

Applying to British, American and Canadian Universities

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Want to study in English?

- ▶ USA www.collegeboard.com
- ▶ UK www.ucas.com
- ▶ Canada www.aucc.ca
- ▶ Ireland www.cao.ie
- ▶ Australia www.uac.edu.au

Study in English in Europe

- ▶ Netherlands www.studyinholland.nl
- ▶ Germany www.daad.de
- ▶ Sweden www.studyinsweden.se

International Universities in Europe

www.european-universities.eu

- ▶ **Università Bocconi (Italy)**
- ▶ International Economics, Management and Finance + courses in Italian
- ▶
- ▶ **Jacobs University Bremen (Germany)**
- ▶ Lots of Science/computer courses
- ▶
- ▶ **Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (Switzerland)**
- ▶ Bachelor of Science in International Hospitality Management + courses in French
- ▶
- ▶ **IE University (Spain)**
- ▶ Business Admin, Law, IR, Psychology, Communications, Architecture, Biology + courses in Spanish
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International Universities in Europe cont.

- ▶ **Vesalius College (Belgium)**
- ▶ Business, Communications, International Relations
- ▶
- ▶ **Tilburg University (The Netherlands)**
- ▶ Econometrics and Operations, Economics, Global Law, International Business Admin, Liberal Arts and Sciences + courses in Dutch
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- ▶ **Modul University Vienna (Austria)**
- ▶ Tourism and Hospitality Management, Tourism, Hotel Management and Operations, International Management
- ▶
- ▶ **KIT Carl Benz School (Germany)**
- ▶ Mechanical Engineering + courses in German

Degrees in England & Wales

- Bachelors: 3 years
- Tuition fees GBP 9,000

- Masters: 4 years.

- Bachelor of Medicine: 5 years.

Degrees in Scotland

- Bachelors: 4 years
- No Tuition fees for EU students
- Delayed choice

Tips

- ▶ Look for courses that offer ‘**extras**’
- ▶ **Sandwich courses** – Years 1 and 2 study, Year 3 work, Year 4 study
- ▶ **Exchange programs** with unis in other countries
- ▶ **Learn a new language**

Entry Requirements

UK universities accept Matura

- ▶ The better your grades, the better the university you can get into. This is a competitive system.
- ▶ Universities will look at your overall grades and look at grades in specific subjects

Entry Requirements..cont.

- *Medicine – BMAT/UKCAT.*

- *Law – LNAT*

- *Oxbridge – depends on course*

Extra tests are listed on unis' websites

Deadlines

- ▶ **Early UCAS October 15th**
 - ▶ **All courses at Oxbridge + Medicine, Dentistry and Vet. Med at all UK unis**

- ▶ **Regular UCAS January 15th**

UCAS process overview

- ▶ Research courses
- ▶ Register on **www.ucas.com**
- ▶ Apply to 5 unis (only 4 for medicine)
- ▶ Track Progress. (You will receive conditional offers).
- ▶ When you have 5 replies you select 'Firm' and 'Insurance' choices and discard the others.
- ▶ Pass exams – go to university

Early UCAS

Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Med.

- ▶ Sept 1st to Oct. 15th apply.
- ▶ Oct. 15th DEADLINE
- ▶ (December – Oxbridge interviews)
- ▶ **January to March** – receive conditional offers
- ▶ **May 5th** – select FIRM and INSURANCE offers, discard others.
- ▶ When exam results are published, confirm that you intend to accept the study place

Regular UCAS

All non Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Med. courses

- ▶ Apply from Sept 1st to January 15th
- ▶ January 15th DEADLINE

- ▶ **Sept. to March** Unis make conditional offers
- ▶ **May** – Students select ‘Firm’ and ‘Insurance’ choices
- ▶ When exam results are published, confirm that you intend to accept the study place

Applications

www.ucas.com/apply

1. Personal Details
2. Choice of courses
3. Education
4. Employment
5. Personal Statement
6. Reference + grades on last Zeugnis

Personal Statement

- ▶ Your chance to:
- ▶ Show your passion for the course
- ▶ Convince the admissions tutor to take you
- ▶ Advice on www.ucas.com
- ▶ It must be your original work. UCAS uses plagiarism detection software

Reference

- ▶ Your teacher will write a reference for you
- ▶ The reference will focus on your academic achievements / potential
- ▶ Plus brief comments on your personal qualities and extra curricular activities
- ▶ There needs to be a list of grades at the top of your reference. Best to use the most recent semester grades from your Zeugnis

Living Costs

- ▶ *These range from Euros 900 per month outside London to Euros 1400 in London.*

UK Uni Lifestyle

- ▶ 3 or 4 year bachelors degree
- ▶ Take a range of courses in years 1 and 2 (Scotland)
- ▶ Live in Hall of Residence...make friends
- ▶ Campus lifestyle – lots of activities, clubs, societies
- ▶ Live together, work together, play together

Special Subjects 1

LAW

- ▶ Different system in each country
Nostrification
- ▶ UK
- ▶ Many universities require the LNAT test
- ▶ USA
- ▶ Law is a post grad course

Special Subjects 2

Medicine...UK

Direct entry from school – 5 years

Extra tests – UKCAT or BMAT...aptitude test

**You must do internships in a hospital/Praxis
before you apply**

Graduate entry – 4 years

Pre med science degree, then study medicine

Special Subjects 2

Medicine...USA

- ▶ Study Pre Med. This can be any 4 year bachelor degree...usually science based
- ▶ Medicine is a graduate course. Med school lasts 4 years. Then internships/residencies 3–5 years.
- ▶ Few places for foreigners

Special Subjects 3

▶ Art/Design

- ▶ UK
- ▶ Foundation year, then apply to bachelor degree course
- ▶ www.arts.ac.uk
- ▶ USA
- ▶ Apply directly into arts degree

USA

- ▶ **How many colleges should I apply to?**
- ▶ *5 to 7 is enough (or just one for Early Decision)*
- ▶ **What exams do I need?**
- ▶ *SAT Reasoning Test.*
- ▶ **How do I apply?**
- ▶ *Use the online www.Commonapp.org or apply online direct to the college*

USA

- ▶ **When should I apply?**
- ▶ *November 1st or 15th*
- ▶ *US Early Decision/Early Action*

- ▶ *January 1st or 15th*
- ▶ *All other US applications*

- ▶ **How much does it cost?**
- ▶ *\$20 -60,000 p.a.*

USA... How do you create a short list of colleges?

Determine colleges that are:

Reach, Target, Safety

- You can use College Search at
- www.collegeboard.com
- Based on SAT scores

Consider financial cost

- International tuition fees
- In-state vs. out-of-state tuition fees

US Applications

- ▶ www.commonapp.org
- ▶ Fill out all personal information, select colleges etc.
- ▶ Go to School Forms – Recommenders – Invite.
- ▶ Type in names and e mail addresses of two teachers who are going to write your recommendations. Check Spelling!

US College Experience

- ▶ 4 year bachelors degree
- ▶ Take a range of courses in years 1 and 2
- ▶ Live in a Dorm...make friends
- ▶ Campus lifestyle – lots of activities, clubs, societies
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SAT FAQs

- ▶ **What is the SAT?**
- ▶ The SAT Reasoning Test is a test of English and Math; it is required for US colleges, some may also require SAT Subject Tests.

- ▶ **When should I take the SAT?**
- ▶ January/May/June of your 2nd last year in school (7er Klasse)

- ▶ October/November/December of your last year in school. (8er Klasse)

www.collegeboard.com

SAT

- ▶ Registration deadlines are approx. 5 weeks before the test date. Check www.collegeboard.com for details.
- ▶ The nearest test centre is the American International School, Vienna.
- ▶ Test dates: Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, May, June
- ▶ All information at www.collegeboard.com

SAT Tests

How do I prepare for SAT?

The Collegeboard's Official SAT Online Course.

\$70 approx

The Official SAT Study Guide.

This book costs \$22 approx from

www.collegeboard.com

Canada

- ▶ Choosing a Program of Study www.aucc.ca
- ▶ Applications

Ontario

- Centralized application process
www.ouac.on.ca Form 105F for international students and form 105D for Canadians.
- Other provinces
- Apply direct online to university

Top Canadian Universities

- ▶ McGill – Montreal
- ▶ U of T – Toronto
- ▶ UBC – Vancouver
- ▶ Queens – Kingston, Ontario
- ▶ Carleton – Ottawa
- ▶ Concordia – Montreal
- ▶ Ryerson – Toronto
- ▶ Etc.

Costs

- ▶ **International Students**
- ▶ **\$25,000 – 38,000**

The Netherlands

- ▶ **Universiteiten**
- ▶ Universities offer 3 year bachelor degrees as well as post graduate research degrees

- ▶ **Hogescholen (Fachhochschulen)**
- ▶ Offer mainly 4 year bachelor degrees – this includes a placement year

Dutch Universities..a sample

- ▶ Erasmus Rotterdam
- ▶ Maastricht
- ▶ Leiden
- ▶ Tilburg
- ▶ Groningen
- ▶ Amsterdam
- ▶ Utrecht
- ▶ TU Eindhoven
- ▶ TU Delft
- ▶ Twente

Tuition Fees

- ▶ Approx €2,000 for EU/EEA students
- ▶ Non-EU/EEA students, typically around €8,500 although some subjects may be more expensive.
- ▶ Most Dutch unis offer you the option of paying in installments

Expenses

- ▶ Below is a typical example based on 10 months p.a.
- ▶ Rent €300–450
- ▶ Food €250
- ▶ Study Materials €70
- ▶ Insurance €60
- ▶ Entertainment €100
- ▶ Total for tuition and other expenses = approx € 900 per month

Deadlines

- ▶ Deadlines in the Netherlands vary depending on course and uni.
- ▶ Applications start September
- ▶ Deadlines range from January to May

Apply

- ▶ Register on www.studielink.nl
- ▶ Apply direct to your uni
- ▶ Send in requested supporting documents

Useful Websites

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