

A Parent's Guide to Higher Education

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Reach New Heights



What do you need to know?

What should happen & when

How to choose a course

How to choose a university

How to apply

What you can do to help



Timeline

When?	What?
Year 12	Research, HE Fairs, Open Days
September Y13	Apply for course
October	Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science
October to January	School/College deadline; UCAS deadline
Open ended	Interviews and offers
February - June	Apply for financial support; UCAS Extra
August	Results
August	Clearing
September/October	Enrol at university

What to study?

Familiar or
new subject?

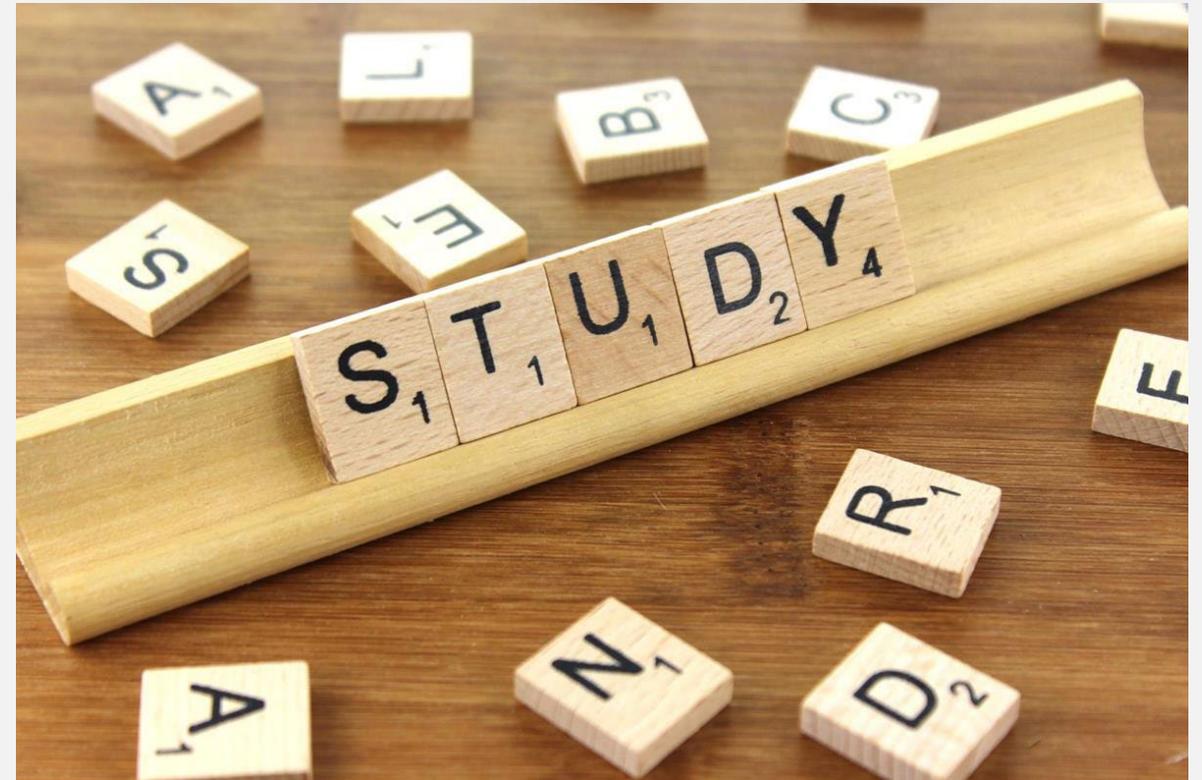
Vocational or
non-
vocational?

Entry
requirements?

Qualification?

Career
aspirations?

Teaching &
assessment?

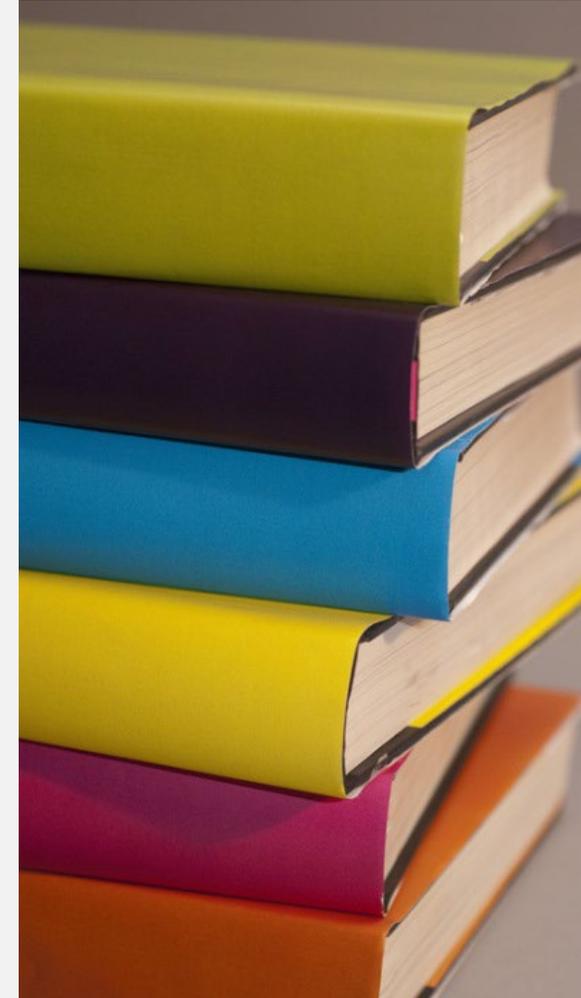


Things to consider

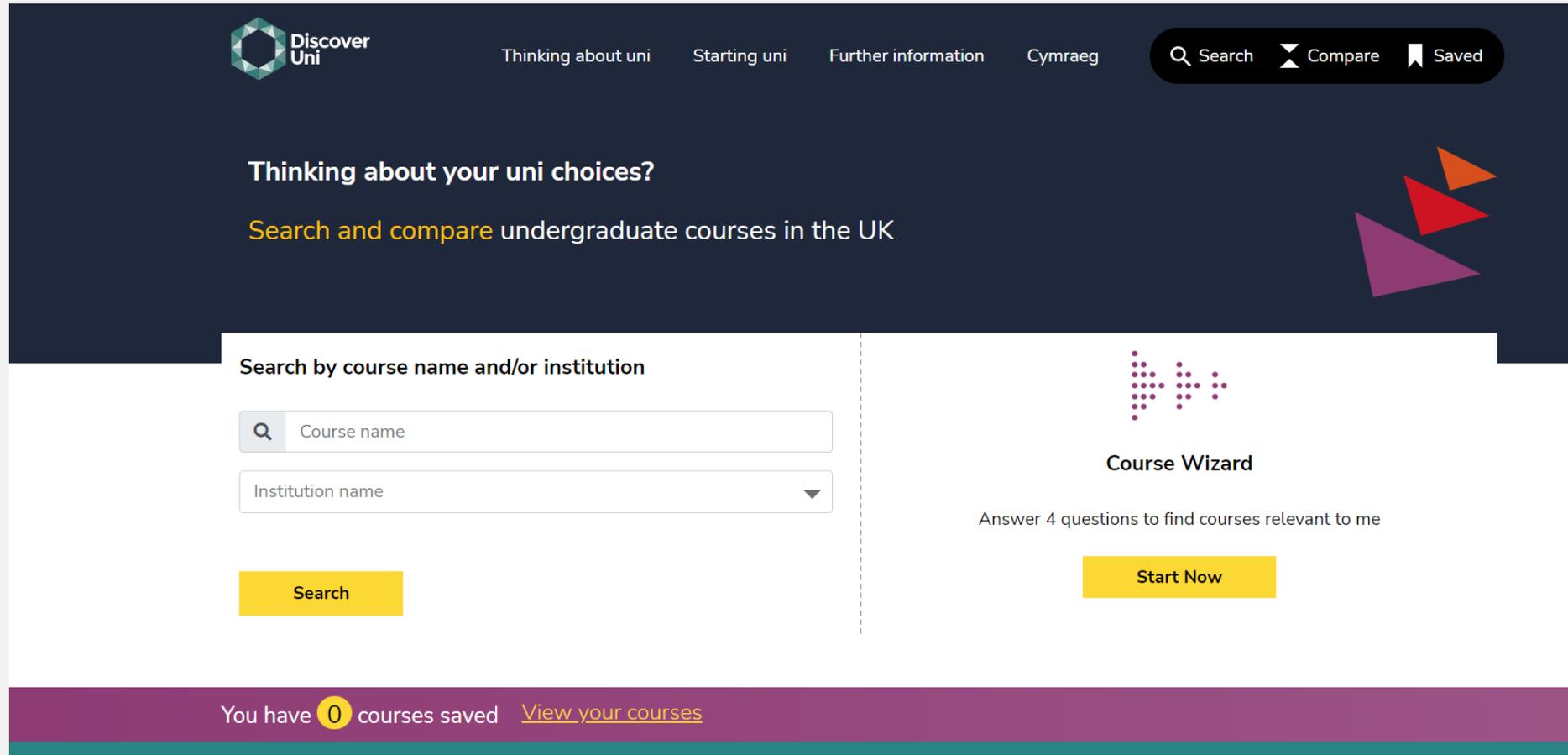
Single/joint/
Combined
honours

Placement
(sandwich)
courses

Niche
subjects



Compare courses/universities



The screenshot shows the Discover Uni website interface. At the top left is the Discover Uni logo. To its right are navigation links: "Thinking about uni", "Starting uni", "Further information", and "Cymraeg". On the far right of the top navigation bar are three icons: a magnifying glass for "Search", a double-headed arrow for "Compare", and a bookmark for "Saved".

Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "Thinking about your uni choices?". Underneath, it says "Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK". To the right of this text are three overlapping triangles in purple, red, and orange.

The main content area is split into two columns. The left column has the heading "Search by course name and/or institution" and contains two input fields: "Course name" with a magnifying glass icon and "Institution name" with a dropdown arrow. Below these fields is a yellow "Search" button.

The right column features a graphic of a cluster of purple dots, followed by the heading "Course Wizard". Below this, it says "Answer 4 questions to find courses relevant to me" and a yellow "Start Now" button.

At the bottom of the page, a purple banner contains the text "You have 0 courses saved" with a yellow circle around the number 0, followed by a link "View your courses".

A typical day at university



Lectures



Seminars



Tutorials



Lab work



Studio work

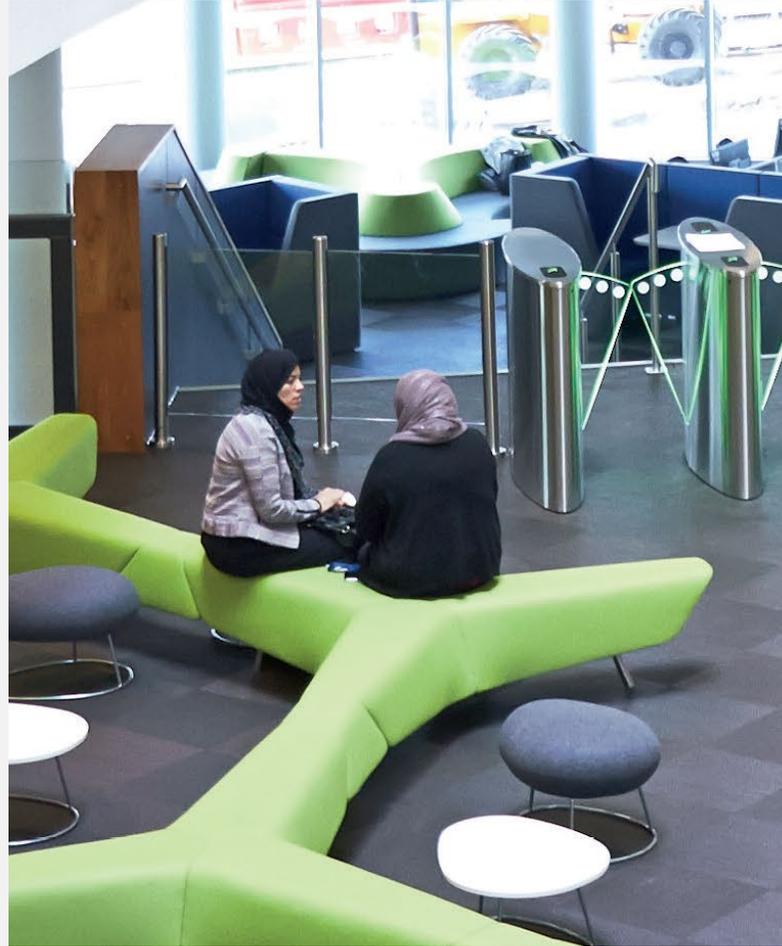


Independent Study



Where to study?

- Home or away
- Cost of living
- Available support
- Course availability
- Academic facilities
- Social opportunities



University community

- Academic
- Finance
- Social
- Pastoral, health and faith
- Careers advice and guidance
- Disability services:
 - Disabled applicants can contact Disability Services before joining the University to discuss the support or adjustments they will require during their studies. Disabled applicants may be eligible for the Disabled Students' Allowance – we offer support and guidance on this before starting your course. The earlier you apply the better.
 - How to get in touch:
 - disability@hud.ac.uk or 01484 471001
 - <https://students.hud.ac.uk/help/disability/>



Sample Hall fees

(Accommodation prices checked May 2022 on each University websites)

University	Shared Bathroom	Ensuite
University of Huddersfield	N/A, all ensuite	£87+
Liverpool John Moores University	£85+	£109+
University of York	£99+	£140+
University of Leeds	£100+	£142+
University of Manchester	£110+	£157+
University of Nottingham	£116+	£162+
University of London	£175+	£224+

- Figures quoted as 'typical annual cost' for self-catering. Facilities may vary and it could cost more for internet package, catering etc.
- Check contracts/schedule for payment details
- Private housing could be much cheaper but a different way of living

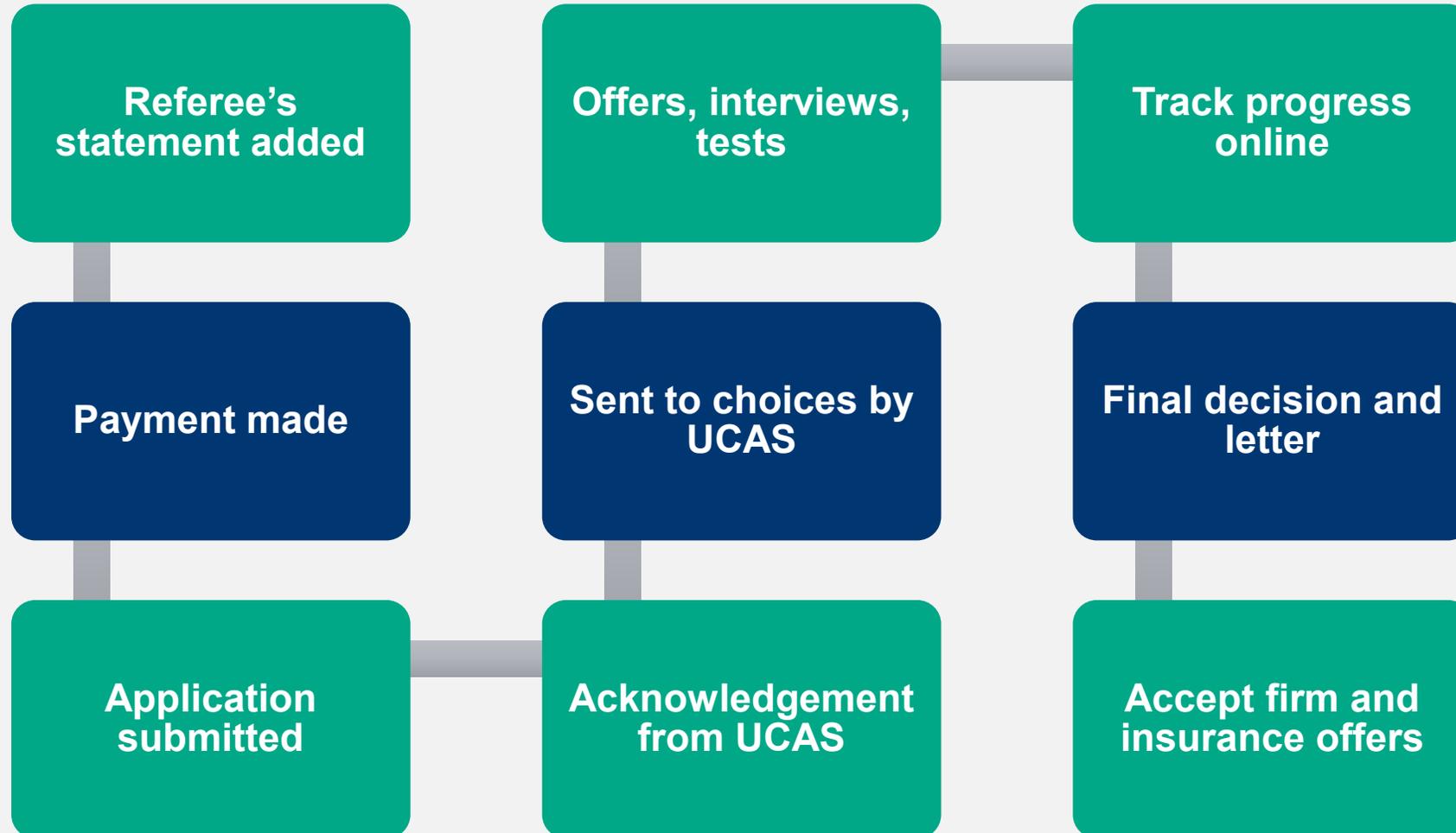
How to apply

- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- Apply online, one application covers all, maximum of 5 choices
 - Fee payable – 2025 entry £28.50 for up to 5 choices, 2026 entry will be £28.95
- UCAS sends applications on to University choices

UCAS



What happens next?



What your son/daughter can do now

Talk to teachers,
staff and careers
advisers

Look at UCAS
guide/website and
Discover Uni
website

Look at student
finance website

Visit HE Fairs and
open days

Look at
prospectuses,
leaflets and
brochures

Talk to friends,
family and current
students



How parents can help



Visit open days

Help with insurance, mobile phone?

Check accommodation contracts

Homesickness

Food shopping!

Help with course equipment, bedding, cutlery?

Support from C&K Careers

- C+K offers impartial careers information, advice and guidance to young people and adults about all their options. C+K careers advisers can support them with applications to higher education, apprenticeships and employment.
- Advisers can be contacted at schools, colleges or through the C+K Chat service.
- The C+K Chat service is for young people and parents/carers living in Calderdale and Kirklees and is available Monday to Friday, 10.00am-4.00pm.

- Ring: **01484 213856**
Email: chat@ckcareers.org.uk
Or use the **Facebook** messenger service: www.facebook.com/CKCareers

- Careers information is available at <https://ck.mydirections.co.uk>. Young people can ask their careers adviser for a log in.
- To view local job and apprenticeship vacancies, follow C+K Careers Recruitline on Facebook



Headstart Huddersfield

Headstart offers eligible Level 3 students, interested in applying to the University of Huddersfield, the opportunity to gain an extra 8 UCAS points.

Attend an Open Day or Taster Day and submit a 1,000-word assignment based on your experiences.



Further information and eligibility available on our website:
<https://hud.ac/headstart>

Or watch the Headstart video: <http://hud.ac/lez>

Final points

- University contract is with the student
- Remember application deadlines
- No age limit, no rush
- Big life change for the whole family
- Dedicated webpages for parents and carers of prospective students:
hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parents-and-carers/



Undergraduate Parents and carers

Information for parents and carers of prospective students

Going to university is an exciting time. It marks a big life change, not just for students but also for their parents or carers and can at times can seem like a complicated and overwhelming decision to make.

Rest assured, in this area of our website you'll find information to guide you through the process so you know what to do and when. You'll also discover useful information that will help you to provide the best support you can.

Remember, you're not on your own: there's a large amount of advice available via school staff, careers advisers, external agencies and universities who want your son or daughter to make the right choice for them and an informed one.

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2025 Open Days:

Saturday 21 June
Saturday 27 September
Wednesday 15 October
Saturday 22 November

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