

Lancaster
University



Introduction to Higher Education: Why University?

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UK Student Recruitment and Outreach





Where are we?

North West of England
South of the Lake District
2.5 Hours from London
1 Hour from Liverpool and Manchester

Why Consider University?

Choosing a Course

Researching Universities

The Application Process

Questions

What will University mean to you?





“Independent Living”



Volunteer at University

LUSU (Lancaster University Students' Union) offer volunteering schemes for:

Schools work

Community Work

Environmental Work

University Events

From being a teaching assistant to youth work, crime prevention to local conservation there are opportunities for all interests, with **many inherent benefits.**

Participants attain many employable skills, but the benefits they **give back** through their work often outweigh any personal gain.



Travel at University

A chance to see a new part of the world

Can go for a vacation, term or Year?

Make friends for life

Communication, confidence and team working skills



“The study abroad experience has given me the opportunity to do things I would never be able to do at home and I have enjoyed every minute of it.”

Sports

You can compete at 3 levels:

Novice
Inter-college (Lancaster)
Elite



Try Something new?

A new sport?
A different team?
Better facilities?
Regional, National and International
competitions



Societies

Over 200 groups and societies
Academic related or hobby
Not all sports based

Constantly growing

In 2014/15, over 50 new societies
were founded at Lancaster
Carry on a life long passion
Meet people with similar interests!



Advertising
American Football

Art
Airsoft
Athletics
Baking
Ballroom Dancing
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cartoons and Comics
Christian Union
Comedy
Consulting
Dance
Debating
Disney

Dr Who
Economics
Engineering
Entrepreneurs
FIFA
Film
Feminists
Football
Gaming
Harry Potter
Hip Hop
Hockey
Italian
Kickboxing
Law
Lego

Marketing
Modelling
Music
Netball
Photography
Pokémon
Rugby Union/League
Rowing
Real Ale and Cider
Running
Sailing
Scandinavian
Star Wars
Swimming
Tea Appreciation
Theatre

Choosing a University and a Course



**+ 390 Higher Education
Institutions**



+50,000 Courses



Where to start?

What is your favourite subject at Sixth Form/College?

What subject have you been most successful in?

What interests you most?

What job do you want after university?



Traditional Courses

English
Mathematics
Sciences
Geography
Art



Courses often unavailable in Sixth Forms/Colleges

Accounting
Medicine
Linguistics
Ecology and Conservation





Specialised Subjects

Circus and Physical Performance
Ethical Hacking
Baking Technology Management
Pollution Science

Combined Subjects

Politics and Economics
Management and Languages
Criminology and Psychology



Researching Universities





Researching Universities

Entry Requirements

Campus or City?

League Tables, TEF and NSS

Home or Away?

Study Abroad / Industry Links

University Facilities

Accommodation

Entry Requirements

Traditional
qualifications or
UCAS points?
EPQ?

Require an
Interview?

Are specific
qualifications
needed?

Studied at the
same sitting?

Campus?

Community and Safety

Self-contained and student oriented

More Part-time Jobs?

City?

Amenities and Services

Independence and Freedom

More Part-time Jobs?



League Tables

Independent sources of information

Looks at both universities and departments

Examples include The Times and Sunday Times,
The Complete University Guide and The
Guardian

However....

Different league tables use different criteria –
compare sources!

▼	1st	► 0	Cambridge	592 ■■■■	4.14 ■■■■	3.33 ■■■■	87.8 ■■■■
▼	2nd	► 0	Oxford	570 ■■■■	4.13 ■■■■	3.34 ■■■■	83.7 ■■■■
▼	3rd	▲ 2	St Andrews	525 ■■■■	4.38 ■■■■	3.13 ■■■■	83.3 ■■■■
▼	4th	▼ 1	London School of Economics	537 ■■■■	3.75 ■■■■	3.35 ■■■■	84.4 ■■■■
▼	5th	▼ 1	Imperial College London	552 ■■■■	3.99 ■■■■	3.36 ■■■■	90.3 ■■■■
▼	6th	► 0	Durham	519 ■■■■	4.16 ■■■■	3.14 ■■■■	83.2 ■■■■
▼	7th	▲ 3	University College London	501 ■■■■	3.97 ■■■■	3.22 ■■■■	87.2 ■■■■
▼	8th	► 0	Warwick	478 ■■■■	4.12 ■■■■	3.22 ■■■■	80.3 ■■■■
▼	9th	► 0	Lancaster	402 ■■■■	4.17 ■■■■	3.15 ■■■■	82.6 ■■■■
▼	10th	▼ 3	Loughborough	400 ■■■■	4.18 ■■■■	2.95 ■■■■	85.1 ■■■■
▼	11th	► 0	Bath	479 ■■■■	4.16 ■■■■	3.17 ■■■■	84.9 ■■■■
▼	12th	▲ 2	East Anglia (UEA)	407 ■■■■	4.16 ■■■■	3.11 ■■■■	73.9 ■■■■

Pick a subject area

Main table



2018 ↓	2017 ↓	Institution ↓	Guardian score/100 ↓
1	1	Cambridge »	100
2	2	Oxford »	98.1
3	3	St Andrews »	94.5
4	6	Durham »	84.2
5	10	Bath »	81.9
6	7	Imperial College »	81
6	4	Loughborough »	81
8	9	Warwick »	80.9
9	8	Lancaster »	80.8
10	4	Surrey »	78
10	14	UCL »	78
12	15	Coventry »	76.7
13	11	Exeter »	76.2
14	16	Leeds »	75.8
15	12	London School of Economics »	74.5
15	13	Birmingham »	74.5
17	19	York »	74.3
18	24	UEA »	74.2
19	25	Nottingham »	72.9
20	20	Sussex »	72.5
21	39	University for the Creative Arts »	72.2
22	23	Kent »	71.7

Learning at University





Can Include:
Lectures
Laboratory practicals
Seminars
Group work
Independent study

With a variety of Assessments:
Essays
Reports
Group projects
Lab books
Presentations
Worksheets



Example timetable for Maths



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am			MATH111 (Numbers and Relations) LECTURE	MATH101 (Calculus) LECTURE	
10am					
11am	MATH111 (Numbers and Relations) LECTURE	Psychology 101 Minor Subject	MATH101 (Calculus) LECTURE	Psychology 101 Minor Subject	MATH101 COMPUTER LAB
12pm			Psychology 101 Minor Subject		MATH101 (Calculus) LECTURE
1pm					MATH111 WORKSHOP
2pm	MATH111 PROBLEM-SOLVING CLASS	MATH111 (Numbers and Relations) LECTURE	Practice for university football team (finish 6pm)	MATH101 WORKSHOP	
3pm			-		Psychology 101 Minor Subject
4pm	Psychology 101 Minor Subject		-	MATH111 (Numbers and Relations) LECTURE	
5pm		MATH101 (Calculus) LECTURE	-		Meet Muay Thai society for event

Applying to University



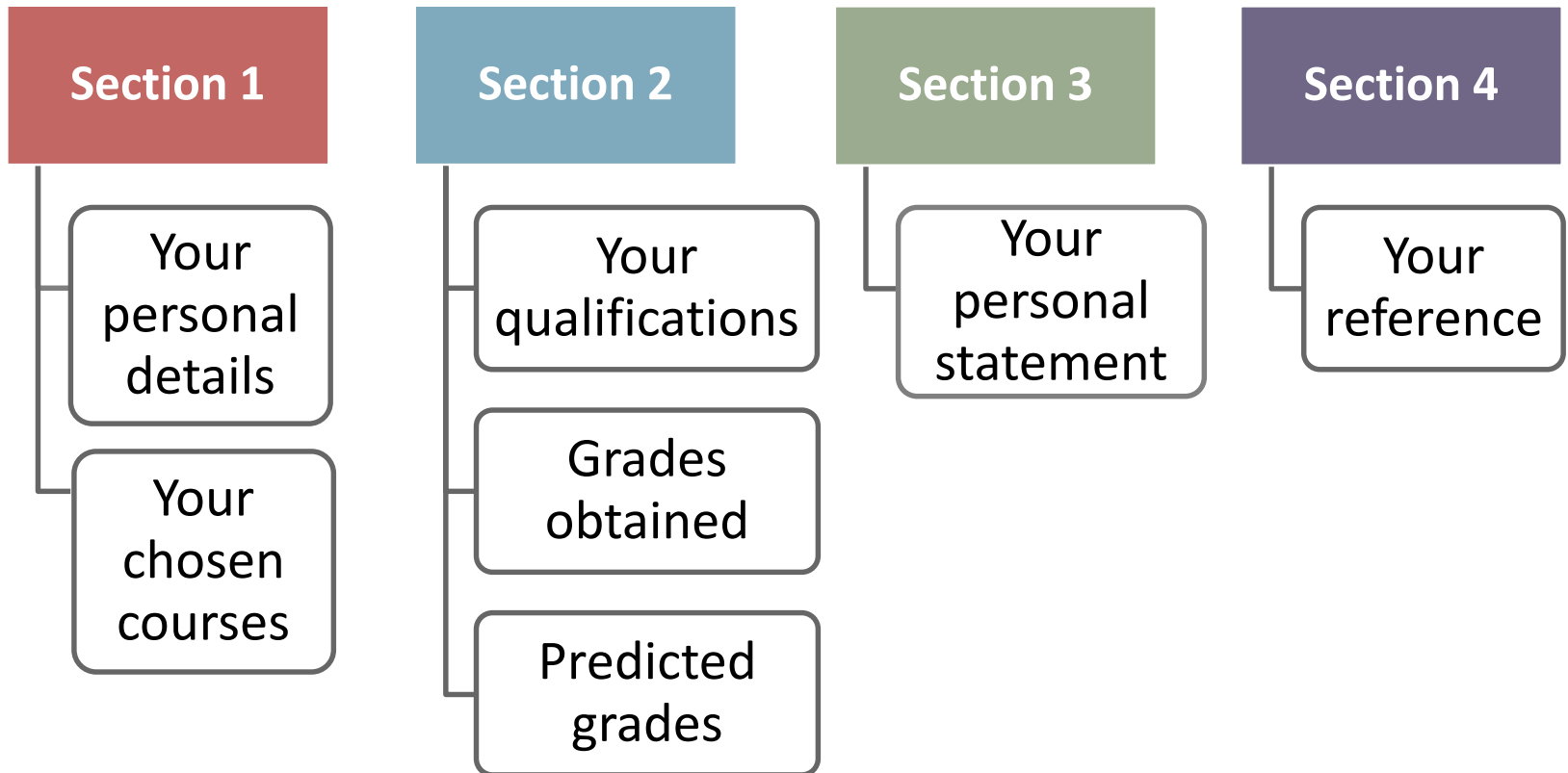
UCAS

Universities and Colleges
Admissions Service

Register with UCAS and apply

Add up to 5 universities
(4 for some courses)

Offers on a conditional or
unconditional basis



What is a Personal Statement?

4,000 characters (47 lines of text) to show a university why they should consider your application

How are Personal Statements used?

Providing basis for interview questions
Evidence of voluntary / work experience
Considering borderline cases
A chance for universities to learn about you

Imagine you are being
interviewed...

“Why do YOU want to study
this subject, and what makes
YOU the right person for the
course?”

Ultimately, your personal statement should
answer this question



REMEMBER:

You can't guarantee getting an interview.

This means that your Personal Statement is
your chance to stand out from other
applicants and say something...

So say something!



University will be what you make
of it...

So make the most of it, and enjoy!



Open Days 2019

29th June

13th July

7th September

14th September

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