

HIGHER EDUCATION

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BURSARY

Extra financial help provided by a university or college for students from households on lower incomes. It does not have to be paid back.

CAMPUS UNIVERSITY

A university situated on one dedicated site, with student accommodation, teaching and research facilities, and sports facilities all in one place.

CITY UNIVERSITY

A university where student accommodation, teaching and research facilities, and sports facilities are spread out across a city.

CLEARING

An online UCAS service you can use to look for courses with vacancies if you didn't get a place, declined your offers or didn't get the grades needed.

COMBINED HONOURS

Also known as a Joint Honours, this degree allows you to study more than one subject and combine them into a single qualification.

DEFERRED ENTRY

Applying for a course then taking a year out before going to university the following academic year. You might travel, work or study during this time.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

A programme where you combine working with an employer with studying part-time at a university to gain a full bachelor's degree. You earn a wage.

FOUNDATION DEGREE

A work-related qualification designed with employers lasting two years. You have the option to 'top up' to a honours degree with further study when you finish.

FOUNDATION YEAR

A year-long introductory course designed to help students prepare for an undergraduate degree. Normally an extra year at the beginning of a degree.

HE

Stands for Higher Education. This is when you can study for a qualification over Level 4+. You must have completed Further Education (FE) beforehand.

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OPEN DAY	A day when universities invite students who are thinking of applying to visit. They often include campus and accommodation tours, subject talks, and finance talks.
OXBRIDGE	Informal name for Oxford and Cambridge universities.
POSTGRADUATE	A student who has completed an undergraduate degree and is now studying for a more advanced degree, such as a Masters or PhD.
SANDWICH COURSE	A degree course that includes a placement away from the university. You might spend time working in a related industry or studying abroad.
SCHOLARSHIP	A financial award given to students based on a range of criteria, such as academic, sporting, or musical achievements. These do not have to be paid back.
STUDENT LOAN	A loan available to all students to cover tuition fees & living costs. It has to be paid back but only once you have graduated & are earning over a certain amount.
SU	Stands for Students' Union. These are democratically elected student groups that organise social events, run sports and societies, and provide all kinds of support.
TUITION FEES	These cover the cost of your study and may vary depending on what and where you study.
UCAS	Stands for Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. This is the online service students use to apply to Higher Education in the UK.
UNDERGRADUATE	A student in higher education who is studying for their first degree. The most common types of degree are Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BSc).