

UCAS Applications

for undergraduate students joining us in 2020



UCAS

connecting people to higher education

- All applications for Undergraduate courses in the UK go through UCAS
- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

www.ucas.com

- Information & support
- Course Search
- **Apply**
- **Track**



Key features of the scheme

- Maximum of 5 choices
- Choice restrictions in specific subject areas
 - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry–max 4
 - Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge
- Simultaneous consideration, but with 'invisibility' from your other choices
- Codes (Institution, Course, Campus) get them right
 - Bournemouth University B50
 - Nursing B700
- Campus code not required for BU

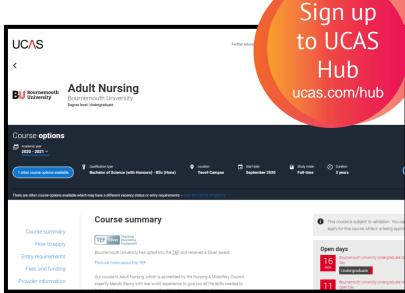


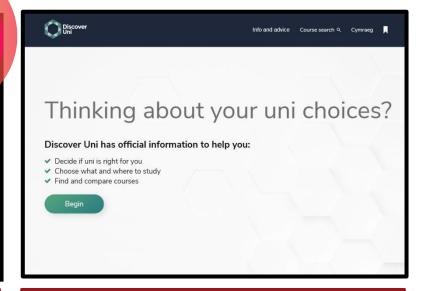




Where to search for information







BU website

For detailed course information, accreditations, placement & employability detail, fees & essential information.

UCAS

Full course listings in a consistent format to review and compare courses & providers, and to eventually apply.

Discover Uni

Key metrics around satisfaction, employment and average costs to compare courses & providers.



Entry Requirements

Our offer will be based on our **tariff points range**,
meaning **flexibility** about your grades.

You will need to have a minimum of 2 A-levels or equivalent. We will also consider additional study, such as the Extended Project Qualification. General Studies is usually excluded from our offer.

BTEC National Extended Certificate	BTEC National Foundation Diploma	BTEC National Diploma	BTEC National Extended Diploma	Tariff points	AS-level	A-level/ AVCE	A-level/ AVCE Double Award	International Baccalaureate Higher Level Certificate*	Extended Project Qualification
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Things to consider

Is it the right course for you?

- What is the balance of coursework/exams?
- How much assessment by group work?
- Opportunities for workplace or applied studies?
- Fieldwork and practical learning?

Will you meet the entry requirements?

- Required subjects?
- Required minimum grades?
- Maths & English GCSE?

Required subject:
Part of the entry
requirement_ - you
must be studying one
of these



Making the application



- Registration
- Personal details
- Additional Needs/Info
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement
- Reference
- Declaration





The Application Process

Register on Apply **Research** your options Make your **application**

- **Personal details**
- **Qualifications (achieved & predicted)**
- **Personal statement**
- **Teacher or Individual reference***

Institutions & Providers will consider the application They will make a decision to

- Offer (Conditional/Unconditional)
- **Interview** (other selection measures)
- Reject

You will make your final decisions

- Firm
- Insurance
- Decline remaining choices

Your results are

- considered
- Confirm
- Reject

Start applying from

5 Sept

Applications to Oxford & Cambridge 15 Oct

Get your application in by

15 Jan

You can still apply late up until the end of the cycle 30 Jun

UCAS Extra opens 25 Feb

Some Art & Design courses apply by 24 Mar

Receive university decisions by

31 Mar

if you applied by 15 January

Make your **firm** & insurance **choice** by

1 May

if you applied by 15 January

Confirmation. **Clearing &** Adjustment (from early July)

Mid-Aug

Applications cycle formally closes 30 Jun

All remaining applications through Clearing



Extra, Clearing & Adjustment

Extra

- You have not received any offers or have been rejected from all your choices
- Apply one-by-one to other choices until successful, or go into Clearing after 30 June

Clearing

- You have not met the requirements for your firm or insurance choice and been rejected, or have declined any offers you do have, or haven't applied and want to make a new application
- Clearing is the process whereby any remaining places are available for students to apply.

Adjustment

- Results exceed your firm choice offer
- Opportunity to find a different place, potentially with higher entry requirements than your firm choice.

We may still offer you a place, even if you don't meet the criteria for your original offer.

When we receive your results we'll consider your application alongside any updated entry requirements for Clearing as well as your potential to succeed on the course.



Personal Statement

- ✓ Good vocabulary and structure
- ✓ Course and beyond
- ✓ Career
- **✓** Roles & responsibilities
- √ Work experience
- ✓ Year out

...all of that in 4,000 characters (including spaces) or 47 lines.





Vocabulary and Structure

- Positive language sell yourself!
- Preparation bullet points then rough draft
- Simple rule Whenever you say you have a skill or quality - demonstrate how, where, when you acquired it

for example, team work



Course

- State the reasons for your choice of course
- Enjoy the subject State why?
- Enjoy particular aspects Which aspects?
- Talk about the subjects you are currently studying, and try to describe links between them
- Tell us how you are developing the skills the course requires





Course and beyond

- Outline the experiences you have had that have confirmed your interest
- Demonstrate that you have focus and commitment
- Helps if you know what you want to study if not think what the 'common ground' is
- Post degree

How do you think you would benefit from your choice of course?

Highlight any links with a possible career





Roles & responsibilities

- Amateur dramatics, voluntary work, prefect, team captain, fundraising, event organiser, school rep.
- Top tip don't take up too much of the form telling us about these unless relevant!

"Working at a local care home for the elderly provided me with the opportunity to care for others in a responsible and attentive manner. I had to extend my communication skills by listening and speaking to residents and other team members"

Health & Social Sciences applicant



Work experience

 Think about what you have done outside of your education that shows your commitment

 Any relevant work experience? Excellent particularly if relevant and organised on your own initiative

Attended any workshops/short courses?



Gap year?

- Ideally show that you will be spending your time out constructively:
- Working is constructive earning money to support yourself through HE, gaining important experience and employability skills.

"During my year out I will be broadening my experience and knowledge of conservation and environmental issues by working with conservation groups both here in Britain and abroad. I am applying to work at **Trees For Life** in Scotland for two months working to regenerate the indigenous trees into the highlands and restore the native Caledonian Forest."

Science & Technology applicant



Important skills and qualities

Approachable **Computer Literacy** Confidence Communication Efficiency **Empathy** Helpful Independence Listening Managing others Organisation

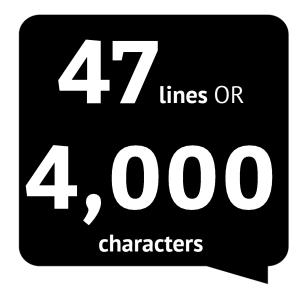
Problem solving Proactive Presenting Responsibility Self-expression Self-motivation Teamwork Using initiative Working Independently





Final Thoughts

- Check spelling and grammar
- Make the space count prioritise
- Be explicit about your skills and qualities
- Seek others' opinions and advice
- Don't be untruthful!
- Don't include details specific to one of your five choices
- It's your UCAS form!







Interviews

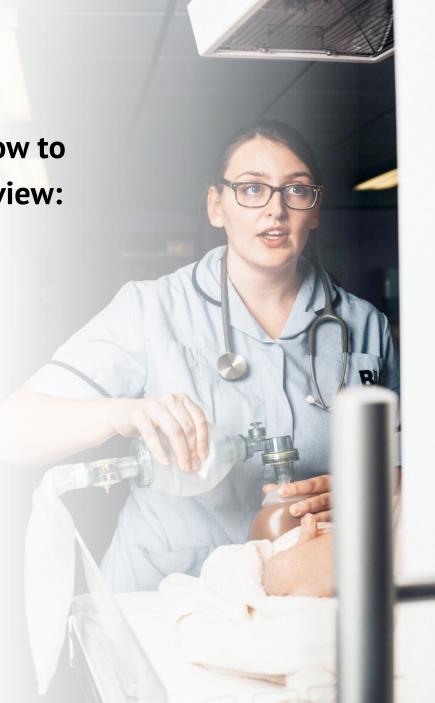
If you are applying for:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Operating Department Practice
- Paramedic Science
- Physiotherapy
- Social Work
- Sports Therapy

You will be required to attend an interview.

What to expect and how to prepare for your interview:

- Introductory talk
- Group discussion
- Individual interview





Additional Information

Occupational Health Checks:

Questionnaire which needs to be completed fully and honestly. Confidential process and assessed individually.

Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure:

Essential that you are open and honest about any previous convictions, even if they are 'spent'

Second references:

Professional bodies require a second reference to demonstrate 'Good Character'



How we'll assess your application

We will make you an offer that's tailored to you and your application and will look at more than just your academic performance when making you an offer and deciding whether to accept you on the course.

Depending on the course you apply for we'll look at:

- your grades and other academic experience
- work and other experience
- Personal statement
- Your performance at an interview/selection test
- An academic/professional reference (Health & Social Care courses only)

AccessBU

If you don't have traditional qualifications, or are unable to meet the entry requirements, we may be able to make you an offer through AccessBU if you meet certain criteria e.g. you have been in care or live in an area where fewer people typically progress to Higher Education. Your offer could be 16 points below the published tariff.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accessbu





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