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# UK Admissions Process



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# The

# UCAS

## Admission Procedure

UCAS is a central clearing house

The only method of entry to UK degree programmes

5 choices

Decisions are made by universities

All Applications done electronically



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# Timeline

- **1<sup>st</sup> September**

Applications for entry begin

- **15 October**

Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Vet Science

- **15 January**

Closing date for applications.

- **End March**

Majority of decisions made

- **Early May**

Deadline for applicants to make replies to offers



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# The UCAS form

## Presentation: Electronic Application

- Make a copy of your personal statement
- Clear, plain English
- Make no mistakes!

### Meet the deadlines

Internal: set by school

External: Mid-June (UCAS)

Earlier deadline October: Oxbridge,  
Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet  
Science



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**N.B. Good applicants often apply early!**

# The UCAS form

## Applications

- 'Invisibility' of choices
- Consistent subject choice
- Realistic subject choice

## Reference

- Provide an overall impression of the student
- Note any relevant circumstances
- Provide realistic estimated grades



# The UCAS form

## Personal Statement

The chance to tell the universities why they are applying, and why they should want them.

It could help to persuade an admissions tutor to offer them a place.

What are Universities looking for?

- i) Qualification
- ii) Motivation



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# What do Universities look for?

## Qualification

- The right subjects (if required)
- The appropriate grades
- Experience (for some courses)
- A basic appreciation of what studying the subject involves

## Motivation

- i) Enthusiasm
- ii) Interest in the field



# What do Universities look for?

## Enthusiasm

- An inquiring mind
- A desire to study at graduate level
- Burning desire to study the subject
- 'Spark'

## Interest in the field

- Research
- Knowledge
- Thoughts and awareness
- Some evidence of activity outside school/college



# What do Universities look for?

Experience

Motivation

Commitment

Knowledge

Technical Skill Interpersonal Skills

Academic potential

Aspirations

Enthusiasm

Dedication

Intellect



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# The Personal Statement

## Getting started.....

- **Make a list of all your experiences, interests and qualities. You can group them later on.**
- **Be selective. Which of your activities is most impressive? Admissions Tutors don't need to know everything about you.**
- **Do not expect to get it done quickly - you will need to draft it out, think about it and discuss it with others.**



# Personal Statement

**What you say is as important as how you say it**

**Make sure your layout is organised, clear and concise**

**Don't waffle**

**Don't repeat details already on the form**

**Don't relate to any one university**



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# What could be included?

- **Why you are interested in the subject**
- **Details of your key skills**
- **Any work experience**
- **Other achievements**
- **Your future plans**
- **Tasters and Masterclasses**
- **Any sponsorship/placements you have applied for**
- **If you taking a year out, your reasons why**
- **Your social, sports or leisure interests**



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# Key things to consider...

- Admissions tutors want to see a person, not an application
- Try and give a picture of you as a 'rounded', thinking and aware person
- Avoid giving a list of activities / interests...
- Avoid giving a list of personal qualities...

Be interesting...



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