

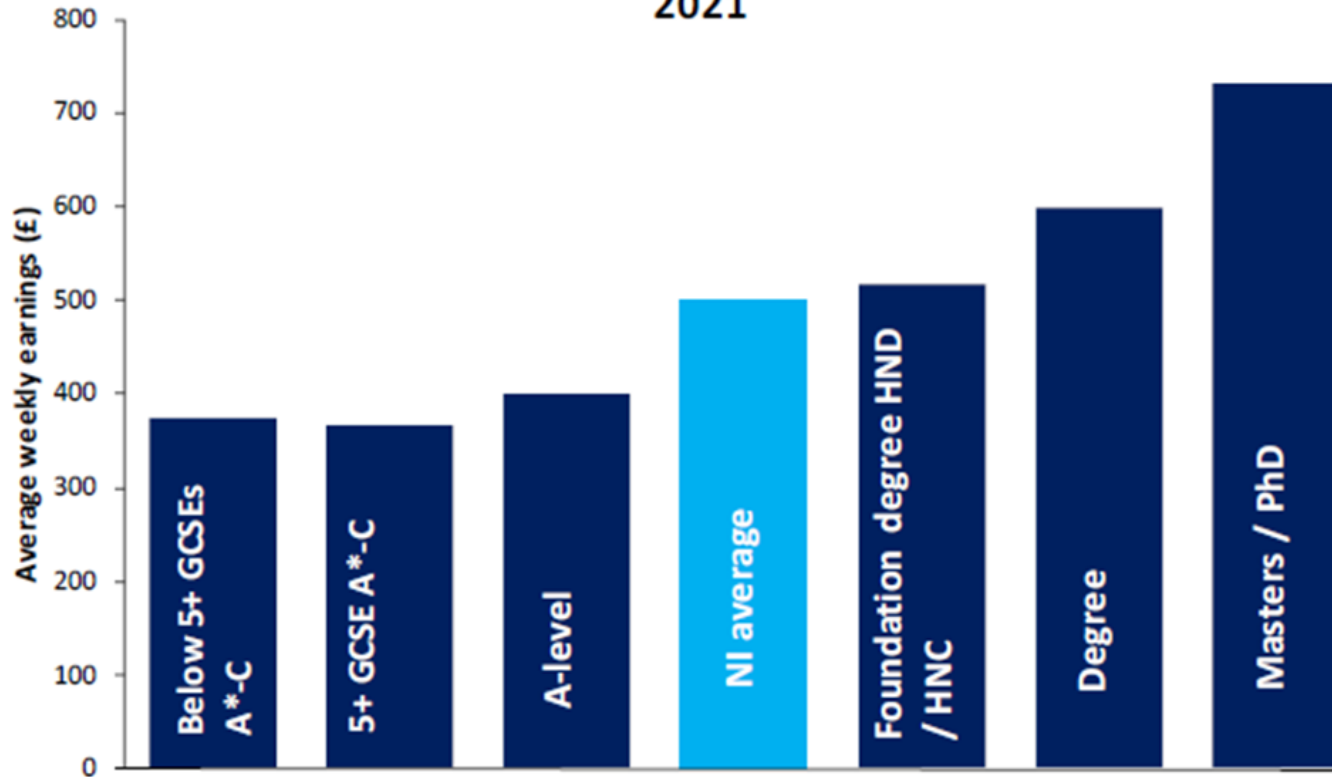


Applying to University

UCAS Apply 2025



**Average weekly earnings (£) by qualification level, NI, Q3
2021**

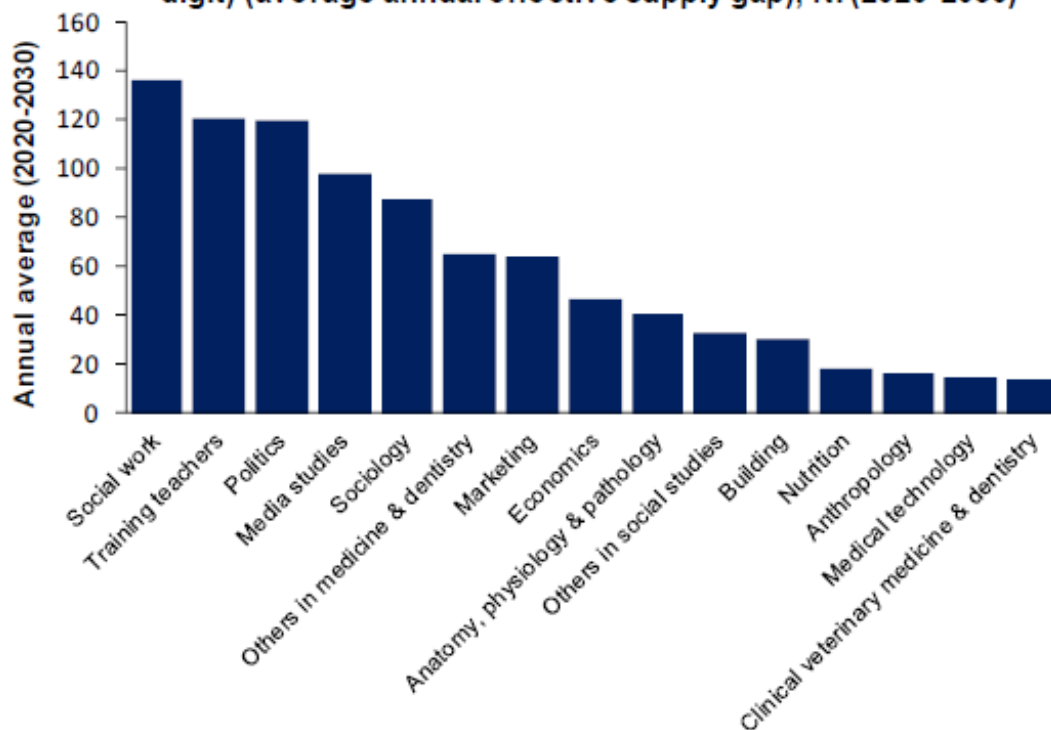


Source: Labour Force Survey, UUEPC analysis

Note: Figures are based on a 4-quarter rolling average



Top 15 most oversupplied NQF level 6+ subjects (JACSSs, 2-digit) (average annual effective supply gap), NI (2020-2030)

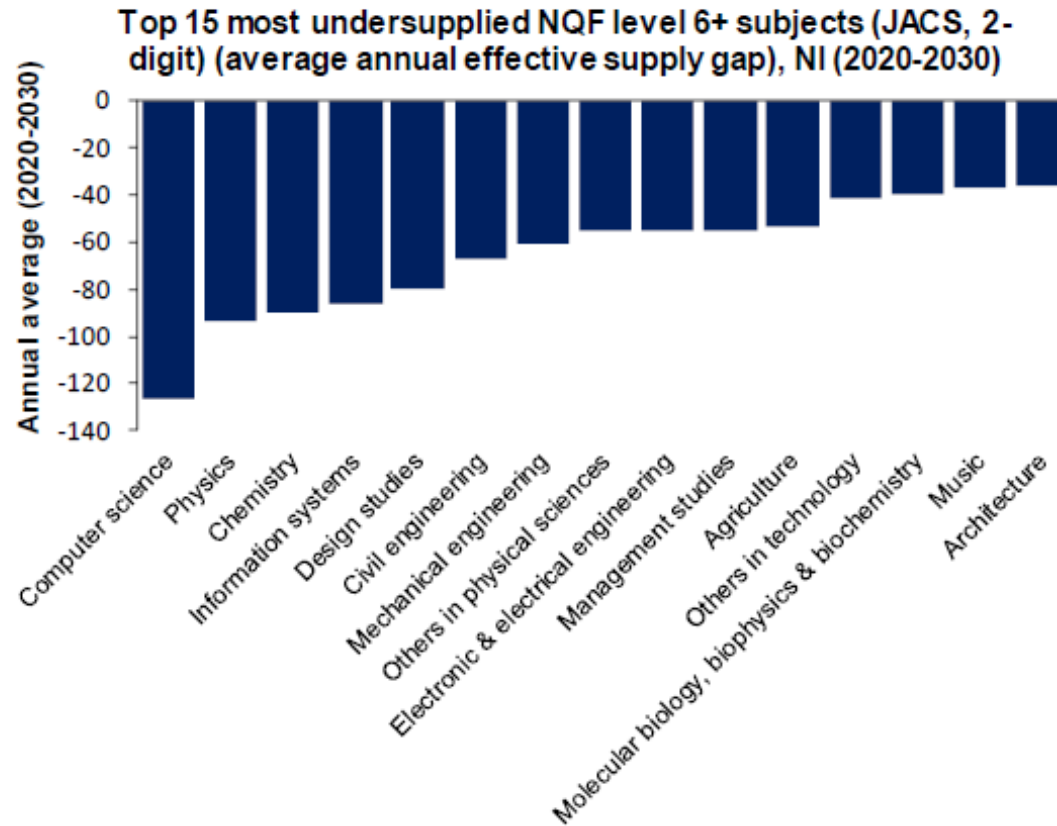


The social work category includes health and welfare; childcare; youth work; community work; careers guidance; probation/after-care; and social work not elsewhere classified.

Source: UUEPC analysis , HESA

The top 5 oversupplied subjects (JACS, 2-digit) account for 52% of total oversupplied subjects.





Source: UUEPC analysis, HESA

The top 5 undersupplied subjects (JACS, 2-digit) account for 25% of total undersupplied subjects.



Careers Programme in U6th and L6th

Virtual and In-
person
Workshadowing
Events

University Talks

UCAS Exhibition

Lower 6 UCAS
Programme

Individual
Interviews in L6th
and in U6th

Open Days at
Local Universities

PATHWAYS 2024 –
19th September

UNIFROG

Interview Skills
Day



Admission Tests

UCAT – all medicine applicants

LNAT – some law applicants

ESAT, MAT, PAT etc – Oxford and Cambridge

TMUA - Durham University, Lancaster

University, the University of Warwick, the
University of Sheffield or the University of
Southampton,





- Over the summer, students were advised to have researched what they want to study and where to study.
- They have been told that the most important thing is the **COURSE**.
- UNIFROG is a great tool for research for both courses and universities.



Things they should consider:

Make sure they are on target to meet the entry requirements required

Check A Level or equivalent of requirements as well as those at GCSE level

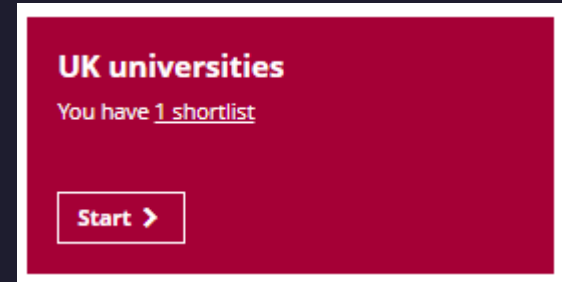
Are they required to sit an entrance exam, aptitude test or attend an interview?


Are they aware of what qualification you will achieve from your chosen degree?



Using the UK Universities tool

Unifrog has a tool that allows them to search for universities in the UK based on the factors most important to them. Log into Unifrog and scroll down to the 'UK universities' tool.



 What do you need to know about **UK universities?**

UK Universities

World class	In the QS world university rankings, four UK universities feature in the top 10, while a further 26 rank in the top 200. Generally the UK is considered second only to the US in terms of the number of top universities.
Earning potential	In the UK jobseekers without a degree earn up to £12,000 a year less than their graduate peers entering the job market, the equivalent of more than £500,000 over an average working life.
Sweet deal	British students studying at UK universities can get government loans to cover fees and living costs; the loans don't have to be paid back until after they are earning at least £26,575 a year, and even then the loans are paid back only gradually. EU students are (for the moment) entitled to the same treatment. Students from elsewhere in the world pay more to study at UK universities.
Applications	Students apply directly for specific degree programmes, eg 'History at Birmingham University'. This is unusual compared to other university systems, where students often only decide what they will major in in their second or third year of study.
Hierarchy	In the UK some universities are widely perceived as more prestigious than others, and have higher entry requirements. Unifrog gives you all the data you need to assess how prestigious universities are perceived to be - but our advice is to take this into consideration along with other factors, such as how your chosen subject area is taught.
UCAS	You can apply to a maximum of 5 degree programmes per year, all via one form on UCAS. Although it takes some effort to make your application as strong as possible, the process is straightforward compared to most other university systems.

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




Using the UK Universities tool

Enter the potential grades and select up to 10 subjects related to what they wish to study.

Select courses below

Pick the best courses for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.
Stuck on a strange term? Check out the [glossary](#) ▾

Rank ▾ Filter ▾

Aspirational (4) Top of your range	Solid (11) In the middle	Safe (70) At the bottom
 Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons) Durham University RG A Level: A*,A,A	 Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons) King's College London, University of London RG A Level: A,A,A	 German and Russian Studies - 4FT MA (Hons) The University of Edinburgh RG A Level: A,B,B-A,A,A
 European Social and Political Studies (4 years) - 4FT BA (Hons) UCL (University College London) RG A Level: A*,A,A	 Liberal Arts - 4FT MLibArts Queen's University Belfast RG A Level: A,A,A	 Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Bristol RG A Level: A,B,B-A,A,A
 German and Beginners' Russian - 4FT + Abroad BA (Hons) University of Oxford	 Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Nottingham RG A Level: A,A,A	 Liberal Arts With Study Abroad - 4FT MLibArts University of Bristol

The longlist will show every relevant course. It's sorted into Aspirational, Solid, and Safe options.



Process for Predicted Grades

The College adopts an optimistic, consistent and evidence-led approach across the student body when determining predicted grades. In coming to an honest professional judgement, departments will use:

- AS results (where AS examinations have been taken). *For the vast majority of students, their AS examination result will automatically become their predicted grade.*
- UMS scores for consideration of whether a student sits close to a higher grade boundary (*close would normally be within 10 UMS marks of a higher grade boundary*).
- UMS scores for predicting the A* grade (for prediction of the A* grade, pupils should be achieving (90%+ UMS at AS).
- UMS scores for predicting performance in A level Further Mathematics. As Further Mathematics Specification is a separate subject, Mathematics **grades** attained at AS cannot be used for Further Mathematics predictions. However, **A level Mathematics UMS scores** will form the basis of Further Mathematics Predicted Grades.
- Internal Assessment results for final L6 examinations (linear subjects)
- Evidence of commitment and work ethic in L6, where the AS result is demonstrably different to performance **consistently seen in assessment throughout L6th.**
- **The College will not predict below a D grade**



In summary, the College's process is **evidence-based and realistic** utilising tangible data.

In line with UCAS guidance, **departments will not base predicted grades on what students require to apply for a particular course or university or on the basis of their promise to work harder to achieve it. Inflated predicted grades lead to a poor correlation between predictions and outcomes, undermining the integrity of our predictions with many universities.** Re-sit examinations cannot be taken into account at the time of making predicted grades for application to university.

Early Applicants

Those applying for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine have an earlier deadline for UCAS application, with forms submitted internally in September and sent to UCAS early in October. The early applicant group are applying to some of the most competitive courses in the UK and therefore **MUST** have strong AS performance to support a competitive application. Predicted grades will be based on their AS performance where available as there will not be sufficient time to re-assess work in their Upper 6th year.



Standard Applicants

If a standard applicant is unhappy with their AS performance/predicted grade, they will have one opportunity to improve this grade based in each subject on one substantive assessment to take place in the first term of their A2 year. Pupils apply for this additional assessment opportunity [here](#) by the end of September of their A2 year; **late applications will not be accepted**. Each subject will set out the specific details of what this additional assessment will involve/when it will take place. Departments will use the results of this additional assessment to either move a predicted grade up or to confirm the original predicted grade; predicted grades will not be moved down on the basis of this assessment.

Special Circumstances

If a pupil experienced Special Circumstances at the time of their assessment that may have impacted on performance, in most cases, they will already have applied for Special Consideration and therefore these circumstances will have been taken into account by the Examination Body at AS grading. Where a pupil did not apply for Special Consideration, they should take the additional assessment opportunity if they are a standard applicant. Where they are an early applicant and special consideration was not previously applied for, they should complete this form and provide the documentary evidence required for the special circumstances. This will be reviewed by the Curriculum Vice Principal, who will in the first instance, decide whether the application meets the threshold for Special Consideration. For applications that meet the required threshold, the JCQ guidance for Special Consideration will be applied to the AS UMS scores – this may result in an upward change or no change in the predicted grade. Please note, the first section of the UCAS school reference is for detailing any special circumstances that may have/impact the student – therefore, universities will be made aware of this.



Daisy's UCAS Application

Personal details

COMPLETE ✓

Title	Miss
First name	Matilda Daisy
Last name	White
Previous name(s)	
Preferred name	Daisy
Date of birth	17 October 2006
Gender	Woman

Nationality

COMPLETE ✓

What is your country of birth?	United Kingdom
What is your nationality?	UK national
Dual nationality	

Where you live

COMPLETE ✓

Add the addresses you have been living at since 1st September 2022 to the present day.

Address 1 (Current address)

Dates you lived here:	01/2007 - Present
Address:	2 Hillside Drive, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 5EJ
Reason:	Permanent home
Please confirm your home address	
Home address:	2 Hillside Drive, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 5EJ
Area of permanent residence	Belfast
Residential category	UK Citizen - Northern Ireland

Contact details

COMPLETE ✓

Mobile number	+447896926853
Other telephone number	+447896926854
Email address	mdwhite861@yahoo.com
Postal address	2, Hillside Drive, Belfast, BT9 5EJ

Nominated access

Do you want someone else to act, or speak on your behalf, about your application?	Yes
Full name of nominee	Jamie White
Relationship to you	Father

Daisy's UCAS Application

Finance & funding

COMPLETE ✓

What will be your main source of funding for your studies?

UK, ChI, IoM or EU student finance services

Student support arrangements

Belfast

Diversity & inclusion

COMPLETE ✓

Equality monitoring

Ethnic origin

White

Care support information

Have you been in care?

No

Parental education

Yes

Occupational background

Accountant

More about you

COMPLETE ✓

Every year, over 60,000 students with a physical and/or mental health condition, long-term illness, or learning difference apply through UCAS to study at a university or college in the UK, and access a range of support available to help with their studies, day-to-day activities, travel, or lifestyle.

Would you consider yourself as living with any of the following?

A learning difference (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D)

Further details about your disability

I receive extra time in school examinations.

Would you consider yourself estranged from your parents (i.e. you're not in contact with and supported by your parents)?

No

Do you have any caring responsibilities?

No

Are you a parent or do you have parenting responsibilities?

No

Do you have official refugee status or limited leave to remain, or are you seeking asylum?

No

Do you have a parent or carer who currently serves in the UK Armed Forces, or who has done so in the past?

No

Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces?

No

Are you currently receiving free school meals, or have you been in receipt of free school meals during your secondary education?

No

Daisy's UCAS Application

GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)

History

Grade:

Date: August 2025

Awarding body: CCEA

Psychology

Grade:

Date: August 2025

Awarding body: AQA

GCE Advanced Subsidiary

History

Grade:

Date: August 2025

Awarding body: CCEA

History

Grade: B

Date: August 2024

Awarding body: CCEA

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Cert RQF (360) (2016 to Present)

Sport

Grade:

Date: August 2025

Awarding body: Pearson

Module name

Module date

Module grade

Anatomy and Physiology

August 2024

D

Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Spor

August 2024

D

Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Spor

August 2025

Professional Development in the Sports Industry

August 2025

General Certificate of Secondary Education (Grade A*-G)

Biology

Grade: B

Date: September 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

Chemistry

Grade: B

Date: September 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

English Language

Grade: A

Date: August 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

English Literature

Grade: B

Date: August 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

French

Grade: A*

Date: August 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

History

Grade: A*

Date: August 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

Mathematics

Grade: A

Date: August 2023

Awarding body: CCEA

Daisy's UCAS Application

Psychology (C800)

Queen's University Belfast (Q75)

Campus: Main Site

Start date: September 2025

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: Yes

Deferred entry: No

Psychology (C800)

University of Reading (R12)

Campus: Main Site

Start date: October 2025

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

Psychology (C800)

Heriot-Watt University (H24)

Campus: Edinburgh Campus

Start date: September 2025

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

Applied Psychology (C810)

Glasgow Caledonian University (G42)

Campus: Main Site

Start date: September 2025

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

A personal statement is:

a brief and focused summary about your career or research goals, and is required for applications to universities, colleges, and jobs.'



They are important because

Competition for places is very high!

Most courses do not interview; the Personal Statement is *their* responsibility (Not their teachers', UCAS tutor, the College or their parents).

An Admissions Tutor can see hundreds of forms in a day.

An interesting but succinct personal statement makes all the difference.

A good personal statement will give a student the edge over other fellow applicants.



Good points

Interest in
course

Work experience

Voluntary
experience

Skills

Academic
Achievements

Clubs &
Societies

Duke of
Edinburgh
Award

Personal
experiences

Travel

Hobbies



These may not be a good idea to include

Irrelevant sob
stories

Personal
weaknesses

Spelling mistakes

Don't repeat
yourself

Bad grammar

Waffle

Swearing

Indecisiveness

Lies

Excuses

"Ever since I
was..."

Too much

Too little

Abbreviations...lol!

Smileys



What are admissions tutors looking for?

- Students with the **academic potential** to benefit from the course.
- Students who are **motivated** towards studying this particular kind of course.
- Students with **relevant experience** for the course.
- The **personal skills** a student can bring to the course.
- The **interests** that a student has.
- Remember that although each university cannot see the student's other choices, they will all see the personal statement.



UNIFROG – Personal Statement Tool

- ① **Why this subject** ② Your suitability ③ Other interests

Section 1: Why do you want to study this subject?

This part should make up 30% of the total statement

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Examples of what you may want to write about:

- + 1. What sparked your interest in the subject area
- + 2. What specific topics are you most interested in?
- + 3. What skills do you hope to develop in studying this subject?
- + Personal Statement Dos
- + Personal Statement Don'ts



When ready to send

- All sections ticked
- They must agree to share information with us
- Pay fee online - £28.50
- This year UCAS will be waive the fee for any students who receives Free School in last six years
- Remember to click to allow the College access to your TRACK
- Click on “Send to Referee”
- Signed Paper copy to their Careers tutor



School Deadline

All Early Deadlines forms must be ready to hand in on **Tuesday 24th September.**

All other Forms should be ready for **Friday 15th November**



What happens next?

- Writing Reference and checking
- Full check of application form
- Sort out queries with student
- Corrections
- Send to UCAS



- Might look to you that nothing is happening!
- BUT IT IS.
- Early deadline applications take priority.



- UCAS sends application to universities
- Some respond quickly
- Some wait until after closing date before deciding
- Interviews?
- Offers/rejections!
- Given reply date – provisional 6th June 2025



- Students choose 2 of their offers
- CF – 1st Choice
- CI – 2nd Choice
- Don't withdraw without seeing me!
- Provisionally – 14th August 2025
- Students should be here that day and for a few days afterwards
- Confirm destinations



CAO

- Can use alongside UCAS
- Students will receive more information concerning this during a tutorial session in November – the system will not be live till 4th November 2023
- Very different system
- We have no access to it



CAO

- CAO points system e.g. A* 185, A 156 on first 3 A levels at the moment – this is due to change but the new information has not come from CAO yet.
- High demand courses need 4 A-Levels
- Medicine? HPAT – Ireland Date to be confirmed but probably February 2025





**Their applications, their Future.
Their responsibility!**

