



CHOOSING YOUR UNIVERSITY DEGREE COURSE

Deciding what you would like to study at University can be a daunting task. You'll be studying this course for some time and it could impact what you'll be able to do in the future. To help you make the right decision, here are some tips and guidance.

Things to consider

- Do you have a **career** in mind? Some jobs will require a specific degree. If you don't know what career you want yet, that's fine too. Having a university degree can open doors to different types of jobs - ones that you may have never considered. Plus, you'll gain transferrable skills that all employers search for.
- Maybe you want to continue with something you're learning about in your **current studies** and want to narrow your choices down by **subject area**. But remember that you can look beyond the traditional subjects offered at school or college, you can study something that's completely new to you. Research what more is out there - there are endless possibilities.
- Courses don't always require qualifications or grades in specific subjects but it's always worth checking the **entry requirements** to make sure of this and to make sure that they are achievable.
- What do you **enjoy**? This could be more than an academic interest, it could be a hobby- and if you have more than one interest, it is possible to study a joint honours degree.
- Choosing your university course is a personal decision - it's up to you and you alone, but there's no harm in asking for advice and guidance from teachers, careers advisers, parents and guardians. Universities can help too. Contact UWTS'D's advisers on info@uwtsd.ac.uk

Research check list

It's incredibly important that you do lots of research work. Dig deep into the course contents, assessments, teaching methods, and more to help you make an informed decision.

You'll find the information you need by doing the following:

- Request a University prospectus**
- Search for courses on the UCAS website**
- Visit University websites**
- Book a space at an Open Day or Taster Session**
- Talk to current students**

Do all of this at uwtsd.ac.uk

Peak times

Spring/Summer
(Year 12)

If you haven't already, start thinking about what you may want to study and begin your research work - there's a lot of it to do.

Summer/
Autumn

Now is a good time to attending Open Days and Taster Sessions and you may want to start drafting your Personal Statement.

15 January

The official UCAS deadline for equal consideration (Oxford and Cambridge and courses such as veterinary medicine, dentistry, vetmedicine on **15 October**). You should check with your school or college when their internal deadline is.