



British Education Fair



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 you want to study?

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There are around 150
universities in the UK

There are over 100 other
Higher Education
providers

YOU can choose which
university to attend



Some cities
have more than
one university



Types of university

Campus

- everything on one site
- the university as a community



City

- university buildings are located and spread out around a city



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Types of university

Traditional



Modern



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

Things to consider

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



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How to Choose...



Open Days

Open Days will give you a taste of what the university is like

You should try and visit some universities to see how you feel about them



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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