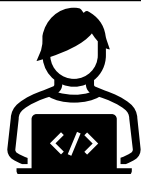


The UCAS Process

Sept 25-26



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Complete your UCAS Apply Form

You will begin this in tutor but will need to complete this at home.

Help: The UCAS Apply Helpsheet, Additional Qualifications



Complete your Personal Statement

Changed to 3 questions (similar content). Tutor activities in the next 3 weeks will help you. You will need to complete at home. Your tutor will check and suggest changes.

Help: 3 x Personal Statement + Assignments



Check and complete your reference

You will check your reference and predicted grades with your tutor. Once it has been sent to UCAS and you have paid and sent your application there are NO CHANGES.

Help: Tutor session



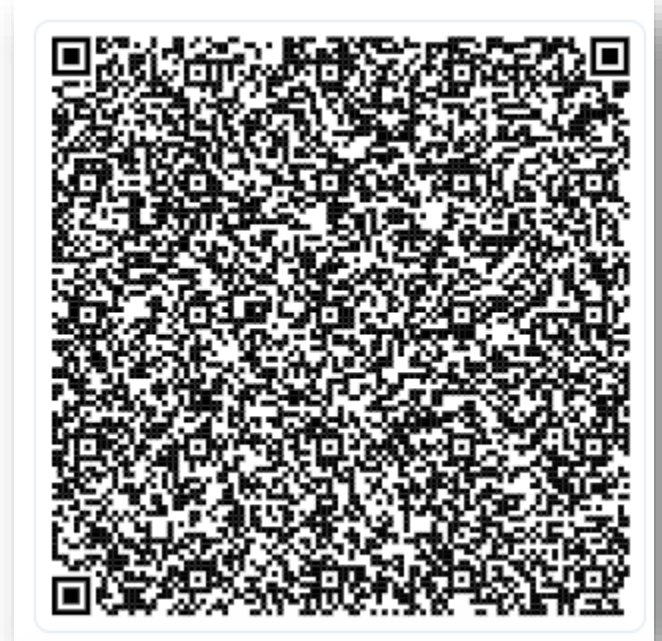
Ready to go

Both you and your tutor will check your reference and predicted grades off on CEDAR. Your tutor will also sign off your PS on CEDAR. When these three things are done your application will be checked by your Guidance manager. They will contact you to make changes or pay and send.

IMPORTANT: Please check your emails and teams messages. Please DO NOT pay and send before your Guidance manager has checked your form.

Where is everything?

- [Tutorial hub - UCAS Hub](#)
- **IMPORTANT University Opportunities:**
Almost every day we are emailed university opportunities, webinars and information. This is posted on the [UCAS channel on the A2 Team here.](#)



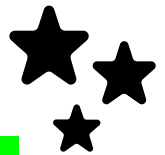
Tutor Activities & Resources

- **Resources you can use include:**
- UCAS Apply helpsheet
- Personal Statement PowerPoint Resources and Examples (structure)
- WP / Contextual offers document
- Super-curricular activities
- Subject Guides (transferable skills and PS advice)
- Alternative qualification list (for secondary qualifications that are not GCSEs)

Timeline

Internal Deadlines for all guaranteed UCAS applications

- **26/09 Early Application** deadline for Oxbridge and Medics
- **16/10** From this date **all other UCAS** Applications can be processed, submitted and sent
- We strongly suggest that if you are making an application to a competitive uni you complete the process by the end of October.
- **21/11 UCAS Internal Application** deadline **YOU MUST MEET THIS DEADLINE READY FOR YOUR GM TO CHECK**



Not applying for Sept 26 entry?

- You might be very sure you will take a gap year. In this case **no need to apply this year** but your tutor will ensure that you are aware of how you will apply post-BHASVIC (you will still apply through college as an ex-student) and may well still ask you to draft a PS.
- **If in any doubt apply this year!** It's only £28.95 and you can decide not to go at any stage.

UCAS fee waiver for Free School Meals

- If you declare you have received free schools meals (that can be vouchers) at SECONDARY OR COLLEGE AT ANY TIME your UCAS fee is waived (so it will be free)
- It is important that you declare FSM on your UCAS Apply form.
- BHASVIC will need to verify this before submitting but we rely on YOU to declare as we especially have NO secondary school info

Your choices - important

- We only need 1 choice to process!!
- Make sure you think of your choices as
 - 1 or 2 as **aspirational** (slightly above your predicted grades)
 - 2 or 3 as **solid** (your predicted grades)
 - 1 or 2 as **insurance** (if you have flu on the day of the exams)
- All of them you should be happy to go to – **don't feel you have to fill all 5 – you can add up to 5 until UCAS deadline 14/01/26 6pm**

Questions and problems

- Talk to your tutor
- Ring uni admissions offices – they want to help! (uni/course specific)
- Lots of help on the UCAS Hub or online.....
- Use the UCAS Apply helpsheet

What happens next when I am ready to send?

- General Office **will add your reference and predicted grades** to your form and send to UCAS. This can take up to 10 working days.
- **UCAS send to Unis** – they only **see their own choice** – they cannot see any other choices. And you do not 'rank' unis. All are equal.
- You will have an **email from UCAS and access to UCAS track** where any uni decisions etc. will come.

Common questions

- Study Abroad – talk to us early **it is complex**
- **Deferred or not to defer** – start with 26 and then contact unis later if you change your mind
- Worried about **(pre)settled status** – we advise talking to student finance but it usually covers
- Should I disclose **health conditions** – yes!

Important

- Be careful of applying to all **5 very competitive choices**
- Look carefully at **entry requirements (including GCSEs)**
- Look at the **cost of living**
- Explore bursaries and DSA [Bursaries, DSA & Scholarships](#)

Interviews/Tests

- Please remember that 8 universities ask you to sit the **LNAT for Law**
- There may be **other admissions tests** for very competitive unis
- **You need to do your own research.**

Is it easy?

- **In some ways yes!**
- **PS** – attend all 3 sessions in tutor, 4000 characters use the structure and guide
- **Ref** – will complete and check in tutor
- **Apply form** – 40 mins with the helpsheet
- **Predicted Grades** – talk with your tutor/teachers if there is a problem

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