

HIGHER EDUCATION



UK higher education students are generally aged 18 or over (17 in Scotland), and usually have secondary school qualifications, such as A-levels, the International Baccalaureate, Scottish Highers or an equivalent qualification from the UK or another country. Many have completed a foundation or access course too.

- **Undergraduate programmes** include bachelors' degrees, foundation degrees, higher national diplomas (HNDs) and more.
- **Postgraduate programmes** include masters' degrees, MBAs, PhDs, doctorates and more. Usually, you need an undergraduate qualification to enter a postgraduate programme.

Find a course and a university/college

- For university courses in London, you can search here:
<https://www.study london.ac.uk/courses>

- For a list of the highest ranked universities in the UK, search here:
<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

- Additional links on the official government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/higher-education-courses-find-and-apply>

Applying for a course

- For most undergraduate courses, you must apply through the Universities and Colleges Application System (UCAS). <https://www.ucas.com/>
- For postgraduate courses, many universities and institutions take care of their own application processes, and you can often apply directly via **their website**.
- Some institutions use **UCAS Postgraduate**. However, your preferred universities and colleges may have their own closing dates, so you'll need to check with them before you apply.
- **UCAS Conservatoires** is a separate application system for practice-based music courses, and some dance and drama courses, at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- UCAS also operates an application system for graduates who want to take postgraduate teacher training courses.

***For more information on how to apply for University, please talk to our Academic Counsellor, Lara Lara@ukenglish.org.uk. Her office is on the 5th floor and her office hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. From 14:00 to 16:00.**