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Applying to University

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Thank you for joining me!

Who am I?

Steven
Joesbury

Where am I from?

Birmingham

What did I study?

BSc (Hons) Music Technology with
Management – Staffordshire University

MSc Business and Management
Aston University



What will we cover?

- The Application timeline
- The Application Process
- Personal Statement Writing
- Results Day and Clearing





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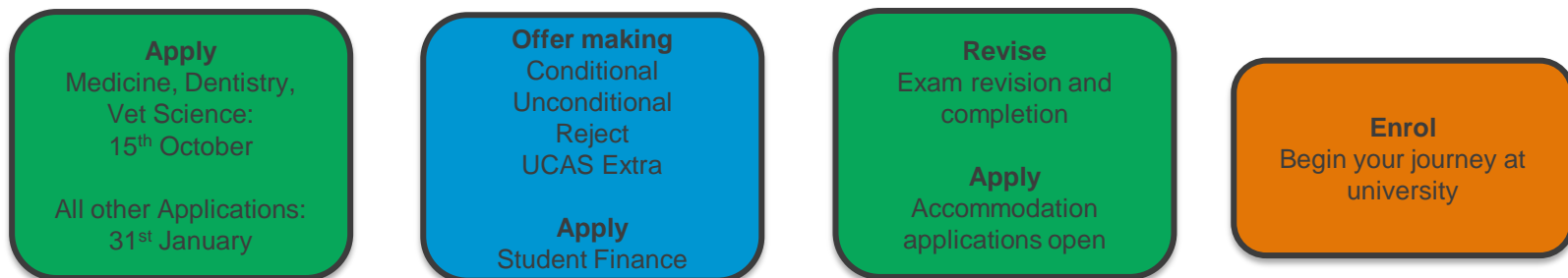
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Application Process

Student Services
Centre

- Career Development
- Counselling
- Financial Advice
- Mental Wellbeing
- Part-time Work
- Student and Financial Administration
- Unitemps
- Visa and

The Application Journey





The Application Process

The Basics

1 Application Submitted via UCAS

Up to 5 choices

4 for Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science + 1 different choice

Teachers provide references



1

Personal
Details

- Name, address, etc.
- Residency Status
- Personal Circumstances

2

Course
Choices

- Up to five choices
- Universities won't know who else you applied to
- Don't need to be ranked

3

Education
History

- Grades you already have
- Other exams: Music qualification, Sports Leadership

4

Employment
History

- Any part time work you have

5

Personal
Statement

- Chance for you to show us why you are the right person to study that course

6

Reference

- Teachers write this
- Backs up what you said in your personal statement

Top Tips

The Application Process

- Use a sensible and non-school related **email**
- Make sure you include the correct **qualification type and grade**
- Start early and don't miss internal and external deadlines
- You can apply to the same university multiple times for different courses
- There is a slightly different form to apply to conservatoires
- **£27.50 application fee** upon submission



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Open Days. What to look for:



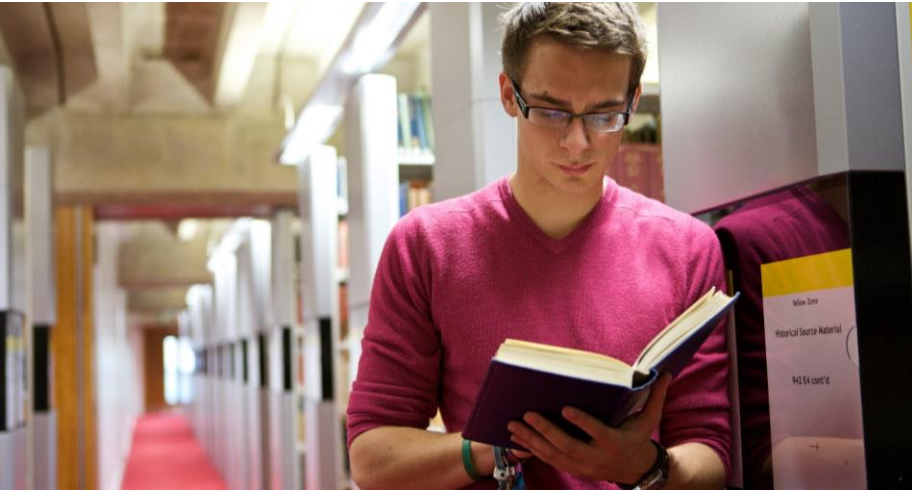
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Campus facilities and accommodation

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Facilities



- David Wilson Library and café (open 24hrs)
- Careers service
- Student support service, mental wellbeing etc. (Charles Wilson building)
- Danielle Brown and Roger Bettles gym
- New SU: O2 academy- Events, live performances
- Own department buildings/study spaces- New Business school (Brookfield)- Trading room
- Food services
- Dissection rooms



Accommodation

Living in halls vs city

City:

- Freeman's Common, opposite campus- Autumn 2021. Learning space as well as games and cinema room.
- All self-catered
- Single bedroom with washbasin/ensuite
- Single studio flat/one bedroom flat

Halls:

- Oadby- houses
- Self-catered and catered
- Same rooms as city
- Village hub and pub- events
- Study spaces, cinema room, Roger Bettles gym, botanical gardens

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What can I do in the city centre?

- Festivals and events
- Food- Restaurants and cafes
- Shopping- Chain and Independent stores
- City named 3rd most affordable place to live in for students by Natwest in 2018
- Art, Culture, History- Art Museums, National Space Centre
- Sports
- Green spaces/Parks





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SPORTS

SU and societies



Students Union

What is the SU and what are societies?

- Social hub of the university
- Hosts UK's only on-campus **O₂ Academy** for great nights out.
- Students' unions (SU) are run by reps elected by students
- Independent from the university
- Any problems/queries you have throughout your time at UOL they provide confidential and impartial advice.
- Help find volunteering and employment opportunities- Careers Service
- Oversee all university societies

Societies:

- Home to more than 200 clubs and societies
- Great way to de-stress and meet new people
- Either try something new or continue with a previous hobby



Societies

Which of these is a fake society?

- American football
- Pirate society
- Quidditch club
- Glee club
- Cocktail Society
- Esports and gaming
- Airsoft



A large, blue, multi-pointed starburst shape with a black outline, centered on the slide.

None of them!

A close-up photograph of a yellow tennis ball hitting a black tennis net. The ball is in the center of the frame, slightly to the left, and is partially obscured by the net's mesh. The net is made of thick black rope and is stretched across the frame. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor tennis court.

Sports

➤ Sports clubs

- Traditional sports: Rugby, football, swimming, tennis
- Alternative sports: Ultimate Frisbee, mountaineering, American football, surfing, squash
- Competitive & play for fun
- Varsity

➤ Sports centres

- Swimming pools
- Sports pitches
- Tennis courts
- Gym

April

Monday 5 Pamper Night Grab a pamper pack from reception and have a night off to relax! 8pm, @uolreslife Netflix Party Watch together and chat with us online! Sign up to receive the link. 8pm, @uolreslife	Tuesday 6 Café Night: Dessert Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink and a sweet treat from your site 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Wednesday 7 Wellbeing Wednesday Craft Night Grab a craft kit from reception and follow along! 8pm, @uolreslife	Thursday 8 Let's Get Cooking: Pizza Edition! Follow along on Instagram and grab your ingredients to make your own next week! 8pm, @uolreslife	Friday 9 Pub Night on the Road Have a pub night to remember from the comfort of your flat! Get your last orders in and join us via Eventbrite. 8pm, sign up on Eventbrite	Saturday 10 Coffee Morning: Smoothie Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink and snacks from your site 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room	Sunday 11 Breakfast on the Go! Toastie Edition Grab and go with some continental breakfast packs! 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room
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April

Monday 12 Pamper Night Grab a pamper pack from reception and have a night off to relax! 8pm, @uolreslife Netflix Party Watch together and chat with us online! Sign up to receive the link. 8pm, @uolreslife	Tuesday 13 Domino's Café Night: Domino's Edition Pizza on the go! Grab some slices from your site! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Wednesday 14 Wellbeing Wednesday Craft Night Grab a craft kit from reception and follow along! 8pm, @uolreslife	Thursday 15 Make your own pizza bag! Grab a bag from us with everything you need to make your own pizzaz! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Friday 16 Cheese & Wine Night Sample a selection of different cheese and wines! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Saturday 17 Coffee Morning: Smoothie Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink and snacks from your site 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room	Sunday 18 Breakfast on the Go! Waffle Edition Grab and go with some continental breakfast packs! 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room
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Monday 19 Pamper Night Grab a pamper pack from reception and have a night off to relax! 8pm, @uolreslife Netflix Party Watch together and chat with us online! Sign up to receive the link. 8pm, @uolreslife	Tuesday 20 Café Night: Dessert Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink and a sweet treat from your site 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Wednesday 21 Wellbeing Wednesday Craft Night Grab a craft kit from reception and follow along! 8pm, @uolreslife	Thursday 22 Make your own curry bag! Grab a bag from us with everything you need to make your own curry! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room	Friday 23 O! Traditional Pub Night: St. George's Day Have a pub night to remember from the comfort of your flat! Get your last orders in and join us via Eventbrite. 8pm, sign up on Eventbrite	Saturday 24 Coffee Morning: European Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink or iced tea/coffee and snacks from your site 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room	Sunday 25 Breakfast on the Go! Full English Edition Grab and go with our full English breakfast! 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room
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Monday 26 Pamper Night Grab a pamper pack from reception and have a night off to relax! 8pm, @uolreslife Netflix Party Watch together and chat with us online! Sign up to receive the link. 8pm, @uolreslife	Tuesday 27 Krispy Kreme Café Night: Krispy Kreme Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink and doughnut from your site 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Wednesday 28 Wellbeing Wednesday Craft Night Grab a craft kit from reception and follow along! 8pm, @uolreslife	Thursday 29 Make your own pizza bag! Grab a bag from us with everything you need to make your own pizzaz! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room	Friday 30 Cheese & Wine Night Sample a selection of different cheese and wines! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room
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April

Thursday 1 Let's Get Cooking! Follow along on Instagram and show us what you've made! 8pm, @uolreslife	Friday 2 Cheese & Wine Night Sample a selection of different cheese and wines! 8pm, The Village - John Foster Bar 8pm, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room 8pm, Opal Court - Common Room	Saturday 3 Coffee Morning: Smoothie Edition Café on the go! Grab a hot drink and snacks from your site 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room	Sunday 4 Breakfast on the Go! Easter Edition Grab and go with some continental breakfast packs! 11am, The Village - John Foster Bar 11am, Nixon Court - Ratcliffe Common Room Easter Egg Hunt Join us to find some sweet treats! 1pm, The Village 1pm, Nixon Court
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RESIDENCE LIFE Events Calendar APRIL

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

Register for our events online on our Eventbrite page:

uolreslife.eventbrite.co.uk

Follow us on Instagram

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 @uolthecity
 @uolthevillage

@uolreslife
www.browzer.co.uk/le

Go green with residence life

Be a superhero, save the planet!



The Basics

To showcase you as a person and prove you deserve to be made a university offer

- **4,000** character limit
- **One statement** for all applications
- UCAS Detection Service to prevent plagiarism
- Be unique, be yourself

Personal Statement



The Structure

Structuring your Personal Statement

1. Intro

2. Academic Interests

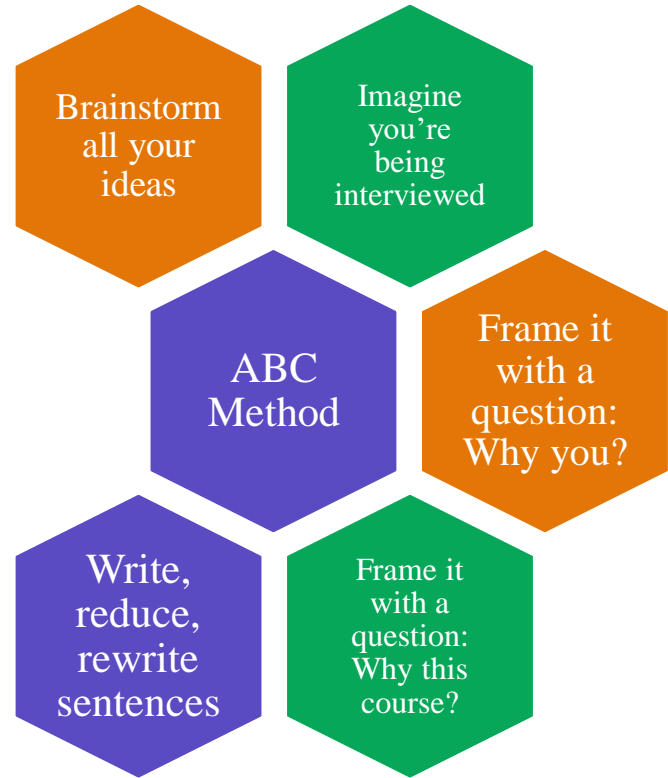
3. Your life, work experience, skills
and achievements

4. Concluding statements



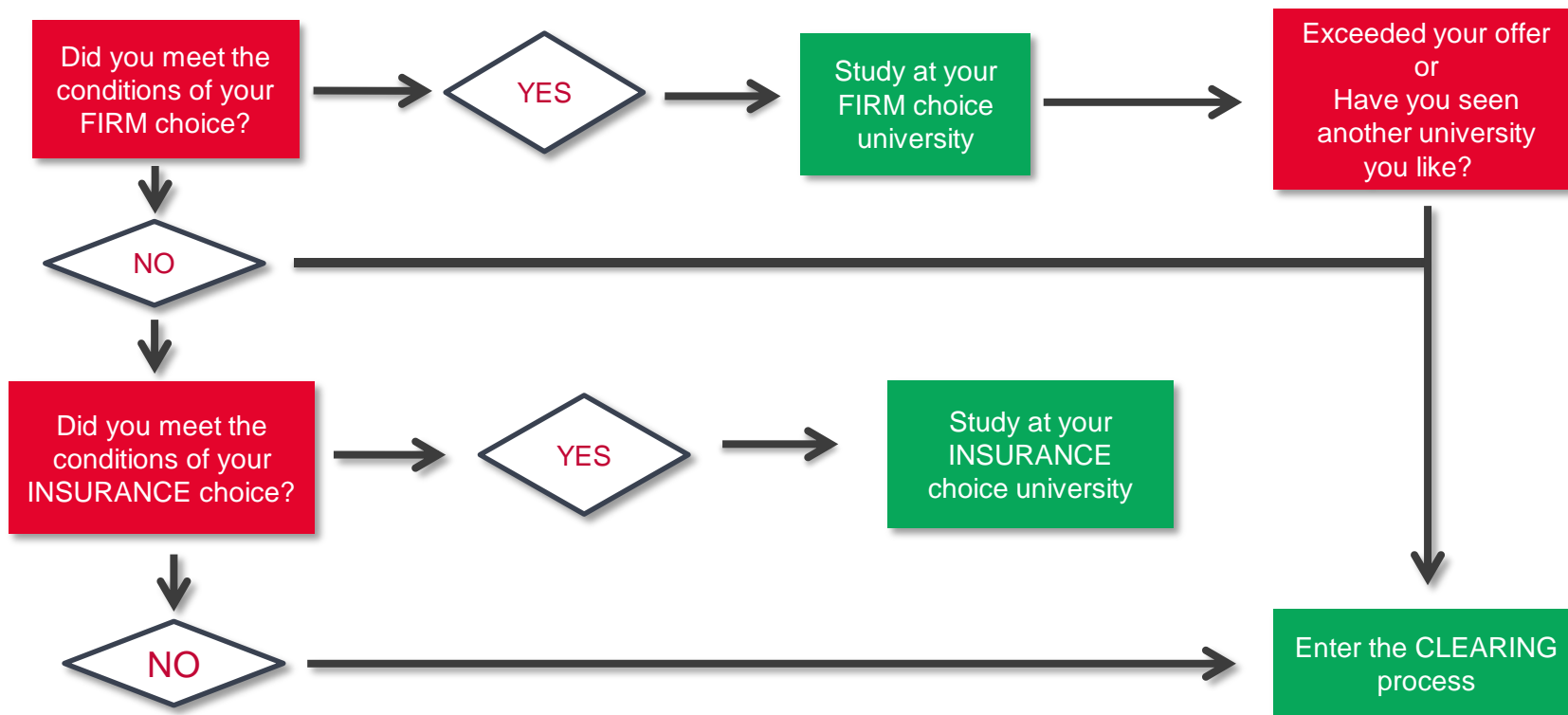
Getting Started

How to get started?





Results Day



Results Day: Top Tips

- Be in the country
- Make a list of clearing options before
- Check UCAS Track
- Talk to teachers
- Apply to accommodation if you haven't already
- If you don't get into your first choice it's not the end of the world
- Remember resits are a thing
- Stock the fridge with chocolate
- Make a check list of all the things you have to do before University





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Careers and Opportunities



A young man and woman are smiling and looking at each other in a crowd. The man is wearing a red polo shirt with 'RACER CREW' and '58' printed on it. The woman is wearing a yellow t-shirt and blue overalls. The background is blurred, showing other people in a crowd.

Opportunities

Year Abroad or Year in Industry

Year in Industry:

- Occurs after end of 2nd year
- Gain work experience of a real-life working environment. Learn more about professions and possible graduate job
- Normally paid position
- We don't place you in the placements ourselves but instead provide guidance and support
- Support on placement- Academic contact, visits, personal reflective journals

Year Abroad:

- Occurs after end of 2nd year
- Opportunity to travel and learn simultaneously
- Links within Europe: Belgium, Italy, Netherland, Spain
- Links outside of EU: Australia, Canada, Tokyo, USA

Careers and Employability



What next?

- 66% of graduate jobs do **not** require a specific degree
- Careers service- graduate opportunities, advice, interview practice, CV writing, work experience, part time jobs etc
- MyCareers- online system where you can book careers appointments and events as well as find various job opportunities.
- Unitemps- In-house recruitment agency. Jobs within the uni itself or local area. Student Ambassadors.



Useful Links

Open Days: le.ac.uk/open-days

Subject Taster Days: le.ac.uk/undergraduates/taster-days

General Coronavirus Updates: <https://le.ac.uk/coronavirus>

On-Demand Recordings: <https://le.ac.uk/study/on-demand>

YouTube Digital University Advice: www.youtube.com/user/UniversityLeicester/playlists

Chat to staff, students and regular blogs: <https://le.ac.uk/study/chat>

UCAS: www.ucas.com

Times Higher Education Rankings: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>

Personal Statement Springboard: <https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/teachers/statement>

Volunteering Opportunities: <https://do-it.org/>





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Open Days 2023

- ✓ Saturday 17th June
- ✓ Saturday 8th July
- ✓ Saturday 16 September 2023
- ✓ Saturday 7 October 2023
- ✓ Saturday 11 November 2023

Book Your Place:

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

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