance choice conditions you can try to secure a place through Clearing. This process is for applicants who have not secured a place at a university, and allows them to apply for course vacancies after results are released. Remember that you can check UCAS Track to see how your application is progressing, reply to offers and to make changes to your application.

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