

WELCOME TO THE UK!



英國教育資訊

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STUDY UK



TODAY'S AGENDA

- About the UK
- HK & UK Education system
- How to apply
- Tuition fee and living cost
- Wellbeing support for students
- Q and A

ABOUT THE UK



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- Four countries – 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)

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 |

HONG KONG 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 - 5**,5,5 | Year 1 of a bachelor's degree |

ALWAYS CHECK WITH UNIVERSITIES

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/

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

OTHER PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

| Hong Kong | United Kingdom |
|---|--|
| <p>HKDSE 2,2,2 – 4,3,3 IELTS 5.0 or above</p> | <p>1-year international foundation course leading to a bachelor's degree</p> |
| <p>HKDSE 3,3,3 – 4,4,4 IELTS 5.5 or above</p> | <p>1-year international diploma leading to 2nd year of a bachelor's degree</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p>2-year HND or foundation degree leading to 1-year top-up for bachelor's degree</p> |

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

APPLYING AS AN UNDERGRADUATE

Most undergraduate applications are made through UCAS.

To apply:

- register at www.ucas.com
- apply for up to five courses.

UCAS will then contact you with any offers from your chosen universities or colleges.



Your application

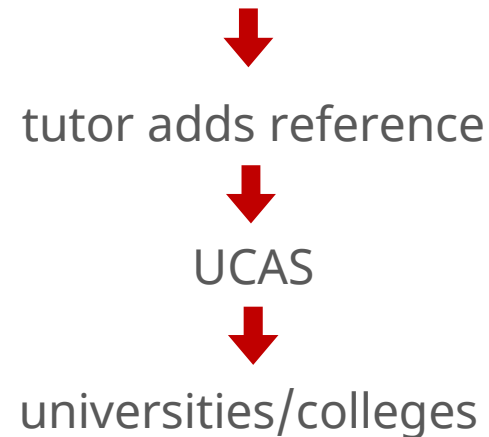
- Entirely online – **www.ucas.com**
- Maximum of five choices
- Some choice restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford **or** Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
 - one choice – £22.5
 - two to five choices – £27

Completing your application

The screenshot shows the UCAS application dashboard. At the top, the UCAS logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Discover', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', and 'Careers' are on the right. Below the logo, it says 'UCAS APPLICATION' and '2023 Undergraduate application'. On the right side of the dashboard, it says 'Your Personal' and '17'. The main content area is titled 'Application status' and 'Centre information'. It features a progress bar with five sections: 'CHOICES' (0/5), 'PROFILE' (0%), 'PERSONAL STATEMENT' (NOT STARTED), 'REFERENCE' (NOT STARTED), and 'Review and submit' (0%). Below this, there is a 'Your choices' section with a large blue 'Add choice' button and a search bar for courses. A note below the button states: 'You can add up to 5 choices to your application. You can change your choices until you send your application to us. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application to us.' Below the 'Your choices' section is the 'Profile' section, which contains 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



UNIVERSITIES' DECISIONS

Universities and colleges will review the:

Personal statement

Reference

Qualifications

Admissions test results

Interviews

Portfolios

Auditions

You'll get 1 of 3 decisions:

- **Unconditional** offer
- **Conditional** offer
- Unsuccessful

UCAS TRACK

English [Cymraeg](#)

Hello Rebecca Chen
(Personal ID 34567 56789)

[Log out](#)



Track **Your choices** / Your application / Your details / Help / Contact us /

Welcome back Rebecca

Today's date: 13 March 2013

Frequently asked questions

Waiting
for offers

Reply to
your offers

Waiting for
confirmation

Confirmation
of place

Your status

You've received offers from all your choices.

Next steps

Reply to your offers
(by 6 June)

If you don't reply on time,
you'll lose your offers.

- [Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet](#)
- [Consectetuer adipiscing elit sed diam](#)
- [Nibh euismod tincidunt ut](#)
- [Laoreet dolore magna aliquam erat](#)
- [Ut wisi enim ad](#)
- [Minim veniam quis nostrud exerci](#)
- [Ullamcorper suscipit lobortis nisl](#)
- [Ut aliquip ex ea commodo](#)
- [Duis autem vel eum](#)

YOUR REPLIES

Wait for all decisions from all choices then choose one:

firm – if all conditions are met, where you will be **placed**

insurance – usually lower conditions, in case the firm conditions are not met

Any other offers must be **declined**

You don't have to have an **insurance** (14 day CMA cooling off period)

CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

Exam results are published and HKDSE students need to send the results to universities and colleges.

There are four possible outcomes:

- 1) Placed at your firm
- 2) Placed at your insurance
- 3) Missed out on both? You could still get a place through Clearing
- 4) Done better than expected? You can change your course in Adjustment

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION DEADLINES



15 October

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

25 January

- Most undergraduate courses.

March

- Some art and design courses.

30 June

- 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/options/apply/undergraduate>

Application summary

- 1 Researches and chooses courses.
- 2 Register online with UCAS Apply.
- 3 Complete form and processes payment.
- 4 Reference added by school / independent referee.
- 5 School / applicant sends form electronically to UCAS.
- 6 UCAS processes application and sends to chosen universities and colleges.
- 7 Decisions made (offer or unsuccessful).
- 8 You views decisions on Track.
- 9 You replies to offers.
- 10 Place confirmed after exam results.

TUITION FEES AND LIVING COST

TUITION FEES



- International foundation and diploma programmes range from **£4,800** to **£23,000**
- 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 EXPLORE 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.



WORKING PART-TIME WHILE YOU STUDY

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

- Typically, you will be able to work for up to 20 hours per week 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.



NEW GRADUATE ROUTE LAUNCHES SUMMER 2021



The UK's new Graduate Route allows you to apply to stay in the UK for up to two years after you finish your undergraduate or master's degree, to work or look for work. Students who complete their PhD will be able to stay for three years.

- Open to all international students who complete their degree from 1 July 2021 onwards.
- Successful applicants will be able to stay and work, or look for work, in the UK for a maximum period of two years.* Students who complete their PhD will be able to stay for three years.
- Ability to switch to a skilled work visa once you have found a suitable job.
- You must complete a degree at undergraduate level (or above) at a UK higher education provider with a track record of compliance.

*The route is non-extendable/does not count towards settlement.

STUDENT WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

HELP AND ADVICE

Universities have student wellbeing at their heart and there are many places students can turn to for help and advice while in the UK.

- Students Union or Student Welfare Service
- Academic advisors such as personal tutor or lecturer
- International office
- Accommodation support officer
- Student health centre
- Chaplaincy or place of worship
- General Practitioner (GP)

The following organisations offer support and advice:

- [Student Minds](#)
- [Student Space](#)
- [UKCISA](#)



PUBLIC HEALTH

The UK's NHS (National Health Service) provides subsidised treatment and healthcare to international students. As part of their visa application, students pay the Immigration Health Surcharge, and this gives them access to NHS services.

Students should register with a local doctor/general practitioner (GP) as soon as possible when they arrive in the UK. They can do this where they live, or through the university campus medical centre.

- To register, students need their passport, student identification, proof of address and a photograph.

For general queries about health, students can visit:

- www.nhs.uk (if you are living in England)
- www.scot.nhs.uk (if in Scotland)
- www.wales.nhs.uk (if in Wales)
- www.hscni.net (in Northern Ireland)



FURTHER RESOURCES TO STAY UP TO DATE



- [Prepare to Study and Live in the UK](#): free online course for incoming students
- [GOV.UK](#) hosts all the latest government guidance related to Covid-19
- Study UK website:
<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>
 - [Covid-19 FAQs](#)
 - [Covid-19 information for international students](#)
 - [Study in the UK in 2021-22](#) (information for future students)
- [Office for Students](#)
- [Universities UK International](#)
- [UKCISA](#)

THANK YOU

Any questions?

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