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In 2020:

50 % of all 30 – 34 year olds had a degree

729,000 applications to study at university (405,000 in 1994)

2.5 million students studying degrees



Graduates



A level



New restrictions to higher education entry:

Minimum EE at A level

Minimum 4 + 4 in GCSE Mathematics and English Language



University and Colleges Admissions Service: www.UCAS.com 5 choices (4 for specific courses*)

- a) 26th September 2022: Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry
- b) 18th November 2022: other Higher Education courses



- 1. Potential for a more generous offer
- 2. Receiving offers can be extremely motivating
- 3. Able to better focus on studies



The UCAS application is in 4 main parts:

- a) Personal details and educational qualifications*
- b) Higher education choices: university and course*
- c) Personal statement*
- d) College reference



Students receive either:

- a) Conditional offers*
- b) Unconditional offers
- c) Rejections from universities
- * some universities may require interviews, auditions, portfolio evidence or further assessments / qualifications



A Level Grade	BTEC Extended Certificate	UCAS Points
A*	Distinction *	56
А	Distinction	48
В		40
С	Merit	32
D		24
E	Pass	16



Lancaster University BSc (hons) Economics (L100)

- a) A level grades: AAB including Bat A level Mathematics
- b) GCSE English Language grade 4

Lancaster University BA (hons) Economics (L110)

- a) A level grades: ABB
- b) GCSE Mathematics grade 6, English Language grade 4



Manchester Metropolitan University BA / BSc (Hons) Economics (L100)

- a) 112 120 points (BBC BBB)
- b) GCSE Mathematics and English Language grade 4 Can transfer from BA (Hons) to BSc (Hons) in Year 2 subject to performance in quantitative units in Year 1.





Offers

Students hold a **firm** and an **insurance** offer. For example:

Firm – Lancaster AAB



If all applications have been rejected

Or the student wishes to decline all offers and pursue a different undergraduate course



For students who have not met their offers of firm or insurance and therefore do not hold a place

Clearing available on A level and BTEC results day 17th August* 2023

Students contact universities directly to secure a place Opportunity for universities to fill unused places.



Universities are sent A level and BTEC results early (ahead of the formal release to students)

Students are advised to use UCAS.com 2 days prior to research available places

They can then plan



Student submission Progress Mentor check & submission Administration check Final reference check College submission to UCAS



Students have started their on-line UCAS applications already in Personal Development Sessions

Key focus in Personal Development sessions is to explore progression and advise of UCAS applications, including personal statements.

University Fair, Friday 17th June – 42 universities represented



Week	In-Lessons	Support Session	
13 th June	Some lesson time on exploring university courses, typical offers, careers options, salaries etc	Exploring work experience and volunteering and wider reading and research to support applications	
20 th June	Some lesson time on exploring a 'degree level topic'	Personal Statement Support 1	
27 th June	Some lesson time on a guest speaker(s)	Personal Statement Support 2	
4 th July	Some lesson time on exploring apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship options	Choosing a university of course	





There are 4 main types of finance available:

- 1. Tuition fee loan
- 2. Maintenance (living cost) loan
- 3. Maintenance



UCAS application itself costs £ 26.50 (applying for between 2 – 5 courses)

UCAS application costs £ 22 if applying for a single course



The Tuition fee loan is to cover the cost of tuition fees
It is **not** dependent upon income
It is paid directly to the university
Tuition fees are capped for the next 2 years at £ 9,250 per year



Loans to help cover the cost of living

Student's eligibility for a loan is **dependent** upon parental income. They are means tested.

These are paid direct to the student's bank account



Grants to help cover the cost of living

Student's eligibility for a grant is **dependent** upon parental income. They are means tested.

These are paid direct to the student's bank account



Household income	Grant	
£ 25,000 or less	£ 4,009	
£ 25,000 - £ 42,737	Partial grant	
More than £ 42,737	No grant	



Currently	From 2023 +	
Payback starts £ 27,295	Payback starts from £ 25,000	
Loans written off after 30 years	Loans written off after 40 years	
Interest generally RPI + 3 %	Interest RPI	



From 2023 entry repayments start once graduate starts earning £ 25,000 per annum

Repayments are levied at 9 % of earnings over £ 25,000



Some students with specific learning difficulties may be eligible to apply for DSA.

This is to help fund any additional support or assistive technology.

Contact university directly to check for eligibility



Universities will offer a rang3Ag





'Citizens of change 100'

Scholarship for 50 UK undergraduates

Must complete a short 60 second video on

£ 2,500 for 3 years (=£7,500)





Computer Science: Undergraduate Academic Achievement Scholarship

£ 2,000 one off payment

Criteria: A*A*A (including A* in Mathematics)





Biological Science scholarship:

£ 1,000 one off payment

Criteria A*AA

A* in either Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, PE or Physics

AA in science of science related subjects



UCAS accepts applications from September 4th 2022

- a) 26th September 2022: Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry
- b) 18th



Support from Progress mentors and teachers
Careers Hub & adviser
Inclusion Centre for one-to-one centre
Support for interviews



Researching courses, universities and their higher education options

Participating in virtual or physical university tours / open days

Drafting their personal statement

Wider reading, research and any volunteering to enhance their application