

Welcome to the UK!



Study in the UK



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About the UK

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- Four nations – England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Undergraduate courses

- 3 years' duration
(4 years in Scotland)
- 4 years' duration (Sandwich course/engineering/modern languages)
- 5 – 6 years' duration
(Clinical courses)

Postgraduate courses

- 1 to 2 years' duration
(MA/MSc/MPhil)
- 3+ years' duration (PhD)



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HK and UK education system

HK	Age	UK (Eng, Wales, N. Ire)
Secondary 3	14-15	Secondary 4/ Yr 10
Secondary 2	13-14	Secondary 3/Yr 9
Secondary 1	12-13	Secondary 2/Yr 8
Primary 6	11-12	Secondary 1/Yr 7
Primary 5	10-11	Primary 6
Primary 4	9-10	Primary 5
Primary 3	8-9	Primary 4
Primary 2	7-8	Primary 3
Primary 1	6-7	Primary 2
Kindergarten 3	5-6	Primary 1
Kindergarten 2	4-5	Pre-primary
Kindergarten 1	3-4	Pre-school

HK and UK education system

HK	Age	UK (Eng, Wales, N. Ire)	
UG 4	21-22	Postgraduate	
UG 3	20-21	UG 3	
UG 2	19-20	UG 2	
UG 1	18-19	UG 1	
Secondary 6	17-18	Secondary 7 (Y13)	A-level/IB
Secondary 5	16-17	Secondary 6/Y12	A-level/IB
Secondary 4	15-16	Secondary 5/Yr 11	GCSE
Secondary 3	14-15	Secondary 4/ Yr 10	GCSE

Entry requirements for direct entry to undergraduate courses

Hong Kong	United Kingdom
HKDSE 3 subjects at Level 3,3,3	Year 1 of a bachelor's degree
IB 34 - 36	

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UNIVERSITIES**

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English language requirements

Minimum of

- HKDSE English Language Level 4
- IELTS – overall band 6.0
- IGCSE English (First language) – C
- IGCSE English (Second language) – B
- IB Standard English – Level 4

Check with universities

Find out more about our English language courses and IELTS at www.britishcouncil.hk

Taking IGCSE and GCE exams in Hong Kong

www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/IPE/gce_gcse_igcse_ial/gce/

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Other pathways to University – International foundation year/ programme

- Usually a one-year course
- Designed for international students whose qualifications do not meet the entry requirements for direct entry to their chosen undergraduate courses
- Many universities and colleges offer foundation year programmes, either as standalone one-year courses or as part of an extended degree programme.
- Core subjects, e.g. English and study skills PLUS one chosen specialisation
- Progression to first year of a Bachelor's degree may be guaranteed

How to apply

How to apply

- International foundation programme → apply directly with colleges or universities
- Undergraduate degrees → apply via UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)
- Seek guidance from career counsellors and education agents

Your application

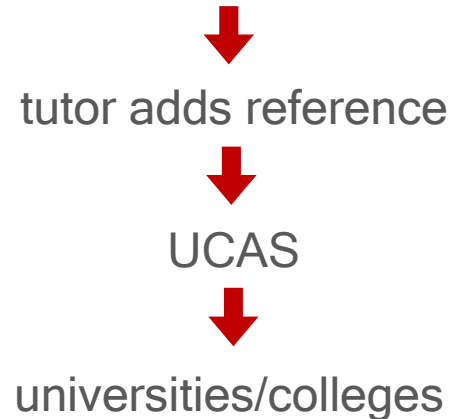
- Entirely online - www.ucas.com
- Maximum of five choices
- Some choice restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
 - £28.5

Completing your application

The screenshot shows the UCAS application dashboard. At the top, it says 'UCAS APPLICATION 2023 Undergraduate application'. Below this, there's a progress bar with five sections: CHOICES (0/5), PROFILE (0%), PERSONAL STATEMENT (NOT STARTED), REFERENCE (NOT STARTED), and Review and submit (0%). Below the progress bar, there's a section for 'Your choices' with a large blue 'Add choice' button. Below that, there's a 'Profile' section with six sub-sections: Personal details, Contact & residency details, Nationality details, Supporting information, English language skills, and Finance & funding. Each sub-section has a 'Start this section' button.

4 main sections to complete:

- ◆ Choices
- ◆ Profile
- ◆ Experience (education and employment)
- ◆ personal statement and references



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Your personal statement



Your personal statement is where you get the chance to outline:

- your skills
- your hobbies and interests
- any relevant work or voluntary experience
- why you have chosen this course.

As an international student, you should also share:

- why you want to study in the UK
- your English language skills
- why you want to be an international student.

Word count: **500 words** for undergraduates

There are lots of templates online that help with your personal statement, such as the **UCAS Personal Statement Tool**, at www.ucas.com

The Questions

Why do you want to study this course or subject?

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

Undergraduate application deadlines



15 October 2024

- Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- Most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry.

29 January 2025

- Most undergraduate courses.

March 2025

- Some art and design courses.

30 June 2025

- Late deadline for most undergraduate courses.
- Applications after this deadline go into Clearing, so you will not be guaranteed your first choice.

For more information about undergraduate courses in the UK, visit <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/apply/undergraduate>

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Tuition fees and living cost

University fees



- For international students, undergraduate fees range from around **£10,000** to **£26,000** per year for lecture-based degrees.
- For medical degrees, you can expect to pay up to **£58,600** per year.
- Postgraduate degrees in the UK are shorter and cheaper.
- Most postgraduate degrees can be obtained in **just one year**, making them excellent value for money.
- Postgraduate degrees typically range from **£15,000** to **£30,000**.

An affordable cost of living



Studying in the UK is good value for money, and average living costs here are lower than in both the USA and Australia.

You can expect to pay:

- £800 – £1,300 a month, to cover rent, bills, food and other living costs
- from £10 a month for a mobile phone contract
- around £2.44 for a cup of coffee, from a high street café
- Between £20-40 a month for a gym membership.

Costs differ depending on where you live in the UK.

London and other major cities are more expensive.

Explore the UK and the world



- Travel is simple and affordable.
- You can visit every part of the UK with ease.
- The UK is a popular international destination
- The UK is exceptionally well connected to the wider world.

The UK has:

- more than 40 airports, with daily international flights to all continents
- daily rail and sea connections to mainland Europe
- excellent road and rail infrastructure
- a first-class public transport system.

You can expect to pay around £70 (bus only) to £132 for a monthly domestic travel pass (for use on buses, trains and underground networks).

Flights to major European destinations can cost as little as £10, if booked in advance.

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Working part-time while you study

If you are over 16 and have the right visa, you can find a part-time job while studying in the UK.

- Typically, you will be able to work for up to **20 hours** during term time.
- Check your visa and residence permit paperwork for details on what part-time work you can do.

Check with your university, in case there are any part-time work restrictions relating to your course.



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Health and wellbeing

Your health and wellbeing



Your wellbeing is our top priority.

- You will feel safe, secure and supported in the UK.
- The UK's National Health Service (NHS) is one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world.
- The NHS provides first-class treatment and support.
- You can access the NHS at a subsidised rate.
- International students studying for six months or more do not need private medical insurance.

As part of your visa application, you will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge that allows you to use the NHS for:

- consulting a doctor on any physical or mental health issue
- accident and emergency services (excluding follow-up treatments and in-patient admissions)

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Your health and wellbeing

As part of the NHS, you will also be able to access:

- medicines prescribed by a doctor
- eye tests and eye care
- dental care
- vaccinations
- a doctor's note (or sick certificate).

Some of these services are chargeable (just as they are to the majority of UK nationals). Find out more at www.nhs.uk



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THANK YOU

Any questions?

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