CHOOSING A COURSE AND UNIVERSITY

KEY POINTS

1. Different people go to university for different reasons, whether you have a particular job in mind or want to study a subject you are passionate about. Whatever your motivations, going to university can help improve your career prospects, as well as develop your confidence and independence.

2. Choosing the right course to study is the most important decision you need to make. Take time to research what is out there and remember, the same subjects can be taught very differently depending on the course and university you choose. Make sure you find the one that is right for you.

3. When choosing a university, you will need to consider a range of factors. Think about if you would prefer a city or campus-based institution, what the facilities are like for the course you want to study and what else the university has on offer.

4. To do your research have a look at university prospectuses, their websites, and social media pages. Many universities are holding virtual open days too so make sure you sign up to a few of these.

THINGS TO DO NEXT

- Find more useful information on the **UCAS website**
- Sign up for an account on the **UCAS Hub**
- Check out **The Student Room**
- Compare courses on **The Uni Guide**
- Look at university league tables such as **The Complete University Guide**, **The Guardian** and **Times Good University Guide**
- Download a copy of our **prospectus**
- Join one of our free **online courses** to discover more about your subject area of interest or preparing for university life
- Sign up to some virtual or in-person **open days**

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