



HIGHER EDUCATION EXPLAINED

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Benefits of University

➤ Independence

- Move away from home
- Developing life skills
- Responsible for own finances
- Independent learning

➤ Experience a different part of the country (or world!)

- Study in a different country
- Student exchange via the ERASMUS scheme
- #DMU Global

Benefits of University

Meet New People

- Course
- Accommodation
- Clubs/Societies
- All walks of life

Societies at DMU

Over 80 to choose from including...
Over 30 to choose from including...

- Bollywood Dancing Society
- American Football
- Cocktail Society
- Cheerleading
- Dodgeball Society
- Fencing
- Dr Who Society
- Surf Club
- Fashion Society
- Snowboarding
- Forensic Science Society
- Sub Aqua
- Gaming Society
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Harry Potter Society
- All traditional sport clubs
- Korean Culture Society
- Muggle Quidditch Society
- RAG – Raise & Give
- Rock Society





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The DMU student experience: At the heart of everything we do

Benefits of University

➤ Become Employable

- Internationally recognised qualification
- Shows employers that you have worked at an advanced level.
- Demonstrates commitment and motivation

➤ Transferable Skills

- Important workplace skills which employers are looking for
- Relevant across the sector
- *Communication, problem-solving, leadership, initiative, team-work, presentation, time-management, prioritisation, networking*



Benefits of University

➤ Work Placements

50% of employers will not recruit graduates without work experience

- Internships
- Sandwich Courses
- Part time/over holidays



Benefits of University

Graduate Schemes

- 60% of graduate schemes are open to graduates with any degree discipline.
 - Aldi – Area Manager Graduate Scheme: £40k rising to £65k after 4 years
 - IBM – Various graduate roles: Starting at £30K with substantial benefits packages
 - NHS – Graduate Management Training Scheme: £24k plus
- 100's of schemes advertised on www.graduate-jobs.com



What to research

Where do you Start?

Course

Campus

City

Cost



What to research

Course

- Choosing what to study is the first difficult decision students have to make.
- There are over 50,000 degree courses to choose from....

Conventional:

English, Maths, Biology, Psychology, Fine Art, Graphics, Business Studies

...to the not so conventional:

Computer Game Art, Footwear Design, Forensic Science, Robotics, Aeronautical Engineering, Performance Golf, Viking Studies

What to research

Course

Things to consider when choosing a course.....

Do you enjoy the subject? - You will be studying it for 3 or 4 years.

Career - what are the graduate destinations for that particular subject.

Modules – What will you be studying each year? Can you choose modules?

Teaching methods – Practical and theory split.

Assessments – how is the course assessed?

Work experience – can you do a placement as part of your course? What industry links does the course have.

Accreditation – is the course professionally accredited? Often gives exemptions.

Entry requirements – what do you need to gain entry on to the course.

How to decide what / where to study

UCAS

at the heart of connecting
people to higher education

BTEC qualifications (QCF) (Suite of qualifications known as Nationals)

Grade					Tariff points
Extended Diploma	Diploma	90 credit Diploma	Subsidiary Diploma	Certificate	
D*D*D*					420
D*D*D					400
D*DD					380
DDD					360
DDM					320
DMM	D*D*				280
	D*D				260
MMM	DD				240
		D*D*			210
MMP	DM	D*D			200
		DD			180
MPP	MM	DM			160
			D*		140
PPP	MP	MM	D		120
		MP			100
	PP		M		80
				D*	70
		PP		D	60
			P	M	40
				P	20

A level grades and the UCAS points system

Points value for single A level grade		Points value for three A level grades		Points value for two A level grades	
A*	140	A* A* A*	420	AA	240
A	120	A* AA	380	AB	220
B	100	AAA	360	BB	200
C	80	AAB	340	BC	180
D	60	ABB	320	CC	160
E	40	BBB	300	CD	140
		BBC	280		
		BCC	260		
		CCC	240		
		CCD	220		
		CDD	200		
		DDD	180		
		DDE	160		
		DEE	140		

Where to research

Course

- Prospectuses
- University websites
- Higher Education exhibitions
- Open days
- League tables – NSS, Guardian, Times
- UCAS website



Where to research

UCAS

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Search courses

Where do you normally live?*:

*This helps us to show courses that are available to you. [Click here for more info](#)

Search by **any** or **all** of the following

Course:

Provider:

Location:

Search >

Don't know what to study?

Need help finding courses? Browse subjects and find out what's available.



Browse >

UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below.

- [Postgraduate courses](#)
- [Postgraduate teacher training courses](#)
- [Foundation degrees](#)



Where to research

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Availability

[Courses open to new applicants](#)

Applying through Extra

[Show courses in Extra \(6\)](#)

Single/Combined subjects

[Single subject \(7\)](#)

[Joint subjects \(3\)](#)

Combined (0)

[Major with a minor subject \(1\)](#)

Major with more than one minor (0)

Triple subjects (0)

Other type of combination (0)

Results

[Map view](#)

7 providers found

City University London



Single subjects

Air Transport Engineering (4 years) (b) (H424)

Main Site
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
MEng (Hons)

Duration
4 Years

Study mode
Full-time

Air Transport Engineering (5 year SW) (b) (H423)

Main Site
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
MEng (Hons)

Duration
5 Years

Study mode
Full-time with a
placement (sandwich)

Air Transport Engineering (b) (H422)

Main Site
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
BEng (Hons)

Duration
3 Years

Study mode
Full-time

What to research

Campus & City

Where do you want to live? - At home or move away!

What kind of university? - City based or a contained campus.

Reputation – consider league tables, rankings, specialism's etc

Traditional vs Modern – consider facilities, academic standards etc

Facilities - Lab space, industry standard equipment, journals etc

Accommodation – how close to the university is it?

Transport links – is it easy to get home? Do you need to travel to and from campus?

Visit the surrounding area – how safe is it? Do you feel comfortable living there? What is there for students to do in the area?



What to research

Accommodation

If you plan on moving away to study you need to research in to where to live.

Halls of Residence

- Usually university owned
- Best option for first year students – safe and secure
- Can house between 5 to 10 people per flat
- En-suite or shared facilities
- Average cost is £83 per week inc Gas, Electricity and Water
- Some halls are catered, have free wi-fi, Sky TV etc but cost more!



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Privately rented

- Lots of student housing in and around university campus owned by private landlords and letting agencies.
- Great option in the 2nd and 3rd year if you want to move in together with friends you've made.
- Often cheaper rent but you need to set up your own utility accounts and pay bills each month.



What to research

Accommodation

Things to consider....

Check your contract – once you have signed on the dotted line it can be difficult to opt out. Have your contract checked over beforehand.

Know your landlord – research in to letting agencies and landlords. University departments should be able to tell you of reputable firms to use.

Do your research – check out the area, crime rates, safety etc.

Share the responsibility – when setting up utility accounts put it in everyone's name, open a joint billing account etc.

TV Licence – don't get caught out! If you have an individual contract and a lock on your door you; legally you have to have your own licence.

What to research

Cost

- Unfortunately studying at university is going to be expensive.
- However financing yourself at university is easily manageable.
- Weigh up the costs of being a student locally vs moving away.

- Tuition fees of up to £9,000 – **no upfront costs**
- Cost of living – accommodation, food, travel costs, course costs (averages around £7,000 a year)



What to research

Cost

➤ There is a substantial student finance package available to make university affordable for all students.

Tuition Fee Loan – all students can apply for **up to £9,000** a year to cover the cost of tuition fees. Paid directly to the university from the student loans company.

Maintenance Loan – all UK students can apply for **£5,550 a year on average** (more if living in London and slightly less in living at home) to help with living costs. Paid in instalments directly to the student.

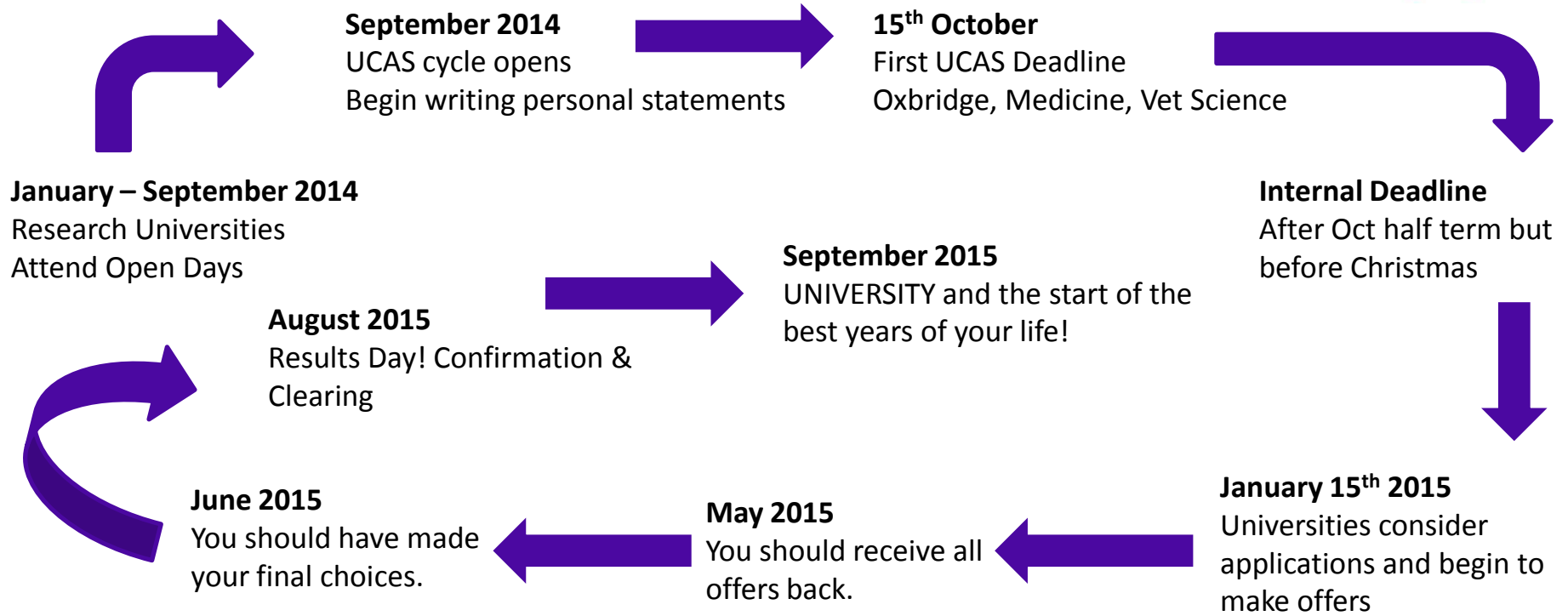
Maintenance Grant – **means tested** pot of money. Students whose household **income is below £42,620** are eligible for **free money** up to **£3,387** a year.

➤ Loans do not have to be paid back until after graduating and once the student is earning over £21,000 a year.

What next...?

Application Process

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Recap....

- Deciding to go to university is a big decision that needs **careful consideration** over the coming months.
- Weigh up **all the benefits** of going to university as opposed to not....career progression, finances, life experience etc.
- Start thinking about **subjects you enjoy**, and research in to different courses. Use the **UCAS website** as a starting point.
- Book on to **Open Days** and visit different universities both local and away.
- **Talk to people**....teachers, family, friends, university staff and students – ask questions!
- Consider the cost implications – **can you afford** to go to university? Can you afford **not** to go to university?
- Over the summer **start planning your personal statements** and get a head start with your application.

Any Questions

