

UCAS 2021



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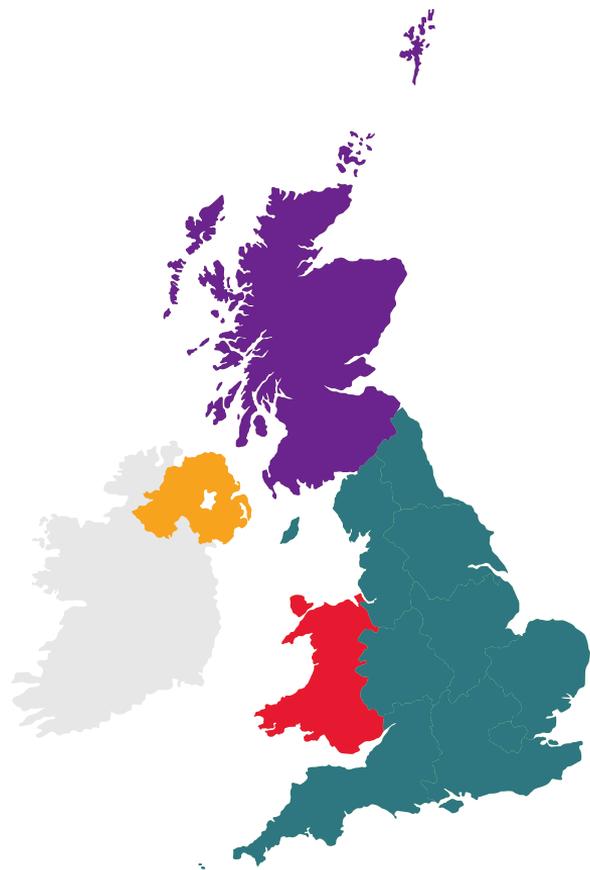
By the end of this short presentation, you will:

- know what resources and services are available to support you
- understand how to apply
- know when you need to submit your application

What is UCAS?

All applications for full time courses at Universities and Art Schools must go through the 'University and Colleges Admissions Service' (UCAS).

Course providers



350+ universities and colleges:

- **4** in **Northern Ireland**
- **15** in **Wales**
- **19** in **Scotland**
- **324** in **England**
- **one** in mainland **Europe**

at the time of checking

- **35,000+** courses available

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Choosing the right university for you

- **Style** – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns. This can have a major influence on the environment and lifestyle on offer.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships/bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Choosing the right course for you

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research? How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed?

Research resources

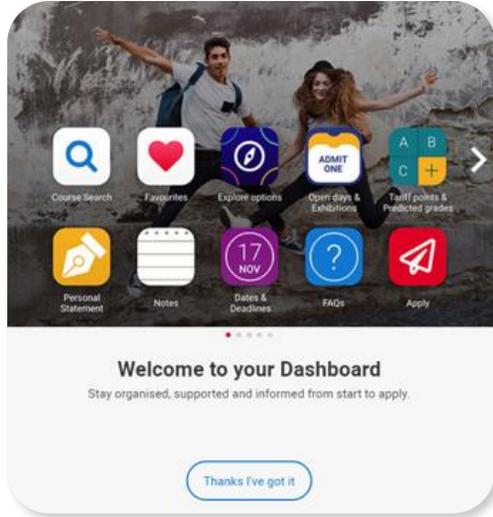


Research – it's free!



- [Register in the UCAS Hub to explore options](#) – find and favourite courses and search for virtual events - all in one handy place!
- Learning from others – [student videos](#) and [blogs](#).
- [Career options](#) – use the [job profiles](#) to explore different career roles and pathways or take the [Buzz quiz](#) to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles may suit.
- The [Career Finder tool](#) is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for [apprenticeships](#).

Before you apply...



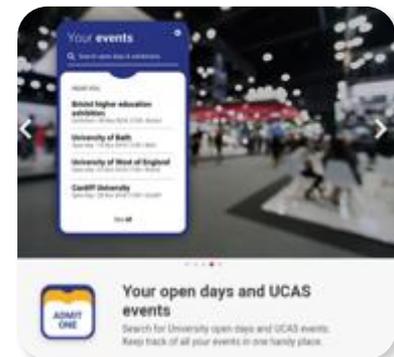
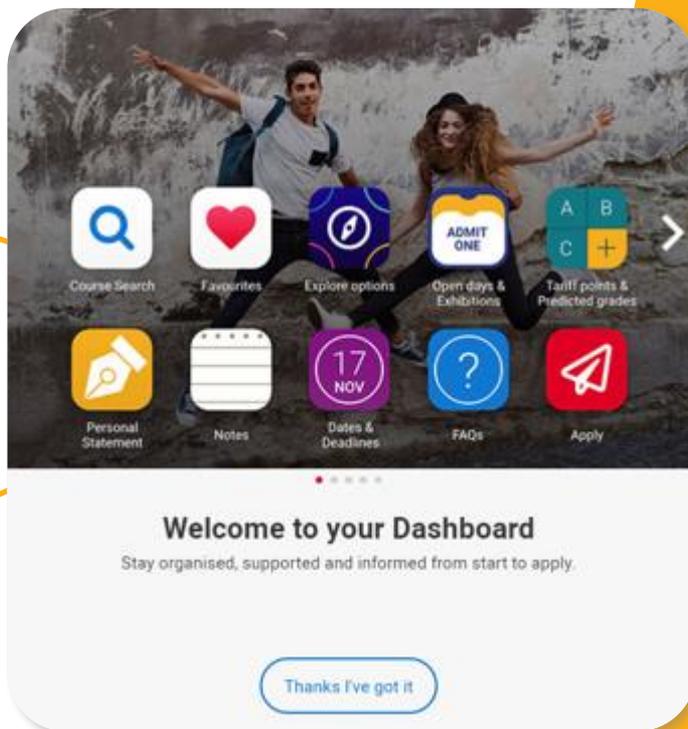
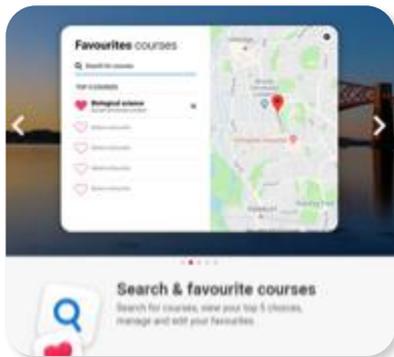
Register in the UCAS Hub to explore your options, such as:

- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points

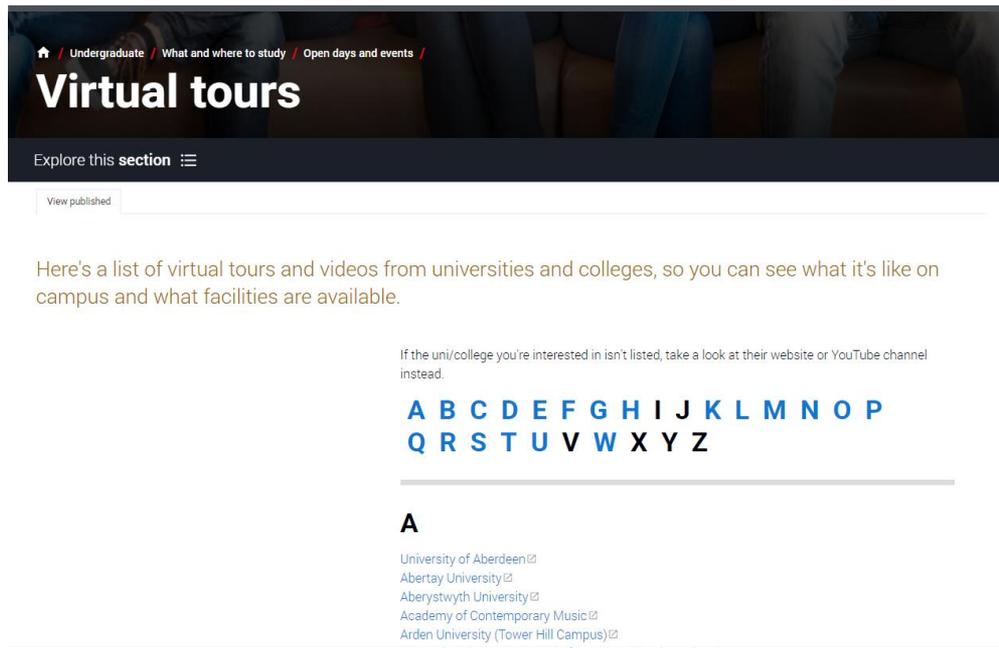
Go to: ucas.com/hub

The UCAS Hub

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Virtual tour search; you can search for a university tour on the UCAS website



The screenshot shows the UCAS website's 'Virtual tours' section. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: [Home](#) / [Undergraduate](#) / [What and where to study](#) / [Open days and events](#). Below this is the main heading 'Virtual tours' and a sub-heading 'Explore this section' with a menu icon. A 'View published' filter is visible. The main content area contains a paragraph: 'Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.' Below this is a note: 'If the uni/college you're interested in isn't listed, take a look at their website or YouTube channel instead.' A navigation menu lists letters A through Z. The letter 'A' is selected, and a list of universities is shown below it.

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Virtual tours

Explore this section

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A

- [University of Aberdeen](#)
- [Abertay University](#)
- [Aberystwyth University](#)
- [Academy of Contemporary Music](#)
- [Arden University \(Tower Hill Campus\)](#)

Apply key facts...



It's an online application.



Maximum of five choices.



Simple application cost:
one choice – £20
two to five choices – £26

Making a UCAS application

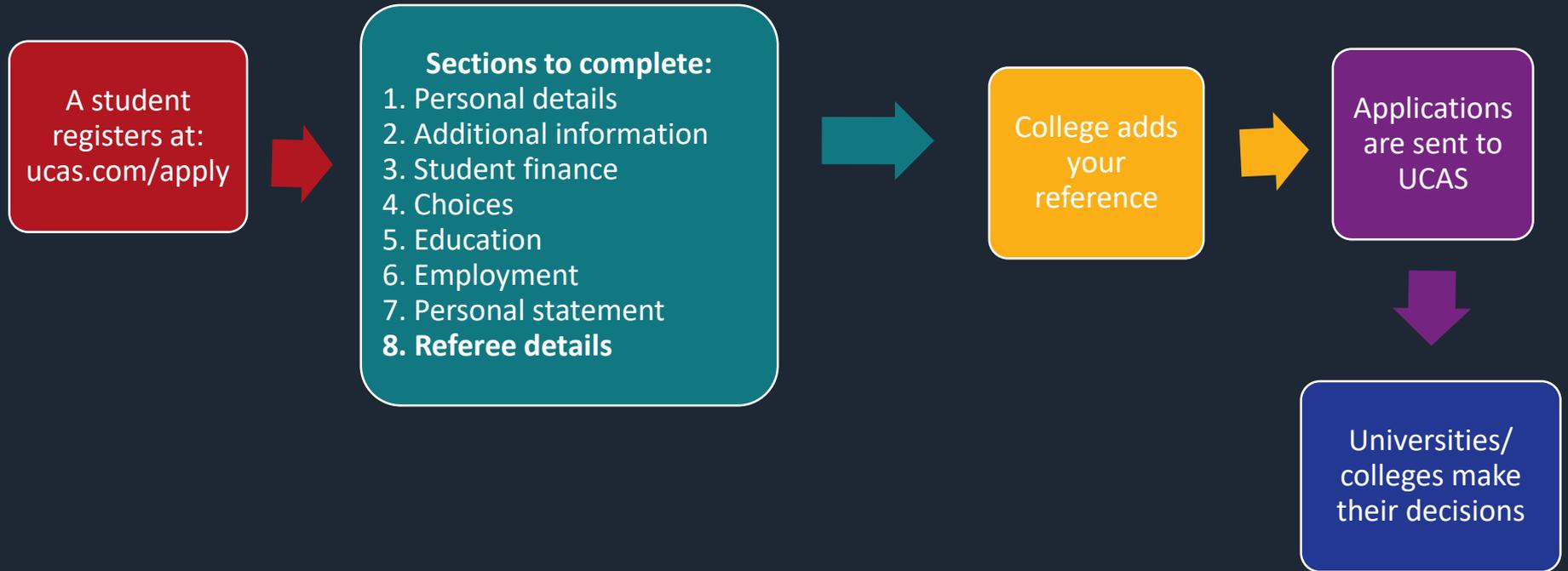
Begin at ucas.com/apply.

Sections to be completed:

- Personal details
- Choices – make up to five
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- Reference (added by the college)



Completing the UCAS application



BUZZWORDS



When you log on for the first time please confirm that you are applying “through my school or college”.

The College Buzzword for 2021 entry is:
glasgowkelvin2021

The College SWAP Buzzword for 2021
entry is: swapwest2021

When to apply for 2021 entry

The college has to set earlier deadlines than those set by UCAS in order to add your reference and send your application on time. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADHERE TO THE COLLEGE DEADLINES** if you wish to apply as part of the college.

6th October

Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.

4th December

ALL OTHER COURSES

* All 18:00 (UK time)

What services can Glasgow Kelvin College offer?

Tie in with our college services to make the most of your application:



UCAS week 'lets get started'



Personal Statement Support



Reference Request

UCAS – ‘Let’s get started’ Week

This is a week dedicated to starting your application and exploring courses and choices.
We have therefore arranged a full week of short university presentations as follows:

- Monday 5th October - Glasgow Caledonian University
- Tuesday 6th October – Stirling University
- Wednesday 7th October – Strathclyde University
- Thursday 8th October – University of the West of Scotland
- Friday 8th October - Heriot-Watt University

All talks will take place at 12.15pm on a Microsoft Teams live event and will appear in your college calendar

The personal statement



The only section the applicant has full control over.



Their only chance to market themselves individually.



One personal statement for all choices.



Maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines.



Minimum of 1,000 characters.

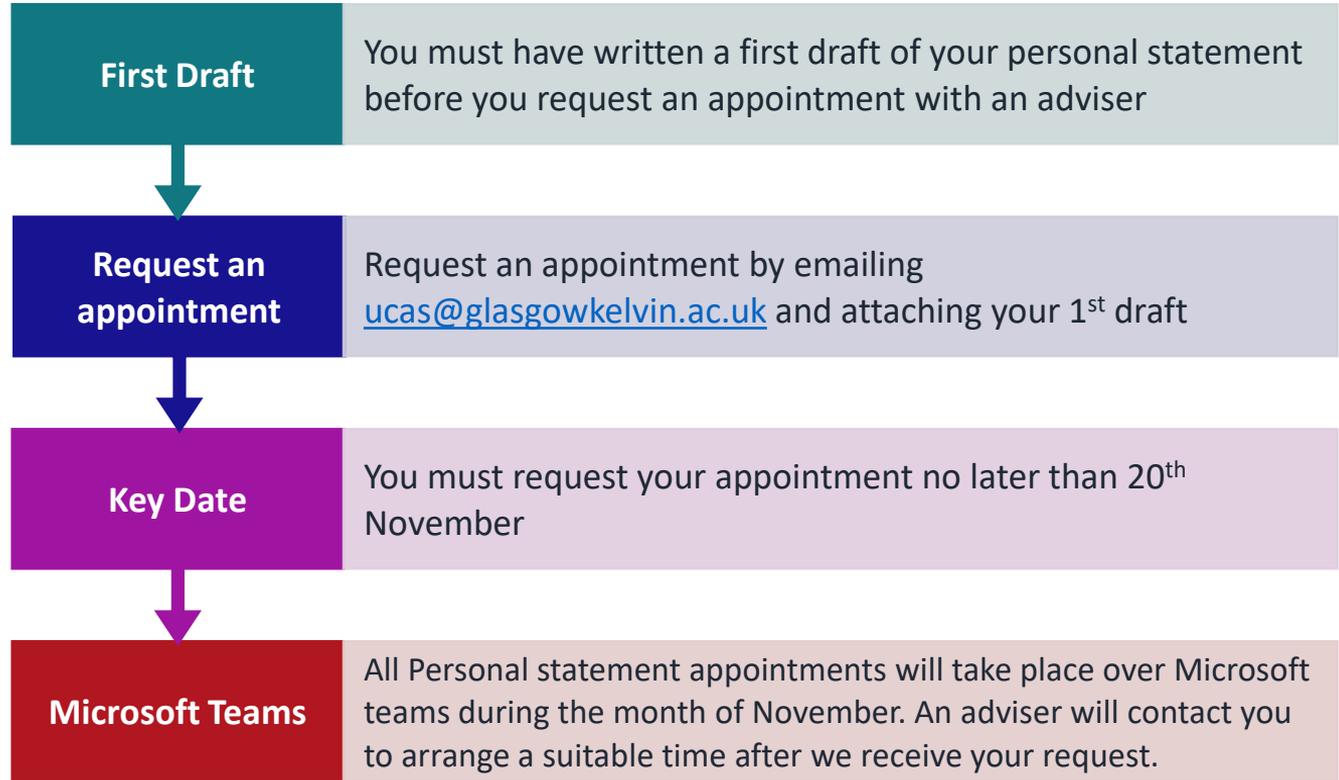


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Personal Statement Support



References

Who should write your reference?

- This is usually someone who knows you academically – If you decide to choose one of your lecturers you should firstly ask them if this is OK.
- You should then choose their name in the drop down menu at the start of your application.
- As a SWAP student you should also request your reference from the course tutor. Instead of selecting an individual referee on the application, you should select your course

Frequently asked questions

- ✓ Can I contact UCAS directly?
Yes, there is a student helpline you can contact.
0371 468 0468
- ✓ Do I need to apply as part of the college?
No, you can apply as an individual if you wish but you will need to request your reference yourself and also send your application away.
- ✓ What fee code should I select?
If you plan to apply for SAAS support you should select option 2.
- ✓ Can I contact the college about my application? Yes, however, please do NOT come into the college instead contact us at ucas@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk

Thank you



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