

YOUR QUICK GUIDE TO UNI APPLICATIONS

WHAT IS UCAS AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

UCAS is the website you use to apply to any university course. There are deadlines for applications, set by UCAS, that ensure everyone has equal opportunity to apply for their chosen courses. On UCAS, you can apply for up to five courses or universities at once. You do have to pay for these applications. It currently costs £20 for a single choice or £25 for multiple courses and applications.



DOES THAT MEAN THAT I CAN'T APPLY AFTER 15TH JANUARY?

Not at all, applications just work differently before and after this deadline. If you apply before this deadline, you can make applications to 5 different courses or universities. After this date, you will only be able to apply to one university at a time, waiting for their response before you can make another

WHAT IS CLEARING?

Clearing is a service to help those that have either; not met conditions of the offers they received, withdrawn or declines all of their choices, or did not originally apply to university but would like to do so.

WHAT DOES MY APPLICATION INVOLVE?

UCAS applications are made up of 2 main sections. The first section involves giving your personal details and listing your predicted or achieved grades at level 3 or above.

The second section is the personal statement. This is where you get to tell the universities more about yourself and why you're applying for their courses.

WHAT DOES A PERSONAL STATEMENT LOOK LIKE

Personal statements have a character limit of 4000 characters (about 500 words) and there's a lot to include in that. It needs to be written by you, about you, and can include any skills, hobbies, interest or experiences you think are relevant to your application.

Typically it is split into about five paragraphs.

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| WHAT INTERESTS YOU ABOUT THE SUBJECT? WHY HAVE | WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE WITH THE SUBJECT THAT ISN'T ALREADY ON | WORK EXPERIENCE, PLACEMENTS AND RELEVANT ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL. | INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT SHOW YOU ARE A RELIABLE | YOUR GOAL OF ATTENDING UNIVERSITY AND A MEMORABLE (BUT NOT CHEESY) |

TIPS AND TRICKS:

- Read some examples online
- Proofread it yourself and ask others to check it for you.
- Use a 'professional' email address
- Keep it positive and enthusiastic
- Use a strong opening and closing sentence
- Avoid jokes, quotes and humour

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