

UNIVERSITY LIFE

1. Accommodation – Deciding where to live when you are at university is an important choice. In Halls of Residence you can meet lots of new friends and this can really shape your university experience. Fortunately, you can find Halls to suit all budgets and requirements. What is most important to you; your budget, having an en-suite bathroom, having catering, being close to lectures?

2. Activities – Universities are home to hundreds of different sports, societies and activities to get involved with. From traditional sports such as rugby and netball, to those you may have never heard of like ultimate frisbee or korfbal. Going to university is a great chance to continue a hobby or find a new one!




3. Facilities – Universities will often have lots of facilities in common, such as libraries and a Students' Union. However, there can be big differences that could change your experience. Although most universities will have a library, do you need it to be open beyond 09:00-17:00, how about 24 hours a day? If you play an instrument, maybe a dealbreaker would be whether a university has music practice rooms available.

4. Learning – Teaching and learning will differ from university to university, if you know that you benefit from extra one-to-one support then it's important to look out for this. You might also benefit from opportunities such as going on a study abroad trip or undertaking a work placement for a year. The opportunities and teaching styles will vary at each university so make sure to look out for those that match your interests.

THINGS TO DO NEXT

- Access forums for universities on websites such as [The Student Room](#).
- A great way to find out about university life is by chatting with current students. You could [chat to our students](#), or find other university students on the [UCAS website](#).
- Read blogs and watch vlogs about other students' experience.
- Find out which sports, clubs and societies are available by checking out Students' Union pages. For example: [Reading University Student's Union](#).
- Make a list of what is most important to you and what you would like to gain from your university experience. Putting your ideas on paper will make it easier to figure out what you want.

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