

Choosing a University and Course

Student Pack

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Choosing a University and a Course:

Whatever your next steps, now is the time to think about preparing for your future. Within this session:

1. What is university all about?
2. Choosing the right university for you
3. Choosing the right course for you
4. Next steps

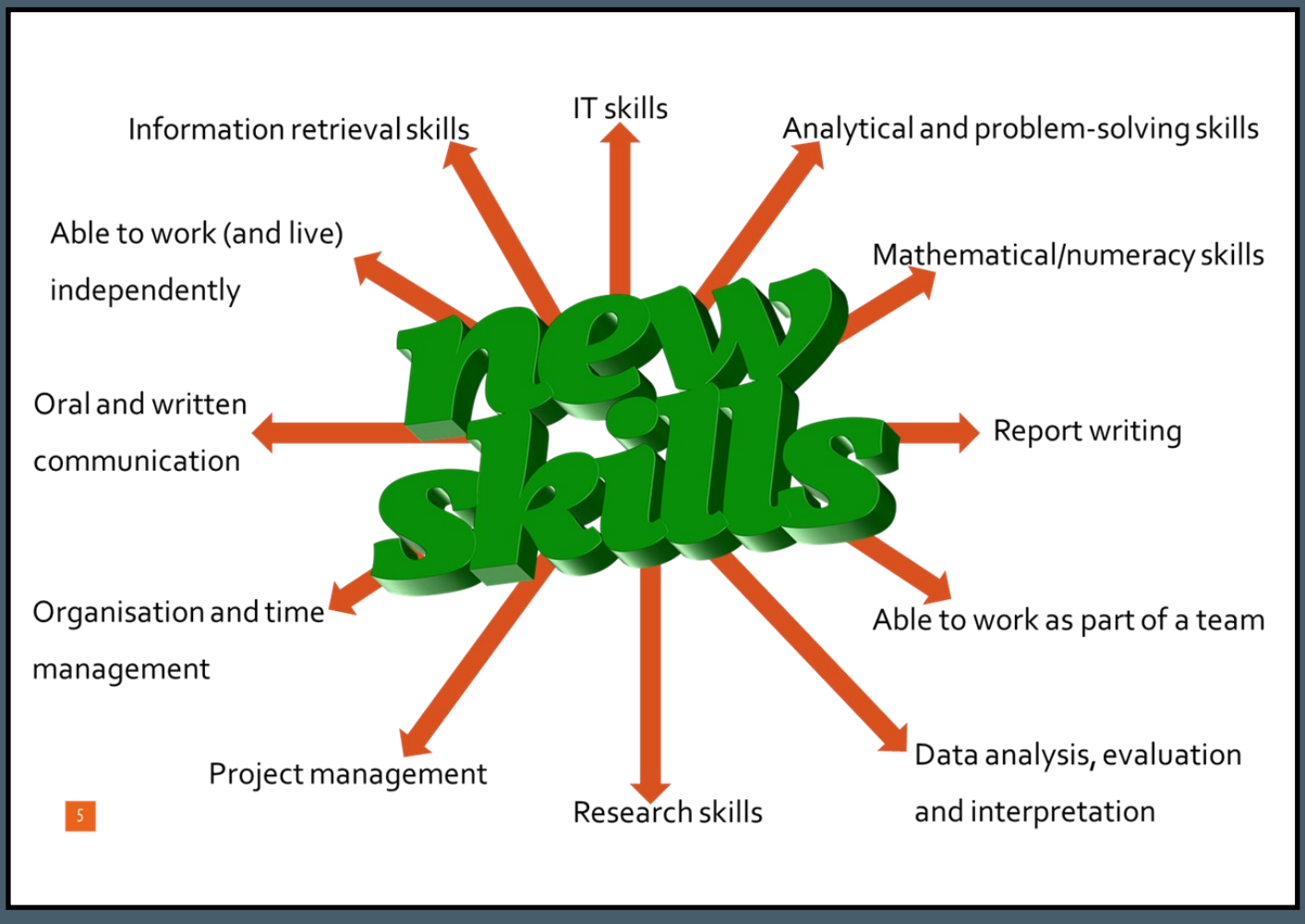
Resources	Additional Resources	Useful websites
1. Student Pack (this document)	1. 5 things to think about when choosing a course.	UCAS—Choosing an Undergraduate Course
2. Choosing a University and Course Presentation	2. 5 things to think about when choosing a university.	UCAS—How to choose between undergraduate courses and unis
3. Choosing a University and Course 10 Minute Video	3. Choosing a university and a course worksheet.	
4. Choosing a University and Course Narrated PowerPoint	4. Choosing your course activity.	
5. Choosing a Course in 60 Seconds.	5. Pandemic Blog—exams and coursework during the pandemic.	
6. Choosing a University in 60 Seconds.	6. Pandemic Blog—Living in halls during lockdown.	
7. Kahoot	7. Pandemic Blog—returning to university in the pandemic.	
	8. Lily—My University Diaries.	
	9. Josephine—My First Year at University.	

Activity 1: Watch the Choosing a University and Course in 10 Minutes Video

What is university all about?

- Being able to impact people's lives through education and research.
- Next step on the education ladder, broadening the knowledge of a subject you love.
- Preparing students for a life outside of education through developing skills and knowledge

Activity 2—slide 4: Take a few minutes tho think about some words that you associate with university. Write as many as you can think of down before continuing.



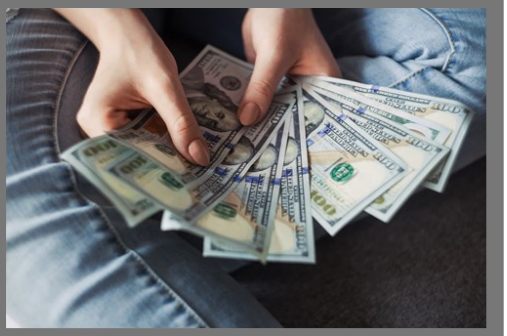
How much does university cost and how do I pay for it?

Currently £9,250 per year



Receive a loan from the government for tuition

Receive a loan from the government for living



Pay it back after university when you're earning

How is school different to university?

School



- Taught all that you need to know
- Lessons all day
- Reminded about your homework

VS

University



- Learn independently
- Mixture of lessons and 'free' time
- Responsible for your work and deadlines

Choosing a University

Activity 3: Watch the '**Choosing a University in 60 Seconds**' Video.

Activity 4: How many universities are there to choose from in the UK?

A. 75

B. 130

C. 165

* answer within PowerPoint.

Location:

Think about…

- Where do you want to be in the country?
- Do you want to be close to home or further away?
- Do you want to be in a city, or more rural area?



What type of university do you want to go to?

Collegiate



Oxford University

Campus



Royal Holloway, University of London

City

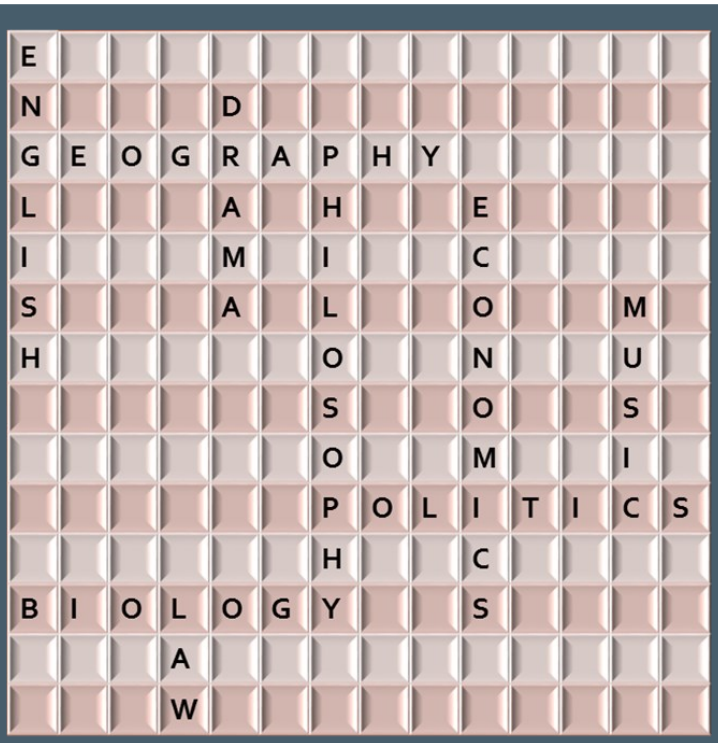


Choosing a Course

Activity 5: Watch the 'Choosing a Course in 60 Seconds' Video.

Remember – not every university offers every subject and the specific topics included in each course can vary greatly.

There are over 50,000 courses on offer and the course you choose is just as important as the university.



Activity 6: Go through slides 21– 24 playing the 'Degree or not degree? Game. Guess whether you believe the degree titles to be real or fake and click through to reveal the answers.

Before deciding on which courses you might be interested in, there might be a number of considerations you want to undertake:

1. Emotional Considerations.
2. Practical Considerations.
3. Further Considerations.

Activity 7: Visit the UCAS Course Finder web-page and begin searching for courses you might be interested in.

Types of university degrees:

Foundation

Undergraduate

- BA – Arts
- BSc – Science
- BEng – Engineering
- BMus – Music
- LLB - Law

Graduate

Top Tips:

Don't be afraid to explore new subjects

Read into details about modules and topics on offer

Consider if you will still be motivated to study this subject in 1/2/3 years time

Look at the teaching and assessment methods

Next Steps:

Step 1: Reflect—take some time to reflect on the subjects that interest you, what you want to do in the future and what is important to you in a university.

Step 2: Research.



UCAS Course Finder



League tables



Prospectuses



Student reviews

Step 3: Create a Shortlist—think about which universities 'offer what I want to study', which 'allows me to fulfil my extra-curricular activities' and which is 'located where I want to be'.

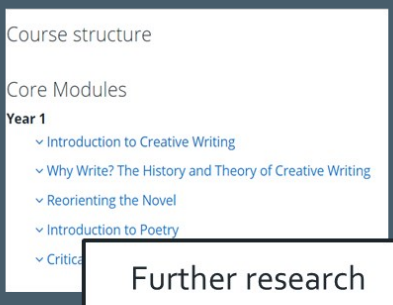
Step 4: Explore your Shortlisted Choices



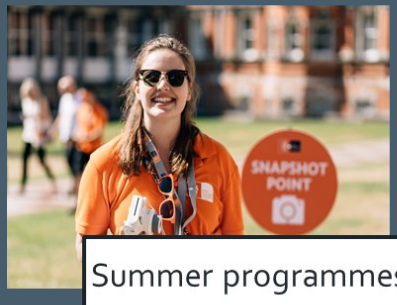
Open days



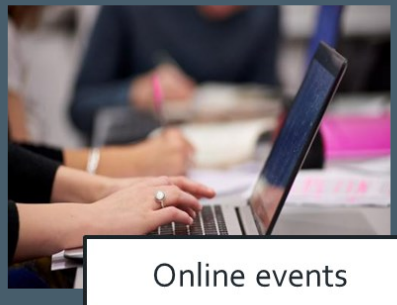
Taster days



Further research



Summer programmes



Online events



Free lectures

Step 5: Apply!

Preparing for UCAS:

Go to...
www.ucas.com to locate courses

Attend...
Open Days and get a feel for the university in person

Get...
prospectuses for different universities and read them

Make...
a shortlist of five universities you would like to go to

Read...
alternative reviews, such as The Student Room or www.push.co.uk

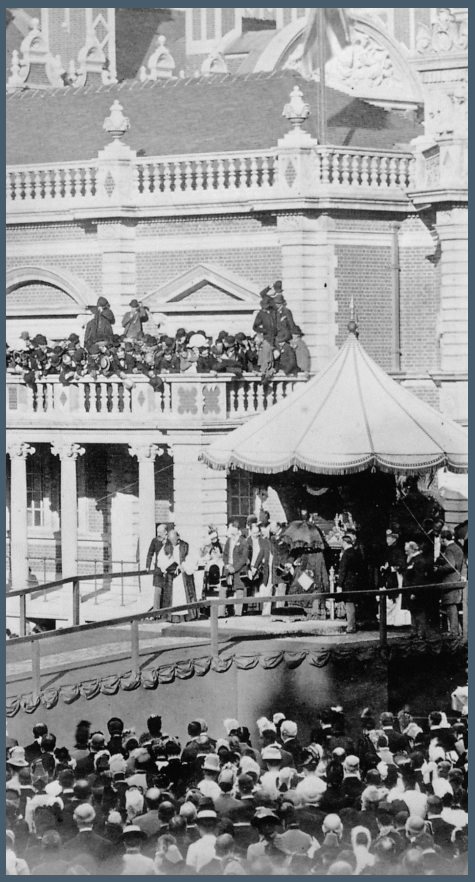
Prepare...
to fill out your UCAS application and write your personal statement

Activity 8: Now complete this Kahoot challenge to confirm your knowledge.

Thank you for 'Choosing a University and Course' with us!









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