

Researching Your Options

This guide is designed to help you explore your future options using www.ucas.com and in more depth in the UCAS Hub. It includes activities for you to do in your own time and is designed to be used with your 'Guide to university' and 'Apprenticeships, Training & Employment'.



UCAS Hub

The first thing to do, if you haven't already, is make sure you sign up to UCAS Hub.

Your UCAS Hub will give you all the tools and information you need – in one place. UCAS can then guide you to the information you need. You can easily explore, filter, and favourite the things which matter to you most. The best bit is that you'll have your own dashboard, which you can customise and tailor to suit you, and you can organise the tools that help you most, remove the ones you don't need, make notes, and tick off things on your to do list.



How do I sign up?

The UCAS Hub is free and easy to use. All you need to do is follow these three simple steps to sign up:

Step 1 – Register

To get started, visit www.ucas.com/hub.

Step 2 – Verify your account

Once you've registered, you'll be asked to verify your account. An email will be sent to the email address you registered with and all you need to do is hit 'Activate account'.

Step 3 – Sign in

Now you're ready to sign in and start exploring! The first time you do, UCAS will ask you some extra questions so they can help you find the right info.

At any time to pick up where you left off, visit www.ucas.com/hub or click 'Sign in' on the top right hand side of any page on ucas.com and select 'Students'.

Step 1: Turning the spotlight on yourself

We all approach decision-making in different ways, and this can be influenced by various factors, such as our personality, how those around us make decisions, how confident we feel, how independent we are, the pressure we're feeling, and the extent we feel destiny plays a part in life. Whichever is important to you, here are some steps you can take to help discover what's important to you and your future.

- Activity 1: Where are you now?
- Activity 2: Where do you want to get to?
- Activity 3: What matters to you most in life?
- Activity 4: How are you going to get there?

Activities

Step 2: Thinking of going to University?

Higher education gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge on a subject you're passionate about, or help you work towards the job of your dreams. However, it's not just about learning – it's a great experience and helps you to develop the essential skills and knowledge that you will need for your future working life.

- Activity 1: Explore, explore, explore to check out your ideas and get inspiration
- Activity 2: University life – what's important to you?
- Activity 3: So what is uni really like?

Activities

Step 3: Choosing your courses

There are over 35,000 university courses you can choose from, so it is important to take the time to research each course you are interested in to make sure it's right for you.

- Activity 1: What have you learnt so far?
- Activity 2: Broaden your horizons.
- Activity 3: Choosing the right course

Activities

Step 4: Researching Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are primarily jobs, so it is important to research this option fully. They offer the opportunity to start work, earn a wage, and continue studying. You also gain knowledge, skills and experience for specific careers.

- Activity 1: I think I want to do an apprenticeship.
- Activity 2: Explore the jobs available.
- Activity 3: Find live apprenticeship vacancies

Activities

More Information

Careers Quiz

Prospects Job Match & Career Planner

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

The Spartan Test

https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850

Explore Career ideas and options

Prospects Job Profiles

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>

The Student Ladder

<https://www.studentladder.co.uk/>

TARGET Careers

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/>

Health Careers

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

Creative Careers

<https://discovercreative.careers/#/>

Screen Careers

<https://www.screenskills.com/>

The college Careers Team can suggest other career specific resources.

Explore University

University league tables

The Guardian University League Table and 'The Complete University Guide.'

Wider Reading

Uni Admissions Website

Explore Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

The Apprenticeship Guide

<https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/>

Find an Apprenticeship

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>

