



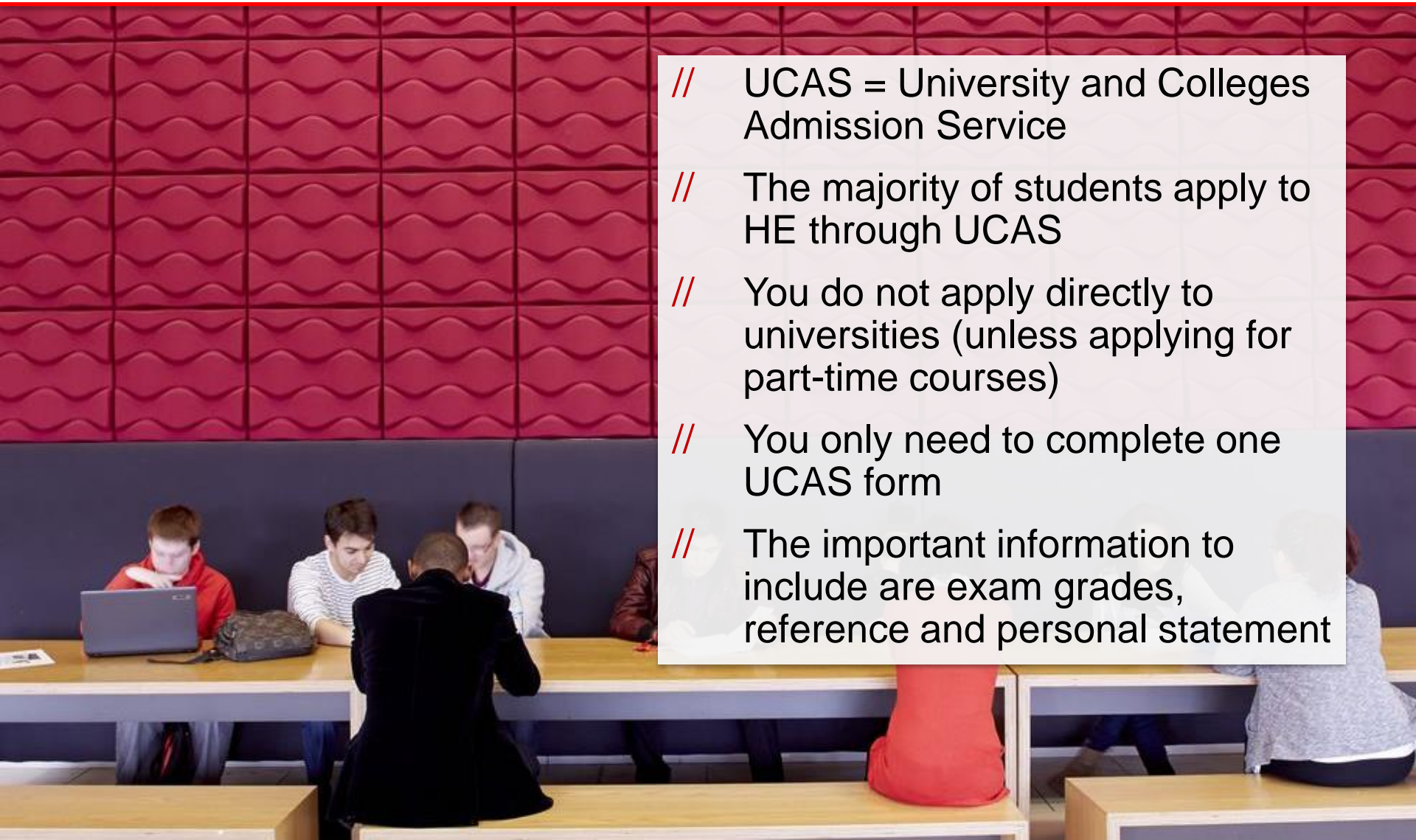
BEGIN

your journey here

UCAS & Personal Statement s 2015

Who are UCAS?

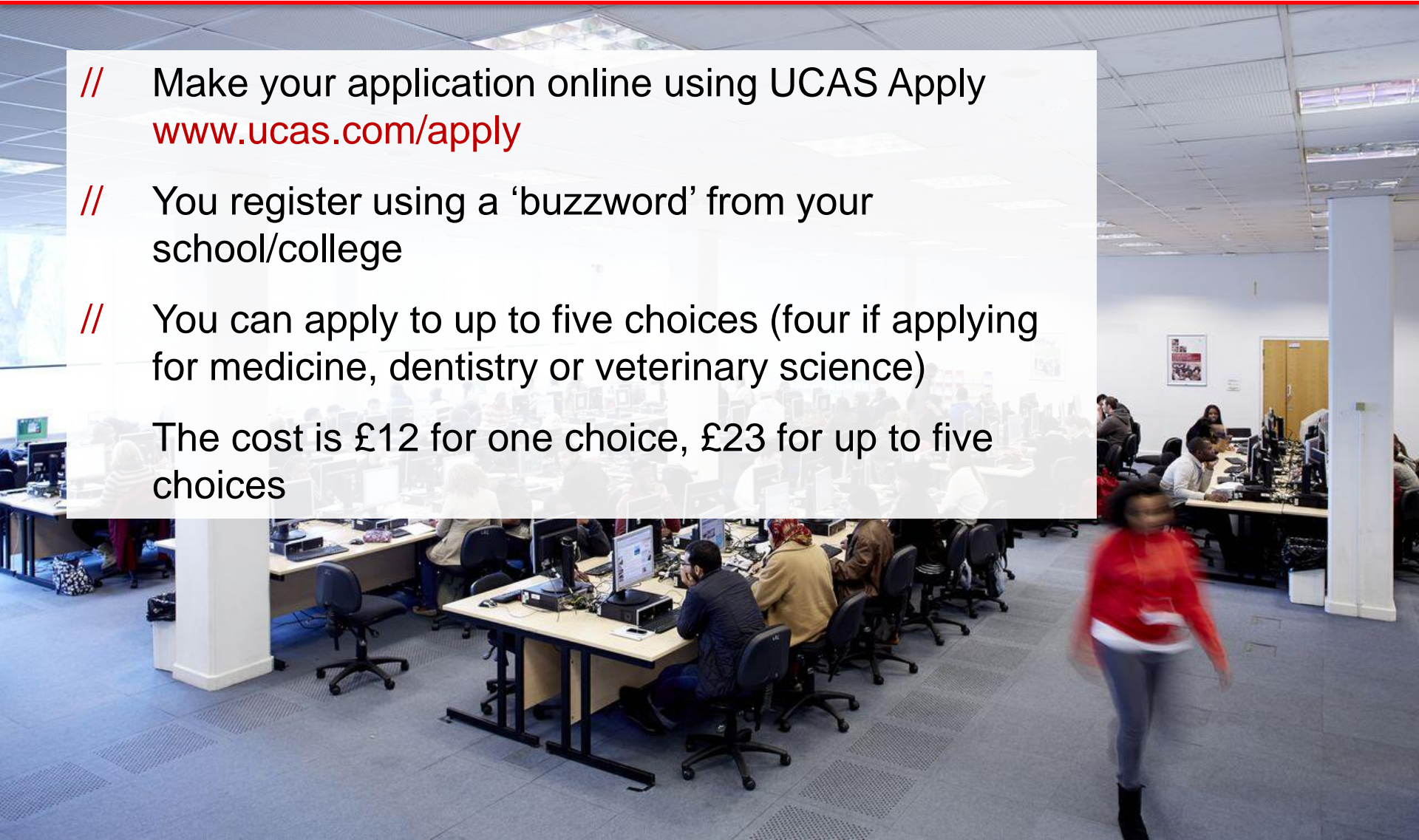
- // UCAS = University and Colleges Admission Service
- // The majority of students apply to HE through UCAS
- // You do not apply directly to universities (unless applying for part-time courses)
- // You only need to complete one UCAS form
- // The important information to include are exam grades, reference and personal statement



Starting your application

- // Make your application online using UCAS Apply www.ucas.com/apply
- // You register using a 'buzzword' from your school/college
- // You can apply to up to five choices (four if applying for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science)

The cost is £12 for one choice, £23 for up to five choices



The UCAS website...



University of
Bedfordshire

UCAS

At the heart of
connecting people
to higher education

Next event: **Humberside higher education conve...**

Hull, 18 Jun 2015 - [More events](#)

Keyword search



After GCSEs

Undergraduate

Conservatoires

Teacher Training

Postgraduate

Not sure



Getting started

Find a course

Apply and Track

Finance and support

Not holding any offers? Extra is open – you might be able to add another choice

[Find out more](#)

1. Getting started

[The undergraduate experience](#)

[Thinking about uni?](#)

[What to study](#)

[International and EU students](#)

[Information for parents](#)

2. Find a course

[How to choose between similar courses and unis](#)

[Browse through our search tool](#)

[Visit unis and colleges](#)

3. Apply and Track

[Filling in your application](#)

[Writing a personal statement](#)

[Interview invitations](#)

[Tracking your application](#)

4. Finance and support

[Tuition fees and student loans](#)

[Extra funding](#)

[Getting student support](#)

[Students' unions](#)



Key dates

25
JUN

If you receive all decisions by 4 June, reply by 25 June

25 Jun 2015

30
JUN

Applications received after 30 June are entered into Clearing

30 Jun 2015

2
JUL

Last date to apply through Extra

2 Jul 2015



Upcoming events

18
JUN

Humberside higher education convention

18 Jun 2015

19
JUN

Sheffield higher education convention

19 Jun 2015

22
JUN

Bedfordshire higher education convention

22 Jun 2015



UCAS blogs

Think carefully when you reply to your offers

3 Jun 2015

By UCAS in [UCAS advice](#)

Replying to your offers is a big decision and one you need to think about carefully. You could be spending at least the next three years of your life at whichever university you accept, so you should...

[Smoothies with a side of revision](#)

28 May 2015

Choosing your course

UCAS At the heart of
connecting people
to higher education

Next event: **Humberside higher education conve...**

Hull, 18 Jun 2015 - [More events](#)

Keyword search



After GCSEs

Undergraduate

Conservatoires

Teacher Training

Postgraduate

Not sure

??

Getting started

Find a course

Apply and Track

Finance and support

Home > UCAS > Undergraduate > Find a course

How to choose between
similar courses and unis

Events and open days

Find a course

There are over 37,000 undergraduate courses at over 370 providers in the UK. Most applicants choose up to five similar courses to increase their chances of getting a place.

How to choose a course

After [getting started](#) with what to study, entry requirements and application deadlines, you might still find a large number of courses to choose from around the country. Browsing through the [search tool](#) might give you inspiration, or you could read our [tips on how to choose between similar courses and providers](#), or [visit a uni](#) to see what it's like.

> **Find an undergraduate course**

You can either search by course, provider or location, or you can [browse through subjects](#). This search tool also includes undergraduate performing arts courses at conservatoires – these are more performance-based than their academic equivalents, and they're applied to through [UCAS Conservatoires](#) rather than here at UCAS Undergraduate.

> **Find a foundation degree**

This is a separate search tool just for foundation degrees.

 International and EU students

 Flexible and part-time students

UCAS on Twitter

about 3 hours ago

'What courses are available in Extra?' Jenny from our Contact Centre explains what you need to know [ow.ly/Odiou](#) [#UCASExtra](#)

about 7 hours ago

Need some inspiration to complete the perfect personal statement? Look no further... [ow.ly/O1EF9](#)

about 20 hours ago

Need some help choosing your courses? All the advice you need is in one video [ow.ly/O1EgZ](#)

Follow us on Twitter

Hi, i'm looking to study in 2016, what are my options??

Hi, there are over 37,000 courses to choose from...

wow!!

Start searching for courses and fill in your application now :)

Choosing your course



Search courses

Where do you normally live?*:

Search courses available in*: ☐ 2015 ☒ 2016

*This helps us to show courses that are available to you. [Click here for more info](#)

Search by **any** or **all** of the following

Course:

Provider:

Location:

Don't know what to study?

Need help finding courses? Browse subjects and find out what's available.



UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below.

- [Postgraduate courses](#)
- [Postgraduate teacher training courses](#)
- [Foundation degrees](#)



Choosing your course

University of Bedfordshire



Single subjects

Accounting (N420)

Luton Campus
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
BA (Hons)

Duration
3 Years

Study mode
Full-time

Accounting (N403)

Luton Campus
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
BA (Hons)

Duration
4 Years

Study mode
Full-time with a
placement (sandwich)

Business Economics (NP85)

Luton Campus
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
BA (Hons)

Duration
3 Years

Study mode
Full-time

Business Information Systems (GN51)

Luton Campus
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
BSc (Hons)

Duration
3 Years

Study mode
Full-time

Business Management (N201)

Bedford Campus
Undergraduate Degree

Qualification
BA (Hons)

Duration
4 Years

Study mode
Full-time with a
placement (sandwich)

[View all relevant courses at University of Bedfordshire >](#)

The UCAS calendar

Mid June

Register with APPLY, start application

Mid September

First applications can be submitted

Mid October

Deadline for medicine, dentistry
and veterinary science applications,
and all applications to Oxford and
Cambridge

Mid January

Standard UCAS deadline

Mid March

Start of UCAS Extra

August

Results Day

Clearing lists released

Remember, remember...

- // Your school will have its own deadlines for UCAS
- // The earlier you get applications in the better
- // Your school/college coordinator can monitor how much is completed
- // What is your email address?!
- // If you want to take a Gap Year you should still apply this year, but 'defer' your entry

What happens next?

- // Your form will need to be checked by a teacher, and have an electronic reference attached
- // You can receive either **Unconditional Offers**, **Conditional Offers** or **Rejections**
- // Once every institution has made a decision, you must decide which two offers to hold (**Firm** and **Insurance**)
- // You can keep updated using UCAS **Track**
- // Universities can send invites for interviews and auditions through Track
- // You then wait until results day to see if you have met the conditions of your choice

UCAS track

track

[main menu](#)

[choices](#)

[personal](#)

[> LOG OUT](#)

: choices

Please make sure you have checked the details of your choices and the course fees **before** making replies.
View the **student finance** information web page.

Click on the course code in red below to access the choice details.

university / college	course	starting	decision	your reply	updated
University of East Anglia campus: entry point: 1	VL12	26-Sep-2012	Conditional		12-Oct-2011
Loughborough University campus: entry point: 1	VL1F	01-Oct-2012	Conditional		25-Oct-2011
University of Southampton campus: entry point: 1	VL12	01-Oct-2012	Conditional		21-Oct-2011
University of Leicester campus: entry point: 1	VL12	01-Oct-2012	Conditional		20-Oct-2011
University of Sussex campus: entry point: 1	VLC2	17-Sep-2012			20-Sep-2011

[Add choice](#)

[Reply to offers](#)

[Payment](#)

application processed by UCAS : 20-Sep-2011
last log in : 08-Nov-2011

Why are Personal Statements so important?

- // All Undergraduate students must fill out a UCAS application form online
- // Personal Statements are an essential part of the application process
- // Opportunity for you to demonstrate your enthusiasm to the universities and also your suitability for the course(s) that you hope to study
- // In many cases applicants are not interviewed
- // Admissions tutors may use this information in deciding to offer you a place over another student that has identical grades/experience

What should it cover?

- // Reasons for choosing the course
- // Show why you would be suitable for the course – relevant research, skills and experience
- // Capability for higher level study – independence, motivation, academic ability
- // Career aspirations, and why you would be suited to your chosen profession
- // Other interests, abilities and achievements – show that you are a 'well-rounded' person

Hints and Tips

- // Be positive – make yourself stand out from other applicants
- // Be concise – do not repeat information which is elsewhere on the form
- // Spend time on getting it right!
- // Do not plagiarise
- // You can enter up to 4,000 characters (this includes spaces) or 47 lines of text (this includes blank lines), whichever comes
- // Look on UCAS website
- // Ask for help from your College careers team
- // Include any **transferable skills** that you may have

Applying for multiple courses

- // Remember that you only write one personal statement so it will be used for all your choices.
 - // If you are applying for a joint degree
 - // Explain why you are interested in both aspects of this joint program
 - // If you are applying for different subjects – So five different courses
- Identify the common themes and skills that are relevant to your choices

Remember...

- // Why you have chosen the course(s)
- // The reasons why that subject area interests you
- // Evidence that you understand what is required to study the course
- // How your current or previous studies relate to the course(s) that you have chosen
- // Any activities that demonstrate your interest in the course(s)
- // Why you want to go to The University
- // Details of jobs, placements, work experience or voluntary work, particularly if its relevant to your chosen course(s)_
- // Hobbies, interests and social activities that demonstrate your skills and abilities

Planning the content



University of
Bedfordshire



Any questions?

Steph Strange

Student Engagement & Recruitment

steph.strange@beds.ac.uk

www.beds.ac.uk

University of Bedfordshire open days:

www.beds.ac.uk/opendays



Belong
facebook.com/unibeds
twitter.com/uniofbeds
youtube.com/uobvideos