





Why choose the UK

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The adventure of a lifetime



Agenda

- Education systems in the UK and Macau
- Why choose the UK?
- How to find out more about higher education courses
- Admissions requirements
- How to apply
- Life in the UK
- Tuition fees and living costs
- Upcoming events

Where are these places?



Higher education in the UK



Undergraduate courses

- 3 years' duration (4 years in Scotland)
- 4 years' duration (Sandwich course/engineering/modern languages)
- 5 – 6 years' duration (Clinical courses)

Postgraduate courses

- 1 to 2 years' duration (MA/MSc/MPhil)
- 3+ years' duration (PhD)

Why choose the UK? Is it worth it?

- Receive a world-class qualification
- Gain a quality-assured degree
- Choose from tens of thousands of courses available, covering hundreds of subjects
- Develop English language and problem solving skills sought by top employers
- Study and live in a multi-cultural environment



Macau and UK education system

Macau	Age	UK (Eng, Wales, N. Ire)
Secondary 3	14-15	Secondary 4/ Yr 10 ← GCSE starts
Secondary 2	13-14	Secondary 3/Yr 9
Secondary 1	12-13	Secondary 2/Yr 8
Primary 6	11-12	Secondary 1/Yr 7
Primary 5	10-11	Primary 6
Primary 4	9-10	Primary 5
Primary 3	8-9	Primary 4
Primary 2	7-8	Primary 3
Primary 1	6-7	Primary 2
Kindergarten 3	5-6	Primary 1
Kindergarten 2	4-5	Pre-primary
Kindergarten 1	3-4	Pre-school

Find out more about higher education courses

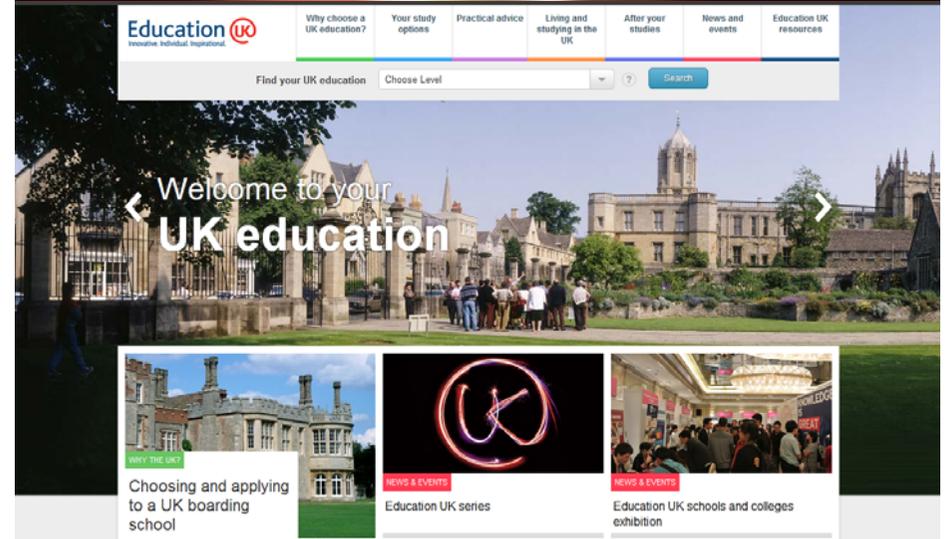


Macau and UK education system

Macau	Age	UK (Eng, Wales, N. Ireland)
UG 4	21-22	Postgraduate
UG 3	20-21	UG 3
UG 2	19-20	UG 2
UG 1	18-19	UG 1
Secondary 6	17-18	Secondary 7 (Y13)
Secondary 5	16-17	Secondary 6/Y12
Secondary 4	15-16	Secondary 5/Yr 11
Secondary 3	14-15	Secondary 4/ Yr 10

A-level/IB
A-level/IB
GCSE
GCSE

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Compare official course data from universities and colleges

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Shortlist: 0
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Compare stats about courses by adding them to the short list

The official website for comparing UK higher education course data

Includes official data on each university and college's satisfaction scores in the National Student Survey, jobs and salaries after study and other key information for prospective students.

COURSE ASSISTANT
Answer a few questions to let us help you find some courses that may be of interest to you
[Get started](#)

QUICK ANSWERS

- About Unistats
- How to use Unistats
- The Key Information Set (KIS)

Courses
Listed by subject

- Medicine and Dentistry
- Nursing and medical related subjects
- Biological Sciences
- Veterinary Sciences
- Social studies
- Law
- Business and Administrative studies
- Mass Communications

Universities & colleges
A-Z

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Applying? Everything you need is in 'How it all works', or you can access specific advice below.

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Macau	United Kingdom
<p>Internal school exams Average $\geq 75\%$ (some institutions)</p> <p>Completed Year 1 with good grades at a university in Macau</p> <p>GCE A-Level or IB Diploma</p>	<p>Year 1 of a 3-year bachelor's degree</p>
Vary from universities to universities	

English language requirements

Minimum of

- IELTS – overall band 6.0
- IGCSE English (First language) – C
- IGCSE English (Second language) – B
- IB Standard English – Level 4
- TOEFL – 79 iBT

Find out more about our English language courses and IELTS at www.britishcouncil.hk

Taking IGCSE and GCE exams in Hong Kong

www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/ipe/gce_gcse_igcse_ial/gce

Check with universities

Entry requirements for other pathways to university

Macau	United Kingdom
<p>Internal school exams at secondary 6 Average 75%</p> <p>GCE AS Level</p>	<p>1-year international foundation course leading to 3-year bachelor's degree</p>

International foundation year/programme

- Usually a one-year course
- Designed for international students whose qualifications do not meet the entry requirements for direct entry to their chosen undergraduate courses
- Many universities and colleges offer foundation year programmes, either as standalone one-year courses or as part of an extended degree programme.
- Core subjects, e.g. English and study skills PLUS one chosen specialisation
- Progression to first year of a Bachelor's degree may be guaranteed

How to apply

- International foundation programme → apply directly with colleges or universities
- Undergraduate degrees → apply via UCAS
- Seek guidance from career counsellors and education agents

Undergraduate studies Apply through UCAS



UCAS

- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- Central application system established for all students who wish to apply to study full-time higher education (HE) courses in the UK.
- All UK universities are members of UCAS.
- Undergraduate courses are recruited through UCAS.
- There are currently 300+ institutions and well over 40,000+ courses registered at UCAS.

UCAS

- Application is made online
- Single choice for £12 or £23 for 2 to 5 Choices
- Maximum of 5 choices
- Some choice restrictions
 - Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry – max. 4 choices
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simultaneous consideration
- Invisibility



UCAS Calendar – key dates

Mid June	Apply available for student registration
1 September	First day for receipt of applications
15 October	Early 'on-time' deadline for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry (max. 4 choices) • Oxford or Cambridge
15 January	Deadline for all other 'on-time' applications (applying from the EU), but most universities consider international applications up to 30 June
24 March	Remaining art and design courses
30 June	Applications received after this date will go into Clearing

How do you apply?

Every applicant has to complete:

- Personal details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement
- Reference (add in the system or e-mail to UCAS)
- Pay the fee

2013 apply

Personal statement

[<Log out](#)

Welcome	
Personal details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choices	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>
View all details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay/Send	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help	
Options/Opstynau	

Welcome > Personal statement

Our [guide to writing your personal statement](#) (opens in a new window) should help you complete this section.

We strongly recommend you write the statement using a word-processing package and paste it in to Apply.

You can type your statement directly into the box or edit a statement you have pasted in.

Personal statement

Click 'save' within 35 minutes so that your work is not lost.

You have used 0 of 47 lines based on the preview and 0 of 4000 characters.

Like your CV
4,000 characters, around 500 words

- Simple and precise
- Specific
- Strategic

Key

- Completed
- In progress
- Not started
- Help

University decisions

A university or college will do one of the following.

- Make you an **unconditional** offer
- Make you a **conditional** offer
- **Not** offer you a place
- Offer you a **different** course

Your decision

- If you receive all **unconditional** offers, you decide which **one** to accept.
- Applicants have a choice of three reply options.
 - **Firm** acceptance
 - **Insurance** acceptance
 - Decline the offer

If left holding no offers

EXTRA

- Operates from **end of February** to **beginning of July**
- Eligible if :
 - Used all 5 choices
 - Hold no offers or decline all
- Can add one more choice at a time

CLEARING

- Operates from **mid July** onwards (depending on status)
- Eligible if :
 - Hold no offers or decline all
 - Paid full fee
- Can add one choice at a time
Clearing vacancy list

Postgraduate studies

Three main types:

- PG certificates and diplomas
- Master's degrees
- Doctorates



PG Cert./Dip.

- A professional qualification
- Nine months to one year
- Pass or fail (merit or distinction)
- Complete a PG Dip then progress to Master's programme
- Teaching methods:
 - Classes, lectures, practicals, independent reading and regular assignments
 - Continuous assessment and final examinations.
 - No dissertation

Master's degrees

- Taught master (MA, MSc, LL.M, MEd, etc)
- Usually one year
- Teaching methods:
 - Classes, lectures, seminars, independent reading and regular assignments
 - Continuous assessment, vivas (interview-style exams) and final examinations
 - Dissertation
- Pass or fail (merit or distinction)

MBA – Master of Business Administration

- Business-specific (agribusiness, business and finance, oil and gas, construction, health, hospitality, transport and technology)
- 12 to 18 months
- Format:
 - Cores
 - Electives
 - Project and dissertation

Master's degrees

- Research master's (MPhil, MRes, MA/MSc by research, etc)
- Usually one to three years
- Dissertation – typically 30,000 to 40,000 words
- Teaching methods:
 - Independent work under the guidance of a supervisor
- Progress to a PhD programme



Doctorates

- PhD by research
- Three years minimum
- Awarded on the quality of the thesis
- Teaching methods:
 - Independent work under the guidance of a supervisor.
 - Students write up their research in a thesis – typical about 80,000 words
- Other doctorate qualifications
 - New route PhD (include coursework)
 - EdD
 - ClinPsyD
 - DBA (include coursework)

Admissions requirements

Academic requirements:

- Taught PG – undergraduate degree in relevant subject
- If your qualifications do not meet the normal admissions requirements for a taught postgraduate degree, you may need to do a pre-masters.
- Research PG – undergraduate degree in relevant subject at 2:1
- PhD programmes – a UK master's degree or equivalent / first-class undergraduate plus a significant amount of relevant work experience
- MBA – undergraduate degree or a relevant professional qualification, 2 – 3 years' management experience, good score in GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

Admissions requirements

Minimum English language requirements:

- IELTS 6.5 – 7.0

Other tests:

- TOEFL (IBT) 88 – 95
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CPA)
- GCSE or IGCSE

How to apply

- Apply directly to universities online via their websites
- For some PG courses, you can apply online using UKPASS (www.ukpass.ac.uk).

You will need to submit

- your personal details (e.g. qualifications and work experience)
 - a personal statement
 - an outline of your proposal or research plan (for research PG)
 - references (academic and/or work).
- You may be asked for a telephone or Skype interview.
 - Applications start September till May or June in the following year.

Life in the UK



The English language and accents



Source: Selected Languages And Accents Of The British Isles

Slang and student language in the UK

- 'Ta'
- 'Cheers'
- 'Brolly'
- 'Quid'
- 'Fancy'
- 'Knackered'
- Thank you
- Thanks, or said during a toast/raising of glasses
- Umbrella
- Pound (currency)
- To like something or someone
- Tired, exhausted

<http://www.educationuk.org/global/articles/uk-slang/>



Student residence

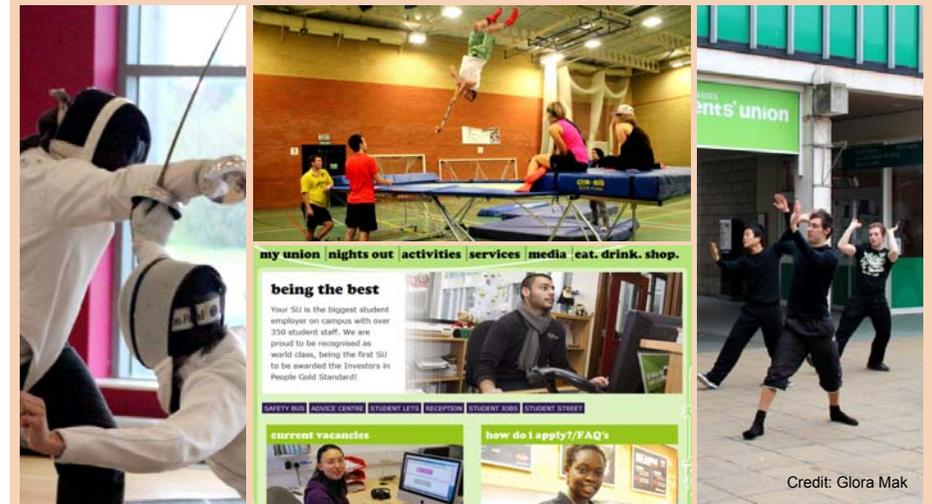


Credit: Southampton Solent University and Glora Mak

Making friends



Societies and clubs



Credit: Glora Mak

Travel and leisure



Tuition fees

Undergraduate courses

- £9,400 – £15,000 (Classroom based)
- £10,000 – £18,300 (Laboratory based)
- £22,600 – £34,200 (Clinical courses)

International foundation and diploma programmes

£4,000 - £18,500

Postgraduate

- £10,000 - £19,600 (MA, MSc, MPhil/MRes)
- £11,200 - £40,000 (Clinical)
- £10,600 - £32,300 (MBA)

Many institutions offer scholarships for international students.

Living costs

Estimated monthly living expenses (for applying Tier 4 student visa)

- London: £1,000 or MOP 13,400
- Elsewhere: £800 or MOP 10,720

Working while studying

- Part-time max. 20 hours per week (degree level or above) during term time
- Full time during vacation
- Minimum wage rate is £4.95 or MOP 66 (18 – 20 y.o.) or £6.19 or MOP 83 (21 y.o. and over)

Free healthcare services

- Eligible for National Health Service (NHS)
- Free doctor's consultation
- Free prescription in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, but £7.85 in England
- Free hospital treatment

Upcoming events

Education UK mini fair

19 July, British Council

Education UK exhibition

15-16 August, KITEC, Kowloon Bay

Pre-departure briefings

19 July, 9 August and 16 August

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For more information

- Explore www.educationuk.org/hongkong and www.ucas.com
- **Attend** British Council seminars and exhibitions
- **Read** British Council and UCAS publications or online articles
- **Contact** the institutions to discuss your application
- **Discuss** with your tutors or careers counsellors

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