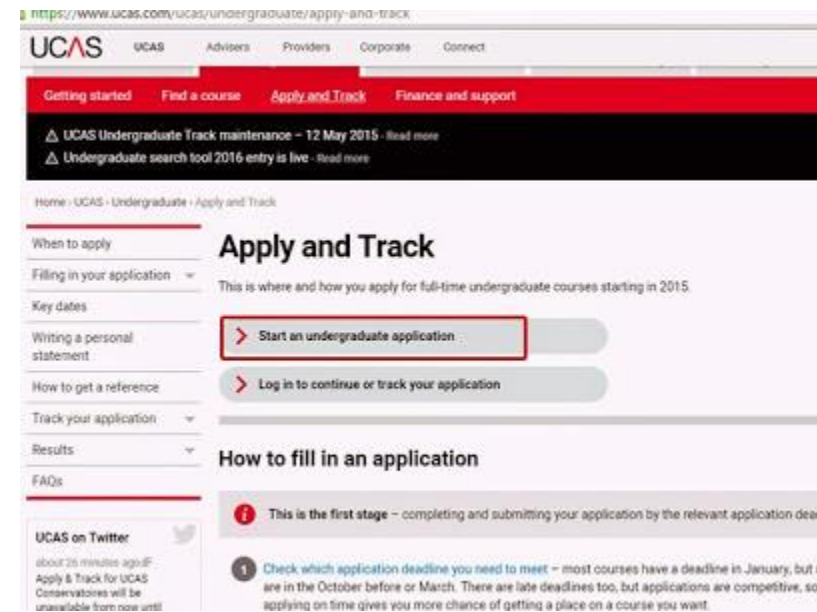


UCAS- entry Sept 2020



Applying to UCAS

UCAS



How does the process work in school?

- In their PPD sessions, the students have started the process, and created an account.
- Completed 'Student Reference Material' for their form tutor.
- Have made a start on writing a personal statement.

What is a UCAS reference

It contains your academic reference – a paragraph from each of your subject tutors along with a predicted grade, which may be updated in September.

Your reference is then edited by your form tutor, every student will have an opportunity to read their reference with their Personal Tutor, and if necessary further amendments can be made, (note any amendments are thoroughly checked before changes are made). Finally, the reference will be added to your completed application form.



The role of the Personal Tutor

They will check your personal statement and make suggestions on how it can be improved. You will do this several times before it is ready to go on your application.

Talk through with you about your choices and courses, providing advice where necessary.

Check through your application with you to ensure it is completed correctly.

Unifrog Programme

- UKAT has bought into this extremely useful programme to help support students with making their choices for courses and universities.

What does the timetable for all this look like?

- Term 6
- Student reference material is submitted to your form tutor (this is already completed)
- Start working on your personal statement
- Academic subject references are completed by your subject teachers
- Form tutors complete the final reference from all material submitted

Term 1 - September to November 2019

- Predicted grades are now confirmed from your mock exams results.
- Select your universities that offer your chosen course that match your grades. **Be careful to choose courses that do indeed match your grade predictions.**
- Open Days and visit days to help select your **5 choices**
- Meet with your PT to confirm and check through once you think your application is completed.
- When you press 'send' your form is then electronically sent to the school office for its final check. Any problems then you will be alerted. Note it does not instantly go to UCAS once you submit it can take up to 10 days.

- **15 October 2019**

Applications for Oxford, Cambridge or most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time). The reference needs to be completed before the application can be sent to us.

- **SCHOOL DEADLINE – 30th September**

- **15 January 2020**

Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on this day (check course details in our search tool for the correct deadline). The reference needs to be completed before the application can be sent to us.

- **SCHOOL DEADLINE – 25th November**

What happens when it goes off to UCAS?

- Once your form is received by UCAS, you will be able to track your application in your own UCAS account. If your course does not require an interview then you may see an offer appear before you hear from the university. If you have an interview then your UCAS account will not show any information until the results of the interview have been passed from the university.
- The key message here is offers and sadly rejections come through at different times for different courses therefore your friend may have all 5 offers in the bag before you have any. Do not panic!!

Rejections

- If you do not receive any offers which is very rare, then UCAS will contact you to apply for another course under the UCAS Extra scheme.

Making your final choices

- Once all your 5 universities have responded with an offer or rejection, then students make their Final Choices.
- 1 – Firm choice
- 1 – Insurance choice
- And reject the other offers.

Key terms

- **UCAS TRACK** – the online application process
- **Conditional offer** – you have to achieve certain grades to have a confirmed place
- **Unconditional offer** – You are guaranteed a place
- **Unsuccessful** – you have not been offered a place
- **Firm choice** in April 2020 you will have to choose the course you want to accept
- **Insurance offer** – in April 2020 you will have to choose your second choice you will accept if you don't get the grades for your firm choice (so choose a lower graded course)
- **Decline** – you must then decline all other offers

Key terms continued

- **Extra** – if all of your applications are unsuccessful you can make further choices (one at a time) to try and gain an offer
- **Clearing** – if you apply after 30 June 2020, or if you do not get your firm or insurance offer because of your results, then you can enter clearing to try and get a place in a university which still has places.

Good Luck!

