Welcome to this guide to Higher Education in the United Kingdom. I am delighted that you are interested in advising your students who wish to find out more about studying at a university in the UK. You may not know that there are more than twelve thousand people from Spain who are studying at UK universities. And the number of students from Spain continues to grow every year.

UK institutions welcome students from Spain. The strong academic foundations which your students have developed at school combine with the very good level of English which young Spaniards now achieve to open a whole range of possibilities. Whatever they wish to study – from engineering to theatre and from medicine to music – they will find institutions with a range of options to meet their needs.

Deciding what to study and where to study is a huge decision for any young person. It is often their teacher to whom they will turn for advice, and we want to make sure that you have as much information as possible to be able to guide them on their opportunities for study in the UK.

This guide is intended to help you understand what those opportunities are and to help your students to choose between them.

Andy Mackay
Director
British Council Spain

The UK has 162 higher education institutions, and 30 are in the top 200 in the world (QS World University Rankings 2019).
STUDYING IN THE UK

The United Kingdom (UK) consists of England, Wales, Scotland (which together make up Great Britain) and Northern Ireland.

CAPITAL CITIES
The capital city of the UK is London, which is also the capital of England. For Wales the capital is Cardiff, for Scotland it is Edinburgh, and for Northern Ireland it is Belfast.
The population of the UK is estimated to be around 65 million.

The UK is close to 150,000 square miles (242,000 square kilometres).

The currency of the UK is pounds sterling.

The UK is one of the world’s leading business locations. The UK is one of the top ten manufacturers in the world and has the largest industries in Europe for life sciences, ICT and the creative industries.

English is spoken throughout the UK, but there are other official languages too, such as Welsh and Scottish Gaelic.

The main religion in the UK is Christianity. However, the UK is a multi-faith society where other religions are widely welcomed and accepted.

The Queen is Head of State in the United Kingdom. As a constitutional monarch, Her Majesty does not “rule” the country, but the royal family fulfils important ceremonial and formal roles with respect to government.

The UK has a fascinating history dating back to 6500 BC. All over the UK you’ll find monuments marking its history, from Stonehenge to Buckingham Palace. The UK is also home to 31 cultural and natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The United Kingdom is a parliamentary democracy – this means the government is elected by the people. There is a general election once every five years. The Prime Minister leads the government with the support of the cabinet and ministers.
WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

The UK is home to over 400,000 international higher-education students each year, and it’s easy to see why.

- UK higher education is among the best in the world and consistently performs well in world rankings. In QS World University Rankings 2019, four UK universities are in the top ten, and eight are in the top 50.

- The UK has the highest international student experience satisfaction ratings for English-speaking countries. Students in the UK are able to enjoy a great lifestyle: beautiful countryside, historic sites, city life, and music and culture.

- UK graduates enjoy an employability rate averaging around 90%. This increases to 100% in many disciplines.

- UK universities and colleges combine practical learning with lectures and seminars, and embrace innovative teaching methods and high-tech learning environments. This is why very few students drop out of UK universities.
This quick comparison chart shows some of the key differences between Spain and UK undergraduate education.

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**Degree grades**

Degrees in the UK are awarded according to a modular system, with final grades based on the last two years. For postgraduate study in the UK, students are generally expected to have at least an upper second-class award in their first degree.

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ACADEMIC CULTURE

UK degrees are designed to encourage students to develop independence and individuality.

Great emphasis is placed on the value of self-expression and originality, and students are encouraged to develop their own opinions early on in their degree programme, as well as initiate and develop independent research and study skills.

STUDY METHODS

- **Lectures** are typically larger classes that last around one hour. A lecturer/tutor will guide students through the course material by explaining the main points. Lecture sizes vary significantly (60-150 students).

- **Seminars** are smaller classes where a tutor and students can discuss topics and questions related to research, reading, essays, exams, presentations or other assignments.

- **Tutorials** are meetings between a tutor and an individual/small group of students to give more focused guidance on a student's past, present and future work.

- **Practical work** and **field trips** are intended to give practical experiences of the theories learned in class and to develop practical skills.

- **Additional assistance** is available to students if they need help with a course. Most lecturers have dedicated office hours during which they can meet students, and many operate open-door policies.

- **Independent learning** and group study are required on courses. This means students have to work on their own and in small groups to produce work for class.

- A wide range of **international partnerships** enables students to spend a year studying abroad at a multitude of international destinations.

- **Workplace** is a work environment under the supervision of a professional.

- **A placement year** (work experience) is a common feature on many programmes.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Union Societies provide fantastic extra-curricular activities. Universities also offer additional assistance, such as study-skills training or help with learning difficulties (ADHD: dyslexia, ADHA, etc.).
It is important that students are aware that universities set their own entry requirements and that these vary from institution to institution. They are based on essential skills and knowledge for the chosen programme of study, as well as recognised English-language certification.

Students should always check the specific requirements for each course and university.

If students lack the qualifications or practical experience required for a university course, there are many undergraduate programmes which include a “foundation year” – a one-year preparatory course designed to support students and help them make the transition to their chosen degree programme.

**Tip**

An excellent place for students to look at what course to study is [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
There are many undergraduate degrees in the pure and applied sciences at UK universities and colleges. Biology, chemistry and physics can all be studied alone or combined with other theoretical sciences to form “joint honors” degrees – for example, Physics and Astrophysics, or Chemistry with Environmental Studies. From the beginning of the degree, students can choose to specialise in specific areas – in biology, for example, one might focus on biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, immunology or genetics.

Most undergraduate programmes in the pure sciences last for three years – four in Scotland – and lead to a Bachelor of Science (BSc) qualification. There are a growing number of four-year programmes, however, which lead to an undergraduate Master of Science qualification (MSci, which is different from the postgraduate MSc).

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students applying for a science degree in the UK should study two or more of the following subjects: maths, biology, chemistry and physics.
Creative arts and design students are surrounded by people who share their passion for art, fashion, theatre, architecture, and much more. There is also a large proportion of international students (over 16.8 per cent of all students and over 25 per cent of academics and professors are from outside the UK), so your students will be in good company, joining a diverse creative community.

Music

Students can study music-related degrees at both conservatoires and universities. Music studies can be combined with a variety of qualifications in education, business, production and technology.

There is a huge range of creative arts and design courses on offer. Perhaps your students are interested in sculpture or graphic design, or they want to pursue a career in fashion or computer game design. Whatever the area of interest, they will find hundreds of exciting courses.

At undergraduate level there are degrees covering a wide range of subjects, from fine art to textiles, and from sculpture and digital media to graphic design. Courses are usually assessed on the basis of students’ portfolios (their collections of work).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

When applying for a creative course, the tutors may ask to see a portfolio (this might include ‘works in progress’ as well as completed work), and want to see evidence of your student’s ability and passion for their chosen subject. Some institutions hold interviews as part of the application process.

At undergraduate level, most courses expect students to have studied art, design, or a similar subject at further education level. Many undergraduate courses also ask that students do a one-year Art and Design Foundation course (or equivalent) before progressing to the degree programme.

Entry to music-related courses, including in conservatoires, will involve auditions. Note too the specific UCAS deadlines for conservatoires.
Students in the UK are exposed to these industries first-hand, learning from leading minds and making connections with influential people.

Study possibilities

UK universities offer internationally-recognised qualifications in a wide range of subjects, including business, economics, finance, accountancy, management, office skills and public service.

There are general courses or specialist programmes for any chosen career, such as sports management or hotel management.

At undergraduate education level, a typical business course is likely to cover marketing, accounting, information management, tax and business law, and computing.

Students can choose specific courses in management science, financial management, management and entrepreneurship, industry enterprise management, or specialise in a subject like culinary management, events management, hospitality or leisure management. All will provide students with the knowledge they need for a career in business.

Courses may be assessed through exams, essays, case studies and group work. Most courses lead to a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc) qualification, although you can also gain a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) or a Master’s in Management Science (MMan Sci).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Many courses look for a good academic record with evidence of interest in the subject, such as secondary-school coursework in economics or business administration.
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

The UK has a strong heritage in the social sciences and humanities – both in education and research – with some of the oldest universities in the world and a huge amount of public funding.

Study possibilities

Social sciences and humanities have a very broad offer. Students can study many different subjects, across both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. At undergraduate level students will find many degree programmes that combine two or more subjects.

Social studies focus on human society and social relationships. Subjects include politics, anthropology, economics, international relations, sociology, social work and human geography.

Humanities include a broad range of subjects to do with the study of human culture – for example, archaeology, religious studies (theology), history, philosophy, literature and languages.

Communications and media subjects can include media, marketing, advertising, PR (public relations), publicity, publishing and journalism – which can focus on broadcast, radio, newspaper or magazine (or ‘periodical’) journalism.

History and classical studies include a diverse range of subjects, from the study of the ancient world to contemporary political and social history, as well as 20th century, European, American, East Mediterranean, British, Irish and Jewish history.

Philosophy, religious studies, theology and literature degrees often focus on academic theories, analyses and criticism from a wide range of contemporary and historical perspectives.

Cultural studies and languages degrees include interdisciplinary courses that focus on particular geographic regions, such as Europe, Africa or Latin America. The variety of subjects on offer mean that your student can study almost any combination of international languages and cultures in the UK.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Many courses look for a good academic record with some social sciences or humanities experience, rather than a specific qualification in a student’s chosen subject. There are exceptions, however – courses with a language element might require secondary-school coursework in that language.
This is proven in high recruitment rates for engineering and technology graduates from UK universities. If your students want to make a big impact on infrastructure and environmental projects – in any sector, anywhere in the world – the UK is the place to be.

**Study possibilities**

The range of engineering courses in the UK is very broad, across the different levels of education and different areas of engineering. At undergraduate level, most students choose to specialise in a field such as chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, structural engineering or biomedical engineering. You will also find courses in music technology, sound engineering, metals technology, motor vehicle technology and industrial design.

Most undergraduate engineering degree programmes are three-year courses leading to a bachelor’s degree (BEng or BSc).

Many programmes include the opportunity of completing a master’s with an extra year of study.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Most engineering courses expect students to have studied a relevant subject at school or further education level – many require them to have studied mathematics, but other supporting subjects are physics, computing, electronics, technology or science subjects.

There are also engineering courses with an emphasis on design – such as automotive or technology design – which might require academic experience in art or design. Similarly, for audio or music technology, students might need to show that they have practical music experience.
Each year around 18,000 students enroll on more than 1,500 law courses in the UK.

**Study possibilities**

There are three legal systems in the UK – one for England and Wales, one for Northern Ireland and another for Scotland – though elements such as commercial law and tax law are similar. The content and structure of law courses are therefore slightly different, depending on where students study. Your students should ask the tutors for more information before they enrol.

In higher education there are many different types of law qualifications, including bachelor’s degrees, vocational certificates and foundation degrees, in subjects such as law, legal services, commercial or trade law. Most undergraduate degree courses start with a general introduction to the law, which helps students to decide their field of interest.

To qualify as a lawyer in the UK, it is necessary to complete modules in seven areas known as the ‘foundations of legal knowledge’.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

There can be a lot of competition for places on law degree programmes, and higher education institutions usually ask for a strong academic record. These should be academic subjects, but not necessarily a subject related to law.

English and maths are particularly important. To apply for some undergraduate law courses, students may need to take the pre-university LNAT (National Admissions Test for Law) – this tests their ability to think critically and argue effectively.
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HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINE

Studying healthcare and medicine in the UK means joining a tradition of academic excellence. The health sector in the UK is globally renowned, and its universities are known for ground-breaking medical research.

Study possibilities

UK universities and colleges offer training in a wide range of fields, from surgery to nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine and much more. There are many degree programmes to choose from, such as pharmacology, midwifery, dental technology, optometry, podiatry, nutrition, psychology, physiotherapy and radiography.

Teaching methods are varied – students might take part in small-group practice, laboratory practicals, ward rounds at hospitals, computer-aided learning and lectures.

In the UK, students can start studying healthcare and medicine courses at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Undergraduate medical courses lead to a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery qualification (this might be abbreviated as MBBS, MBBS/BSc, MB ChB, MB BCh or BMBS, depending on the institution).

Medicine degrees usually last five years, but courses vary in length. Students who already have an undergraduate degree in another subject can join medicine by taking a four-year Graduate Entry Program (GEP). After completing an undergraduate degree, students can move on to a two-year foundation programme (a general medical training programme which combines work experience with training), and then register with the General Medical Council (GMC), which permits them to work in medicine in the UK.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will need a good grounding in the life sciences. To join an undergraduate degree, they should have a good academic record and secondary-school coursework in relevant science subjects such as chemistry and biology.

If applying for a degree in medicine or dentistry, some institutions require students to take the BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test) or UKCAT (UK Clinical Aptitude Test) before submitting their university application.

UCAS deadlines for applications to medical courses are earlier than all other courses.

Spanish students who are planning to practise medicine in Spain should be aware that medicine is a regulated profession and the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities in Spain is the competent authority regarding access to the profession.
There are specialist universities and colleges, world-renowned, historic institutions, modern innovative facilities, and pioneering and progressive research centres in locations all over the country, offering the chance to tailor learning to individual aspirations and career goals.

It is important that students take a considered and well-researched approach before completing their application.

Students should consider the following questions:

- What are your favourite subjects at school and what are you good at?
- What level of English do you have?
- What kind of job would you like to have when you graduate? Are there job opportunities in this career area?
- What are the best universities for the area of study which interests you. Will you meet the entry requirements?
- What are the employability rates of the different universities?
- Are you interested in programmes which include one-year industry placement or study abroad?
- Does your chosen career require a master’s degree or an industry-specific qualification?
- Is your career choice a regulated profession in Spain?

**Tip**
A great place to start is the British Council’s Study UK website. study-uk.britishcouncil.org
University and subject league tables (or rankings) allow students to search for and compare data and information on universities across the UK.

University rankings give an indication of a university’s overall strengths, while subject rankings provide an indication of the strengths of a university in a student’s chosen degree. Given the focused nature of the UK system, subject rankings are the most relevant.

Official league tables are published by the Guardian, Times Higher Education, The Times and The Sunday Times Influential rankings are also published by QS and the The Complete University Guide. Note that criteria and methodology differ in calculating each table and that further information is available on organisational websites.

Here are some of the league tables that are popular in the UK:

**The Complete University Guide**
www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings

**Times Higher Education**
www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/

**The Guardian**
www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide

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**Keep in mind**
League tables should not be used in isolation, but they are good resources and a good source to help students start researching their university options.

League tables are based on research and results, and can help you understand what previous students thought about a course, costs, kinds of jobs or further study which students went on to do after completing their course. They are not, however, a guarantee, as each course and university will be different for everyone.

Some information is retrospective, so be careful to check which year the data refers to. When comparing data for courses, care should be taken where the differences between courses are small. Students should also take note of the number of respondents to the survey for each course.
ADMISSIONS

The British model emphasizes independent scholarship and critical thinking, so during the admissions process the universities value a combination of academic performance, soft skills and personal interests.

Admission requirements

Student applications are typically assessed in the following areas:
- academic proficiency based on their qualifications and credentials to date
- English proficiency based on performance in recognised assessment tests such as IELTS
- interest demonstrated through the personal statement
- academic references.

Depending on the institution or programme, additional requirements may include:
- interviews
- audition or portfolio of work
- additional testing.

Academic requirements typically include:
- 4º ESO marks, 1ºBachillerato marks and predicted grades for 2º Bachillerato
- a recognised English language certificate.

IB students must check whether they are required to pass standard or higher level. This is particularly applicable for science, engineering and medical courses.

Academic references should include:
- reference to the student’s personal qualities
- school information, particularly on its curriculum
- an outline of the student’s context and that of their results
- reference to the student’s current studies
- grade predictions
- a profile of the school (which can be hyperlinked in the reference).

Universities may be willing to accept a student’s application if their marks in specific degree relevant subjects are higher than their overall Bachillerato mark.

EBAU marks are not compulsory for many university applications, but, as always, students need to check the specific requirements of their chosen programme of study.
UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying for an undergraduate degree in the UK is very simple. Students open an account at www.ucas.com and follow the instructions.

The application process for UK universities is online and centralised. Your students can apply for up to five courses at once through UCAS, for a small administration fee, and UCAS handles everything else.

Summary of application process

- Students must register with UCAS and fill in an application form
- Part of the application relates to details of qualifications gained to date and predicted grades for qualifications they are currently studying for
- Students must accredit their level of English with, for example, IELTS, Cambridge Advanced or other qualification specified by the university
- Students will also need to write a Personal Statement – their chance to stand out from the crowd
- Schools must also provide a written reference which confirms the student’s suitability for the course, as well as student’s predicted grades.

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Some universities and colleges will continue to accept applications after the January deadline. It is much better, however, to apply early.

UCAS Extra
Students who have not been accepted on a course or have declined all their offers can use UCAS Extra to make one more application. This service is open between February and July.
THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Schools, teachers and careers advisers have a vital role to play in supporting students when they take their first steps on an international career path.

Role of the school

Schools and advisors, from 3º ESO, can provide students with the opportunity to attend orientation fairs, university workshops, professional internships and shadowing experiences. The more engaged the school is, the more students are likely to make the right choices. An ever-growing number of students from bilingual schools (public, charter or private) have the qualifications and English language competency to study at a university in the UK.

Role of teachers/careers advisers:

The role of teachers and careers advisers is to:

- provide students with a general understanding of the opportunities offered by the UK
- accompany students to, or make students aware of, international fairs
- invite international experts to the school
- advise students on reliable and useful sources of information, e.g. agencies and official sources.

Application process

Applications are made early in 2º Bachillerato and teachers support by:

- writing a reference
- providing predicted grade information for student UCAS applications (www.ucas.com), teacher receives request from UCAS to access the system and input predicted grades
- helping students with their personal statements
- supporting students in their choices.

Role of the student

Pre-application

- Students should ensure they have fully researched their options and which courses they would like to apply for.

Application

Students must:

- complete their application at www.ucas.com, incorporating the personal statement; this includes information about why students want to study their chosen degree
- take part in an interview or specific entry exam or test if requested by the university
- ensure that they have all the relevant certificates and exam results as requested by the university
- if required, confirm their place if they receive an offer before their exam results are available.

Post-application

Students should:

- apply for a student loan (if necessary); the Student Loans Agency then pays the course fees, directly to the university, on the student’s behalf
- search for grant and scholarship options
- arrange travel to and accommodation in the UK
- provide applicants with accommodation, enrolment and orientation information once an offer has been accepted.
UCAS APPLICATION

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Schools can choose to help students in all of the steps below or by simply completing the reference section.

**Completing and tracking**

Once all six sections are complete and the student has paid the one-time application fee, it can be submitted to UCAS.

“Nominated access”

- It is recommended that each student nominates a teacher, parent or both as an alternative contact
- The nominated person(s) can contact UCAS on the student’s behalf to discuss the application
- UCAS advisers will not discuss an application with anyone other than the student or their nominated contact.

**Student/adviser track**

- online system offered by UCAS
- grants access to status updates of the student’s application through decisions, offers, replies and results stages.

**Personal statement**

When writing their personal statements, students should consider the following questions.

- Why are you interested in the subject?
- What do you want to do when you graduate?
- How can you demonstrate your readiness for university?
- What skills, knowledge, achievements and experience do you have that are relevant to your chosen subjects?
- Why are you applying to study in the UK?
- What can you bring to university life?

This is the only part of the application in which the student has complete control.

For more information on how to help your students write their personal statement, please visit www.ucas.com/personalstatement
Predicted grades

As applications are made early, schools must provide predicted grades.

Predicted grades play a strong role in whether a student is given a conditional offer or not.

School teachers should predict a grade based on their professional judgment, the student’s past performance and current progress.

Schools should be realistic but optimistic with predicted results. Universities understand that grade predictions are an imperfect science.

Reference

A reference may include:
• information on the student’s academic achievements since the age of 16 and, sometimes, predicted grades
• comments on the student’s suitability for university life and their chosen programmes of study
• mention of any achievements, skills, experiences or personal qualities that are relevant
• some context for the student’s predicted grades
• mention of any personal factors that may have influenced their academic performance as relevant to the application.

Offers for admission

An institution makes one of four decisions:
• an unconditional offer: accepted
• a conditional offer: the applicant will be accepted if they meet criteria as stated by the institution
• unsuccessful: the applicant is not offered admission
• an offer of a place on an alternative course.

Acceptance

Students must decide which offer to accept. They can respond in three ways to their offers:
• a firm acceptance; when students make a firm acceptance of an unconditional offer, all other applications are removed from the process
• an insurance acceptance, which acts as a back-up (optional); students can accept two unconditional offers
• a refusal of the offer.
Accommodation

Universities provide support to students to help them find the right accommodation. Once a student has accepted a place at university they are able to apply for university accommodation. All universities have accommodation for first year students, and non-UK students have preference in securing a place. In order to secure a place though, they need to apply on time. Details can be found on university webpages.

Services are diverse and vary. They may include airport pick-up on arrival, an orientation week, free English-language support, careers centres to help students find internships/jobs, financial help and advice, mentoring, and much more. Once a student has accepted a place at university they are able to apply for university accommodation. Details can be found on university webpages.

Medical

EU students need an EHIC health card to access free medical care in the UK. This is issued in their home country. Students can also look at taking private medical insurance, as there are special arrangements via universities.

Support and wellbeing

Universities have student support services to help students find their feet and get the most out of their experience in the UK.

Tip

Universities can help students find summer internships, which are often used by employers as a recruitment tool. This is an interesting way for your students to save money during the summer and further their careers.
Tuition and Living Costs

Tuition fee status

- European students can apply for a tuition loan to finance fees
- European students beginning their studies in 2019 have guaranteed access to current funding arrangements by the UK government
- Students apply directly to the Student Loans Company for a tuition-fee loan.

Students can use the International Student Calculator (international.studentcalculator.org) to estimate what the likely cost of living will be, based on lifestyle. Here is an example:

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Note: students can only apply for tuition fees once they have a confirmed place on a specific degree programme. Tuition fees are paid directly to institutions on behalf of the students.
Students in the UK typically work part-time during term time to help cover living costs and gain valuable work experience.

To work in the UK, students will need to apply for a National Insurance number and ensure that they have applied for settled status.

Most students’ unions provide advice and support to students who are interested in finding employment.

**From April 2019 the minimum wage in the UK is:**

- age 18–20 £6.15
- age 21–24 £7.70
- age 25 and over £8.21.

Many UK universities offer work placements as part of their degree programmes. These are often incorporated into students’ regular course load, and students will usually be paid for placements over four weeks in duration.

Some programmes allow students to work a year in industry as part of their degree. Students receive a salary for these positions.
This means that EU students studying at UK universities will pay the same fees as ‘home’ students and access tuition-fee loans for the full duration of their course.

EU students are strongly advised to apply for settled status from March 2019 until June 2021, enabling them to live, work and study in the UK for as long as they wish.

Tip: keep up to date with the latest official news on Brexit and EU students at Universities UK’s website https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/brexit/Pages/brexit-and-universities.aspx

Tip
This information is correct at the time of printing
Religious observance at UK universities

The UK is a multicultural society. British universities are home to students of multiple faiths, and they support students in the observance of different religions and beliefs. The UK is officially a Christian country and observes religious holidays based on the Christian calendar. However, there are celebrations and observance days for a wide range of religions in the UK.

Many British universities have officially-designated representatives across multiple faiths and religions who are able to introduce students to their local community.

Generally, UK universities avoid scheduling compulsory activities during religious holidays for students whose commitment to the observance of their faith would otherwise cause them to miss assessment or other activities. University policies offer flexibility to students if the observance of a religious holiday prevents a student from attending class or completing an assignment, if agreed with a lecturer in advance.

Students with disabilities

British universities provide excellent support facilities for students who have disabilities and offer additional tailored support for students who need it. While all UK universities offer strong services in this area, there are variations in the level of support offered to meet particular needs. Students should contact the disability support office on campus early in the application process to ensure that the university has the resources and capabilities to meet students’ needs.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 prohibits education and training providers discriminating against disabled people. Universities are required to make reasonable adjustments to serve disabled students so they are not at a substantial disadvantage.

There is limited funding for international disabled students, but sponsors may provide additional grants to cover extra expenses a student may have due to their disability.

LGBTQ culture in the UK

UK universities are inclusive organizations and do not discriminate on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity. There are LGBTQ communities at most UK universities. Some institutions offer support groups and host events for their LGBTQ communities.

There are a number of laws in the UK that prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation, and universities must comply with that law.
IMPORTANT TOOLS AND LINKS

Study UK
One-stop-shop for information for international students interested in studying in the UK.
study-uk.britishcouncil.org

UCAS
Course search, guidance and undergraduate application.
www.ucas.com

Unistats
Programme comparison tool.
unistats.direct.gov.uk

National Student Survey
This resource allows students to see how satisfied current students are with their universities’ provision.
www.thestudentsurvey.com

International Student Calculator Tool
Official website for comparing UK higher education course data.
international.studentcalculator.org

Prepare for success
Learning activities for ESL students applying to UK universities.
www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk

National Careers Service
Advice and guidance to make decisions on learning, training and work.
nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

NARIC UK
National agency for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills.
www.naric.org.uk/naric/

Ministry for Science, Innovation and Universities
Authority in Spain for recognition of qualifications and regulated profession information.
www.ciencia.gob.es

Universities UK
Association of universities in the UK.
www.universitiesuk.ac.uk

Prospects UK
Review and compare career options and degree programmes.
www.prospects.ac.uk

Tip
Teachers interested on a free MOOC or interested in training as career advisers, should write to education@britishcouncil.es
University rankings are a great source of information for students and can really help them decide what and where to study. UK universities consistently perform well in the world rankings. Four of the top ten spots in the QS ranking 2019 go to UK universities, and the THE World Rankings 2019 give the top two places to UK Universities.

Take a look at the Times Higher Rankings, QS Rankings and the National Student Survey.

Tip
Rankings tables can also be used for subject searches, allowing your students to find out where a university is ranked in their area of interest.
### Ranking UK Universities
(Source: Times Higher Education 2019)

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A modern university dating from 1858, we are one of the largest universities in the east of England, with four faculties and six research institutes in Cambridge, Chelmsford and Peterborough. We are a truly international university with students from over 180 nationalities studying with us. Our courses focus on practical skills training for employability. Our student employability rate is high, with our graduates beating average graduate salary averages. Our student employability rate is high, with our graduates beating average graduate salary averages. We offer a variety of scholarships for academic and sporting excellence.

We offer courses at undergraduate, postgraduate and research levels in areas from business and law to medicine, art, science and technology.

Founded in 1884, Bangor University has a long tradition of academic excellence.

Bangor University is ranked in the top 40 in the UK for research, according to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. The REF recognised that more than three-quarters of Bangor’s research is either world-leading or internationally excellent, ahead of the average for UK universities.

The most recent National Student Survey (NSS 2018) results place Bangor among the UK’s top ten universities for student satisfaction (excluding specialist institutions).

Bangor’s location – close to the mountains and the sea – has been described as the best university setting in the UK.
BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY (BU)

One of the UK's leading modern universities, we create forward-thinking graduates with the skills and flexibility to succeed throughout their career. We offer a wide selection of scholarships for students. Our courses include Computer Animation & Visual Effects, Media Production & Communication, Forensic Archaeology, Sports & Events Management, Tourism and Hospitality, Cyber Security and Games Design, International Business and Management, Politics & Social Studies, and much more.

Situated on the south coast of England, and less than two hours from London by train, Bournemouth enjoys fantastic scenery and 15km of golden, sandy beaches.

CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY (CCCU)

Our employability records are some of the best in the UK, and our research community has an international reputation. In the latest National Student Survey, Canterbury Christ Church received its highest-ever score for student satisfaction. We educate 20,000 students, 1,300 of whom are from 100 different countries.

Our students enjoy the very best facilities: state-of-the-art libraries, study rooms and IT, a sports centre and fitness suite, top-quality rehearsal and practice areas, and, if you choose to study the visual arts or media, you’ll enjoy superb workshop and exhibition spaces.
CARDFIFF UNIVERSITY

Ranked fifth in the UK for Research Quality (REF 2014), we are a proud member of the elite Russell Group – the top 24 research-led universities in the UK. Our prestigious heritage is combined with modern and innovative facilities, allowing us to deliver teaching that is informed by globally recognised world-class research.

Cardiff University is ranked within the world’s top 150 (QS World Rankings 2019) and many of our academic Schools are positioned within the top 10 in the UK, including: Architecture, Business, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Communications and Media, Dentistry, Healthcare, Journalism, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physics and Psychology.

CITY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Every year, City transforms the lives of students, creates new knowledge, supports business and the professions and contributes to the global good of society.

Our location in central London, the world’s best city for university students (QS Best Student Cities 2018), will mean that, both professionally and personally, students will have the opportunity to benefit from all that London has to offer.

We offer a wide range of subject areas, including business, law, mathematics, computer science, engineering, allied health and social sciences.
**COVENTRY UNIVERSITY**

Coventry University is a top 13 UK University and in 2018 was voted number one for student experience – a forward-looking, modern university with a proud tradition as a provider of high-quality education and gold-standard teaching. Students benefit from state-of-the-art equipment and facilities with academic disciplines including health, engineering, business and design.

Coventry is a welcoming, safe, multicultural city, and the low cost of living makes it one of the most affordable for students. Our links with leading businesses such as Jaguar Land Rover give students placement opportunities that will enhance their employability.

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**FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

Our mission is simple – to help students get a great job in the creative industries. Awarded Gold Status in Teaching Excellence (June 2017), we are renowned worldwide for art, design, media, performance and writing. Our courses include Game Development, Photography, Animation, Fine Art, Fashion Design, Journalism, Business and Theatre, to name just a few.

We enjoy a well-established and diverse international student community. We also promote student mobility, through exchange programmes and partnerships with international universities. Falmouth offers fantastic industry links and world-class facilities, set in the beautiful landscape of Cornwall.
With an academic history stretching back to 1891, Goldsmiths is a university full of leaders, believers, creators and debaters. With around 10,000 students, you’ll be part of a close-knit community with a rich academic heritage: a creative powerhouse in a thought-provoking place, providing an environment where new ideas are able to flourish. From our single campus in vibrant South East London you can explore and enrich your personal learning and life experience.

The only university to focus exclusively on science, engineering, medicine and business, we are consistently ranked among the top ten best universities in the world on the strength of our teaching, research, international outlook, reputation and more.

An Imperial education will expose you to real-world challenges with no easy answers, teaching that opens everything up to question, and opportunities to work across multi-cultural, multi-national teams. This is excellent preparation for the global job market – which our central London location puts on your doorstep – and for professional careers that don’t yet exist.
KING’S COLLEGE LONDON

King’s is the fourth-oldest university in England and London’s most central university. King’s has influenced many of the advances that shape modern life, such as the discovery of the structure of DNA, and is the largest centre for the education of healthcare professionals in Europe.

Students at King’s will join a diverse and cosmopolitan community and will benefit from King’s unique links with international institutions across the arts, sciences, politics, law and medicine. King’s offers students many ways to enhance their university experience and give their future career an edge.

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

A highly-ranked global university, Lancaster is among the best in the UK. Top ten in all three major national league tables, we’re also highly ranked in international league tables such as the QS World Rankings. A top campus-based university our accommodation facilities have won ‘Best University Halls’ in the National Student Housing Survey.

Lancaster University has been named University of the Year by The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018. It has also taken the top spot for Best Campus University and Best University in the North West. We’re also third in the UK for graduate-level employment.
We are proud that our courses have received top marks from the UK’s Quality Assurance Agency. Many of our courses are accredited by a wide range of professional bodies, ensuring your qualification carries extra weight. We improve your employment prospects by helping you find placements, work experience and voluntary opportunities across a wide variety of organisations.

There are a number of funding options for overseas students to help you pay for your studies. A dedicated International Student Advice service is available to international students.

One of Britain’s most international universities, with campuses in London, Dubai, Malta and Mauritius, we pride ourselves on our ability to transform potential into success. We will give you the tools and opportunities to make your own path to success and to stand out from your peers back home.

Our broad range of industry-relevant courses are taught by academics who have worked in industry and can draw on their experience. Our students learn by doing in state-of-the-art facilities. To make your learning experience even more relevant, many of our programmes offer integrated work placements.
We offer industry-relevant courses at undergraduate, postgraduate and research level, taught on a brand new campus just a few minutes’ walk from Northampton’s town centre. Teaching is enhanced by outstanding technology to give students flexibility in the way they learn. Our teaching is based around seminars or tutorials, encouraging questions, exchanging ideas, developing teamwork and receiving detailed feedback.

We are focused on lifelong employability and enterprise, from courses that offer placement years to our Changemaker Hub, which delivers employment and entrepreneurial coaching to students and alumni. We are located near London, with excellent transport connections across the UK and cheaper living costs.

Northumbria is a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. It is based in the heart of Newcastle upon Tyne, which is regularly voted the best place in the UK for students.

Innovative and entrepreneurial, we are the number one university in the UK for graduate business start-ups. The university works with major employers, and more than 560 employers sponsor our students. We are in the top seven in the UK for the number of graduates entering professional employment, and nine out of ten of our graduates are working or studying six months after graduation.
PORTSMOUTH UNIVERSITY

With more than 20,000 students, we are one of the UK’s top 25 universities, according to the Guardian University Guide 2019, and our teaching is rated Gold in the UK Government’s Teaching Excellence Framework.

Employability is high at Portsmouth, and 97.5% of our graduates are working or in further study within six months of graduating (DLHE 2017). We are the UK’s number one university for boosting graduate salaries, according to The Economist in 2017. We have a student satisfaction rate of 88% (NSS, 2018), placing us in 19th place out of 150 higher education institutions in the UK.

QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Queen Mary University of London is one of the UK’s leading research universities, committed to improving social justice and achieving the previously unthinkable. A Russell Group university based in east London, we teach across the full disciplinary spectrum. With staff and students from over 160 nationalities, we are one of the most diverse higher-education institutions in the world.

Queen Mary has been a member of the University of London since 1915 and is one of the few institutions in London with a fully integrated teaching, research and residential campus.
Regent’s is London’s only independent, not-for-profit university, with a highly cosmopolitan community, based in the royal Regent’s Park and Marylebone. Set in the heart of the UK’s vibrant capital, Regent’s is a superb place in which to live and study, just minutes away from all that this world-class city has to offer.

Our mission is to develop tomorrow’s global leaders. Our students learn in a supportive, personal environment and enter the world of work as leaders and entrepreneurs – our alumni are independent thinkers, prepared to make their mark in the globalised world.

Richmond is the UK’s American University where all students graduate with both British and American degree certificates. We are a small liberal arts college of 1,500 students that offers a truly personal study experience to every student. All Richmond students can study abroad and do an internship during their education, ensuring they graduate as industry-ready global citizens.

We have bachelor’s and master’s degree programmes in business, arts and the humanities. Accommodation is available at both Richmond and Kensington campuses, and is guaranteed for first-year students.
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Solent is an exciting, modern university situated right in the centre of the city of Southampton, on the south coast of England.

We have a strong focus on preparing our students for jobs. We prepare students with the skills and experience requested by industry, through courses tailored to industry needs, with real-life client briefs, guest lectures from industry leaders, field trips and opportunities for work experience.

When you leave us, you’ll be a focused graduate with experience under your belt and a clear sense of purpose: just the kind of graduate that employers are looking for.

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We are a modern, friendly institution with a caring atmosphere, a strong academic record and high student satisfaction rates. Our mission is to provide a high-quality academic and professional education, inspired by our Catholic ethos and values as London’s only Catholic university.

With a campus in Greater London, the local area is beautiful, safe and green: the parks of Richmond and Kingston and the River Thames are nearby. Central London is only 30 minutes away, so you can enjoy all the advantages of a perfect location – a personal, self-contained campus community experience in a world-renowned city.
SWANSEA UNIVERSITY

We are ranked highly for both teaching and research excellence. In 2018, we were awarded Gold (the highest possible) in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), and we are currently 26th in the UK for in the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014-21). We also rank fifth in the Times Good University Guide and tenth for graduate employability, thanks to our series of successful employability initiatives, including start-up support, enterprise skills development, study and work abroad programmes and events with industry.

We have two seafront campuses with easy access to the city centre on foot, by bicycle or bus.

UNIVERSITY ACADEMY 92 (UA92)

UA92 degrees are designed to accelerate careers in the worlds of media, business, sport and psychology, thanks to a curriculum inspired by the experiences of Manchester United’s Class of 92. Degrees are awarded by Lancaster University, and UA92 is partnered with industry greats, such as Microsoft and KPMG.

More than a degree, this is a preparation for life and a personal journey that will help you develop the expertise, resilience, drive and tenacity to shine in your field of dreams.

UA92 aims to offer a unique experience, by providing a game-changing educational curriculum, an exceptional environment and an inspiring network to realise your potential.
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON (UAL)

University of the Arts London is Europe’s largest specialist art and design university. Comprised of six Colleges (Camberwell College of Arts, Central Saint Martins, Chelsea College of Arts, London College of Communication, London College of Fashion and Wimbledon College of Arts), each with a long established global reputation for producing outstanding work, UAL forms a vibrant, artistic community.

The teaching staff is made up of professional creatives, including artists, photojournalists and games designers. With courses designed to stimulate original thinking and rigorously develop talent in a supportive and nurturing environment, UAL will expand your horizons.

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UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The University of Birmingham is a world-renowned research-intensive university and a member of the prestigious Russell Group in the UK. With an outstanding reputation for both research and teaching quality, Birmingham is ranked 14th in the UK in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 and ranked in the top 100 universities in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2019.

Enrol on one of our postgraduate courses and you will work alongside world-leading academics in a diverse, multicultural community of over 14,000 students from 150 countries.

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Teaching and research are organised into four faculties in two campuses in the city of Bradford.

We are committed to providing education with practical application, and 100 per cent of our undergraduate students gain exposure to the world of work. Over 70 per cent of our courses are accredited, recognised or approved by a professional, statutory or regulatory body.

Our School of Management is proud to be in an elite group of less than one per cent of business schools in the world which hold the triple accreditations of Equis, AMBA and AACSB, often referred to as the ‘Triple Crown’. We pioneer research in world-class facilities with real-world applications.

The University of Bristol is ranked in the top ten in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2019). A Russell Group powerhouse of teaching and research, when you study at Bristol you join an academic community with an international profile.

Our six faculties offer over 250 undergraduate degree courses covering a broad range of subjects – arts, engineering, health sciences, life sciences, science, and social sciences and law. Our city campus is located in the heart of Bristol, a lively and vibrant city located in south-west England, only 90 minutes from London.
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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE

Founded in 1828 to help talented people from all walks of life to make the most of their potential, today UCLAN includes a community of around 38,000 staff and students, has academic partners in all regions of the globe, and enjoys international recognition. Central Lancashire is ranked as the leading UK university for incubated start-up businesses still active after three years of trading.

Among its programme portfolio of some 400 undergraduate and over 200 postgraduate courses, the University has been at the forefront of developing degrees in emerging disciplines.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)

UCL is the university for brave thinkers. We are a diverse community with the freedom and courage to challenge, to question and to think differently. Ranked tenth in the world, fourth in Europe and second in London (QS Ranking 2019), UCL attracts talented staff and students from 150 countries, with 40% of the student body coming from outside the UK.

Through a progressive approach to teaching and research, our world-leading academics, curious students and outstanding staff continually pursue excellence, break boundaries and make an impact on real world problems, from our home in the heart of central London.
The University of East Anglia (UEA) is consistently ranked in the top 15 of UK university league tables, such as the Complete University Guide 2019. An internationally-renowned university, with over 200 degree courses, it delivers academic and social facilities of the highest quality.

UEA is a campus university situated in more than 300 acres of parkland. It is located just 15 minutes from the city of Norwich, which is less than two hours from London on the train. UEA is home to more than 4000 international and EU students from over 120 countries.

We offer world-class teaching and learning facilities. Ranked among the top universities in the UK for investment per student in facilities, we offer well-designed teaching facilities, including top-quality laboratories, superbly equipped computer suites and high-tech libraries open 24/7 in term time.

Students will also be able to use professional-standard performance studios and workshops, a multimedia production centre, clinical education centre and our renowned Knowledge Dock.
We are home to the daring and the tenacious, a place for the ambitious and the bold. With 15,000 students from more than 147 different countries, we are one of the most internationally diverse universities on the planet.

Rated top 30 in the UK – and top 25 for research quality (Times Good University Guide 2019), as well as gold-rated in the Teaching Excellence Framework 2017, at Essex you’re taught by world-leading academics in a supportive and research-intense environment.

Join Nobel Prize-winners, award-winning directors, presidents, astronauts, and over 100,000 other alumni.

Founded in 1583, we are globally recognised for our research and high-quality teaching, attracting some of the world’s leading thinkers and innovators to work and study with us. We have one of the most diverse populations of any Scottish university, with more than 17,000 international students.

You can choose from around 500 undergraduate degree programmes, more than 300 taught masters programmes and 135 research areas. Consistently ranked as one of the top 50 in the world, the University of Edinburgh provides an educational experience designed to unlock your full potential, as well as superb resources and facilities.
Home of world-class research, teaching and facilities, Exeter is one of the leading universities in the UK. We warmly welcome international students and offer every support they need both before arrival and while studying with us. A member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities, our success is built on a strong partnership with our students and a clear focus on high performance, both in academics and in sports.

Our campuses are located in a region which boasts some of the most beautiful countryside and coastline in the UK, as well as exciting modern cities.

We are one of London’s leading universities, and home to a thriving international community of students. With attractive, historic campuses in London and Kent, we offer an excellent, globally recognised education that aims to put you ahead in your career, whether in the bright lights of a capital city or the quiet pleasures of the countryside.

We are proud of our excellent standards of teaching and put student satisfaction at the heart of our work. Whether at undergraduate or postgraduate level, we are sure to have something to suit you among our 400 programmes.
University of Kent

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Kent is a UK leading university. Awarded Gold, the highest rating, in the UK Government’s Teaching Excellence Framework, and with a global reputation for excellence, we offer you outstanding teaching, world-leading research, stunning study locations and a superb student experience. Because our academics are engaged in high-level research as well as teaching, you study with some of the most influential thinkers in your field.

Our programmes include foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, exciting study-abroad and work-placement opportunities, summer schools, and a generous scholarship fund which includes awards for academic, musical and sporting excellence.

University of Hertfordshire

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We started as a technical college and gained university status in 1992. Nowadays, our state-of-the-art facilities and technological equipment are considered among the most modern in Europe, and our reputation continues to grow. We enjoy one of the best employment rates in the UK.

We have a student community of 25,000 students, including internationals from more than 100 different countries. The UH campus offers a Sports Village, 24/7 library and 3,000 study areas with 1,200 computers. We were rated ‘Gold’ by the Higher Education Funding Council for England and stand out in animation and gaming.
Situated in the heart of a beautiful and historic city, the University of Lincoln is ranked 22nd overall in the UK in The Guardian University Guide 2019. We are proud of our reputation for providing a high-quality student experience underpinned by inspirational teaching. Our aim is to deliver a student experience that is academically rigorous, creative and engaging.

The University of Lincoln was awarded Gold – the highest standard possible – in the National Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). We have around 14,000 students and 1,600 members of staff in our academic community, which features more than 100 different nationalities across our three campuses.

Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, The University of Manchester enjoys an international reputation for pioneering research and innovation.

According to the 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities, we are the 34th best university in the world, the eighth best in Europe and the sixth best in the UK. As the largest single-site university in the UK, based in one of the most exciting cities in the world, Manchester is also a truly international institution – with just over 11,000 international students in our university community.
Unlock your potential at the University of Nottingham - where exceptional teaching combines with life-changing opportunities, pioneering research makes a global impact and talented graduates find careers with leading employers across the globe. Nottingham is a member of the UK’s prestigious Russell Group, and is in the world’s top 100 universities (QS World University Rankings 2019).

Discovery is in our DNA. Welcoming students from more than 150 countries, our tailored support includes careers guidance, work placements and English language courses, along with opportunities to spend part of your degree at our international campuses or partner universities worldwide.

Ranked as a top 200 university worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2019), the University of Reading offers over 350 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across a range of subject areas.

Based just 25 minutes from London by train, Reading is currently home to over 17,000 students, including more than 5,000 international students from over 140 countries.

Reading is well known for its high-quality teaching and pioneering research, of which 98% is internationally recognised, according to the Research Excellence Framework 2014. Reading is a truly global university.
At Roehampton, we offer a first-class educational experience, designed to help you reach your full potential and get the career you want. You are the author of your own future, but we can help you shape it.

Join a welcoming community with students from across the world and from all types of backgrounds, taught by staff engaged in world-leading research.

We offer a personalised academic experience to help you become the kind of graduate that employers value: a confident, critical thinker, able to adapt to a changing world, and with an ongoing passion for your subject.

We are a member of the Russell Group of 24 research-intensive UK universities. We are regularly ranked among the top 20 institutions in the UK and in the top one per cent of universities worldwide.

Our academic strengths include the sciences, engineering, computer science, medicine, law, management, education, art, humanities and social sciences.

Southampton is a campus university based across five sites in Southampton and Winchester, and a campus in Malaysia. Our careers service offers advice and opportunities for career planning and enhancing employability skills.
University of Sunderland

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Established in 1901, we now have 17,000 students and three campuses located in the coastal city of Sunderland, in London and in Hong Kong. We are proud of our facilities and offer a 24/7 library, student welfare services for academic and health issues, and a careers advice department to support students while they study with us and up to three years after graduation.

The University was awarded Silver by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. The Guardian ranked us sixth in the UK for filmmaking and illustration.

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We are one of the newest universities in the UK. Our growing numbers and high graduate employability demonstrate that we are a real force in the higher education sector. Employers are actively involved in course design and delivery, and our emphasis on employability and transferable skills means work after graduation.

You will receive an exceptional, rich and rounded education and acquire skills and insights that will always be relevant, no matter how things change in your future. In a world where nothing stays the same, we constantly change, evolve and succeed. Why not join us and do the same?
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THE UNIVERSITY
OF SURREY

The University of Surrey is a global community of ideas and people, dedicated to life-changing education and research.

Set on a beautiful and vibrant campus, we provide exceptional teaching and practical learning to inspire and equip our students for personal and professional success, with the vast majority of our students taking up professional training placements as a part of their degree.

Set in the bustling town of Guildford in the heart of the southeast of England, the University is easily accessible by road and rail, with great connections to London.

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THE UNIVERSITY
OF SUSSEX

The University of Sussex is a leading higher education and research institution near the coastal city of Brighton, in the south of England. Sussex was the first of the new wave of UK universities founded in the 1960s, receiving its Royal Charter in 1961.

We are proud of our reputation as an institution with a distinctly global outlook allowing us to be at the forefront of research influence worldwide. Sussex is ranked first in the world for development studies, and ranks highly in social sciences, life sciences, physical sciences, arts and humanities.
We are a world-leading university born out of boldness, imagination and collaboration between the city of Coventry and the county of Warwickshire; from the moment its first 450 students arrived on our 400-acre campus in 1965, we’ve been forward-focused.

Today, over 26,500 students thrive across our four faculties, which feature more than 70 research centres and institutes. We have a constant presence in the rankings of the UK’s and the world’s greatest universities, and are the third most targeted institution nationally by the UK’s top 100 employers (The Graduate Market in 2018).

Westminster is a recognised centre of excellence in teaching and learning on four main campuses in central London and Harrow. We offer exceptional academic quality, outstanding teaching staff, world-class research and strong links with industry. Students can choose from a wide range of subjects and course levels across our faculties: Architecture, Science and Technology, Law, Media, Arts and Design, Social Sciences and Humanities and Business.

30 per cent of our staff members and 5,000 of our students are international, and all of our students are supported by international partnerships across the world, by our globally engaged research and by the international exchange and outward mobility opportunities we offer our students.
The University of Worcester was established in 1946, and we currently have over 10,000 students receiving top-quality education on variety of courses. In 2018 we were recognized for Outstanding Support for Students and were top ten in the UK for overall student satisfaction.

At Worcester we aim for quality over quantity, giving us the ability to meet every student’s needs individually. 97 per cent of our graduates go into work or further study within the six months of finishing their studies, ranking our students amongst the most employable across all universities in the UK.
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