



University of
Roehampton
London



Choosing a University/Course



50,000

There are around 50,000 undergraduate courses to choose from in the UK.

130

Universities in the UK

40

Universities in London

You can apply for up to 5 courses however you only write 1 personal statement. That is why it is important to find courses in a similar area so that your personal statement sounds concise and demonstrates your interest in that particular subject.

Choosing a Course – 4 things to think about

University is focused on teaching and learning. Going to university is an opportunity to immerse yourself in a subject you are genuinely fascinated by, want to find out more about, or that you want a career in. There are a few things to consider when picking what course you'd like to study.

1. Favourite Subject

What topics do you enjoy studying? Can you study that topic at University? Would you like to study that subject full time? Will the subject matter be similar to your current studies? Are you good at that subject?

2. Personal Interests

What do you like to do in your spare time or as a volunteer? Do you want to follow your personal interest as a degree subject or take it on as part of the wide range of extracurricular activities on offer at universities? You should try and pick a degree programme that in some way matches your strengths and talents, this way you'll be more likely to perform well in your degree.

3. Career Ambitions

What job do you want in the future? What industry would you like to work in? Is earning a good salary important to you? If you know you want to be a doctor, a nurse, an architect or a vet then there are set degree programmes you will need to study. However, for the most part, employers aren't interested in what degree programme you studied, they are more interested in the huge array of skills that a graduate brings to the work place.

4. Learning Style

How do you like to learn? Are you a practical or theoretical learner? Some degree programmes will involve very active and practical learning, whereas some will involve a lot more reading and attending lectures. How do you prefer to be assessed? Do you prefer the challenge of an end of year exam or would you prefer to be assessed on coursework or practical work throughout the year?



Choosing a University – COLLEGE System

There are around 130 Universities in the UK each with their own identity and culture. You need to find the right university for you. Use the 'COLLEGE' checklist to check if a university has what is most important to you.

Category	Explanation
Course	Does the University have the course you want? Remember to check the example modules. A subject at one university will be completely different to the same subject at another.
Opportunities	What else does the university do to improve your student experience? e.g. Study abroad, work placements, scholarships.
Location	Where is it? Is it a campus or a city university? Are there good transport links? What are the facilities like? What accommodation do they provide?
League	How well does the course and the University do in league tables? Remember to check academic and student feedback surveys.
Entry Requirements	What does a typical offer look like? Do they want specific grades in particular subjects? Do they give offers in UCAS points or grades?
Gut	When you visit the university at an Open Day or a Campus Visit how do you feel?
Education Style	How big are the class sizes? Are your tutorials taught by a lecturer from year 1? Is the course more practical or theoretical? How are you assessed?

Use the College system and have a think about which categories are most important to you. If you do your research in each section of choosing your course and your university, you will make the right decision. Take a look at some of the useful websites below or feel free to contact us if you have any other questions.

Useful Websites

www.ucas.com

www.university.which.co.uk

www.whatuni.com

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

www.prospects.ac.uk

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