

# Choosing the right University Course



**So you have decided to study at University, but there are so many courses to choose from – how do you pick the right 5 choices?**



# Research is key!

**Research – Its free!** (Please see UCAS Course search handout) UCAS has a new search Dashboard this year. You can register and save your searches as you go.

Attend Open Days – get a feel for the University and more information about the course you are interested in. Not sure when the opens days are? Check out [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

Speak to friends, parents, ACE team and tutors about the courses you are interested in.

Your careers advisor is here to help you. Book in an appointment with Michelle or Colleen in Programme Management if you need advice or support making an decision.

One of the most common mistakes students make when searching is NOT checking the Entry Requirements first.



If you see a course you are interested in, before you go any further check the entry requirements. What grades is the University asking for? **We advise students not to go over a grade above their predicted grades.** You are best sticking your predicted grades, if you achieve better grades there is always clearing

**HINT:** Choose your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice as a backup if you don't get the grades you are predicted

## Don't skim read course content!



Universities may offer the same course, but will specialise in different areas of the industry. Read the course content to ensure you are studying the modules you are interested in.

Find out what students are up to after they graduate from a particular subject from the University, including the percentage of who has continued their study. What types of professions are they in?





# Type of University

## City Living



## Campus Living



Universities are clustered into groups - including Russell Groups and University Alliance, which tells you something about the overall University ambitions. Check out [www.unistats.co.uk](http://www.unistats.co.uk) for more information.

Some Universities have particularly active political scenes or top Sports achievers, while others have really strong student Unions or lots of societies to get involved in.

**HINT: Choose your University wisely- your going to be spending 3 years studying there!**



Over the summer do your research, visit Open days and get advice!

We expect you to come back to College in September with a UCAS Dashboard full of courses of interest, ready to narrow down and make your choices!

To book an appointment with Colleen or Michelle

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