

The Cegnet guide to HE websites

A guide to HE information and advice covering everything from deciding whether uni is right for you to getting a graduate job

Thinking about HE

[UCAS](#) – read what UCAS says about 'Is uni for you?'

[Not going to uni](#) – compare apprenticeships, gap years, distance learning and jobs as alternatives to university

[London University Taster Course Programme](#) – provides insights into degree subjects and student life

[University and college open days](#) – directory as well as advice about subjects, universities, a gap year, etc.

[Whatuni?](#) – has a list of upcoming open days

[Push](#) – read 'Why bother with uni?' as well as info about UK universities, student life, gap years, open days and student finance

[Studential](#) - has information on FE, gap year, HE, apprenticeship, enterprise and British Army options

[The Sutton Trust](#) – organises one-week summer schools and residentials for bright students from non-privileged homes to give them a taste of university life

Taking a Gap Year

[Gap-year.com](#) – offers an online and printed directory of gap year organisations and opportunities

[The Year Out Group](#) – includes over 30 gap year organisations that provide opportunities at home and abroad

Travel companies that offer a booking service covering travel, volunteering and work experience abroad include [Gapyear.com](#) (owned by Flight Centre UK Ltd), [Real Gap](#) (owned by TUI Travel plc) and [STA Travel](#)

Studying abroad

[The Complete University guide](#) - has info on studying abroad

[A Star Future](#) – has info on studying in Europe and further afield

[Studyportals](#) – is a Dutch company providing a range of information on undergraduate degrees taught in Europe

[Fulbright Commission](#) – has info on studying in USA

[Government of Canada](#) – info on studying in Canada

[Future Unlimited](#) – is the official Australian website for international students

Applying to HE

[UCAS](#) – is the organisation through which you apply for most HE institutions in the UK. It tells you how to apply and provides information on courses as well as finance and support

[Apply to uni](#) – for information on applying for uni including tuition fees, open days, A-Z of universities

[British Council](#) – provides information for international students interested in studying in the UK

[The National Admissions Test for Law](#) (LNAT) is used by universities to select students for their law courses

[The UK Clinical Aptitude Test](#) (UKCAT) – is used in the selection process by a consortium of UK university Medical and Dental Schools

[Studential](#) - has free examples of personal statements but remember your personal statement must be plagiarism free. (Studential also offers a commercial editing service)

[Unipod](#) - Oxford Brookes University's guide to choosing a university, choosing the right course, organising finance, writing your personal statement, etc. Also look at [Jobpod](#) for graduate job ideas

[The Student Room](#) – has advice on applying for universities and courses including a personal statement builder and 'University Connect' (recent examples of offers made)

Where and what to study

[Whatuni?](#) – helps students find universities and courses in the UK. It has an A-Z of universities. 'What can I do?' provides ideas for degree subjects to study based on the A levels you are taking.

[Which? University](#) - help with finding the best UK university and degree course for you

[Best course 4 me](#) – for ideas about where and what to study

[The Complete University guide](#) – has information about university rankings, where and what to study, how to apply, student finance, student life, graduate careers, distance learning and studying abroad

[Push](#) – read 'Why bother with uni?' as well as info about UK universities, student life, gap years, open days and student finance

[People and Planet](#) – annual rankings of UK universities by environmental and ethical performance

[The Open University](#) – offer degrees through distance learning

[UKCourseFinder](#) – from the Morrisby Organisation helps you to find a degree course based on your interests

[HE map](#) – Useful map showing locations of UK universities and HE institutions

[Unistats](#) – is the official website for comparing UK universities, e.g. course data, student satisfaction scores, jobs and salaries after graduation

[The QAA](#) – read their reports on the quality and standard of HE providers

[University coursefinder](#) – from The Daily Telegraph will help you refine your degree course choices

[The University Guide](#) – from The Guardian has information on courses and university rankings

[The Student Room](#) – has an A-Z of universities and provides help with choosing a subject

[The Good Universities Guide](#) – print and online directory of universities and colleges

Student finance

[The Student Room](#) – has links to Student Finance England resources and the government finance websites of the other home nations.

[Student Finance England](#) – to sign up to Student Finance online

[Best course 4 me](#) – What's the return on your investment in HE?

[The Office for Fair Access](#) (OFFA) – promotes and safeguards fair access to higher education. See their website for student FAQs and info about bursaries and university access agreements

[The Student Calculator](#) – from Brightside helps you to work out how much money you will have at university and how much you will need

[Gov.UK](#) – for information about student finance and loans

Student life and housing

[Student Beans](#) provides students with offers, discounts, entertainment features, advice and money saving opportunities

[The Student Room](#) – has advice on student life and studying

[Push](#) – read for info about student life and housing

[uni home swap](#) – offers an alternative to living at home and studying locally. It helps students find accommodation in a different city in return for offering their own bedroom as a swap

Graduate and postgraduate

[Whatuni?](#) – has an 'I want to be...' section which shows you what graduates do by subject studied

[The Association of Graduate Recruiters](#) – brings together over 800 organisations that employ graduates. Find out the latest trends in graduate recruitment

[Prospects](#) – The UK's official graduate careers site

Don't forget also...

Many providers of HE information also post on Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, YouTube, Instagram and Pinterest

Visiting HE institutions and talking to current students can help you decide

Check if your school has access to subscription sites such as [unifrog](#), [HEAP degree course offers](#),

Read newspapers such as The Times, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian and The Independent for articles on trends and developments in HE

[Access to HE courses](#) – (QAA) are designed for people who have been out of education for some time, especially those who left school with too few qualifications to be able to go straight to university. A student who successfully completes all course requirements is awarded the Access to HE Diploma

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