

How it works: applying to a UK university or college

1
Apply online.

Find courses in the UCAS search tool. Check entry requirements and application deadlines:

- **15 October** – all courses at Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, veterinary science / medicine and dentistry.
- **15 January** – the majority of courses.
- **24 March** – some art and design courses.

The universities or colleges will decide whether to make you an offer. It'll be

- either unconditional if you've already met the entry requirements.
- or conditional if the offer's based on your exam results.

2
Wait to hear back.

If you're not accepted by all five universities or colleges, or you decline the offers you receive, you can use Extra to apply for more choices, one at a time.

3
Reply to your offers.

Once all the decisions are in, you have to reply to your offers by a specific deadline.

- Select a firm choice – this is your first choice.
- If your firm choice is conditional, select an insurance choice too, if you want – this is a back-up choice in case you don't meet the conditions for your firm choice.
- Decline any other offers.

You'll see in Track if your place is confirmed.

- If your firm choice is unconditional – the place is yours!
- If your place is conditional, the university or college will update your status when they have your exam results or other evidence that you've met the conditions.
- You may be unsuccessful if you don't meet the conditions – in this case you can use Clearing to apply for more courses.

4
Find out if you've got your place.

If you do better than expected, and meet and exceed the conditions of your firm choice, you can look for an alternative course using **Adjustment**, if you want to.