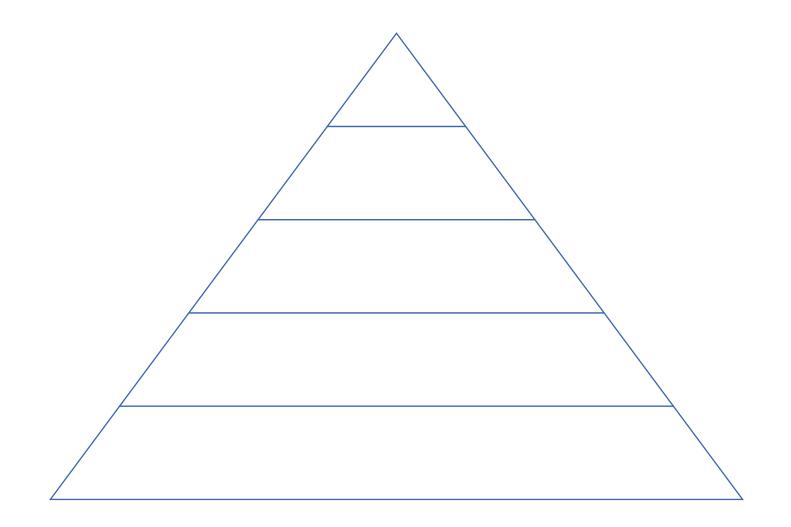


Pyramid of choice

Think about the key factors influencing your choice of course and university, referring back to steps 5 and 6 on the presentation.

Put them in priority order with the most important at the top of the pyramid.





Create your own league table

Add in the key factors most important for you in the row along the top. Some possible examples to include: assessment type, entry requirements, modules/options/content, placement opportunities, location, facilities, accommodation/living costs, student satisfaction, graduate destinations...

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<u>Finding the information – key websites</u>

The following sources of information will help you to find out more:

- Course listings and entry requirements: <u>UCAS</u> <u>What Uni</u> <u>The Uni Guide</u>
- University websites (specific course information pages)
- Subject guides: UCAS Subject Guides The Uni Guide subject guides The Complete University Guide
- Degree idea generator: <u>SACU</u>
- Common career options with different degree subjects: <u>Prospects Jobs with my degree</u>
- Job profiles (for when you have a career in mind and want to check out the route and qualifications needed):

Prospects Careerpilot - job sectors National Careers Service

- Student satisfaction and graduate destinations: Discover Uni
- League tables: The Complete University Guide The Guardian Times Higher Education The Uni Guide
- Open days: <u>Open Days.com</u>
- Finance: <u>Blackbullion</u> <u>Student Finance</u> <u>The Scholarship Hub</u>



University open day checklist

Some general questions you could ask are:

- How many hours teaching are there each week?
- How is the course assessed? What is the breakdown of assessment methods?
- What choice of modules are there in each year of study? Can I choose modules outside of this course?
- What placement opportunities are there? Which organisations does this course have links with?
- Do I need to have done relevant work experience before I start on this course?
- What books/equipment do I need to buy? What online resources do you recommend?
- Where have previous graduates from this course gone on to work?
- Where is the accommodation in relation to the rest of the campus?
- What is the Students' Union on campus like? What services do they provide?
- What are the campus accommodation costs?
- What are the study / social spaces on campus like?
- What clubs/groups/societies are available?
- What is the city/town like? Nightlife, transport links, costs?

Also, 'The Uni Guide' website has helpful printable checklists by specific subject area:

Open day subject specific question checklists