

WHY GO TO

university?



►►► **DECIDING WHETHER TO GO TO UNIVERSITY IS A BIG DECISION. HERE ARE A FEW REASONS WHY UNIVERSITY COULD BE FOR YOU.**

ACADEMIC

University is an opportunity to take a subject you already enjoy further, or try something completely new.

- There's lots to choose from – over 50,000 courses at almost 395 UK universities
- Gain a qualification from an internationally-recognised institution
- Tailor your degree to suit your interests. Choose one subject (single honours) or combine subjects (joint honours or major/minor option)
- Study full time or part time
- Learn from experts in their field
- Experience and variety of learning and assessment methods
- Spend a year on placement (sometimes called a year in industry/sandwich year) and gain valuable skills with top employers.
- Study abroad

CAREER PROSPECTS

Going to university can improve your career prospects and help you to gain skills which are desirable to employers.

- Gain valuable transferrable skills such as delivering presentations, problem solving and time management
- If you are considering a particular career, you might need a specific degree (e.g. veterinary medicine or civil engineering)
- Graduates have greater earning power and higher employment rates than non-graduates
- University careers services provide advice on skills like CV writing, interview techniques and networking. They can provide continual support throughout your degree and even after you graduate



SOCIAL

Student life isn't all about studying – make the most of your time at university.

- Have the opportunity to experience new things, visit new places and meet people from around the globe
- See what's on at the Student Union - you can see a whole host of artists and bands from the globally-recognised to student groups
- Get involved in a society, there's hundreds to choose from. Whether you want to brush up your dancing skills (Salsa Society), discuss the latest Targaryen theory (Game of Thrones) or raise some cash for charity (Raising and Giving) there is something out there to suit you
- Try out a sport – competitively or just for fun. There are lots available - fencing, ultimate frisbee and American football are just a few on offer

INDEPENDENCE

Going to university can give you a greater sense of independence and responsibility.

- You'll develop as an individual and learn important life skills including; budgeting and paying bills; cooking; washing clothes and dividing your time between study, work and social activities
- Live at home or live in halls of residence – whatever you choose, make the most of it

SUPPORT

Benefit from lots of different services and facilities designed to support you throughout your time at university.

- Academic support, e.g. study skills sessions and personal tutor meetings
- Current students can offer you help and advice on student life mentoring schemes
- On-campus GP
- Chat to student services for any funding, budgeting or accommodation questions
- Advice and support on health and wellbeing
- On-campus accommodation support and 24/7 security.

93%

EMPLOYABILITY OR IN TRAINING SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION *HESA 2016*

2,300+

PLACEMENT PROVIDERS



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