

# POST APPLICATION

*What happens now?*



# Introduction

Hopefully by now you've submitted your application to UCAS

The hard work may feel like it's done, but there's still so much you can do to get the place you want.

We will cover:

- Application timetable
- Interviews
- Making your final choice
- UCAS Extra
- Confirmation of your results
- Clearing



# How to apply...the application calendar

**September 1 – UCAS application cycle opens**



**October 15 – Oxbridge deadline**

**Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary deadline**



**January 15 – UCAS main scheme deadline**

**Finance applications can be made from this point**



**Applications received by UCAS and sent to institutions**

# How to apply...the application calendar

**November to March – Applicant invited for VISIT or INTERVIEW**



**Decisions made (Conditional, Unconditional, Unsuccessful) or UCAS Extra**



**April to May – Applicant chooses FIRM and INSURANCE choices**



# How to apply...the application calendar

**April to July – Accommodation applications**



**August – Results and Clearing**



**August to September – Registration packs sent out**



and finally...

**September or October –  
START UNIVERSITY!**



# Interview expectations

**Universities may invite you for an interview before making a decision on your application.**

**Do:**

- Be enthusiastic about the subject you wish to study
- Be knowledgeable about the specific course provided by *their* university
- Have the ability to present ideas and arguments well
- Provide evidence that you can cope with the workload
- Demonstrate your commitment to the course
- Show your ability to work independently



# Preparation

Research the course, department and the university:

- What appeals to you about this specific course?
- Achievements of the department
- Think about the university's key selling points

Know your application form and personal statement inside out

Be prepared to talk about your current studies and interests

Prepare some questions to ask the interviewer(s)

Think about your future plans both at university and beyond

Be up to date with news and current affairs

Practice your interview technique

Get a good night's sleep beforehand!



# General interview tips

- Remember that everyone feels nervous and your interviewers will take this into account
- Be prepared for likely questions but don't memorise speeches
- Don't be afraid to ask for clarification if you need it
- Take your time when considering your answers
- Give full answers, not just monosyllabic replies
- Be positive, but honest
- Dress appropriately, but comfortably
- Plan your journey and leave plenty of extra time
- Be enthusiastic!

# Making your final choice

## Deciding your firm and insurance institutions

UCAS will send you a letter once your 5 university choices have made their decision

You MUST reply to any offers by the deadline given in the letter

This is done using Track on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) or by calling **0870 1122211**



# Making your final choice

You have four options:

- **UF** – Firm acceptance of an unconditional offer. There is no need for an insurance choice here
- **CF** – Firm acceptance of a conditional offer only
- **CF** and **CI** – Firm acceptance of a conditional offer and insurance acceptance of a conditional offer
- **CF** and **UI** – firm acceptance of a conditional offer and insurance acceptance of an unconditional offer

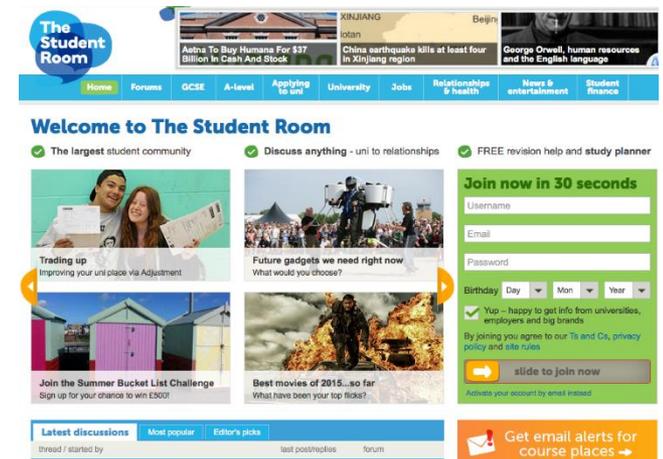
# Making your final choice

- Are the courses offered at this university suitable for you?
- Do you want a campus or a city university?
- Consider the quality of the academic facilities
- Do the social facilities suit your personal needs?
- What are the student support services like?
- Research the quality, cost and availability of accommodation
- Consider location and local amenities
- Think about security and parking
- **Could you see yourself living there for three or four years?**



# Making your final choice

- Visit the campus and talk to the students
- Use prospectuses and university websites
- Independent websites such as the Student Room may give you student viewpoints, but are very subjective
- Consider league tables, the National Student Survey and the Research Excellence Framework (REF)
- Visit Students' Union websites



# UCAS Extra

Extra allows additional applications (between the end of February and the end of June) to courses with vacancies if:

- you've used your original five choices
- you've had all your decisions back but received no offers

You can apply for one course at a time through [www.ucas.com/track](http://www.ucas.com/track)

If you accept an offer, you are committed.

If you decline an offer, or you are unsuccessful, you can apply for a different course through Extra (time permitting).

If you do not get an offer in Extra, don't worry! You will be able to continue applying through Clearing.



# Confirmation of your results

If you achieve the grades for your firm institution, you will be accepted there.

If you have missed the grades for your firm institution but you have gained the grades for your insurance offer, you will go there.

If you do not make the grades for either, you will be released into Clearing.

Many universities will automatically reconsider your application if you miss your grades.

**Make sure you call your chosen universities, NEVER assume that you do not have a place!**



# Clearing

If you find yourself in Clearing, don't panic

There are many high-quality courses available

Vacancies are advertised:

- on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- on university websites
- in national newspapers

**Don't be too hasty**

- Take your time
- Don't choose a university just because you have got the grades

**Visit if you can**

- Some universities have Clearing Open Days – these are a good opportunity to look round and meet staff



# Conclusion

There is still a lot to do – don't miss out on your place because you didn't check what you were supposed to do!

Make sure you know what **your** deadlines are and remember to reply to any offers you get

Visit your universities before making final decisions

Prepare well for your interviews – it's worth the effort

Don't forget UCAS Extra

Be prepared for Clearing by researching more than 5

When you get your place:

- Get ahead with reading before you go
- Get a job to save up some money



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