

Post 18 Options

LIFE AFTER KJS

Students' future plans?



More qualifications or employment



The Process - What we do?

- ▶ Information Advice and Guidance
- ▶ Post 18 Options Days - June
- ▶ University visitors
- ▶ UCAS HE Conference - Leeds
- ▶ Open day support
- ▶ UCAS support – personal statements
- ▶ Student guidance booklet
- ▶ Academic reference and predicted grades
- ▶ Careers guidance, Non-university support and Employability skills
- ▶ Gap year information and guidance

Higher Education – Course choice

► The Big Decision!



Drop out rates

- ▶ According to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), 26,000 students who started university in 2015 did not continue beyond the first year. That is approximately 5% of the 530,000 who started.
- ▶ **One of the big causes of dropping out is the wrong choice of course or university/location.**



Informed choices – starting points

▶ UCAS Course Search

English Literature

Durham University


For more information on this course, please see our website.

Qualification	Study mode	Location
Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) - BA (Hons)	Full-time	St John's

Start date	Duration
October 2018	3 years

[Other course options](#)

Course details



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Warning
This course has restrictions on who can apply - [Find out more](#)

Provider information

www.dur.ac.uk
Durham University
The Palatine Centre
Stockton Road
Durham
DH1 3LE

TEF Silver Teaching Excellence Framework
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Course contact details
[View course details on provider's website](#)
The Undergraduate Admissions Office
✉ admissions@durham.ac.uk
☎ 0191 334 6128
☎ 0191 334 6055

Unistats
[Compare information on the Unistats website](#)

The university's own website

TEF (Teaching Excellence Framework) award

Direct Contact Details

Unistats

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BA (Hons) English Literature
3-year course, full time, foundation year (optional), year abroad (optional)
Durham University | Location: Durham Campus
See this course at the Durham University website

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Student satisfaction

This is the percentage of students who agreed with these statements. 
[What is the NSS?](#)

96%

Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course [i](#)

The teaching on my course [i](#)

Staff are good at explaining things	98%
Staff have made the subject interesting	97%
The course is intellectually stimulating	96%
My course has challenged me to achieve my best work	90%

Quality Measures

**TEF / REF /
LEO**
**What and
why?!**



League tables

The factors include: entry requirements, staff/student ratio academic services and facilities expenditure per student, student satisfaction, staff/student ratio, research ratings, the distribution of degree classifications, completion rates and student destinations.



2018 ↓	2017 ↓	Institution ↓	the guardian University guide	THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS	Institution	2018 rank	2017 rank
1	1	Cambridge »			University of Cambridge	1	1
2	2	Oxford »			University of Oxford	2	2
3	3	St Andrews »			University of St Andrews	3	5
4	6	Durham »			London School of Economics and Political Science	4	3
5	10	Bath »			Imperial College London	5	4
6	7	Imperial College »			Durham University	6	6
6	4	Loughborough »			University College London	7	10
8	9	Warwick »			University of Warwick	8	8
9	8	Lancaster »			Lancaster University	9	9
10	4	Surrey »			Loughborough University	10	7
10	14	UCL »			University of Bath	11	11
12	15	Coventry »			University of East Anglia	12	14
13	11	Exeter »			University of Surrey	13	11
14	16	Leeds »			University of Exeter	=14	13
15	12	London School of Economics »			University of Leeds	=14	16
15	13	Birmingham »			University of Birmingham	16	15
17	19	York »			University of Bristol	17	24
18	24	UEA »			University of Nottingham	18	21
19	25	Nottingham »			University of Sussex	19	18
20	20	Sussex »			University of York	20	20

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A-Level

A* - 56

A - 48

B - 40

C - 32

D - 24

E - 16

Choosing your course

- ▶ There are over **50,000** undergraduate courses at more than **395** providers in the UK.
- ▶ Students apply for 5 courses. Once they have received all of their responses they need to make a **firm** and an **insurance** choice.
- ▶ **Accommodation** and **unconditional offers**.



Course A to Z

Aerospace Engineering

Botany

Celtic Studies

Dietetics

Egyptology

Footwear Design

Games Development

History

Irish Studies

Jazz

Knitwear Design

Law

Model Making

Nanoscience

Outdoor Activities

Puppetry - Animation

Quantum Science

Radio Production

Space Science & Robotics

Teaching

Ukrainian

Vietnamese and Music

Water Biology

X

Yacht Design

Zoology



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All courses are different

- ▶ Unlike schools, courses at universities are all different. An English or History degree at one university will be different from English or History degree at another. Courses are designed around the interests, strengths and research specialism of the academic staff.
- ▶ Students **MUST** do their research to ensure they know what the course content is. Remember they will be studying that subject for the next 3 or 4 years!
- ▶ They might want to consider a 'sandwich' course or *studying abroad*.
- ▶ **DON'T FORGET – THEY WILL BE PAYING THOUSANDS OF POUNDS IN TUITION FEES TO THE UNIVERSITY.**
- ▶ They should **NOT** spend that much money without ensuring they know what they are buying, and that it meets their expectations and needs.

Bursary/Scholarships/Access

- ▶ Bursaries and scholarships refer to financial help in addition to student loans and grants – the money does not have to be paid back. The terms 'bursary' and 'scholarship' are used interchangeably and each university has its own terminology.
- ▶ **Do the research!**
- ▶ The government wants to ensure individuals are not deterred from coming to universities because of lack of funds.
- ▶ **Access schemes**



Summary

- ▶ **Do the research. Focus on entry requirements**
- ▶ **Get help and advice.** Teachers, parents, lecturers, admissions tutors, current students.
- ▶ **Do some comparisons.** Various league tables, student satisfaction surveys, comparisons websites can be found easily on-line.
- ▶ **Read up about the course and the university.** Universities all produce a prospectus which you should read before making your choices.
- ▶ **Location, location, location.** Think about where do you want to study? Big City? Campus? Move Away/Stay at home? Costs?
- ▶ Attend a **HE convention** and collect as much information as possible.
- ▶ **See for yourself** www.opendays.com

UCAS Services and Key Dates

- ▶ UCAS Extra
- ▶ Clearing
- ▶ Adjustment

UCAS

- ▶ **15th October** – Early entry deadline
- ▶ **15th January** – General entry deadline
- ▶ **We have our own internal deadlines.** Please see the handout for a more detailed overview of key dates our internal deadlines and student expectations.
- ▶ **All applications completed by 16th November to guarantee meeting the UCAS deadline.**
- ▶ **It is a very smooth process. If the deadlines are met!**

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