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UCAS Conservatoires

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UCAS Conservatoires is the online system for Performing Arts Conservatoires applications.

Key features include:

- **One** application per admissions cycle (you can make simultaneous applications to both UCAS Conservatoires and Apply)
- Conservatoires cannot see which other course choices have been made
- Applications are **entirely** online – visit ucas.com
- Unlike Apply, schools have **no overview** of applications. Conservatoire applications remain the **responsibility of the applicant** from start to finish (including organising references and sending to UCAS)

Registering with Conservatoires

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Visit ucas.com/conservatoires

UCAS Apply 2021



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UCAS Apply is the online system for University applications.

Key features include:

- One application per admissions cycle
- Applicants can make up to five choices in their application (some restrictions apply)
- Universities cannot see which other course choices have been made
- Applications are entirely online – visit ucas.com
- Application progress can be monitored by school and references organised by your Guidance Teacher who will send to UCAS on your behalf upon completion.

Registering with Apply 2021



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Visit ucas.com/undergraduate

You will need to enter a 'buzzword' when you first register to allow you to link your application to school;

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You will then be asked to join a group within school;

Select your class from the menu.

Application Content



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Each applicant has **six** sections to complete:

- Personal details
- Student finance
- Course Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement

Finding Courses

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Applicants can use the search tool at search.ucas.com to find all courses on offer.



Search courses

Where do you normally live?*:

Search courses available in*: 2015 2016

*This helps us to show courses that are available to you. [Click here for more info](#)

Search by **any** or **all** of the following

Course:

Provider:

Location:

Don't know what to study?

Need help finding courses? Browse subjects and find out what's available.



UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below.

- [Postgraduate courses](#)
- [Postgraduate teacher training courses](#)
- [Foundation degrees](#)



Open Days

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Applicants can use a search tool at [ucas.com/open-days](https://www.ucas.com/open-days) to identify all University Open Days.



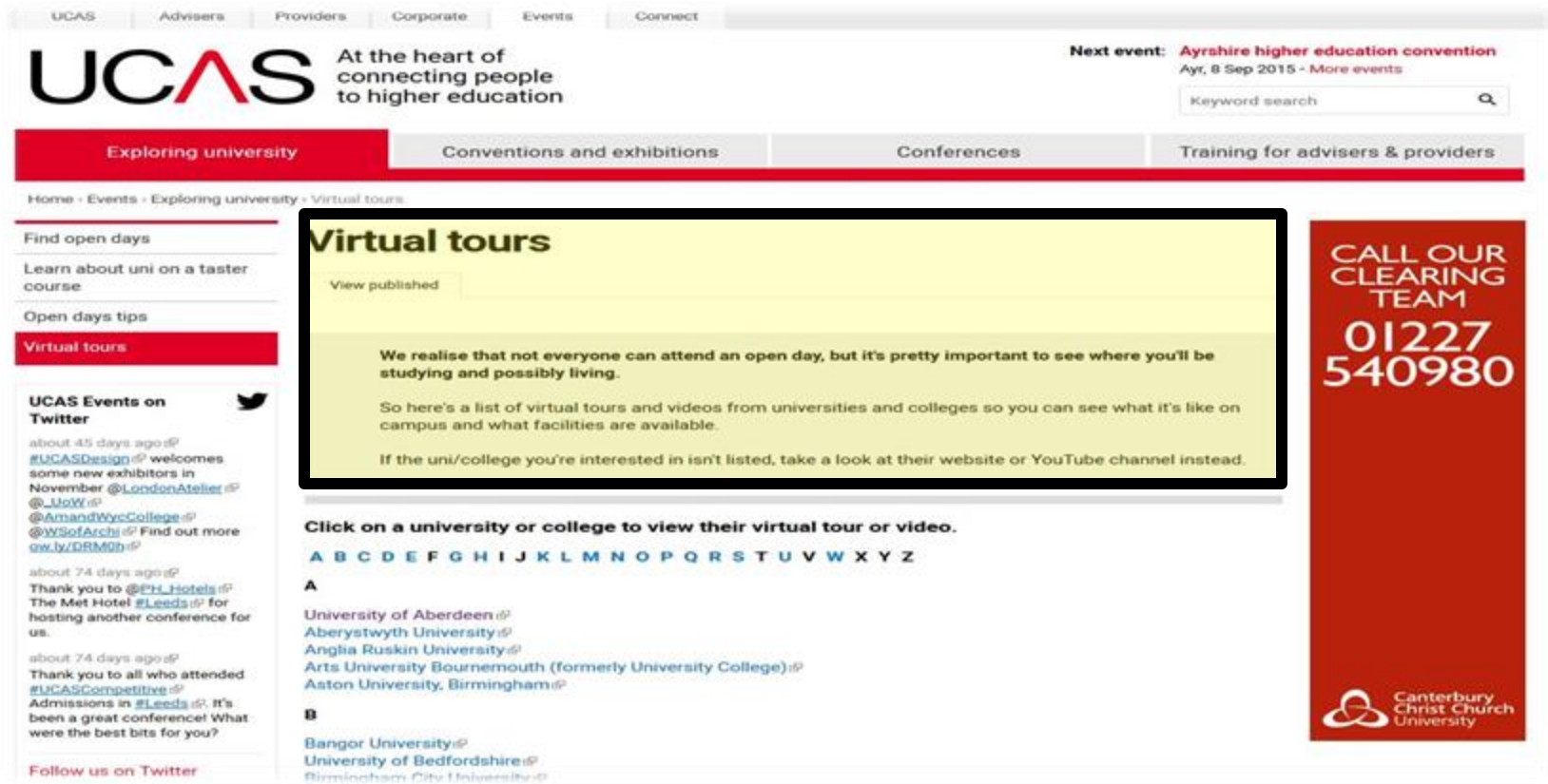
Introducing the new UCAS open days search tool – get some dates in your students diaries:
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Virtual Tours



Applicants can also 'tour' Universities online at ucas.com/virtual-tours



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about 74 days ago Thank you to all who attended [#UCASCompetitive](#) Admissions in [#Leeds](#). It's been a great conference! What were the best bits for you?

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Virtual tours

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We realise that not everyone can attend an open day, but it's pretty important to see where you'll be studying and possibly living.

So 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.

If the uni/college you're interested in isn't listed, take a look at their website or YouTube channel instead.

Click on a university or college to view their virtual tour or video.

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- University of Aberdeen
- Aberystwyth University
- Anglia Ruskin University
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- Aston University, Birmingham

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- Bangor University
- University of Bedfordshire
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Personal Statement



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The Personal Statement is the first opportunity for applicants to market their own individual skills base and experience.

- Max. 4,000 characters, 47 lines
- Min. 1,000 characters
- No spelling/grammar check
- No formatting available

Only **one** personal statement covers **all** course choices.

Personal Statement



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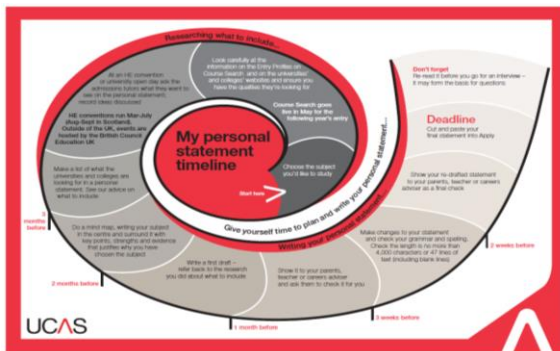
Areas expected to be addressed within the Personal Statement include:

- Why you are applying for your chosen course?
- Why the subject interests you?
- Why you're suitable for the course?
- How your studies relate to the course?
- What other activities demonstrate your interest in the course?
- What appropriate skills you have for the course and for life at university?
- What relevant work experience (paid or otherwise) have you undertaken?
- What hobbies and interests do you have that demonstrate the skills and abilities required for your course?
- How does the course relate to what you want to do in the future?

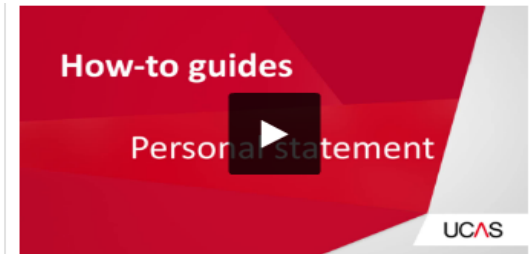
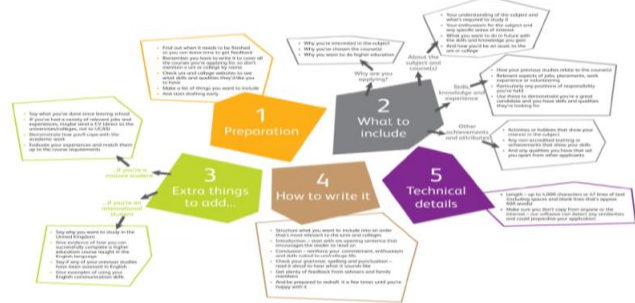
Personal Statement Support

Guidance on completing the Personal Statement will be covered in PSE and further support can be found at;

www.ucas.com/personalstatement



MY UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT



How to write your personal statement

This video looks at how to get started, as well as common fears and concerns.
[Watch more video guides](#)

UCAS Submission Deadlines



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- **1st October** - **Conservatoire Applications (1)** - Most Music courses
- **15th October** - **Early Applications** - Oxford or Cambridge & Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary courses
- **15th January** - **General Applications** - Most Undergraduate courses
Conservatoire Applications (2) - Most Dance, Drama or Screen Production courses

Completion Deadlines



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Completed applications can be submitted from early September however deadlines set in school are **earlier** than published UCAS dates.

- Subject reports are required from current teachers in all curricular areas
- Qualifications are verified and predicted grades obtained
- Individual references are written
- A significant amount of applications are managed by each Guidance Teacher (typically between 15-20).



Completion Deadlines

Your submission deadline will depend on what courses you are making application to.

There are **3 different** application categories;

Early Applications

Conservatoire Applications

General Applications

Early Application Deadlines

Applications for **all** courses at **Oxford** or **Cambridge** and **most** **Medical, Dental** and **Veterinary** courses have **early** deadlines and must be sent through UCAS Apply to your Guidance teacher by:

Tuesday 1st October

Personal Statement deadlines for the above courses must be **AGREED** with your Guidance Teacher **ASAP**.

Conservatoire Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for **Performing Arts** courses through **UCAS Conservatoires Apply** vary greatly.

Check individual course details carefully as you are responsible for **all stages** of your own application.

Personal Statement deadlines for the above courses must be discussed and **AGREED** with your Guidance Teacher.

General Application Deadlines

Applications to **all other** courses must meet the following deadlines;

- **Fri 25th October** – Final date to submit a draft Personal Statement to your Guidance Teacher for feedback.
- **Fri 29th November** - Final date to send completed applications to your Guidance Teacher via UCAS Apply.

Final Submission Deadlines

1st October –

Applications to Ox-Bridge as well as all Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary courses

25th October –

Personal Statement Drafts
(General Applications)

29th November –

General Applications

Application Acknowledgment

Alert your Guidance Teacher on
Monday 6th January
if you have submitted your application but
have not received any UCAS
correspondence via text or
email to confirm receipt.

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Guidance staff will adhere to meeting **all** UCAS deadlines for submitting completed applications if applicants have adhered to meeting **all** deadlines set within school.

The turnaround period from applicant completion to UCAS submission will **vary** as each application is **unique** and Guidance staff will be dealing with a range of **individual circumstances**.

Application Review



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Once submitted to UCAS, applications are **quickly processed** and passed on to Universities for consideration. The following factors are reviewed by admissions staff **before** a decision is made:

- Personal statement
- Reference
- Qualifications
- Admissions test results (if applicable)

In many cases, applicants may also be required to attend an **interview**, take part in an **audition** or submit a **portfolio** to advance within the application process. **Oxford and Cambridge** applicants may have to complete a further **written assessment** in addition to any required admissions tests.

Application Decisions



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An admissions tutor will make **one** of **three** decisions based on **all** aspects of each individual application:

- Unconditional offer
- Conditional offer
- Unsuccessful

Each University is different and timescales for offers **will vary**.

Replying to Offers



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In **June** applicants must **reply** through UCAS once all course choice decisions have been reached if offers have been made. Applicants can then hold a maximum of **two** offers:

- **Firm** – the first choice / If applicants meet the conditions of the offer they will be placed
- **Insurance** – the back-up choice / Only accepted if applicants do not meet the conditions of their firm choice

All offers will automatically be **declined** if applicants fail to reply to their offers.

Unsuccessful Applications



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Applicants who do not receive an offer from any of their choices can use **UCAS Extra** to make **one** further application to another course in **June**. Applicants are eligible for Extra if **all five** choices have been unsuccessful, cancelled or declined.

If applicants are also unsuccessful within **Extra** they can enter **Clearing** to allow applications to be made **one** course at a time through **UCAS**. Applicants within **Clearing** must contact Universities **directly** to discuss vacancies. Clearing begins in **July**.

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