

# Applying to University

UCAS: Universities and Colleges Admissions Service





# What can I study?

- There are over 400 providers offering over 50,000 undergraduate courses in the UK\*
- By using [UCAS Course Search](#) you can find the course which is right for you.
- You do not want to leave it till you apply to decide!





## How do I apply?

- Once you have located the course and universities you want, you will then submit an application through UCAS for a maximum of 5 choices
- You will need complete several sections of personal information – including the personal statement





## Why is it important to fill it out correctly?

- Approximately 7% of applicants spell their names wrong on their UCAS application
- The university will consider your application based on **ALL** information, and can reject you for poor spelling, grammar or incorrect information.
- Beware the UCAS Similarity Detection Service!

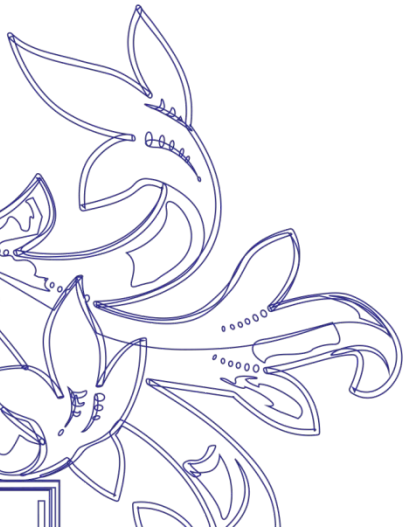




# What information is needed?

There are the following sections to complete:

- Personal information
- Choices
- Education (including predicted grades)
- Employment
- Personal Statement
- Reference





# What is the personal statement?

- The personal statement is a statement about you!
- 4,000 characters (approx. 500 words)
- 80/20 Academic/Personal
- What do we want to read?
- What do we **not** want to read?
- What makes you 'stand out'?





# “Keep in mind the often hidden strengths and challenges of a service child's lifestyle”

- Inconsistent education
- Lack of opportunities (sports clubs, DofE, field trips etc...)
- Unstable support structures
- Forced subject choices
- Frequent disruption





# What is a reference?

- We require a character reference for each applicant, this comes from the referee
- While a reference is an essential part of the application, most universities will not use it – why?
- The completed application is submitted to the referee, when the reference is added, it is then submitted to UCAS
- Be careful of flooding it with superlatives







# What happens next?

- Your 5 choices will consider your applications.
- You will choose one firm and one insurance. Make sure you are certain about these choices (open days etc...)
- You will be either offered a conditional offer (based on reaching a grades total) an unconditional offer (no conditions, an absolute yes!) or a reject.
- If you are rejected from all 5 – no panic! You still have UCAS Extra and UCAS Clearing to still be accepted!



