

Making the most of UCAS exhibitions

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UCAS Higher Education exhibitions are a great opportunity for you to meet university representatives and obtain all of the information you require to make the most informed choice of where to apply.

There are more than 370 Higher Education institutions in the UK. At least 100 universities will be represented at most exhibitions. This might be the only time that such a large number of universities are all gathered in one place in your local area; make the most of it!

Each university will have its own stand and plenty of prospectuses. Prospectuses list every course offered by a university as well as telling you the entry requirements needed. There will often be lots of other information available about the university itself, open days and scholarships & bursaries.

Preparation

Your school or college will have planned times for you to arrive and leave the event so preparing before you attend will allow you to make the most of the short time available.

Four suggestions of things that you could do in advance of the exhibitions are below:

1. Draw up a shortlist of 10 universities that offer the course that you are interested in. Remember, not all universities offer the full range of courses available on UCAS.
2. Prepare some key questions to ask each university. This could include asking for more information about the course, entry requirements, opportunities to have a professional training year or open day dates. This will help you to compare universities later on.
3. Download the guide from the UCAS website prior to the exhibitions. This guide lists the location of the stands and a seminar timetable as well as additional information about the day.
4. UCAS exhibitions can be large venues; make sure you wear some comfortable shoes!

At the exhibitions

Visit your shortlisted universities' stands to talk to the university representative and pick up relevant information. Ensure that you take a bag with you as prospectuses can be quite bulky.

Universities will have enquiry forms for you to fill in if you'd like a prospectus or course information sent to your house rather than adding another prospectus to your bag. Filling in an electronic enquiry form is also useful if you'd like the University to keep you up to date about open days and events related to your course.

Don't be afraid to ask questions – take along your prepared questions as well as asking questions specific to the university. University representatives are used to fielding questions on all aspects of higher education so no matter what question you have, be sure to get your answer before you leave.

Attend any seminars that you may be interested in. Remember to take a notepad with you so that you can take away any useful information.

After the exhibitions

Decision time! Research the universities and courses you liked in more detail by visiting university websites in addition to sites like UniStats and The Student Room. You may also want to consider league table positions.

If there is anything you're unsure of, contact the university by email or telephone; they're happy to help!

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