

Applying to UK Universities

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Overview

- Benefits of studying in the UK
- UK institutions and undergraduate degrees
- Admissions & UCAS
- Funding
- A look at a Scottish university: St Andrews
- Q&A



Why Study in the UK?

Academic

- UK education highly regarded worldwide
- Over 600 years of Higher Education
- Top quality teaching and research
- Outstanding facilities and study environment
- An international community
- Safe, welcoming, friendly society

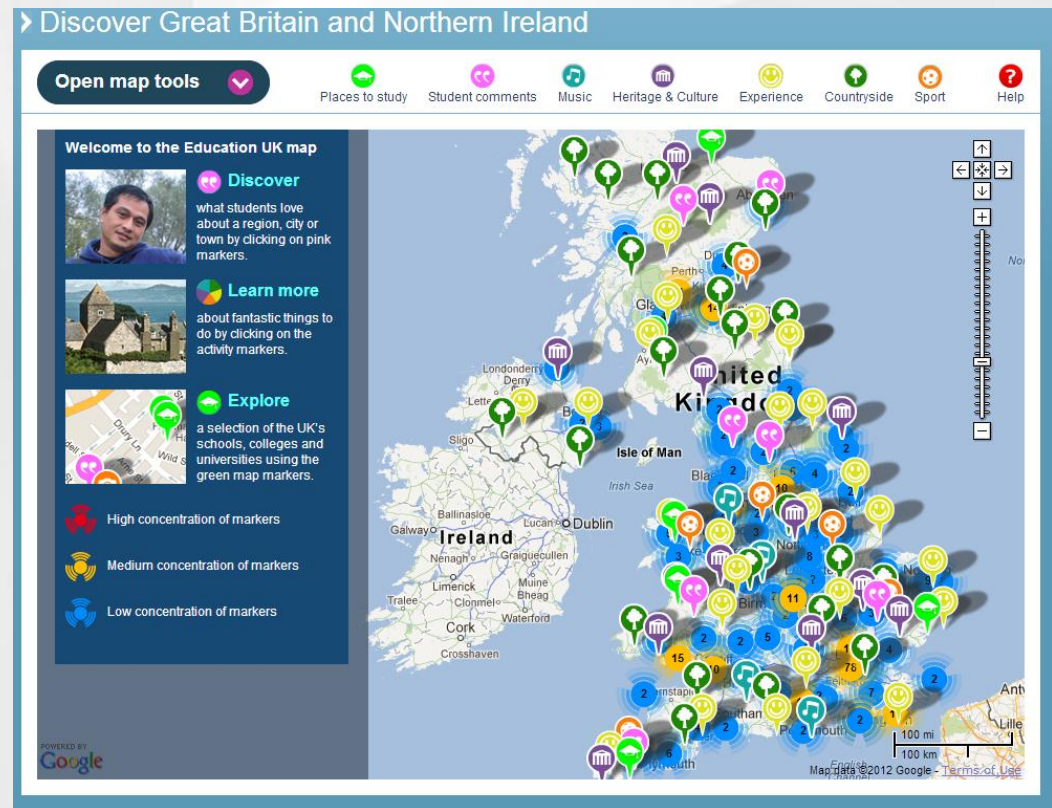
Financial

- Competitive tuition fees
- Work permission
- NHS health coverage



Institutions

- 300+ institutions in the UK offering degree programs
 - Universities
 - University Colleges
 - Specialist institutions
 - Colleges
- Few private universities
- England, Wales and NI:
13 + 3 system
- Scotland: 12/13 + 4 system



Undergraduate degrees

- Majors (courses) from Acting to Zoology
- UK education system characterized by
 - Independent Scholarship
 - Critical Thinking Skills
 - Subject Expertise
- No general education requirements
- Program duration varies
 - Three years in England, Wales, Northern Ireland
 - Four years in Scotland



Undergraduate degrees

Program Types

- Single honors (one subject “major”)
 - BSc (Hons) in Human Geography
- Interdisciplinary degrees
 - BA (Hons) in Humanities
- Combined and joint honors (double major, major-minor)
 - BSc (Hons) in Bio-medicinal Chemistry and Music
 - LLB (Hons) in Law with Criminology
- Professional degrees available undergraduate programs
(Medicine, Dentistry, Law, Architecture, Business etc)



Undergraduate degrees

Example Program – Single Honors (BA (Hons) History)

Year 1	The Making of Contemporary Europe	The Transformation of Britain	Cultures, Structures and Ideas: Making Sense of Historical Concepts
	From Sea to Shining Sea: United States History, 1776-2008	The British Isles and Europe, c1200 - c1720	Making History
Year 2	America in the 1960's	Barricades and Bullets, Protest and Revolt: in the Age of Revolution	Jews, Muslims and Christians in the Middle Ages
	Pre-Industrial Empires	Russia and the Modern World 1860-2000	From Humanism to the Age of Science: early modern thought and culture
Year 3	Women, Crime and Subversion in Early Modern Europe	The Black Panther Party in Historical Perspective	Dissertation
	The Vietnam War	Athens of the North: the Origins and Ideas of the Scottish Enlightenment	



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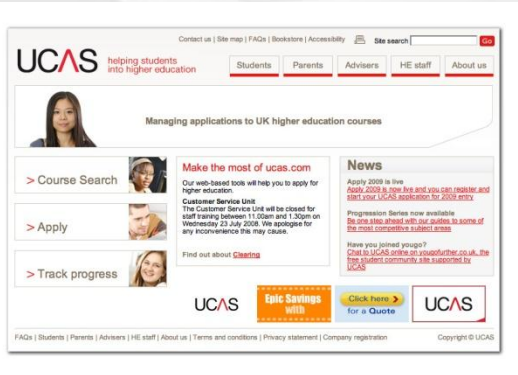
Example Program in Scotland:

MA Joint Honours Philosophy & History of Art

Year 1	Philosophy	History of Art	Politics
Year 2	Philosophy	History of Art	Classics
Year 3	Philosophy	History of Art	
Year 4	Disseration (in either subject)	Philosophy or History of Art	



The Application Process



- UCAS Online application – common application system for all UK universities (www.ucas.com)
- Up to 5 choices
- 15th January deadline (Home students)
(15th October for Medicine, Dentistry)



What Makes Up the Application?

- Test Scores – Obtained and Predicted
ATAR, IB, SAT, AP, French Bac
- Proven academic record
- Additional tests where applicable -
BMAT, UKCAT, LNAT
- Reference
- Personal Statement – the right balance
and focus
- Interviews where applicable



Personal Statement

The Course

- Why have you chosen the course?
- Interest in current study
- Interest outside the classroom
- Relevant courses, summer schools, work experience

You and Your Skills

- Career aspirations
- Other work experience & courses
- Volunteering & mentoring
- Social, sporting & musical interest and achievements
- Potential to contribute to academic course & university life



The Offer

2 Types of Offers:

- Conditional
- Unconditional

Accepting the Offer:

- Deadlines to accept depend on date offers are received
- Earliest deadline for 2014 – May 8th
- Firm & Insurance Choices



UCAS resources for advisers

- They produce a range of resources which you can access at www.ucas.com/advisers/guides
- These include:
 - the UCAS Adviser Guide
 - adviser Toolkits
 - example applicant letters and guides
 - PDF copies of our core publications such as the International Adviser, Applicant and Parent guides
 - Adviser E-mail newsletter communications



See their adviser blog at
ucasonline.blogspot.co.uk

Funding

- Tuition fees: approx. £7,000 - £25,000 per year
- Some scholarships are available for international students
- International students can work part-time while studying in the UK

<http://international.studentcalculator.org.uk>



Beyond the degree

- Student life and leadership opportunities:
 - Residential reps
 - Program reps
 - Students Union
 - Athletics Union
 - Societies and clubs
 - Student volunteers
- Work and employability:
 - In-session work placements
 - Spring and summer work placements



A person wearing a traditional Scottish kilt with a red, green, and yellow plaid pattern stands in a grassy field. In the background, there is a calm lake reflecting the surrounding green hills and mountains under a cloudy sky.

Scotland's image

- 📌 Braveheart
- 📌 Men in kilts
- 📌 Highland cows and highland dancing
- 📌 Four seasons in one day!
- 📌 Whisky and haggis

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Scotland

- ⚡ 1 of 4 countries making up the UK
- ⚡ 5.1 million population
- ⚡ Own parliament, own education system
- ⚡ Vibrant cities, beautiful countryside
- ⚡ Hospitable and welcoming to visitors
- ⚡ Easy access to and from Europe

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An Introduction to St Andrews



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St Andrews

- Kingdom of Fife
- 50 miles/80km from Edinburgh
- 12 miles/20km from Dundee
- 20,000 people
- 7,800 students
- Golfers, tourists





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Pier and skyline





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St Salvator's Quadrangle





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Characteristics



- “Internationally Scottish”
- High quality education
- Extra curricular activities
- Springboard to careers
- Place to make life-long friends
- Safe and supportive environment
- Breathtaking location
- Friendly and welcoming community



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12th century Cathedral





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Students Studying on the grass





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League Tables

- 1st in Scotland / 4th in UK
Guardian University Guide 2014
- 1st in Scotland / 4th in UK (Scottish University of the Year)
Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2014
- 1st in Scotland / 4th in UK
Independent - Complete University Guide 2015
- 47th in world for Science
CWTS Leiden Ranking 2013
- 37th in world for Arts and Humanities
THE World Ranking 2014





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More Statistics

- National Student Survey 2013:
Ranked 2nd in UK for student satisfaction
- 98% degree continuation rate / 1% transfer/ 1% non-continuation





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Clubs and Societies

- Fun & serious
- Develop transferable skills to enhance employability
- Oldest Debating Society in UK
- Drama and music societies
- Religious, political & charitable societies
- Student radio station "STAR"
- Award-winning student newspaper "The Saint"
- Balls, barbeques, beach parties...



Raisin Weekend, October



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Sporting Opportunities

- Competitive, intra-mural and 'fun' sports
- Sports Centre and Athletic Union
- Performance Athlete and Development Team programmes
- Golf! Access to seven courses for a very modest green fee
- Wednesday afternoons free of classes for sport



Intramural sport on the beach

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