

Why go to university?

Only you can decide if going to university is right for you. Remember, it's important to research all your options when making decisions.

When thinking about university as an option please consider these points:

1. What does going to university mean to you? Passion for subject, continue your learning and development, to pursue a particular career, to be intellectually challenged, to learn essential life skills, to help get or find a better job. Trying to dissect what's important to you will help you consider the right courses, universities and locations.
2. What will study at degree level be like? Specialising in a subject, developing skills in critical and analytical thinking to explore the subject at depth, research, professional training and industry understanding.
3. Employment prospects are strong. Current statistics show that unemployment 6 months after graduation is low at 5.1%, and 73.9% of graduates needed their degree to enter their job as they are working in professional or managerial roles.
4. You don't need to have a clear career goal in mind when you start university. Many employers recruit graduates from any degree background. Some of these include Asda, Deloitte, Sky and the Civil Service.
5. Loan repayments are manageable, at just £3.60 per month if you earn £27,000 a year. About 80% of students will not pay the loan back in full before the loan is wiped out.
6. You'll develop key skills and qualities valued by employers by studying a degree, undertaking work placements and extra-curricular activities during your time at university.

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

- Course listings and entry requirements: [UCAS](#) [What Uni](#) [The Uni Guide](#)
- Ideas generators: [The Uni Guide](#) [Careerpilot](#) [SACU](#)
- 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](#)
- Common career options with different degree subjects: [Prospects - Jobs with my degree](#)
- Subject guides: [UCAS - Subject Guides](#) [The Uni Guide - subject guides](#) [The Complete University Guide](#)
- League tables: [The Complete University Guide](#) [The Guardian](#) [Times Higher Education](#) [The Uni Guide](#)
- Open days: [Open Days.com](#)
- Finance: [Blackbullion](#) [Student Finance](#) [The Scholarship Hub](#)

Remember to start NOW as research takes time. Make an action plan. Have a Plan A and a Plan B.

If you have further questions about planning for Higher Education, email us at: prehecareersadviser@uwe.ac.uk