

# THE UCAS PROCESS

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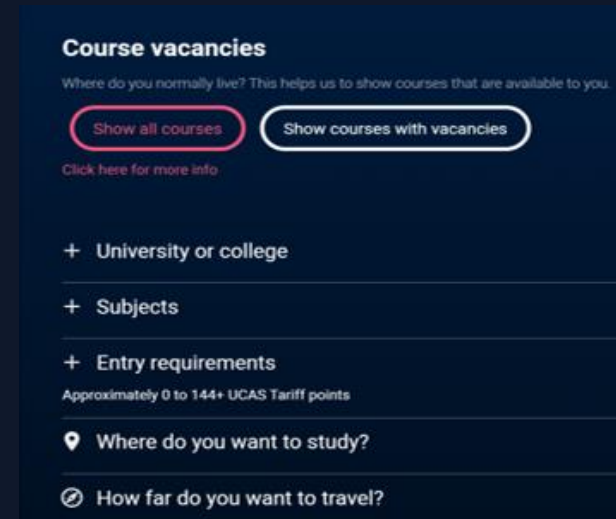


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# UCAS Course search

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- UCAS search has over 35,000 courses at over 344 providers and information on universities/locations can also be obtained here.
- Use the course search function on the homepage.



**Course vacancies**

Where do you normally live? This helps us to show courses that are available to you.

[Show all courses](#) [Show courses with vacancies](#)

[Click here for more info](#)

+ University or college

+ Subjects

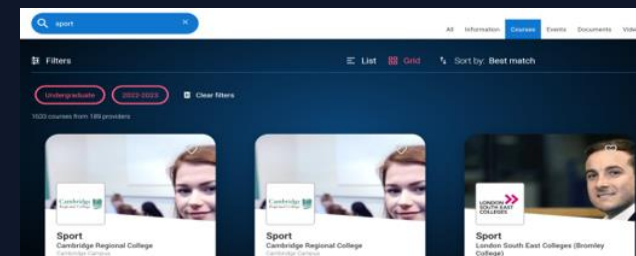
+ Entry requirements

Approximately 0 to 144+ UCAS Tariff points

📍 Where do you want to study?

📏 How far do you want to travel?

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE



Search: sport

Filters: Undergraduate, 2022-2023, Clear filters

7020 courses from 180 providers

Sort by: Best match

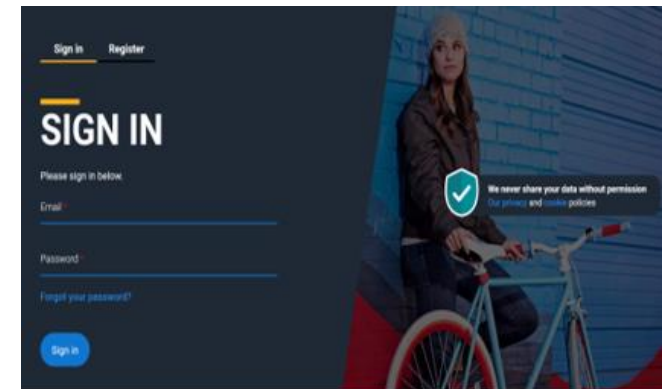
- Sport, Cambridge Regional College
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- Sport, London South East Colleges (Bromley College)

# Key Dates

- 31 January 2024-Deadline for applications to UG courses
- 28 February -UCAS Extra opens
- 30 June -Any applications received after this deadline will be entered into Clearing.
- 15 August -A level results day.
- \*\* Please note these are similar dates every year.

# How to apply

- UCAS Hub via UCAS website
- Once registered students should have a username (e.g. gdavis3) and a 10 digit personal ID number (123-456-7890)
- Students complete sections on the UCAS form and the form is flexible. (10 sections in total)
- In order to obtain a reference from the college, students must enter a “buzzword” when linking their applications to us. The buzzword for students wanting to start university in September 2024 is **reaseheath24**
- **Deadline of January 31st 2024 for September 2024 entry**



# Choices

- Students can make a maximum of 5 choices on their application.
- Some students will apply for less than 5 and if this is the case they can add more later on as long as they haven't replied to any offers from universities.
- Deferred entry available for 2025
- Students should check predicted grades with tutors
- UCAS charges an application fee of £27.50 for students applying for 1 -5 choices.
- Once students have received their offers, they'll need to decide on their firm choice and an optional insurance choice.

# Example of choices

Student A applies for **5 Equine related university courses and receives 5 offers:**

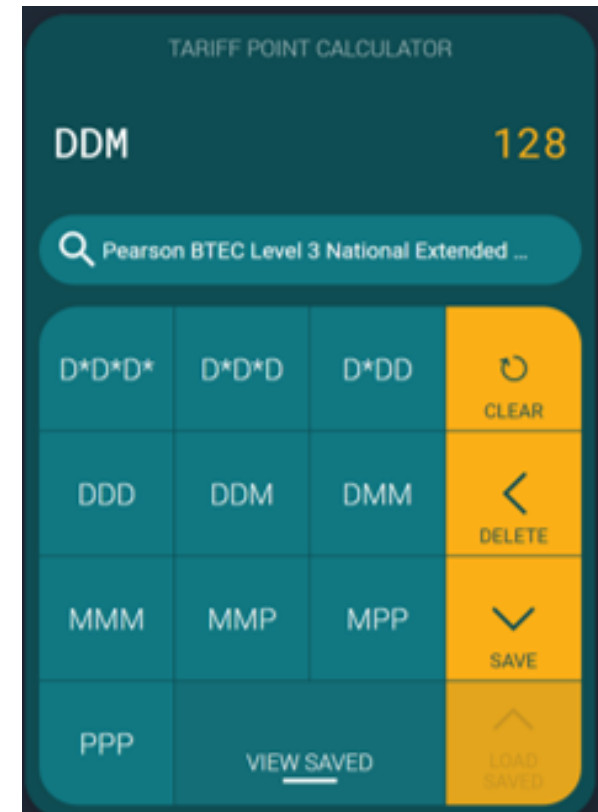
Reaseheath, Hartpury, Bishop Burton, Aberystwyth and Myerscough

By early May 2024, student A would need to pick one choice as their “firm” and 1 choice as their “insurance”. The other three would be rejected by the student. They would reply to offers using UCAS Track (10 digit i.d. number login)

Student B decides to apply for just three courses in total, and receives 3 offers. The student is still in a similar situation to Student A when it comes to confirming firm and insurance choices, rejecting the remaining choice.

# UCAS Tariff/grades

- Some courses on UCAS refer to the Tariff system, some ask for specific grades.
- Students can find out more about the UCAS tariff on the UCAS website.
- Each Level 3 course studied is the equivalent to a certain number of UCAS points.





# Personal Statement

- The PS has certain rules which need to be adhered to
- Maximum of 47 lines and 4000 characters (including spaces), minimum 1000 characters
- Students must not plagiarise-UCAS has invested a lot of money into copycatch, a similarity detection service
- Students should stick to the same subject area-they can only write 1 PS

Once the form has been completed and submitted, it will be sent to the referee to review.



# Personal Statement

Internal

- Universities do look at PS and will do more so if students do not achieve predicted results
- Everyone is unique and there are lots of ways of going about it
- PS must be analytical than descriptive. Admissions tutors want to see analysis of experiences, relating them to what students hope to achieve from Higher Education
- Remember ABC (Activity, Benefit, Course)

**Activity** - Volunteered in a charity shop or played in a sports team

**Benefit** - What are the transferable skills acquired by doing this activity? For example, leadership, communication, teamwork or self-motivation skills.

**Course** - How does this relate to the course the student is applying for?

- The PS must be relevant
- What does the reader want to know about you
- [How To Write Your Undergraduate Personal Statement | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

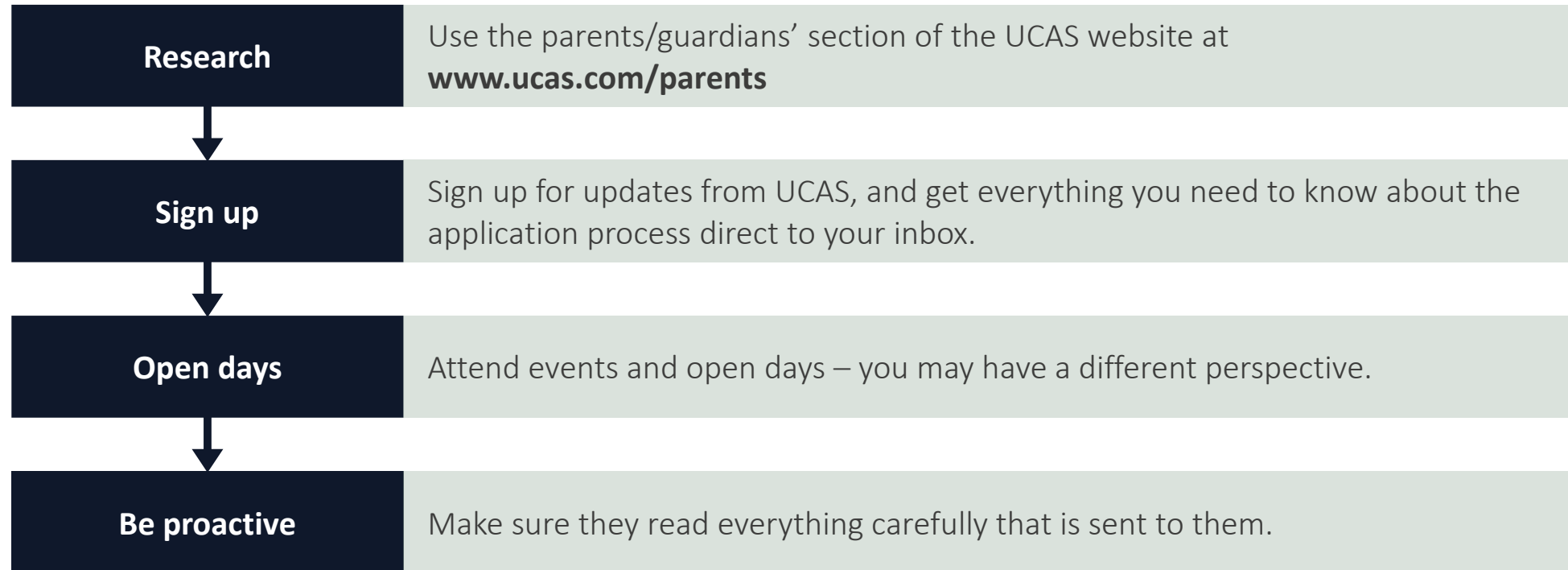
# Personal Statement sections

The following sections are common to Personal Statements:

*Introduction-Subject Choice, College Experience, Evidence of passion for the subject outside of the classroom, Work Experience, Personal Interests and a short Conclusion.*

The amount of detail required about each topic is dependent on the type of applicant.

# How can you support them?



# Uni research resources



- UCAS-videos on personal statement writing, PS Templates, dos and don'ts etc.
- <https://www.opendays.com/>
- University prospectuses and websites
- <https://www.discoveruni.gov.uk/> (useful for HE research and course comparison)
- [www.unibuddy.com](http://www.unibuddy.com) (chat to current students from across the UK)
- Careers and Enterprise SharePoint
- [Sign in | UCAS](#)

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Should you require any additional help or information,  
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