

Choosing your course



Choosing the subject you're passionate about

- **Engagement and motivation:** if you're passionate about the subject, it'll make it easier to stay focussed and succeed.
- **Develop your knowledge:** fully immerse yourself in learning and research, leading to personal and academic growth.
- **Flexible modules:** shape your degree around your specific interests.



Research is key

- **Use the UCAS website:** this is an excellent starting point. It allows you to search for undergraduate courses across UK universities.
- **Explore University websites:** visit the official website of universities you are interested in. You'll find comprehensive details about their courses, campus facilities and student life.
- **Attend University Fairs and Open Days:** gain first hand experience of what different institutions offer
- **Assess entry requirements:** do you meet the entry requirements?



Research the course

- **Curriculum:** review the topics covered. Does it match your interests?
- **Modules:** check if the course offers flexibility in module choices, enabling you to specialise in topics that appeal to you.
- **Course delivery:** look into the balance between lectures, seminars, practical and group work. Does the course offer a mix of teaching styles that suit your learning preferences?
- **Industry links:** does the course have strong connections with relevant industries
- **Field trips:** opportunities to gain real-world insights and practical knowledge.



Work placements

- **Internships:** often short-term positions within a company, typically lasting from a few weeks to several months.
- **Sandwich placements:** year long placements, usually taken between the second and third years of your degree.
- **Location:** they can be in Leicester, other UK locations or abroad.



Choosing your university



Campus facilities

- **Library:** is it well-equipped with extended hours, access to digital resources and quiet study areas.
- **Laboratories and specialised facilities:** if your course is practical or research-based, check the labs, equipment and technical resources available to you.
- **Sports facilities:** on-campus gym, sports hall and fields.
- **Social clubs and societies**
- **Spiritual services and prayer rooms**
- **On campus dining**
- **Accommodation**



Student Union

- **Representation:** Student Union represents their students' interests at the university, including issues relating to academic policies, campus life and welfare. Elected student officers ensure your voice is heard.
- **Clubs and Societies:** social and academic groups, or sports teams.
- **Events and activities** (including Freshers Week)
- **Advice and Support:** academic issues, financial support, mental health, housing and personal issues.



Sports teams and societies

- **Join a community:** become part of a vibrant student community, connecting with like-minded individuals who share your interests.
- **Explore new interests** – continue a hobby or find a new one.
- **Enhance your CV** – take on leadership roles or working within teams helps develop valuable skills such as teamwork and communication.



Accommodation

- **Cost:** check rent, additional fees and available payment plans.
- **Room:** room size, building condition. Ensure it's well-maintained and suitable for studying and relaxing.
- **Communal spaces:** you may wish to look for shared kitchens, lounges and study areas to support both socialising and academics needs.
- **Location:** is the accommodation close to your academic building and campus facilities?
- **Transport:** consider transport links and cost if required.



Student Support and Wellbeing

- **Student Advice Centre:** free confidential advice on a range of issues.
- **Counselling and Mental Health Services**
- **Disability Support**
- **Financial Support**
- **Wellbeing workshops**
- **Crisis Support**



Open Days

- **Discover your fit:** open days give you the chance to explore if the university feels like the right place for you.
- **Meet the community:** meet current students and fellow prospective students to get a sense of the social environment.
- **Connect with academics:** learn more about the course you're interested in and who will teach you.
- **Explore campus life:** explore everything the university offers beyond academics.



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