



Introduction to university

(UCAS)

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# Think of 5 reasons why you might want to go to university

1. Immerse yourself in your chosen subject
2. Enhance your career prospects
3. Social life
4. Extra curricular activities
5. Independence

# We are learning to

understand the UCAS process **so that** you can  
make an effective application!

# How to choose your course

- **Subject(s) you enjoy**
  - Some subjects available to study at uni you will never have heard of!
  - <http://university.which.co.uk/advice/10-unusual-university-degree-courses>
- **A subject you can realistically get into!**
  - Some very competitive subjects put emphasis on your GCSE grades too!
- **A subject that might help you get a job!**
  - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/universityeducation/10146038/Graduate-jobs-top-12-degree-subjects-for-getting-a-job.html?frame=2605849>

# How does it work?

- Many universities use the UCAS tariff system rather than grades.
- See here for the guide (scroll down to get the UCAS tariff conversion)
  - <http://elthornesixthform.weebly.com/ucas.html>
- What grades make;
  - 160 points
  - 200 points
  - 250 points
  - 360 points
  - 420 points?

# You can select up to 5 universities.

How will you choose?

Taster  
courses

Forums

Your  
qualifications

Open days

Research!

# Research...

## 1. League tables

Go to the [unistats website](#)

This is the most popular league table website because it takes into account things like employability as well as amount of contact hours etc

- You will need to sign in to use the 'shortlist' facility so you can start collecting courses that interest you

N.B I would recommend that the 5 courses you select eventually are similar as you will only have one personal statement.

# London or not?

- Don't just automatically decide to stay at home!
- Many aspects of university are based around moving out and gaining independence. If you don't move out when will you....

