



Applying to University

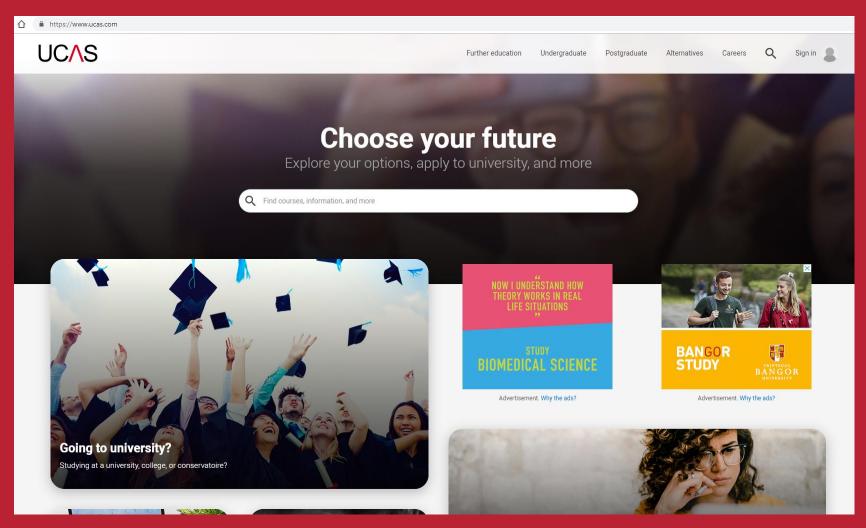
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The UCAS Process



- UCAS organisation responsible for processing applications for full time courses at UK's universities and colleges
- Use **Apply**, the online application system
- Need the School/College 'buzzword'
- Fill in the form on www.ucas.com/apply





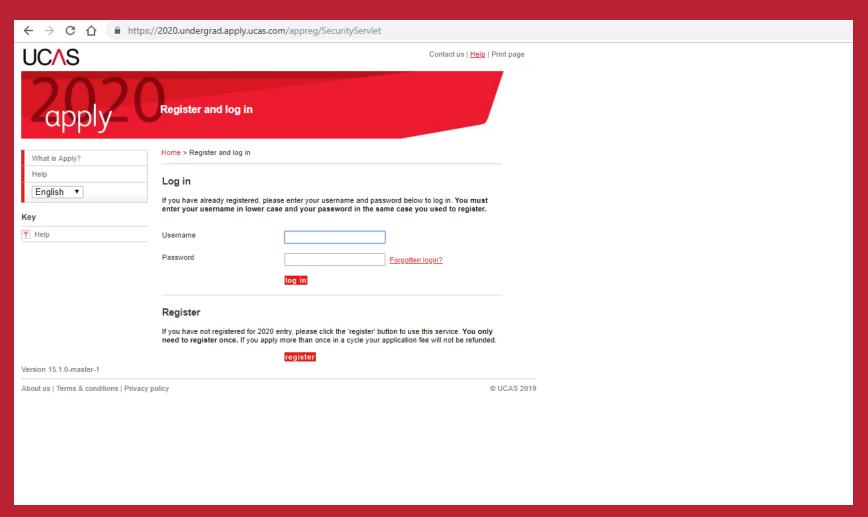


Registration

- Personal details
- Generates username and personal ID
- Create password
- Answer set security questions
- Do not have to complete it when you first log on – can log on as many times as you like









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? Help	Your email address needs to be verified as valid before you send your application to us. <u>Please click here to verify your email address</u>
	Eefore starting your application, please read through the relevant information below regarding: - completing your application - applicants applying through a school, college or organisation - applicants applying as an individual - deadlines for submitting your application.

Deadline Dates



- 15 October deadline for applications to Oxford or Cambridge and application for medicine, dentistry and veterinary science;
- 15 January main deadline for all other applications;
- Deadline time for both dates is 6pm

Apply – Personal details



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Surname/family name*	Williams ?	
Preferred first name	?	
Previous surname at 16th birthday	?	
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Is your permanent home in the UK?*	⊚Yes ⊚No ?	
Home address	(if different from postal address)	
	add/edit home address ?	
Home telephone number	01248383553	
Mobile number	(Please do not include a dial-out code in your phone number (for example, +, or 00). Please enter the country calling code (e.g. 44 for UK phone numbers). For UK numbers, please remove the leading 0 before adding the country code. We might use your mobile number to send you SMS reminders.)	
Email address*	I.a.williams@bangor.ac.uk	
Confirm omail address		

 Residential status, whether looking for funding, relevant disabilities, nominated access, email address

Apply – Additional information



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Not started	Universities and colleges have a legal obligation to make sure applicants are not discriminated against or disadvantaged. This information will not influence any decision in respect of your application and will only be shared with the universities and colleges after you have secured a place or at the end of the application cycle.			
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	The next three questions are optional.	f you have any concerns you do not have	to answer them.	
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	Activities in preparation for higher education: 1			
	For example: summer schools, Saturday university, campus days, summer academies, taster courses and booster courses. If you have not taken any such course, please leave these sections blank.			
	Start date	Month A Year A 2		

• Nationality, ethnic origin and activities in preparation for Higher Education

Apply – Student Finance



https://logon.slc.co.uk/cas/login			
	GOV.UK Login or regis	ster for student finance	
	student finance england		
	Apply by 24 May to get student finance in time for the start of your	full-time undergraduate course. Show more	
	Email address or Customer Reference Number (CRN) Forgotten your email address or CRN? Password Show password Forgotten your password? Continue	Create an account If you're not already registered, you can create a new account. You'll need an account if: • you're a student, and you want to apply for student finance • you're a parent or partner of a student and need to provide information to support their application. Create an account	
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• You can choose to share your UCAS form information with Student Finance, might appear depending on answers to other questions

Apply – Choices



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Employment	Compulsory fields are marked with	n an asterisk (*).	
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- Maximum of 5 courses at any 5 institutions except:
 - Medicine, dentistry and veterinary science 4 courses of any one plus
 different subject
 - Oxford and Cambridge you can only apply for **one**
- · Courses are not listed in order of preference

Apply – Education



Welcome		Welcome > Education > Where have you studied?		
Personal details		Compulsory fields are marked with an asterisk (*). Before leaving this page click 'save' to avoid losing any of your information.		
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 Schools and colleges attended and all qualifications and modules taken and waiting to take and any re-sits

Apply – Employment



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• Part, full time or seasonal paid work, up to five employers

Apply – Personal Statement



Make sure your personal statement is your own work.

We'll carry out checks to verify your personal statement is your own work. Provided it is your own work, you can use your personal statement from your application last year. If it appears to have been copied from another source, we'll inform the universities and colleges to which you have applied. They will then take the action they consider appropriate. We'll also contact you by email to tell you this has happened.

Click 'save' within 35 minutes so that your work is not lost.

You have used 0 of 47 lines based on the preview and 0 of 4000 characters.

Your completed statement must be between 1,000 and spaces	d 4,000 characters (maximum 47 lines) including
	?

Before you can mark this section as complete you must click on 'preview'. The system will then tell you how many lines and characters are still available for your personal statement.

The Personal Statement



- Important and crucial part of form
- Gaining the required academic qualifications is only part of a successful application – students need a strong personal statement too
- 47 lines to personalise application and show admissions tutor you are worth offering a place to
- Tutors like well-rounded, responsible individuals, with range of interests and well-organised enough to cope with university-level study
- Show enthusiasm and commitment to the course and explain why you want to study that subject
- Tutors will read hundreds of statements, so it should be interesting

Just a few more things...



Complete each section and check everything, especially

Personal Details

Course codes

Spelling and grammar

Your qualifications

- Declaration agree to UCAS terms and conditions
- Reference send form to referee, usually teacher or tutor, who will write reference and send the form
- Pay the school/college will decide which method, £25 for up to five choices, £20 for single choice

What happens next?

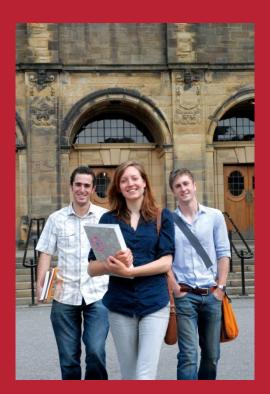


- Receive Welcome Letter from UCAS confirming personal details and choices
- Track keep an eye on the progress of your application
- UCAS send your application to each university you have chosen
- Universities decide whether to make you an offer or not
- UCAS will email you when each university makes a decision about your application – updated on Track
- Invited for an interview or made conditional or unconditional offer

What happens next?



- Email from UCAS— once all universities have made their decision, will have individual reply date
- Decision time Reply online using Track, make:
 - Firm Acceptance
 - Insurance Acceptance
 - Decline others
- Extra Additional choice if you have no offers
- Clearing



Finance Facts



- Universities can charge anything up to £9250 tuition fees per year on every course
- Universities can decide what they charge and some vary according to the subject you study
- Bursaries, grants and scholarships and additional support available.
- Universities charging over £6,000 have to provide extra support for students from low-income households
- Student loan available to cover tuition fees and a separate loan for living costs from Student Finance England

Your costs





- Two main costs whilst studying at University
 - Tuition fees
 - Living costs
- Good news is that you can receive financial help with both as there is a range of financial help available

Tuition Fees



- University tuition fees will not only vary between institutions, but potentially within the institution as well depending on the subject you study
- Universities can charge up to £9,250 per year
- Eligible students won't have to pay any tuition fees before starting or whilst they are studying
- Every new student is entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan to cover their Tuition Fee costs
- This loan will be paid directly to the university

Living Costs



- Your main living costs are:
 - Halls of Residence/Rent/Bills
 - Food
 - Socialising
 - Books and course equipment
 - Clothes
 - Travel costs



- The cost of Halls varies from approximately £3,000 to £8,000 per academic year
- Prices will vary depending on location, standard of accommodation and length of contract e.g. self-catering cheaper than catered

2. Living Costs – Taxable Income



- Means tested student finance Maintenance Loans are determined by a students' taxable household income: i.e. Students parent(s) or partner
- 2019/20 entry provide proof of taxable income for 2017/18 financial year
- If household income decreases by 15% or more, the student can request that their student finance is reassessed for the academic year Current Year Income Assessment

2. Living Costs - Maintenance Loan



- The amount of loan available each year for all students on their first undergraduate degree course to help students meet their basic living costs
- The maximum loan available in 2019/20 to students:
 - who study away from home £8,944
 - living with parents £7,529
 - who study in London not living with parents £11,672
 - Living and studying abroad £10,242
- The amount of loan you receive is dependent on your household income;
 - Household income £25,000 or under = £8,944
 - Household income £62,212 or higher = £4,168
- You can receive some loan without having your income assessed





Household Income	Maintenance Loan
≤£25,000	£8,944
£30,000	£8,303
£35,000	£7,661
£40,000	£7,019
£42,875	£6,650
£45,000	£6,377
£50,000	£5,735
£55,000	£5,093
£60,000	£4,452
£62,212	£4,168
£65,000	£4,168

3. Repayment of Loans



- The Student Loans received for maintenance and tuition fees will be combined into one amount
- Start repaying your loan from the April after you have completed or left your course
- The amount you repay is linked to your income you don't start paying anything back until you are earning more than £25,725 a year, £2,143 a month or £494 a week
- Repayments are 9% of your annual income if you earn over £25,725 per year
- Repayments are made automatically through the tax system, and how much you pay is determined by how much you earn

3. Repayment of Loans



How much is paid back each month?

Salary	Amount of salary from which 9% will be deducted	Monthly repayment
£21,000	£0	£0
£25,725	£0	£0
£27,000	£1,275	£9
£30,000	£5,275	£32
£35,000	£9,275	£69
£40,000	£14,275	£107

Repayment of Loans



- Interest will be calculated as follows:
 - Rate of inflation plus 3% while studying and up to the April they become liable to repay
 - After that date, interest will depend on income:
 - £25,725 or less rate of inflation
 - £25,725 £46,305 varies between rate of inflation to rate of inflation plus 3%
 - £46,305 and over rate of inflation plus 3%
- All outstanding repayments are written off after 30 years

University Bursaries and Scholarships



- Bursaries and scholarships vary between institutions and their courses – look at their websites or contact them to see what is available
- These are additional to the Maintenance Loans and do not have to be repaid
- You will have to contact the universities directly to apply for scholarships



Bursaries and Scholarships - Bangor University



- Over 3.4M in bursaries and scholarships available including:
- Bangor Bursaries (means tested) £500 £1000
- Bangor University Sports Scholarship up to £3,000 a year available
- Bangor University Entrance Scholarships



4. Additional support for students



- NHS course funding
- Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) help with the extra essential costs you might have as a direct result of your disability, including a mental-health condition orspecific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia or dyspraxia
- Childcare Grant helps with childcare costs if you have dependent children aged under 15
- Parents' Learning Allowance helps with course-related costs if you have dependent children
- Adult Dependants' Grant for students with an adult who is financially dependent on the student (e.g. partner)



Summary of full time financial support



- Variable Tuition Fees up to £9,250 in 2019/20
- No up front Tuition Fees payable and Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance Loan for living costs up to £8,944
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Extra financial help for some students



The future....?



- Government review of Student Finance
- No time scale set for making changes
- Main proposals:
 - Maximum for tuition fees reduced from £9,250 to £7,500
 - Unpaid loans cancelled after 40 rather than 30 years
 - Repayments start at lower threshold of £23,000 rather than £25,725
 - Reintroduction of maintenance grants up to £3,000
 - More money for student living costs
- Review said fee cut would not happen until 2021/22 at the earliest
- Proposals would need to be approved by both houses of Parliament and depend on response of next Prime Minister

7. Parental Concerns



Am I expected to help financially?

In some cases funding from Student Finance may not cover all expenses but it is your decision whether or not to help financially. Talk to your son/daughter beforehand so that you are all clear on any financial matters

7. Parental Concerns



Will it affect their ability to get a mortgage/other credit and loans in the future?

Student loans are unsecured government lending and are very different to commercial loans. They don't go on credit files or show up on credit check and will not affect the ability to get a mortgage

7. Parental Concerns



If my child is unable to repay their loan, do I have to foot the bill?

No. Student loans are the sole responsibility of the student who takes them out

Contact Details



For further Information on student finance and applications go to:

www.gov.uk/student-finance

 For a range of helpful tools and guidance, visit: <u>www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance</u>

For help and queries, call:

0300 100 0607

Mon-Fri: 8am – 8pm

Sat-Sun: 9am – 4pm



Tips for Students



- Research your courses BEFORE filling in the UCAS form
- Contact the universities if you have any questions or for extra information on courses, especially competitive subjects
- Give teachers plenty of things to write about in their reference
- Complete the form early you will receive a much quicker response and around half all applications are received by UCAS in the last two weeks before the first deadline
- Do not wait until the deadline date to hand in your form

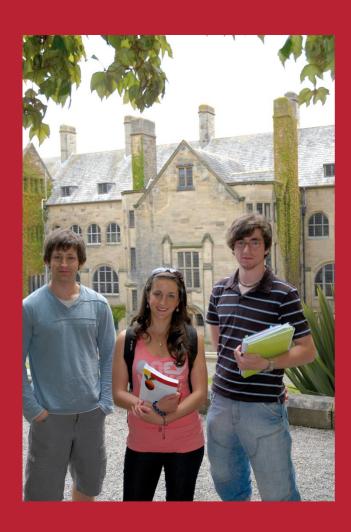
Tips for Parents



- Encourage your son/daughter to go to an Open Day for each of their UCAS choices
- Give them advice, but encourage them to make their own decisions based on individual circumstances
- Disclosure of any disability, dyslexia, physical or mental health condition at an early stage will assist in the planning of any support they may be entitled to
- Make several copies of any form
- Follow universities on Facebook and Twitter for up to date information on student life and events

Useful websites





- www.bangor.ac.uk/studentfinance
- www.gov.uk/studentfinance
- <u>www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students-</u> <u>services</u>
- <u>www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk</u>
- www.ucas.com
- www.unistats.direct.gov.uk
- <u>www.university.which.co.uk</u>