

## **Choosing the right degree and University**

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## What we will cover

- Helping you to think about the subjects and courses that you can study at university
- Consider key factors to think about when choosing a university and course
- Look at types of university and the differences between them
- To be aware of research sources that can be used to find out more information about universities and courses





## **Choosing a course**

- What interests you?
- Jobs and careers you're interested in
- Do you want to study something completely different?
- What degree courses are available to you?
- What can you commit to for a minimum of 3 years?

## Choosing a University

- Rankings
  - Subject and institution
  - Research
- Environment and facilities
  - Location
  - Size
  - Fees and costs
  - Accommodation
  - Student Satisfaction
  - Clubs and societies
  - Extra Curricular/Social
  - Work placements and internships
  - Teaching styles

- Course Available
- Entry requirements
- Scholarships
- Career opportunities and employability
- Alumni/Student Profiles

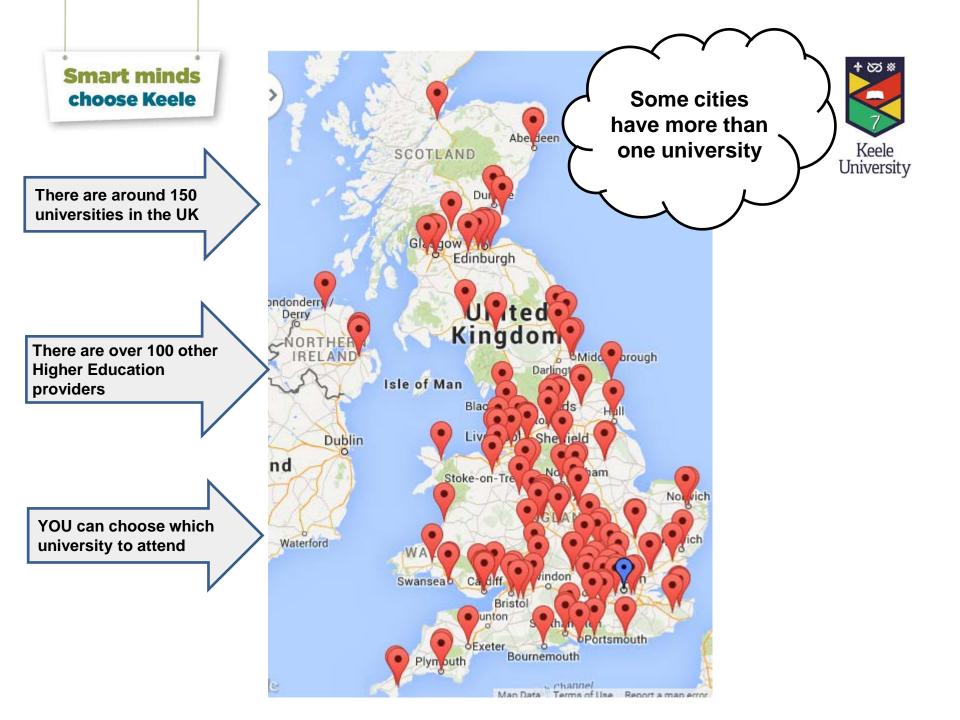
Visits/virtual tours



## How to choose a course

- What does the course offer?
- Course structure/assessment methods
- Entry requirements/offer grades
- Outcomes/graduate destinations
- Work experience/placements
- What is it that <u>you</u> want to study?





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# **Types of university**

### Campus

- everything on one site
- the university as a community



## City

 university buildings are located and spread out around a city





## **Types of university**

#### Traditional



#### Modern













## If you had to choose a University today, what would be the three most important factors in your decision?

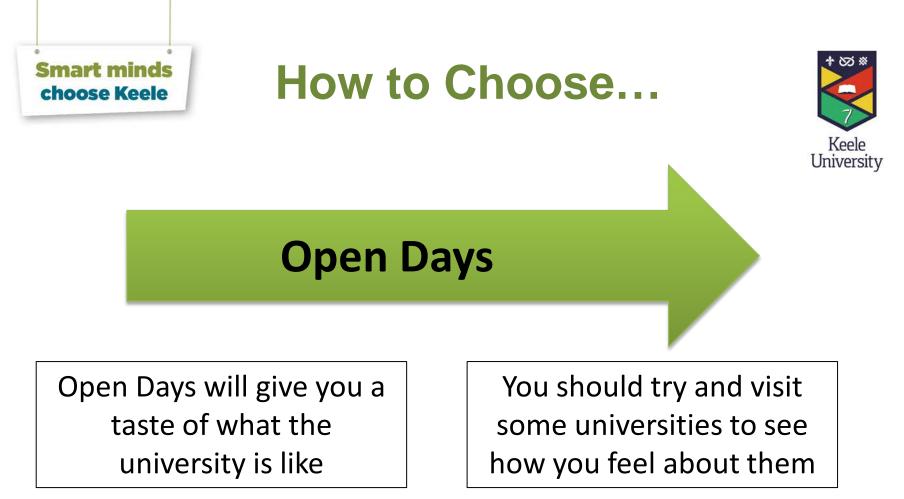
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## Things to consider

- Campus or City
- Traditional or Modern
- Big or Small
- Course content
- Research strength
- Employability
- Clubs and societies
- Surrounding area













## **Research sources**

- UCAS course search
- University websites and social media channels
- League tables (e.g. Times Higher, Guardian, Complete University Guide)
- Student Satisfaction scores
- University Open Days/Visit Days







## **Research sources**

- www.educationuk.org
- Hot Courses
- Student Room
- Whatuni
- Unistats (www.unistats.direct.gov.uk)
- Which University



## **Any questions?**



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