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# All About HE – Choosing Universities and Courses

# Activity 1 – University Terminology (5 mins)

In pairs discuss which university terms match with which description:

**Bachelor of Science  
(BSc)**

**Sandwich Year**

**Clearing**

**Joint honours degree**

**Deferred entry**

**Dissertation**

**Halls of residence**

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**An informal term used for students in their first year at University.**

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**A year out of your university course to work in industry.**

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# What's important to me? (5 mins)

When you apply to university in the UK , you can choose **up to five** universities and courses per application. But how do you narrow down your options?

The following factors are some of the things students consider when choosing a university.

**Write down the nine most important factors for you.**

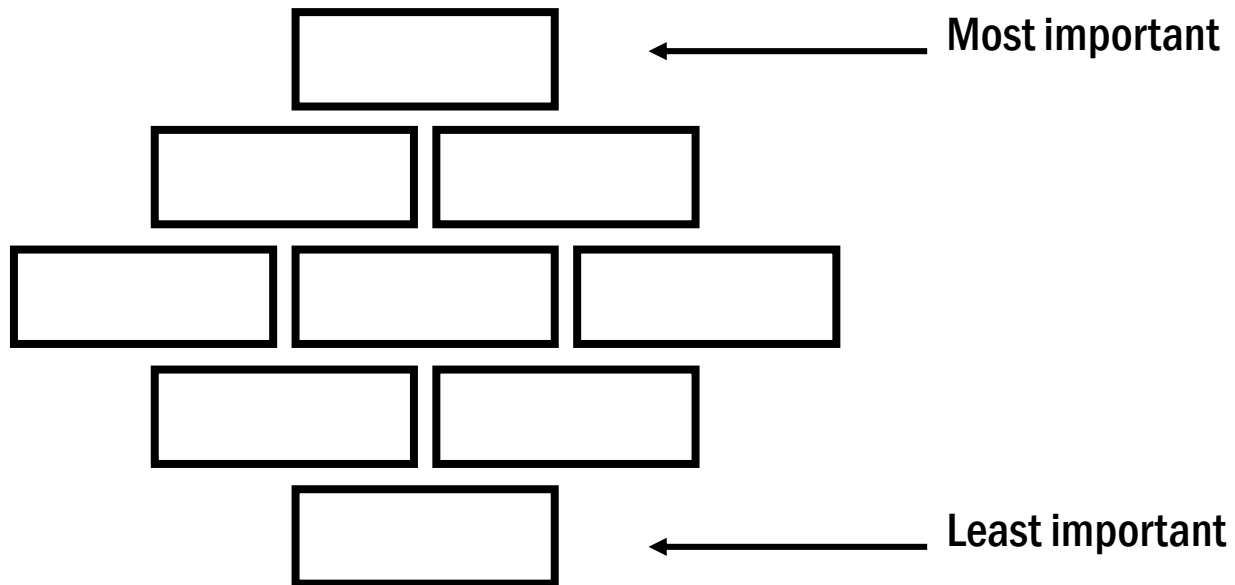


% of graduate jobs	Option to study abroad	Joint honours course	Online or blended learning
Sporting facilities	A campus uni	A big university spread across a city	Sandwich year
Fees	Social life	In a small town	Reputation
Student welfare	Value for money	Rural	Russell Group
LGBTQ friendly	Distance/region	Arts and music scene	Something else

## Diamond 9 (5 mins)

You have lots of different priorities to juggle! A diamond 9 grid can be helpful for weighing up options.

**Rank the factors** you've chosen in order of importance using the diamond 9 structure. Get ready to share your reasoning with the class!



# What UK university is right for me? (5 mins)

Approximately **395 UK universities/degree providers** are offering more than **50,000 undergraduate courses!**

Using **the icons as clues**, what **key factors** might you need to **research and consider?**



## Academics

What are the entry requirements? Do you meet them? Would they be a safety, good fit or reach school?



## Finances

What are living costs like in that location? How expensive is their student accommodation? Could you live at home?



## Size

Would you prefer to go to a big university with lots of students, or a smaller one that has a more community feel?



## Location

Do you want to live in a big city? Would you prefer a more rural location? Would being by the coast suit you?



## Graduate prospects

What percentage of students are employed after graduating? What percentage go on to Master's programmes?



## Extracurricular

Is there an good music scene? Is there rugby team well renowned? Do they have clubs and activities you can join?

# The UK universities tool

Unifrog's UK universities tool is a great place to go next with your research.

**UK universities**

You have [2 shortlists](#)

[Start >](#)

- To use the universities tool, login to your Unifrog account and find the **UK universities tool** in the Searching for opportunities section.

- Select your **location**.



Tuition fees depend on your country of residence and how long you have lived there

UK students living in the EU are eligible for home fees in the UK. If that's you, select England here, unless you used to live in Scotland before moving to the EU - in that case, select Scotland.

Where do you normally live?

[More information](#) v

\* Country

Elsewhere in the world



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# The UK universities tool

- Next, **add the best grades** you think you'll get.
- **Top tip:** you can re do this search with higher or lower predictions to see what your options might be.

What are the **best grades** you're likely to get by the time you leave school / college?

* Qualification 1	A Level	⇅	A* (56 points)	⇅
Qualification 2	A Level	⇅	B (40 points)	⇅
Qualification 3	A Level	⇅	C (32 points)	⇅



# The UK universities tool

- Select your **subject(s)** your interested in, or continue **without picking a subject area**.
- You can also select related subjects!

What do you want to study?

\* Subject

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Any of these interest you?  
Select up to 10 subjects at a time.

Direct matches (1)

Subjects you might like (41)

- Psychology
- Biology and Psychology
- Business and Management and Psychology
- Business and Psychology
- Business Management and Psychology
- Counselling Psychology
- Criminology and Criminal Psychology
- Drama and Psychology
- Economics and Psychology
- Education and Psychology
- Educational Psychology

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# The UK universities tool

- You're now on your Longlist.
- By default the universities are ranked by academic. Try one of the other Rank options!
- Filter the things important to you, such as format of study or study abroad years!

Rank ▲ Filter ▼ Keyword search

Entry requirements Randomised Average points Fees Rent Salary % Graduate jobs Dropout rate % Satisfaction Hours of Uni sessions

Hours of Independent study Hours of Placements Value for money Expectations exceeded % Application success (overall) % Application success (UK)

Size of uni % Disabled % International Guardian rank Guardian Psychology rank Guardian Education rank QS world rank THE Impact rank

People and Planet rank Distance from home Student welfare Spend on Access Social life

Rank ▼ Filter ▲ Keyword search

Any distance 10 miles 20 miles 50 miles 100 miles 200 miles 300 miles Big cities East Midlands East of England London North East

North West Northern Ireland Scotland South East South West Wales West Midlands Yorkshire and The Humber City Campus

Any mode Full time Part time Sandwich Foundation No Foundation Full degrees Online Blended W/ study abroad W/out study abroad

Any type Russell Group (RG) Top Third (TT) Specialist arts inst Art Foundation Joint Honours Don't prefer more academic quals Accepts T Levels

LGBT-inclusive workplace

Any entry requirements No courses out of my range












# The UK universities tool

- The universities and courses are split into Aspirational, Solid and Safer (aka Reach, good fit and safeties).
- You should choose a few from each of the columns!
- When you're ready, press next to go to your 'Shortlist'.

Select courses below

Pick the best courses for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.  
Stuck on a strange term? Check out the [glossary](#) ▾

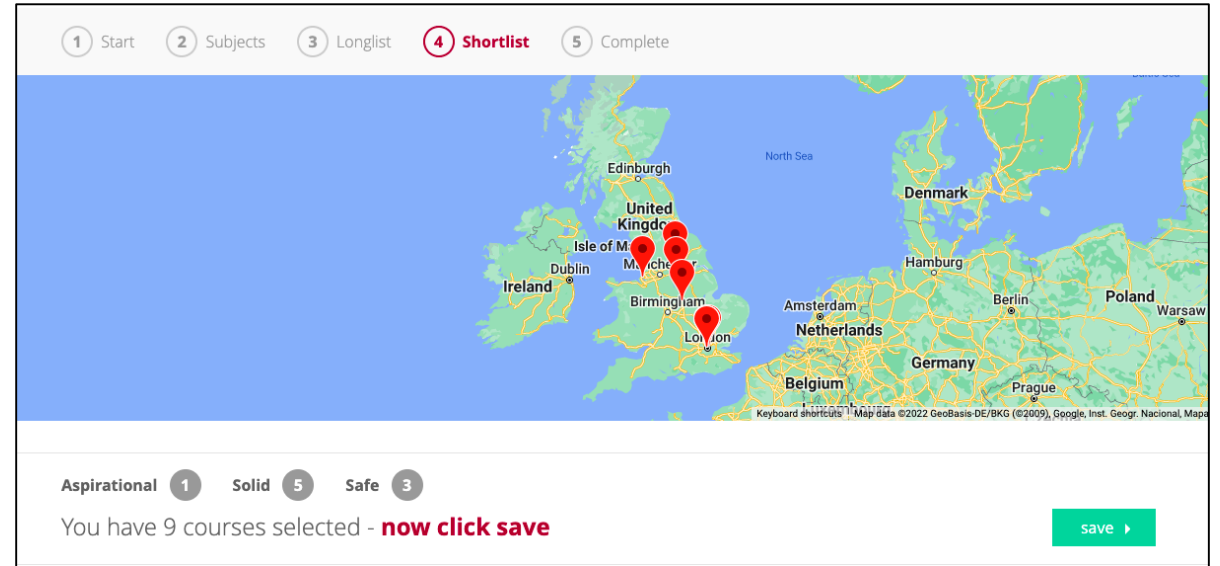
Rank ▾ Filter ▾

Aspirational (30) Top of your range	Solid (123) In the middle	Safe (539) At the bottom
<p> <b>Psychological and Behavioural Sciences - 3FT BA (Hons)</b> ⓘ University of Cambridge RG IB Diploma: 40-42</p>	<p> <b>Psychology with a Year Abroad - 4FT + Abroad BSc (Hons)</b> Queen Mary University of London RG IB Diploma: 35</p>	<p> <b>Psychology with Foundation - 4FT BSc (Hons)</b> Durham University RG Foundation year</p>
<p> <b>Biomedical Sciences - 4FT MBiomedSci</b> ⓘ University of Oxford RG IB Diploma: 39</p>	<p> <b>Psychology with a Professional Placement Year - 4FT/4SW BSc (Hons)</b> King's College London, University of London RG IB Diploma: 35</p>	<p> <b>Psychology with Foundation Year - 4FT BSc (Hons)</b> University of Sheffield RG Foundation year</p>
<p> <b>Psychology - 3FT BSc (Hons)</b> ⓘ UCL (University College London) RG IB Diploma: 39</p>	<p> <b>Psychology with a Year Abroad - 4FT + Abroad BSc (Hons)</b> King's College London, University of London RG IB Diploma: 35</p>	<p> <b>Psychology (2+2 programme with Foundation Element) - 4FT BSc (Hons)</b> University of Liverpool RG Foundation year</p>
<p> <b>Psychology - 4FT Msci (Hon)</b> ⓘ UCL (University College London) RG IB Diploma: 39</p>		<p> <b>Psychology with a Foundation Year (Elite Athlete Pathway) - 4FT BSc</b></p>

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# The UK universities tool

- You'll see a map that shows where each of the universities are located.
- Scroll down to see detailed information and links for each college/university.
- If you're happy, press save.



Getting in		University facts	
2022 IB Diploma entry requirements 39 Full-time 4 Years: A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects to include grade 6 in two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology, with no score lower than 5. For Mathematics, the programme will accept either 'Analysis and Approaches' or 'Applications and Interpretation' at higher level. Contextual Offers: please visit the course webpage for further details about our Access UCL scheme		Guardian overall rank 9th	QS world rank 8th
Last year's successful applicants 29.9% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was: IB HL Subject: H7H7		THE Impact rank -	People and Planet rank 19th
Overall application success rate for Subjects allied to Medicine 19%	UK application success rate for Subjects allied to Medicine 18%	Guardian subject rank Psychology: 5th	Student welfare rank 102nd
		Full-time undergrads 21,700	International undergrads 54%
		Difficulty Aspirational - Out of your predicted range	
		University description Founded in 1826 in the heart of London, UCL is London's leading multidisciplinary university, with more than 13,000 staff and 42,000 students from 150 different countries. UCL is a diverse global community of world-class academics, students, industry links,	

# The UK universities tool

- Go to your Favourites to see your saved Shortlist.
- You can press open to see a PDF version of your shortlist.
- You can forward to your parents or family, or delete it and start again!

### Search tools

Shortlists you make on search tools appear here

### Library tools




Profiles you favourite on library tools appear here

Filter by:

All 12 UK Uni 2 UK Apps 1 FE 1 MOOC 3 Oxbridge 0 Europe 1 US 3 Canada 0 Asia 0  
Opps 1 Australasia 0 Middle East and Africa 0 Ireland 0

#### UK UNIVERSITIES

**Psychology**  
IB Diploma / Ucas Range: 125 - 149  
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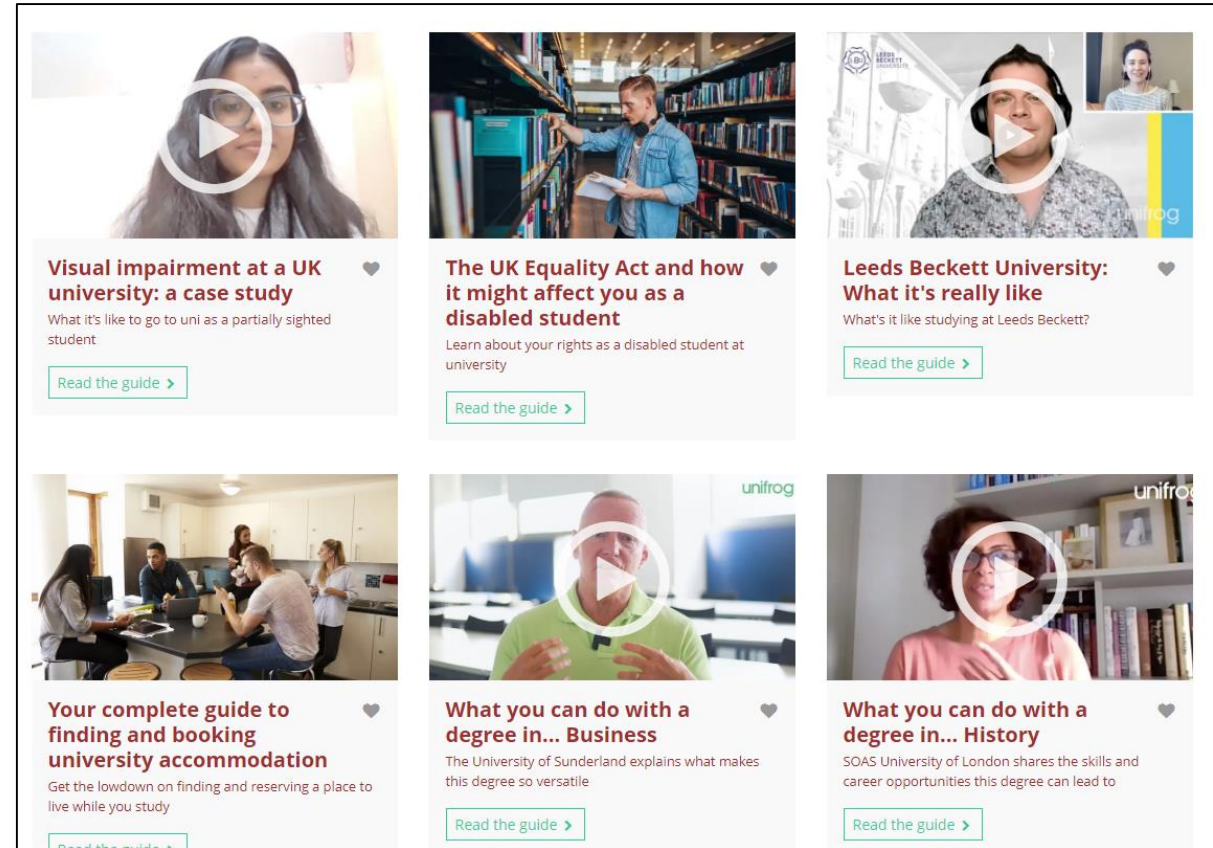
1. Psychology	UCL (University College London)	Aspirational
2. Psychology	University of Leeds	Solid
3. Psychology with a Professional Placement Year	King's College London, University of London	Solid
4. Psychology	King's College London, University of London	Solid
5. Psychology with a Year Abroad	King's College London, University of London	Solid

# The UK universities tool (20 mins)

- Go into the universities tool on Unifrog and create your own longlist and shortlist
- Have a read through the profiles on the courses/universities you have selected
- Go back and adjust your shortlist if there are any choices you don't like when looking at them in more detail
- Go to the websites for the universities you have shortlisted and read through the course pages, comparing the courses and the universities

# More about university (15 mins)

- Log on to **Unifrog** and go to the Know-how library.
- Scroll down and click on **UK Universities** in the 'Search by pathway' section
- Choose a Know-how guide that appeals to you – **MUST BE DIFFERENT TO THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU** and read through it
- **Feed back** what you have learnt to the person sitting next to you.



The image displays a grid of six Unifrog 'Know-how' guides. Each guide consists of a video thumbnail with a play button, a title, a short description, and a 'Read the guide' button.

- Visual impairment at a UK university: a case study**  
What it's like to go to uni as a partially sighted student
- The UK Equality Act and how it might affect you as a disabled student**  
Learn about your rights as a disabled student at university
- Leeds Beckett University: What it's really like**  
What's it like studying at Leeds Beckett?
- Your complete guide to finding and booking university accommodation**  
Get the lowdown on finding and reserving a place to live while you study
- What you can do with a degree in... Business**  
The University of Sunderland explains what makes this degree so versatile
- What you can do with a degree in... History**  
SOAS University of London shares the skills and career opportunities this degree can lead to

## Reflection (5 mins)

You've now completed a lot of research and, hopefully, a UK universities shortlist.

Take a moment and think about how you would answer this question:



Who else **can you talk to** in order to help **narrow your options?**

### Family

Miss Darby/Mrs Colgan

### Friends

University Open Days

### Teachers

Academic Mentor

Form Tutor

You can also do more research on Unifrog, university websites, and the UCAS website



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