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A Guide to Higher Education Applications

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Applying for Higher Education

1.1

Thinking about studying for a degree?

You may now be starting to think for the first time about an alternative career away from professional football. This process in itself is quite daunting, but if you are considering going to University and making the step into Higher Education it is important to explore how your studies will fit into your long term career aims.

When deciding what degree you would prefer to do take the opportunity to see what career possibilities could follow from the subject you are interested in. Look at the options and check out in detail any occupations you have identified that you think will suit you. For example don't decide that you would prefer to do a degree in English instead of Sociology, or Sport instead of Business without taking into account what jobs will be available, interesting and open to you following your degree.

Before deciding what degree you are going to study you will also need to check University admissions requirements for the subject or subjects of your choice. For example if you wish to study for a degree in Physiotherapy you may have to achieve specific qualifications, at specific grades, or obtain a set number of UCAS tariff points or a combination of these. So you might need three A2 level qualifications with three passes at grade B, one of which needs to be a science subject (preferably Human Biology or Biology).

It may be that you even need to undertake additional qualifications following your Apprenticeship to secure a place on the course of your choice. You will be able to find advice on what course may suit you through the careers service at your college or education provider or alternatively the UCAS website (www.ucas.ac.uk) offers a facility called the 'Stamford Test' which matches your competencies and preferences with degree courses.

There are a number of reasons why people decide to study for a degree. For some people it is an essential part of professional training for a career in fields such as medicine, engineering and law. Others may have no clearly defined career destination in mind but are motivated by their interest in a particular subject and a desire to improve their career prospects. Make sure that you are clear about what you will gain from your time in higher education. Don't think solely about your studies but also about all aspects of student life.

Student life offers you the chance to gain:

Academic knowledge

If your degree course is an academic subject (e.g. theology or history), you will acquire a detailed knowledge of your subject and the ability to research a subject in depth, evaluate information / data and communicate your findings.

Vocational knowledge

Will allow you to acquire knowledge that is specific to that profession, but the skills and background knowledge may be transferable to other professions (e.g. marketing or sales within a pharmaceutical company).

Extra-curricular experiences

Going to university is a great opportunity to get involved with student sports teams and societies and to take an active part in the running of your course as a student representative.

Paid work experience

You may need to work during term time and during holidays for financial reasons. Although your primary motive may be money, you may also gain, ideas about the work activities and conditions that suit you and valuable transferable skills that you can take forward with you during your career.

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Voluntary work / unpaid work experience

Your careers service or students' union may have links with local voluntary organisations or you could offer your time to a charity, where activities include everything from clearing woodland to working with children from deprived communities.

Managing your life

Going to university might be the first chance that you get to organise all aspects of your life, including finance, personal relationships and living with people outside your family and building relationships.

Employability

About two-thirds of all graduate jobs are open to graduates regardless of their subject of study. For these posts, employers are looking primarily for the skills that you have gained from your degree, together with relevant work experience and the motivation for the job.

1.2

When to apply

For entry in 2012, UCAS started processing applications at the end of September 2011.

Applications for courses at Oxford University or the University of Cambridge (you can only apply to one or the other unless you already have a degree or will have gained one before September 2012), must be completed by 15 October 2011.

The deadline for courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and veterinary science is 15 October 2011. With the exception of some art and design courses you must apply by **15 January 2012** for all other courses.

Universities and colleges guarantee to consider your application if UCAS receive it by the appropriate deadline. If UCAS receive your application after the deadline date, but before 30 June 2012, the Universities and colleges may consider it, but they do not have to. If your application reaches UCAS on or after the 1 July 2012 it will go directly into **Clearing**.

If you want to take a "gap year" (a year out before starting your course), you must check that the university or college will accept a deferred entry application. If you apply for deferred entry in 2014, you must meet the conditions of any offers by 31 August 2012.

You can only send one UCAS application in each year's application cycle.

If you are interested in going on to Higher Education make sure you apply as early as possible. Research your choices carefully and select the best courses for you. Keep your options open, you don't have to wait for exam results before applying nor should you wait to find out if you have obtained a Professional Contract. Even if you obtain a Professional Contract depending on the length of contract you may feel that deferring your entry would be appropriate.



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UCAS Application Flowchart 2012

Application for UCAS courses

15 October 2011

Deadline for receipt at UCAS of all applications, including the reference, for all medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and veterinary science courses and for all courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

15 January 2012

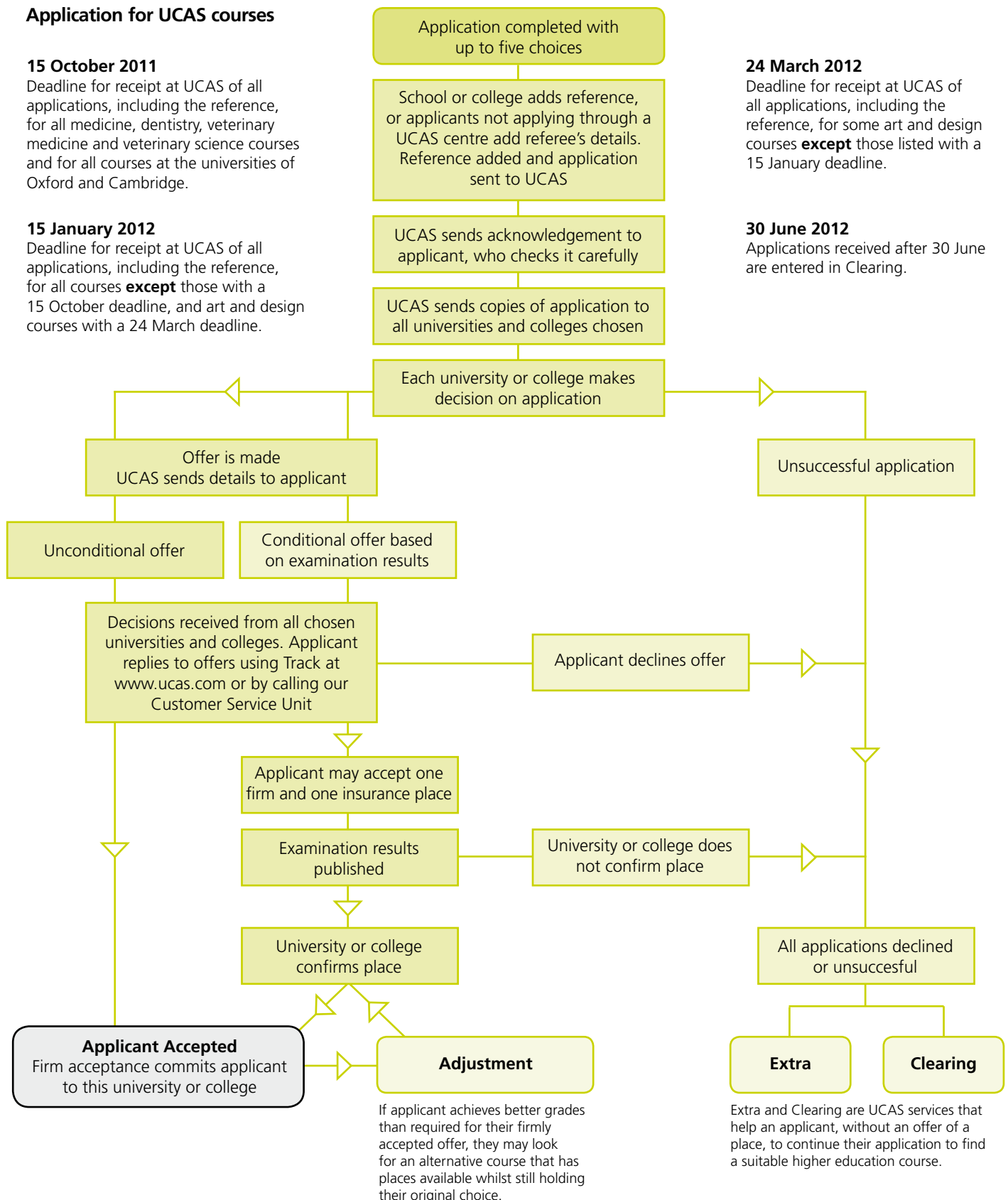
Deadline for receipt at UCAS of all applications, including the reference, for all courses **except** those with a 15 October deadline, and art and design courses with a 24 March deadline.

24 March 2012

Deadline for receipt at UCAS of all applications, including the reference, for some art and design courses **except** those listed with a 15 January deadline.

30 June 2012

Applications received after 30 June are entered in Clearing.



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1.3

Clearing

Clearing is a UCAS service that helps people find vacancies on higher education courses. Most people who use Clearing have already applied through UCAS but have not secured a place on a course. You are eligible to use the Clearing system if you have not withdrawn from the UCAS scheme, you hold no offers, your offers have not been confirmed because you have not met the conditions (such as not achieving the required grades), you declined your offers or you have applied after the June deadline.

If you are eligible, UCAS will automatically enter you into Clearing. You must log into Track on the UCAS website to view your Clearing number - you can then start looking for another choice. As well as on the UCAS website, lists of courses with vacancies will be published from the middle of August 2012 until late September in the national press. The Telegraph & The Independent have historically provided clearing information for UCAS. In 2011 The Telegraph also offered an online service to help students find suitable University places through Clearing. Check the lists for courses that interest you and then contact the university or college to ask if it will accept you.

It is a good idea to do this yourself because the admissions tutor will want to speak to you personally, not a parent or teacher.

An admissions tutor who is seriously interested in you will ask you for your Clearing Number which is displayed on the 'welcome' page and 'choices' page in Track.

If you accept a place through Clearing, UCAS will send you a Confirmation letter automatically.

1.4

Applying Online

If you are interested in applying for a higher education course you will need to do so using the UCAS online service **Apply**. Apply is a secure, web-based application system which is available 24 hours a day. It can be used anywhere where there is access to the internet, which gives you the flexibility to fill in your application where and when it suits you.

To apply online you should access the 2012 entry Student login link on the Apply web page www.ucas.ac.uk/students/apply

A log in page will be displayed on which you will need to click **Register**. The registration process is free and will take approximately fifteen minutes.

After registering you will be given a username and you must also choose a password, which you will need to use to enter your application.

The UCAS website includes a 'How To' visual guide and step-by-step instructions on registering and applying. During registration, you will be asked to enter some personal details and indicate if you are applying through a school or college, or if you are applying as an individual. If you are applying through a school or college, you will need to obtain a buzzword from them. A buzzword is a word or phrase that is supplied to you by your school, college or other education provider, which you will need to be able to register. Your tutor will be able to provide you with this.

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Do not try and complete your application in one go. You will be able to use your username and password to log in to your application at different times and enter more information each time you log on. You will not be able to add any further information to your application when you have completed and sent it.

You should send your completed application to UCAS through a staff member at your school, college or other education provider so that a reference can be attached. The member of staff will be responsible for sending the application to UCAS.

Once your application is completed and sent off together with a reference, it will be processed and sent by UCAS to your chosen universities or colleges for consideration.

1.5

Payment

Your school, college or centre can choose to be invoiced by UCAS or applicants can pay online by credit or debit card, or a mixture of both. If you have only entered one course at one university or college in the courses section, your application fee will be £11.

If you have entered more than one choice in the courses section, your application fee will be £22. If your application is received by UCAS after the 30 June 2012 the fee will be £22. Your teacher or tutor will be able to tell you how to pay your application fee.

Once your application is completed and sent off together with a reference, it will be processed and sent by UCAS to your chosen universities or colleges for consideration.



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What you need to provide

2.1

Course Choices

You can choose up to five courses which Apply will arrange into alphabetical order. Each University or College will only have the details of their course or courses that you have applied for. They will not know about your other choices at other institutions.

2.1.1

PFA Courses

The PFA currently supports the following courses for all current and former members of The PFA:

- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at the University of Salford
- BA (Hons) Sports Writing and Broadcasting at Staffordshire University (2 year Fast Track)
- BSc (Hons) Sports Science and Coaching at Roehampton University
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at York St John University
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Coaching and Exercise Science at Manchester Metropolitan University
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at Brunel University
- BA (Hons) Sports Management at The University College of Northern Denmark

These courses may be subject to review and only run if adequate numbers of students register. The times and mode of study is tailored to be as flexible as possible to fit in with the lifestyle of a professional footballer, (with the exception of the York St John course which is a 3-year full-time programme aimed at ex-players). These courses are partly subsidised by The PFA, however a contribution will also be required from each student towards tuition costs.

You will be able to access these courses without applying through UCAS. If you are interested in any of the courses mentioned please ensure that you contact Pat Lally (Education Officer), or Oshor Williams at PFA Education.

Tel: 0161 236 0637
E-mail: education@thepfa.co.uk

PFA Education
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What you need to provide

2.2

Education details

You will be required to provide the name, centre number (if applicable), start date, finish date and type of attendance for all schools, colleges and universities that you have attended since the age of 11.

You must also provide details for the following qualifications to help universities and colleges consider your application:

- All qualifications for which you have accepted certification from an awarding body, even if you are retaking all or part of the qualification
- All qualifications for which you are currently studying or for which you are awaiting examination results

The entry screens for many of the qualifications will include an “add module/unit” or “add subject”. When these buttons are displayed at the bottom of the screen, you must use them to provide full details for all the subjects, modules and units that form part of your qualifications.

Make sure that all information you provide is complete and accurate. UCAS will match the qualifications information on your application with the records of exam entries and the results you get from the awarding bodies, which set and mark your exam papers. UCAS are then able to send your results to the universities and colleges where you are holding the offer of a place. They can then decide if you have met the entry conditions.

If UCAS cannot match the information you give them to results, there may be a delay in this process and there is also the risk that applications that contain qualifications that cannot be checked against awarding body results may be considered fraudulent and cancelled.

If you are studying or have taken a BTEC Extended Diploma, Diploma or Subsidiary Diploma, ensure you choose the correct qualification title from the list. (You may be asked to enter your BTEC Registration Number, if you do not know it, ask the tutor at your school, college or education provider).

2.3

Employment details

If you have done any paid full-time or part-time work, you must provide the job titles, employer names and addresses and the dates of employment. You should make it clear if the position was full or part-time. You should ensure that you make reference to the time you've spent at your Football Club as an Apprentice Footballer within this section and you should also include details of any weekend or holiday jobs you have undertaken.

2.4

Personal details

When you open this section of your application you should find that UCAS have used the information you have already provided to complete many of the sections. You will have to enter information in to the other sections that are relevant to you. If a section is not applicable to you, leave it blank.

2.5

Personal Statement

Your personal statement is your opportunity to tell universities and colleges why they should want you as a student. A good personal statement is important as it will underpin your application. Admissions officers will want to know why you are interested in the courses you have applied for and what you hope to do after your studies. In many cases, applicants will not be interviewed, so this may be your only opportunity to make a case for your admission.

What you need to provide

You should consider carefully the information you wish to give in your personal statement. Think about the best way to present it effectively while being truthful and accurate and remember that, although each university or college that you have applied to cannot see your other choices, they will all see your personal statement.

You should include:

- What interests you about your chosen subject. Include details of what you have read about the subject
- What career plans you have for when you complete your course
- Any job, work experience, placement or voluntary work you have done, particularly if it is relevant to your subject. You may want to give the skills and experience you have gained from these activities*
- Any involvement in widening participation schemes, such as summer schools or mentoring activities
- Details of non-accredited skills and achievement that you have gained through activities such as ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network awards);
- Diploma of Achievement
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Sports Leaders' Awards
- OCNW Level 3 Certificate in Personal Development for Progression (previously known as the Liverpool Enrichment Programme)
- Millennium Volunteers Scheme
- Young Enterprise
- Your future plans
- Any subjects you are studying that do not have a formal assessment

- Positions of responsibility that you hold/have held both in and out of school, e.g. Team captain, being selected for international duty or school prefect
- Any sponsorship or placements you have or have applied for
- If you are planning to take a year out, your reasons why
- Your social, sports or leisure interests

The skills below are an important guide as to the abilities that you can bring to the table when making your application. You should also try to link what interests you in your chosen subject with any past experience (if possible) and establish how this may impact on future career aspirations you may have.

Think of the skills you have developed during your Apprenticeship both academic and football related. Here are some to get you started:

- Adapting to different circumstances and environments
- Articulating ideas and thoughts verbally and in writing
- Improved communication skills
- Knowledge of the world of work
- Motivational skills
- Organisational skills
- Planning time effectively
- Presenting information in a form appropriate to a given situation (a piece of coursework, a coaching demonstration, leading a talk in a group discussion)
- Problem solving
- Reading, analysing and combining vast amounts of material
- Taking the initiative / responsibility for tasks
- Thinking originally and imaginatively
- Working independently

**You should not understate the value of your Apprenticeship programme. It should provide you with Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning which Admissions officers should take into account with any application. You should ensure that you present the experience you've had at your football club in a positive way that an educational institution will appreciate and value.*

What you need to provide

- Working in a team
- Working under pressure and to deadlines
- Working unusual / erratic hours

You can enter up to 4,000 characters, including spaces, for your personal statement. When you save text, the system will automatically tell you how many more characters are still available or if you have used too many characters. You can view the layout and format of any text you have entered after you have saved it.

You should prepare your personal statement offline using a word-processing package and copy and paste this into the Apply system. This is because Apply will time-out after 35 minutes of inactivity. If you enter your personal statement directly into Apply, you must save it to prevent your work being lost. The countdown on the screen displays how much time you have left before it times out.

This is probably the first time you have had to write about yourself in this way so it is a good idea to ask for suggestions from parents, teachers and friends and look at sample statements in books or on dedicated sites on the internet.

However, don't be tempted to copy another person's application or download your personal statement from a website. You must make sure this is all your own work.

UCAS put all applications through similarity detection tests, which identify statements that have been copied from another source. There could be serious consequences to using other people's work. If any part of your personal statement appears to have been copied, UCAS will inform all the universities and colleges that you have applied to.

For more help writing your personal statement visit www.ucas.ac.uk/personalstatement.

2.6

Reference

If you are applying through a registered school or centre and you have checked that your personal details, your choices, your education and employment details and your personal statement are all completed, you can then send your application online to your referee (Your referee will normally be your tutor). Before providing a reference, your referee will check your application and may ask you to make amendments to the information you have provided.

If you are not applying through a registered school or centre you will be asked to provide contact details of your referee. A request will be sent by email to the referee asking them to complete and submit a reference through the secure UCAS website.

You should prepare your personal statement offline using a word-processing package and copy and paste this into the Apply system.



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What happens to your Application

3.1

What UCAS do with your Application

UCAS use the information you have provided on the online application system, and send your application details to each of the universities and colleges that you have selected.

Each university and college will only have the details of the course or courses that you have applied for at that university or college. They will not be told what your other choices were until after you have replied to your offers. Universities and colleges must not ask you for details about your other choices.

UCAS will send you a welcome letter that lists your choices. Please check the information carefully and let UCAS know immediately if anything is not correct.

Each university or college you have chosen will decide whether to make you an offer. They may ask you to achieve certain exam results. When you have received a decision for all your choices, UCAS will ask you to decide which offers, if any, you want to hold while you wait for your results. You can only hold up to two offers.

3.2

University and College offers

An offer of a place on a course at the university or college of your choice should tell you the course start date. You will be made either an Unconditional offer or a Conditional offer.

An Unconditional offer will mean that you have met any entrance requirements of the university or college and that they are happy to have you on the course. They will contact you if they require proof of your qualifications and the offer may also have other conditions (e.g. medical or financial) that you will have to meet before you can enrol on the course.

A Conditional offer will mean that the offer made to you is based on you meeting certain conditions (e.g. you may have to achieve certain exam results or attain a certain number of UCAS Tariff points - see UCAS Tariff Table on page 22). You will be required to meet these conditions of your offer by the 31 August 2012 even if your offer is deferred for entry onto a course in 2013.

A guide to when you can expect decisions on your choices

When UCAS received your application	Latest date you can expect a final decision about your choices
By 15 January 2012	10 May 2012
Between 16 January and 30 June 2012	19 July 2012

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3.3 Replying to offers

When all the universities or colleges have made decisions on whether to offer you a place and you receive at least one offer, UCAS will email you to let you know there has been a change to your application, and ask you to look on **Track**. If you haven't provided a valid email address you will receive a letter which will ask you to reply to your offers.

If you receive some offers that you wish to accept you do not have to wait for decisions from your other choices. You will be able to use **Track** on the UCAS website to cancel the choices you are waiting to hear back from.

When you receive your 'Replying to Offers' email or letter please ensure that you reply at the very latest by the deadline given on the email or letter.

If you miss this date your offers will be withdrawn.

You will be asked to reply to each offer in the following way:

- Firm acceptance (**F**)
- Insurance acceptance (**I**)
- Decline (**D**)

You can accept offers in the following combinations

(excluding Art and Design Route B)

CF	Conditional offer F irmly accepted
CF + CI	Conditional offer F irmly accepted + a C onditional offer you accept as an I nsurance
CF + UI	Conditional offer F irmly accepted + an U nconditional offer you accept as an I nsurance
UF	U nconditional offer F irmly accepted You cannot select an I nsurance choice

3.4 Extra

If you find yourself without any offers and you have used all your five choices, you will become eligible for **Extra**. This will allow you to have another choice without having to wait until Clearing. Extra operates from the end of February to the end of June. In Extra, you apply for one course at a time using the **Track** service on the UCAS website.

If you become eligible for Extra, a button will appear on your Track screen which you can use to apply for a course in Extra. **Course Search** will tell you which courses have vacancies - an 'x' will be displayed next to any available courses.

Universities and colleges make their own decisions and UCAS is not responsible for their decisions. If you would like feedback on any decisions, please contact the universities and colleges concerned.

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Student Support / Fees

4.1

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are the amount universities or colleges will charge you each year to study. They vary depending on where you study and what you study.

From September 2012 universities and colleges in the public sector in England can charge new full-time students up to £9,000 a year. There are no restrictions on the amount private colleges or universities can charge.

If you're a full-time student studying on your first higher education course, you can get a government loan for your tuition fees.

Tuition fee loans are paid back when you are earning over £21,000 a year.

4.2

Student Loans & Grants

To cover the costs of studying you can apply for:

- a Tuition Fee Loan to cover your tuition fees – this is paid directly to your university or college each year
- a Maintenance Loan that you can use for rent etc if you are a full-time student
- a Maintenance Grant if your household income (including your parents' or partner's income) is less than £42,600 and you are a full-time student
- scholarships and bursaries offered by the college or university where you plan to study
- extra financial help if you have a disability or children or adult dependants you need to support while you study

You will have to pay back any loans plus interest once you complete your course and start earning more than £21,000. Part-time

students who earn over £21,000 have to start paying back their loans after three years if their course hasn't finished. You don't have to pay back grants, scholarships or bursaries.

From 2012/13 you can get a Tuition Fee Loan of up to:

- £9,000 for new full-time students, including full-time distance learning students
- £6,750 for part-time students whose courses are at least 25 per cent of a full-time course each year (eg. four years instead of one year full time)
- £6,000 if you study on an approved full-time course at a private university or college
- £4,500 for students on an approved part-time course at a private university or college whose courses are at least 25 per cent of a full-time course each year (eg. four years instead of one year full time)

The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to your university or college.

The Tuition Fee Loan may not cover the full cost of your tuition if you're studying on an approved course at a private university or college.

Only full-time students can get Maintenance Loans and Maintenance Grants for their living costs.

The maximum Maintenance Loan for new students starting in September 2012 is:

- £5,500 if you live away from home and study at a university or college outside London
- £7,675 if you live away from home and study at a university or college in London
- £4,375 if you live at home

Student Support / Fees

You can also apply for:

- a full Maintenance Grant of £3,250 if your household income is £25,000 or under
- a partial Maintenance Grant if your household income is between £25,000 and £42,600

These loans and grants are paid into your bank account at the start of each term, once you've registered on your course.

Scottish universities will set their own fees for students from the rest of the UK from 2012-13. An upper limit of £9,000 will be introduced in time for the 2013-14 academic year, and until then Scottish universities have voluntarily agreed to follow this upper limit.

At the moment, students from the rest of the UK studying in Scotland pay £1,820 a year, or £2,895 if studying medicine. In comparison, from 2012-13 fees in England are estimated to average £8,665.

To ensure Scottish universities aren't seen as a cheap option, and to protect places for Scottish students, from 2012-13 Scottish universities will be able to set their own fees for students from the rest of the UK.

Fees will range from £1,800 to an upper limit of £9,000. All Scottish universities have voluntarily agreed to this upper fee limit. However, legislation will be introduced to make this the most they are legally allowed to charge from 2013-14.

Despite the increase, Scottish university fees are still expected to be, on average, lower than in England

If you live in Wales

You can apply for finance through Student Finance Wales. Find out at the website: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

If you live in Scotland

Your application for student finance will be dealt with by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). Find out at the SAAS website: www.saas.gov.uk

If you live in Northern Ireland

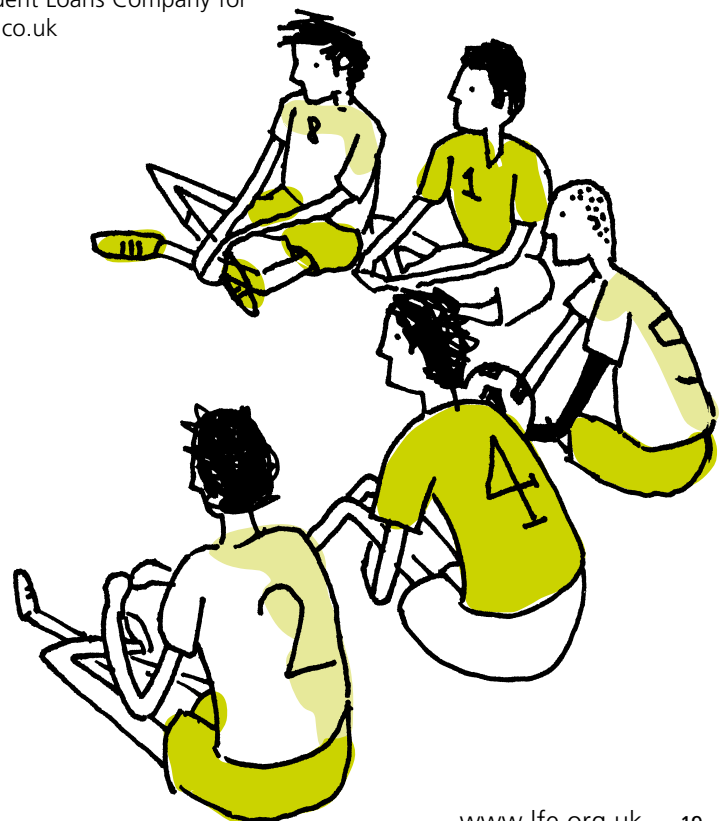
Your application for student finance will be dealt with by Student Finance ni. To find out more, visit the Student Finance ni website: www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

If you live in the Republic of Ireland

you can apply for finance through Student Finance ie. Find out more at the website: www.studentfinance.ie

For further information, you should do the following:

- Visit www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
- Contact the Student Loans Company for advice: www.slc.co.uk



Student Support / Fees

4.3

Bursaries

Bursaries and scholarships offer extra funding that you don't have to pay back. This extra funding, which is available through universities and colleges includes:

- bursaries to help with your living costs if you get the maximum grant available through the Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant
- scholarships if you meet conditions set by your university or college, based on your academic ability, home situation or subject of study

If you get the full Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant and pay the maximum tuition fee, your university or college has to offer you a minimum bursary of £338 in 2011/12

Bursaries and scholarships are paid in addition to your student loans and grants. They can be paid in cash or in another form - such as a discount on accommodation or books.

4.4

PFA Education Grants

PFA Education will provide grant aid for a variety of courses to help all members and ex-members of The PFA prepare for a second career. At the time of writing The PFA will provide up to a maximum of £1500 per year towards tuition fees.

If you wish to apply for grant aid funding please contact Pat Lally (Education Officer), or Oshor Williams at PFA Education.

Tel: 0161 236 0637

E-mail: education@thepfa.co.uk

PFA Education
2 Oxford Court
Bishopsgate
Manchester
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HARTPURY ACADEMY OF SPORT – THE CONCEPT

The very nature of our further education courses and undergraduate programmes means that we often attract very talented athletes who are as committed to their sport as they are to their academic studies. The Hartpury Academy of Sport concept enables talented athletes to continue their academic education whilst further developing their abilities and potential to become elite athletes within their chosen sport.

THE HARTPURY FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The aim of the Hartpury Football Academy is to attract and develop high quality football players to study at Hartpury College with a view to producing players that have the ability to play at professional and semi-professional levels.

The Academy has been in existence since 2002 and has gone from strength to strength in the years that have followed. The Hartpury Football Academy is split into two sections; Junior and Senior. The junior section caters for the further education side of the college and includes players aged 16-19 years. Junior success's include being crowned English Colleges National Champions in 2008, 2010 and retaining the trophy in 2011. We have also been crowned England Schools U18 Champions in 2009 and 2010. The seniors are made up of higher education students on degree or foundation degree programmes aged 18 years and upwards. Notable achievements with the seniors include winning the British Universities Southern Premier League for the past four years and British University Champions in both 2007, 2008 and again in 2011. The senior team are the current British Universities National Futsal Champions.

A number of Academy graduates have gained International Honours whilst playing for Hartpury. We have had a number of further education students represent England Colleges Under 18's and England Schools Under 18's with the games being showcased live on Sky Sports. We are also honoured to have had 19 higher education students who have represented the England University team. A number of these and current students are enjoying promising careers in both the football league and non-league levels. The list of clubs we have had players make 1st team appearances for are Cheltenham Town x 2, Hereford United x 1, BK Hacken (Sweden) x 1, Brisbane Roar (Australia) x 1, Exeter City x 1, Forest Green Rovers x 11. This season alone, 2010/11, we have 3 Forest Green squad players with more than 10 first team starts between them and one player on trial at Manchester City.

The quality and reputation of the Academy has led to an association with local Blue Square Premier Club, Forest Green Rovers and, League 2 side, Cheltenham Town; exposing Hartpury Academy players to the highest level of non-league football and lower league football, providing a realistic entry route into the full-time game.

Performance Development

The Academy has cultivated a winning culture by using a holistic and forward-thinking attitude towards both training and playing. Video analysis is used on a regular basis along with the latest conditioning and coaching techniques to create an environment where all individuals can reach their full potential.

Selection

The Football Academy is divided into two components: Junior and Senior. They both contain three teams. To play junior football, you need to be registered on an academic programme and be under 19 years of age. To play senior football, you need to be enrolled on a higher education programme, however there is no age restriction.

Trials are held prior to the start of term and at the beginning of the academic year. Please note that entry onto an academic programme does not automatically entitle you to a place on the Football Academy.

Scholarships and Bursaries

To support top level young players in the Football Academy, Hartpury offers scholarships and bursaries. These are given on individual merit and assessed at the end of each year.

UCAS Tariff Table

GCE / VCE Qualifications				BTEC Nationals ¹			OCR Nationals ²			Points	Irish Leaving Cert		Scottish Qualifications				Advanced Placement Programme ³		Key Skills
GCE AS/AS VCE	GCE AS Double Award	GCE A Level/AVCE	GCE/AVCE Double Award	Award Subsidiary	Certificate Diploma	Diploma Extended Diploma	Certificate	Diploma	Extended Diploma		Higher	Ordinary	Advanced Higher	Higher	Int 2	Standard Grade	Group A	Group B	
						DDD			D1	360									
						DDM			D2/M1	320									
						DMM			M2	280									
			AA		DD	MMM		D	M3	240									
			AB							220									
			BB		DM	MMP		M1	P1	200									
			BC							180									
			CC		MM	MPP		M2/P1	P2	160									
			CD							140									
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	AB									110									
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Useful Websites

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service	www.ucas.ac.uk
Direct Gov	www.direct.gov.uk
Student Finance Wales	www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
The Student Awards Agency for Scotland	www.saas.gov.uk
Student Finance Northern Ireland	www.studentfinancenir.co.uk
National Union of Students	www.nus.org.uk
The Professional Footballers Association	www.givemefootball.com
The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education	www.qaa.ac.uk
Unistats – Compare UK Universities and Colleges	www.unistats.com
The Council for Industry and Higher Education	www.cihe-uk.com
The Times Higher Education Supplement	www.timeshighereducation.co.uk
The Independent	www.independent.co.uk/student





LOUGHBOROUGH
SPORT

Elite Sport at **Loughborough University**

Loughborough is Britain's no.1 University for sport having won the overall British Universities & Colleges competition for the last 33 years in a row. In 2012 we are hosting Team GB and Japan for the London Olympic Games.

Our football programme is at the forefront of this success, we host the Nike Academy and have a brand new stadium opening in 2012. As well as a host of alumni working within Premier League clubs this past year we have had several players signing professional contracts including Bradley Pritchard (Charlton Athletic), Rob Edmans (Dagenham & Redbridge) and Anthony Church (Grimsby Town).

Loughborough University offers a wide range of courses across a broad spectrum of subjects from Business, Sciences, Engineering, European Studies, Computer Sciences, Sports Science, as well as Foundation Degree programmes in a variety of areas.

We also work in partnership with Loughborough College and have developed several University validated sport related courses.

Foundation Degree in Sports Science (C600)
Foundation Degree in Sports Science, Sports Development and Management (N222)
Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching (CX61)

In their third year students have the option of applying to the BSc In Applied Sports Science or for 3rd year entry at Loughborough University, School of Sport, Exercise & Health Sciences.

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