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Making the Most of a University Open Day

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What we will cover

Outcomes

- Understand the importance of an open day
- Understand how to plan for an open day
- Evaluate the open day

UCAS



What can you study: True or False?

Yacht and Powercraft Design

True – Southampton Solent

David Beckham Studies

False

Farm Livestock Production

True – Writtle College (Essex)

Glass

True – Swansea Metropolitan

Horse Racing

False

Wine Business

True – Plumpton College

Extreme Sports Studies

False

Reality TV Production

False

Leather Studies

True – Northampton

Gambling Studies

False

Disaster Management

True – Coventry



Choosing the course and university

Activity

What should you consider when
choosing a course?
Think of 3 things...

What should you consider when
choosing a university?
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Why attend an open day?

Prospectuses and online information is important...but, remember they are marketing tools to 'sell you' their university.

Open days gives you a feel for the place you will be spending up to seven years of your life studying, socialising and focusing on your career path.

Atmosphere
Subject Talks
Course Facilities
Meeting Current Students



Types of Qualifications

HNC / HND, BA, BSc, LLB

Combined Honours – Learning two subject areas

Foundation Degree / Foundation Year

Placement Year / Year in Industry

Professional Accreditation



Entry Requirements

Think about your strengths and the type of learner you are; for example do you prefer exams and/or coursework.

What are you predicted/actual grades?

Speak to careers advisors, tutors, teachers, family and friends to get them to support your decision

Don't over-sell or under-sell yourself

If you're predicted ABB think about universities who have the same entry requirements and also those who are around that entry requirement, such as ABC, BBC, AAB...

Tariff calculator - 2017 entry

How to use the calculator

Calculate points to use for courses starting from September 2017 onwards:

- 1 Type your qualification into the box and select it from the list that appears
- 2 Enter the subject you're studying (this is optional)
- 3 Select your grade from the dropdown list - the Tariff points for this qualification will automatically be displayed
- 4 Click 'Add' to add another qualification
- 5 Click 'Calculate my points total' to view an indicative Tariff points total

+ Make sure you understand how UCAS points work

Add your qualifications

Qualification	Subject	Grade	Points
e.g. A level, BTEC, Scottish Higher	Subject (optional)	<div></div>	0

Add

All qualifications added?

Indicative total points: 0

Calculate my points total

Email my points to

Email address

Send

Where do I start?

Use various websites dedicated to university open days to start planning what universities you want to visit. Take into consideration the entry requirements, location and the content of the course looking at prospectuses and/or websites.



What type of course?

Professional: You know what you want to do
eg. Medicine / Engineering / Law

Vocational: You know the area of work you want to move into
eg. Management / Biochemistry / Media

Academic: You have a passion for a subject and want to learn more
eg. American Studies / Geography / History of Art

What is important to you?

Take questions with you that you can ask university staff and students. This could include:



Study



Placements / Internships



Study Abroad



Clubs & Societies



Sport



Social life

What is important to you?

Ask student ambassador questions too! They will give you a real life perspective on student life



Do league tables matter?

What does a league table actually tell you? What does Russell Group mean?

The Guardian

The Times

Complete University Guide

Sunday Times

World Rankings

Rank		University Name	Entry Standards	Student Satisfaction	Research Quality	Graduate Prospects	Overall Score	Next Steps	
1st	0	Cambridge	600	4.17	3.33	89.0	1000	PROFILE	COURSES
2nd	0	Oxford	574	4.17	3.34	86.7	998	PROFILE	COURSES
3rd	0	London School of Economics	518	3.89	3.35	78.5	940	PROFILE	COURSES
4th	0	Imperial College London	567	4.15	3.36	90.8	938	PROFILE	COURSES
5th	0	St Andrews	520	4.23	3.13	83.2	927	PROFILE	COURSES
6th	1	Durham	524	4.14	3.14	83.6	916	PROFILE	COURSES
7th	4	Loughborough	410	4.26	2.95	83.6	897	PROFILE	COURSES
8th	1	Warwick	485	4.09	3.22	79.5	889	PROFILE	COURSES
9th	0	Lancaster	423	4.17	3.15	82.6	885	PROFILE	COURSES
10th	3	University College London	505	3.95	3.22	82.9	880	PROFILE	COURSES
11th	0	Bath	478	4.18	3.17	85.1	870	PROFILE	COURSES

Key Statistics

14,179

Students

12.5

Student:Staff Ratio

36%

International Students

53 : 47

Female:Male Ratio

RUSSELL GROUP

What type of university?

Do you want to stay close to home or move far away?

Are you a town/city/county person?

Would you prefer large or small university?

Transport links?

Cost of living, nightlife and social life?

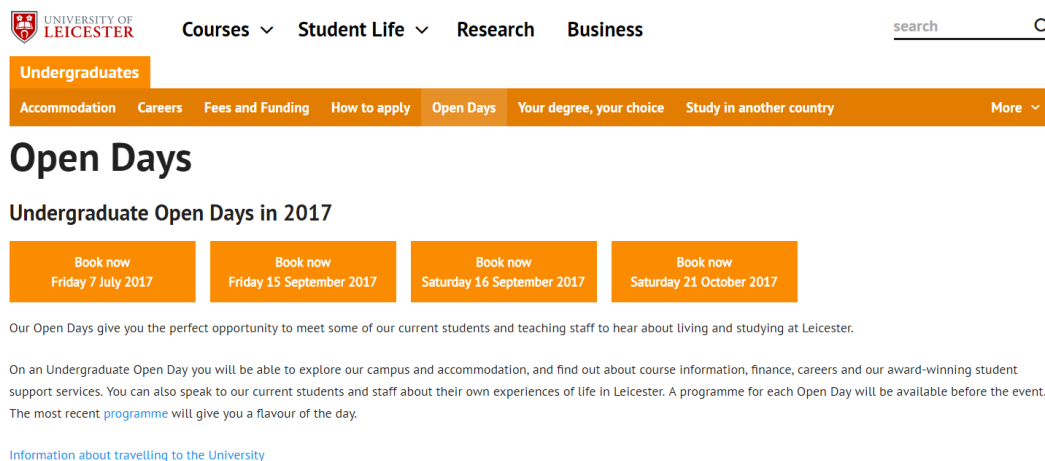


Booking on to Open Days

Get an idea of how many universities you want to visit.

Think about where they are in the UK. Remember there are 125+ universities and colleges that will have open days that clash.


Discuss with family or friends if they are able to attend the fair with you.



The screenshot shows the University of Leicester website. At the top is a navigation bar with the university logo, a search bar, and links for Courses, Student Life, Research, and Business. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Undergraduates, Accommodation, Careers, Fees and Funding, How to apply, Open Days, Your degree, your choice, Study in another country, and a More dropdown menu. The main heading is 'Open Days', followed by 'Undergraduate Open Days in 2017'. Below this are four orange buttons for booking: 'Book now Friday 7 July 2017', 'Book now Friday 15 September 2017', 'Book now Saturday 16 September 2017', and 'Book now Saturday 21 October 2017'. A paragraph explains that Open Days are opportunities to meet students and staff. Another paragraph states that on an Undergraduate Open Day, visitors can explore the campus, accommodation, and course information, and speak to current students and staff. A link to the most recent programme is provided. At the bottom, there is a link for 'Information about travelling to the University'.

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Courses ▾ Student Life ▾ Research Business

search 

Undergraduates

Accommodation Careers Fees and Funding How to apply Open Days Your degree, your choice Study in another country More ▾

Open Days

Undergraduate Open Days in 2017

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Our Open Days give you the perfect opportunity to meet some of our current students and teaching staff to hear about living and studying at Leicester.

On an Undergraduate Open Day you will be able to explore our campus and accommodation, and find out about course information, finance, careers and our award-winning student support services. You can also speak to our current students and staff about their own experiences of life in Leicester. A programme for each Open Day will be available before the event. The most recent [programme](#) will give you a flavour of the day.

[Information about travelling to the University](#)

Leading up to the open day

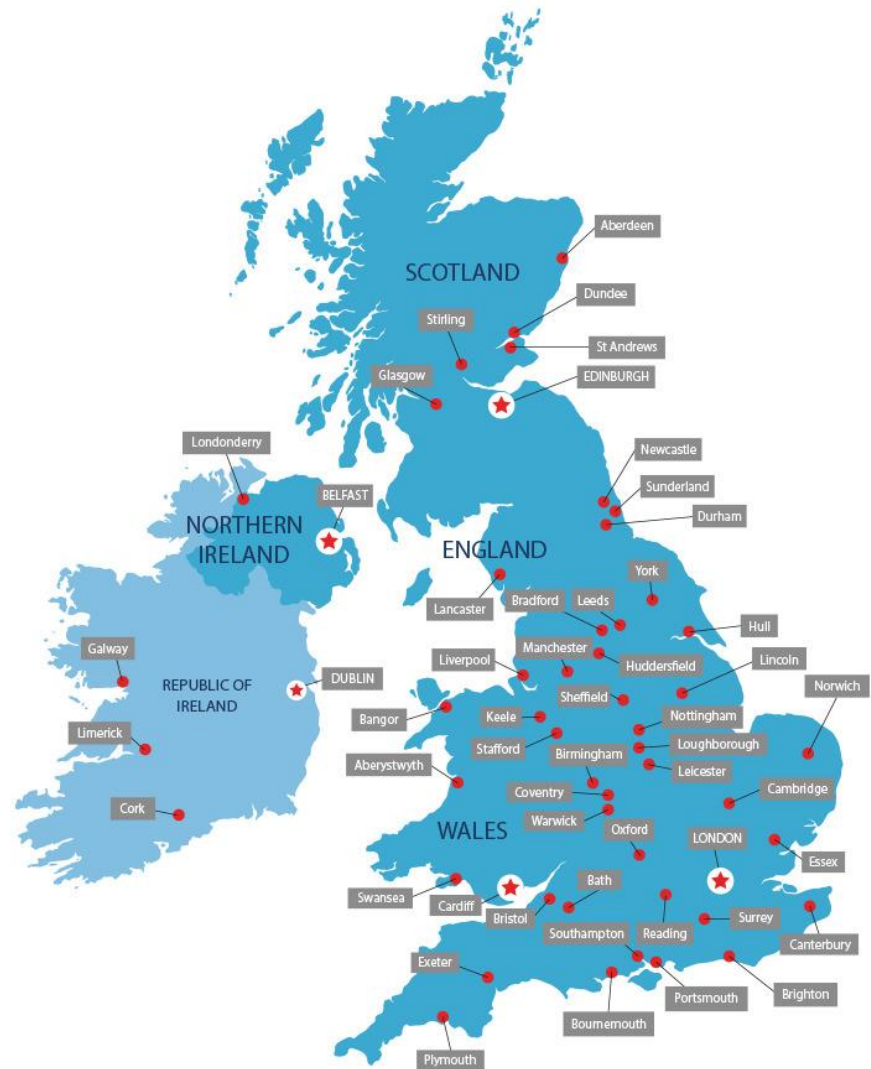
Check travel information – usually posted on university social media accounts or main websites.

Do you book overnight accommodation?

How far/close is the university from where you live?

Do you take the train, drive, coach or walk?

Will you have time to explore around the university?



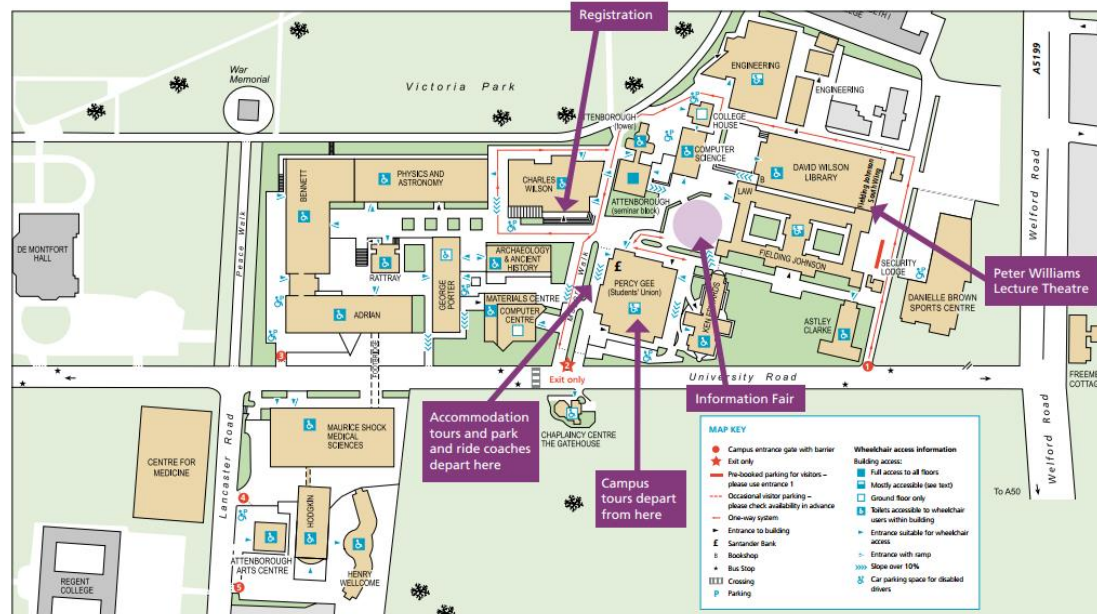
Planning your day

Once you have booked on to the open day, the university will send you details of the day. Including a campus map, travel information and a programme of activities.

Make sure you check you are registered on the right open day date and know the correct campus you are attending as some universities have multiple sites.

Familiarise yourself with the campus layout and where you need to meet. Take note of the travel arrangements that are in place for the day.

Campus map



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Planning your day: Example Programme

The programme will also be sent to you in advance. This will give you an opportunity to see what is available to see and who you are able to meet from your specific department.

There will also be central talks on student finance, UCAS and a welcome and student life talk

Try and make the most of your day. This may only be the only time you visit the university before you apply on your UCAS application.

Central Talks

	09.15 – 10.00	10.15 – 11.00	11.15 – 12.00	12.15 – 13.00	13.15 – 14.00	14.15 – 15.00	15.15 – 16.00
Accommodations at Leicester talks Meet and chat with a member of staff at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)	Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatres 1 and 2	Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatres 1 and 2		Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatres 1 and 2			Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 1
Careers Development at Leicester Meet and chat with a member of staff at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)	What to do with a Science degree? in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3	What to do with a Science degree? in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 5		What to do with a Science degree? in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 10		What to do with a Science degree? in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 10	What to do with an Arts/Social Sciences degree? in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3
Faith, Culture and Diversity at Leicester Drop-in to this informal Q&A session for students and parents to ask any questions you may have about diversity at University of Leicester		What to do with an Arts/Social Sciences degree? in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 10 (ground floor)				14.00 Informal Q&A drop-in session in the Attenborough building, room 001	
Music and the Arts at University of Leicester Meet and chat with a member of staff at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)	Attenborough Arts Centre, on Leicester Road, are offering free family drop-in workshops in the gallery from 13.00-15.00. There will also be guided tours of the Fabia Bust exhibition 11.30-12.00 and 13.30-14.00 leaving from the Attenborough Arts Centre. Visitors can also enjoy 15% off items for sale in our craft shop at Attenborough Arts Centre (13.00 – 15.00)						
Placements' sessions Payers are free to attend the same sessions as students, however feel free to explore the campus, attend some lectures or simply find a good spot for coffee. Any questions? Speak to a member of staff at the entrance.		Accommodation at Leicester in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing		Study Abroad talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3	Student Life in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building	Student Finance talk in Attenborough building, Lecture Theatre 3	UCAS Applying to University and Writing Personal Statements talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3
Student Finance talks Chat with a member of staff from our Student Welfare Service at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)		Talk in Attenborough building, Lecture Theatre 3			Talk in Attenborough building, Lecture Theatre 3		Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 2
Student Life at Leicester talks Delivered by current students			Talk in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building	Talk in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building		Talk in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building	
Students' Union Meet and chat with a member of staff at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)		Talk in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building		Talk in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building		Talk in the Training Room, lower ground floor, Percy Gee Students' Union building	
Study Abroad talks Meet and chat with a member of staff at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)			Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3			Talk in Attenborough building basement, Lecture Theatre 3	
UCAS Applying to University and Writing Personal Statements	Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 5					Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3	Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3
Welcome to the University of Leicester	Talk in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing	Talk in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing	Talk in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing	Talk in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing			Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 2

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Geography Meet and chat with staff over refreshments in the Geography department, 1st floor Bennett building (09.30 – 16.00). Tours of the department will also be available throughout the day		Taster Lecture in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 1		Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 1	Taster Lecture in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 1	Careers Development Service: What to do with a Science degree? in Bennett building, ground floor Lecture Theatre 10	
Geology Meet and chat with staff in the Geology department, ground floor Bennett building (09.30 – 16.00)	From 9.30 Staff available to welcome you in the Geology department, ground floor Bennett building	Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 8 (10.15 – 11.00), followed by a Q&A session and department tour, featuring a working seismometer, a display of rare volcanic rocks, and our very own dinosaur. Tour ends 12.30			13.30 Chat to staff in the Geology department, ground floor Bennett building	Talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 8 (14.15 – 15.00), followed by a Q&A session and department tour, featuring a working seismometer, a display of rare volcanic rocks, and our very own dinosaur. Tour ends 16.30	
History of Art Meet and chat with a member of the admissions team at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)		Careers Development Service: What to do with an Arts/Social Sciences degree? in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 10 (ground floor)		Taster Lecture: "Michelangelo – The Divine Artist" in David Wilson Library, 1st floor seminar room	Talk in David Wilson Library, 1st floor seminar room	Come and meet with staff over refreshments in the Attenborough building, room 111	Careers Development Service: What to do with an Arts/Social Sciences degree? in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3
History Meet and chat with a member of the admissions team at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)		Studying History at Leicester in Rattray Lecture Theatre	Taster Lecture: "Gin and other 18th-century Social Problems" in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 1	Taster Lecture: "Hollywood Indians: Pocahontas and the Romanticisation of American History" in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 3 (provided by Centre for American Studies)	Studying History at Leicester talk in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 1	Taster Lecture: "Writing the Lives of the Poor" in Bennett building, Lecture Theatre 1	
Law Meet and chat with a member of the admissions team at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00). From 10.00 – 15.00, meet the University of Leicester Law Society in Leicester Law School, Fielding Johnson building			Taster Lecture: "The Law of Finders Keepers" in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 1		Life as a Law Student talk by the Chair of University of Leicester Law Society and a tutorial with Martin George, Admissions Tutor for Law, in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing	Taster Lecture: "Equity" in Peter Williams Lecture Theatre, Fielding Johnson South Wing	
Management (incl. Accounting & Finance) Meet and chat with a member of the admissions team at the Information Fair in the Fielding Johnson Square marquee (09.00 – 16.00)		Taster Lecture in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3	Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3		Talk in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3	Taster Lecture in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3	Careers Development Service: What to do with an Arts/Social Sciences degree? in Ken Edwards building, Lecture Theatre 3

On the day: Example Questions

Questions about the course	Questions about the university
Is it accredited?	What accommodation is available?
Is a year studying abroad or in industry possible?	Does the university offer any scholarships?
Can you tell me more about admissions?	What are the most popular clubs & societies?
How is the course structured? Are there lots of exams?	Where's the nearest supermarket?!
Is there a reading list?	Is there wi-fi available?

Who should visit?

We would always suggest that taking someone within your family or your group of friends is important.

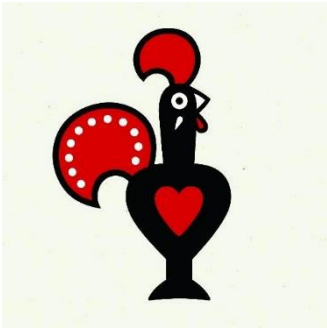
They will give you a different opinions of the things they liked and disliked.

Family are great as they would want to know safety, security, location, wellbeing, and costs.

Friends will help with making decisions about the campus, student experiences, students' union and courses at the university



Tips for the day



KEEP
CALM
AND
DON'T BE
SHY



After you have visited...

Reflect on your day and discuss with others what they thought of their experiences.

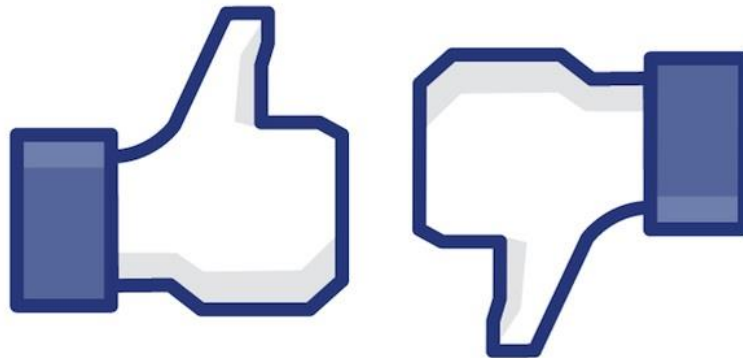
What did you like or dislike?

Can you see yourself studying there?

Should you visit again? UCAS Visit day or another open day?

Did you get to see everything you wanted too?

Once you know if you like the university, course and its facilities they could be shortlisted to one of your five UCAS application choices



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Thank You For Listening...

...Do you have any questions?

