



Welcome to our Higher Education Evening



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It's tough out there!

- ▶ Challenging job market
- ▶ 2.5% rise in UCAS applications
- ▶ 15% increase in medicine/vet/dentistry
- ▶ Increased competition
- ▶ Higher grade offers
- ▶ Increased tuition fees

Thorough research is vital





DISTANCE LEARNING?
GAP YEAR?



Welcome

So you're thinking about not going to uni. Congratulations! You've just proved that you're not afraid to think differently. Contrary to what the masses may say, university isn't the only path to success. From apprenticeships to debt-free learning, there are literally thousands of other opportunities out there.

[Read More](#)

Thought of the Day

STAT ALERT: We've

Jobs and Training

1 - Select one of the following categories.

Apprenticeship	979 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced Apprenticeship	234 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation Degree	53 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsored Degree	14 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Courses & Training	679 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs	76 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distance Learning	129 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gap Year & Voluntary	106 Vacancies	<input type="checkbox"/>

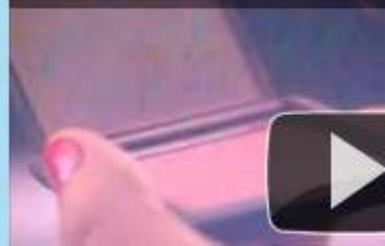
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Be Inspired

Gemma Kirby Business






- ▶ The Application process
- ▶ How to choose a course/university
- ▶ College help & support
- ▶ Student Finance
- ▶ How parents can help



Why choose Higher Education?

- ▶ Increased earning power of graduates.
 - ▶ **Qualifications Rule OK!** Increasing number of careers and professions require HE qualifications, e.g. Law, Teaching, Nursing.
 - ▶ Opportunity to enhance transferable skills & intellectual flexibility for a competitive job market.
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Is University the right choice for your son/daughter?

- ▶ Committed to 3 or more years further study?
- ▶ Ability and interest to study a subject at undergraduate level?
- ▶ Planning a gap year?
- ▶ Any career plans?



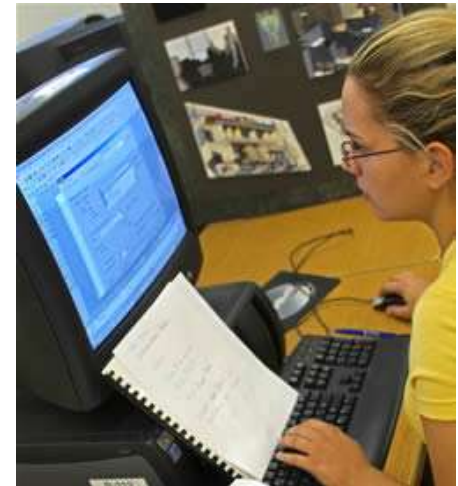
Help! I don't have a career plan!

- ▶ 60% of graduate jobs are open to all graduates.
- ▶ Subject often does not matter; it's the class of degree and transferable skills that count.
- ▶ Work experience; highly valued by employers.



No idea what to study?

- ▶ Choosing courses – Careers site GOL
- ▶ Stamford Test www.ucas.co.uk
- ▶ Higher Ideas – Suggests study areas that relate to BTEC/A level subjects and student's interests.



Careers On-line

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- Degree Course Focus Guides
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- Sport Related Careers...
- Healthcare Professions
- Dentistry
- Law
- Study abroad
- Applying to Art College
- Applying to Music Colleges
- Applying to Drama & Danc...
- Gap Year
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- UCAS 2011 Entry
- Personal Statements
- University Interviews
- University Life
- Self Employment

Welcome to Careers!

Your award-winning Careers Department has a great deal of experience when it comes to helping you with your choices after college. We are holders of the prestigious Investors in Careers Award.



Use the careers' resources below to help you make an informed choice about your future plans. Use the menu to the left to navigate to each section.

Remember to look at what is available via the [Useful Links](#) section in the right hand column. These give easy access to the *Connexions* website, *Careers etc* and *Higher Ideas*, where you can use the lightbulb menu to generate ideas about university courses; and of course a quick link to the UCAS website.

[HE Convention Parental Consent letter](#)

[Introduction to Careers Dept 2011](#)

[News forum](#)

[Map of Careers Department](#) - to help you to find the information you want. All our resources are reference only- but careers books can be borrowed from the Main Library - see the list below.

[Careers Books](#) are available for loan. The Main Library has a large selection of books covering universities, personal statements, job interviews & CVs, psychometric tests & tests for medicine & law. Go browse & borrow!

[Get SMAART: Careers Advice E - Magazine](#)

[Student Finance power point 2011](#)

["Informed Choices"](#) - the Russell Group guide to post-16 education and its impact on your university & course choices.

[Preparing for Careers Work Post AS](#)

[UCAS Applications - Important Information](#)

Who we are

We are here to help you on the top floor of the ILC, and the department is staffed Mon - Fri 9.00 - 5.00.



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connexions

SURREY

careers etc.
@ Godalming College

Higher Ideas
Plan your journey
into Higher Education
Click [HERE](#) to access software

UCAS

Calendar

◀ April 2011 ▶

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	


Events Key

- Global
- Course
- Group
- User

Upcoming Events

Student Finance opens for new applications.

The Starting Point.....

- ▶ **50,000+ courses**
(Foundation degrees, degrees, HND's, diplomas)
 - ▶ **900 Subjects**
(Architecture – Zoology)
 - ▶ **Over 300 institutions**
(Universities, FE/HE colleges, educational institutions)
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The Reality....

- ▶ 1 UCAS application
- ▶ 5 (themed) choices
- ▶ 2 acceptances (firm and insurance)


One Destination!



Preparation for Application

- ▶ **Spring/ Summer term 2011** tutorials focus on researching post 18+ options.
- ▶ Students choose Additional Study
- ▶ **Thursday 7th July** – L6 Careers Conference
- ▶ End of summer term students should have...
 - Registered for UCAS APPLY.
 - Researched Course/University choices
 - Attended some Open Days
 - Started to prepare personal statement

The application process

- ▶ Students complete a UCAS form in early Autumn 2011
 - ▶ Tutors attach reference & we send to UCAS
 - ▶ Universities consider the application
 - ▶ Students end up with a selection of offers
 - ▶ Between February and May students decide on their firm and insurance choice
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The process of confirmation

- ▶ A Level results in August
- ▶ If students have achieved the firm offer, that place is confirmed
- ▶ If not, but the student meets their insurance choice, that place will be confirmed
- ▶ If both reject, student enters Clearing.



Internal Deadlines



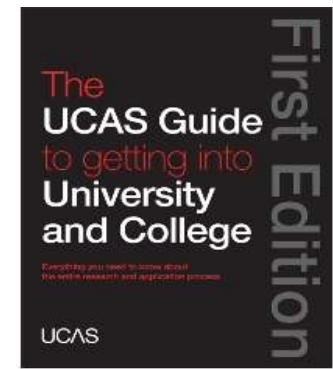
Oxbridge Medics Vets & Dentists	Main UCAS internal deadline	Art Foundation
Friday 23 September	Week commencing 31 October	Friday 15 November

What Admissions Tutors look for?....

- ▶ Predicted Grades
- ▶ Achieved AS/BTEC & GCSE Grades
- ▶ Selection Tests: LNAT, UKCAT, BMAT etc
- ▶ College Reference
- ▶ Personal Statement
 - evidence of commitment and motivation
 - intellectual curiosity
 - character & personal attributes
 - beware plagiarism checks!



Which Course?



- ▶ **Course content** Check prospectuses & websites.
- ▶ **Entry requirements** Check www.ucas.co.uk course search
 - Do entry requirements match predicted A2 grades and subjects studied?
 - Are there specific GCSE requirements?
 - Popular courses = more competition & higher offers
- ▶ **Teaching & assessment** – Do they suit the student's learning style?



Students

Parents

Advisers

HE staff

About us



Managing applications to UK higher education courses

> Course Search



Make the most of [ucas.com](#)

Find universities and colleges using [Where to study](#). Research courses using [Course Search](#), complete an application using [Apply](#) and follow the progress of your application using [Track](#).

> Apply



Search for courses starting in 2011

Course Search 2011 is now live - [search for courses](#)

> Track progress



Customer service now online

Five UCAS advisers have joined yougo, our student network, and are ready to answer your questions online. [More about UCAS advisers on yougo](#)

> Where to study



Watch video guides on UCAS tv

Follow us on Twitter

Join yougo, our student network



50% off subject guides from UCAS

Attend an event

Save a packet with UCAS Card



Unistats

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Home/EU Search

University of Southampton

History

3 year full-time Degree

information required to complete the UCAS application :

Open for all applications

institution code name :	SOTON
institution code :	S27
course code :	V100
start date :	01 October 2011
campus code :	see below for list of campus codes
short form of course :	BA/H
further details :	see notes about this course
application deadline date:	15 January 2011

[Entry profile](#)

- > [What does this course offer me?](#)
- > [What is Southampton like?](#)
- > [What qualifications and skills do I need?](#)
- > [How does Southampton select applicants?](#)
- > [More information about this course](#)
- > [About this institution](#)

[Fees, bursaries and financial support](#)

View the UK-wide employability profile(s) for History by Period

[Classics and Ancient History](#)

[History](#)

Information collected by the Higher Education Academy

Unistats

National Student Survey

History

90% were satisfied with the quality of teaching in this subject area (121 out of 205 responded)

[Find out more about this subject area\(s\) at University of Southampton](#)

National Student Survey

[Home](#) > [Overview](#) > [National Student Survey](#)



What students thought about their course

Jump to:

- [Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course](#)
- [The teaching on my course](#)
- [Assessment and feedback](#)
- [Academic support](#)
- [Organisation and management](#)
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- [Personal development](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON: History ([f/t](#), [f/d](#))

1) Add to shortlist

Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course [\[back to top\]](#)

Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course.	Agree	No.respondents	
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON: History (f/t , f/d)	90%	121 of 205	

The teaching on my course [\[back to top\]](#)

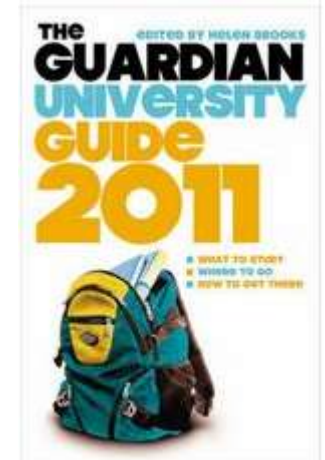
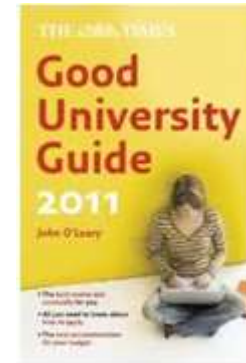
Staff are good at explaining things.	Agree	No.respondents	
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON: History (f/t , f/d)	95%	122 of 205	
Staff have made the subject interesting.	Agree	No.respondents	

Making realistic choices

Subject	University	Entry requirements	Competition
English	Durham	AAA (Eng A, GCSE MFL)	20:1
English	Exeter	AAA–AAB (Eng A)	13:1
English	Nottingham	AAB (Eng A + 4 GCSEs A)	22:1
English	Oxford Brookes	ABB (Eng A or B)	15:1
English	Bath Spa	220 – 300 (most offers BBB)	8:1

Which University?

- ▶ Geographic location
- ▶ Quality www.unistats.ac.uk
- ▶ Get a prospectus; check out the web site; attend Open Days
- ▶ Course structure
- ▶ Accommodation quality & price
- ▶ Campus life; student welfare



Open Days

- ▶ Book early
- ▶ www.opendays.com
- ▶ UCAS applicant days
- ▶ Don't overdo it!



Godalming College's most popular universities


2009 Entry		2010 Entry	
University	No. of Students	University	No. of Students
Bristol, West of England (BUWE)	24	Portsmouth	29
Leeds	24	Leeds	25
Bournemouth	23	Southampton	23
Exeter	23	Nottingham	21
Southampton	16	Bristol, West of England (BUWE)	21
Brighton	15	Bournemouth	20
Portsmouth	15	Sussex	20
Manchester	14	Manchester	17
Nottingham	14	Plymouth	15
Bath	13	Oxford Brookes	15
Kent	13	Brighton	15
Oxford Brookes	13	Nottingham Trent	14
Plymouth	13	Exeter	14
Southampton	13	Cardiff	13
Solent			
Oxford	12	Warwick	12
Sussex	12	Swansea	11
Royal Holloway	10	Leeds Metropolitan	11

How much will it cost?




- ▶ **A lot!**
- ▶ From Sept 2012 Universities can charge up to £9000 pa tuition fees
- ▶ No up-front payment for tuition fees as Government loans will be available to most students. Repayment begins when student earning £21,000 pa

Student Finance

- ▶ £150m National Scholarships Programme to target bright potential students from poor backgrounds.
 - ▶ Non-repayable grants to help with living costs available to students of families with incomes up to £42,600
 - ▶ Loans to help with living costs will be available for all eligible students, irrespective of family income.
 - ▶ Universities may offer some non-repayable scholarships and bursaries dependant on income &/or academic achievement
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Keep up to date

- ▶ www.direct.gov/studentfinance
 - ▶ www.bis.gov.uk
 - ▶ UCAS course search 2012 – Mid May
 - ▶ Fee information – July 2011?
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Who can help?

- ▶ Personal & subject tutors
- ▶ Careers staff (Top floor ILC)



How parents can help?

- ▶ Encourage them to research NOW!
- ▶ Stress importance of checking e-mail
- ▶ Go with them to open days
- ▶ Offer to proof read personal statement
- ▶ Check they meet College & UCAS deadlines
- ▶ Be there at results' time



GOOD LUCK!

Well informed research
+ hard work
& realistic early application
=
SUCCESS

