

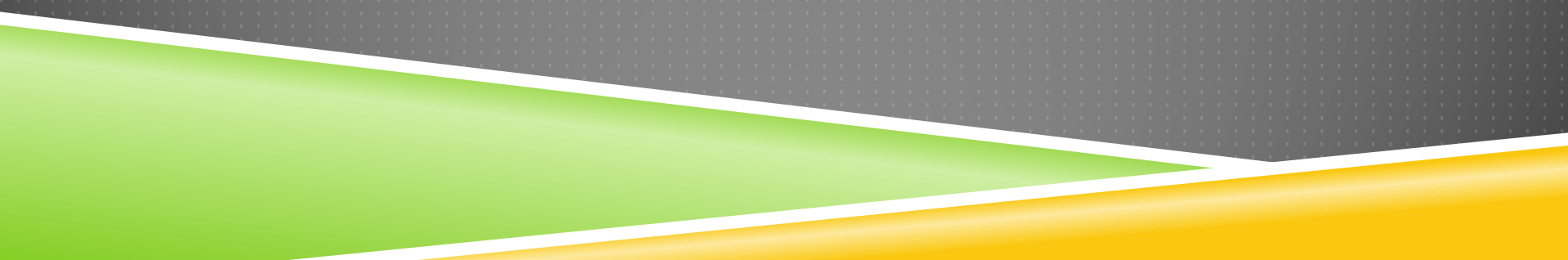
OPTIONS AT 18

An Introduction to university

WHAT TO FOCUS ON...

- ▶ Studying at university
- ▶ Why study at university
- ▶ How to choose a course?
- ▶ How to choose a university?
- ▶ How to apply?
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Important information

STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY

- ▶ 84% of Sixth Form students go to university
 - ▶ Job prospects
 - ▶ Pro's
 - ▶ Con's
 - ▶ Developing your overall skillset
 - ▶ Opportunities
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WHY UNIVERSITY? PRO'S

- ▶ Opportunity to specialise in a subject
- ▶ New friends
- ▶ Develop you as an individual
- ▶ Living away from home
- ▶ Study/learn differently
- ▶ Develop self-reliance
- ▶ Learn more about yourself
- ▶ A chance to explore

WHY UNIVERSITY? CON'S

- ▶ Cost implications
- ▶ Daunting
- ▶ It's not for everyone
- ▶ A delay in going into employment
- ▶ Do I need to study for a degree to reach my end goal?
- ▶ Loneliness
- ▶ Had enough of education

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?

► UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com>

The screenshot shows the UCAS website homepage. At the top left is the UCAS logo with the tagline "At the heart of connecting people to higher education". To the right are "Sign in" and "Register" buttons. Below the logo is a navigation bar with a dropdown menu for "Information and advice" and a search bar containing the text "Search articles, information and advice by keyword". A dark banner below the navigation bar reads "Customer Experience Centre closed: 1 May - Read more". The main content area features four navigation tabs: "All stages" (underlined), "Discover", "Apply", and "Track". On the left, there is a "Search for courses" section with a "Select a course type" dropdown. The central area contains several tiles: "What are my options?" with a red fork icon, "What's your passion?" from Teesside University with a search for "sport coaching" and an "Apply now" button, "Getting started" with a photo of students, and "Find hundreds of videos..." with the UCAS logo. On the right, a "Filters" section lists categories: Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Teacher Training, Conservatoires, and 16-18 Choices. Below the filters is a vertical list of red buttons: "Applying", "Getting started", "Apprenticeships and jobs", "Contact us", "The application process", "Finance and funding", "Key dates", "After applying", and "Student support".

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All stages Discover Apply Track

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What are my options?
What are your options after school, college, or sixth form? Find out here.

What's your passion?
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Thinking about higher education?

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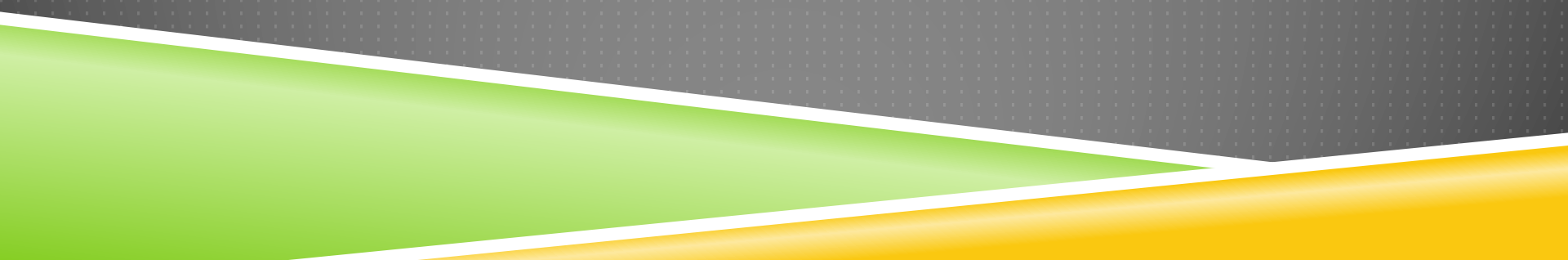
HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?

- ▶ UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com>
- ▶ Investigate
- ▶ Look at all subject areas you are currently studying
- ▶ Research opportunities beyond a particular course
- ▶ Ask your teachers
- ▶ Remember – what do you enjoy most!

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?

- ▶ 3 years or 4 years?
 - ▶ Single or combined?
 - ▶ Placement
 - ▶ Studying abroad
 - ▶ Entry requirements
 - ▶ Specific career in mind?
 - ▶ Best grades
 - ▶ Favourite subject
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HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY?

- ▶ Job prospects
 - ▶ Student satisfaction
 - ▶ Campus or City based?
 - ▶ Russell Group/Oxbridge/Mid
 - ▶ Entry requirements
 - ▶ Vocational or academic?
 - ▶ League tables
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HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY?

► Entry requirements

AS Level	A Level	UCAS Points
-	A*	56
-	A	48
-	B	40
-	C	32
-	D	24
A	-	20
B	E	16
C	-	12
D	-	10
E	-	6

HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY?

- ▶ Entry requirements

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma	UCAS Points
D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32

HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY?

- ▶ League tables - <https://unistats.direct.gov.uk>

UNISTATS
Compare official course data from universities and colleges

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Subject or course in Institution or location Search More search options

Compare: No courses added

The official website for comparing UK higher education course data

Includes official data for undergraduate courses 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

Which course features are you interested in?

- Subject**
View courses by subject
- Qualification**
Qualification type
- Study mode**
Full-time, part-time, distance learning
- Location**
Where would you like to study?
- Characteristics**
Sandwich year, foundation year.

Universities & colleges

A-Z

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

VIDEO GUIDE: USING UNISTATS

42%
Time in lectures, seminars and similar

Tweets by @UnistatsUK

- Unistats** @UnistatsUK
#UCAS undergraduate application deadline 15 Jan! Unistats has the facts to help you decide on #Uni courses: unistats.direct.gov.uk #uniapps
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- Unistats** @UnistatsUK
Visit our new resources page for teachers and advisors
unistats.direct.gov.uk/comms/ to find posters, postcards, video guide and a new data guide

FINANCE

- ▶ UK student loans not viable
- ▶ Contribution fee of £2500
- ▶ Loan of £2500 from the IOM Government (to be repaid based on an annual salary of £21,000 – at 9% of gross annual earnings). Interest is at 5% per annum (currently)
- ▶ IOM Government £6500 (max limit £9000) based on UCAS points achieved
- ▶ Cambridge fees!
- ▶ Maintenance grants (means tested)
- ▶ Bursaries
- ▶ For more information - <https://www.gov.im/student-grants>

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

- ▶ Application process starts now!
- ▶ Research
- ▶ UCAS
- ▶ Application form
- ▶ Personal statement
- ▶ Tutor (school) reference
- ▶ Predicted grades (and AS grades)
- ▶ Deadlines

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

- ▶ Deadlines:-
- ▶ July 14th (majority of application form complete)
- ▶ September 8th (personal statements drafted and submitted to tutors)
- ▶ September 22nd (early entry complete)
- ▶ October half term (all other applications complete)

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE...

- ▶ <https://www.ucas.com>
- ▶ <https://unistats.direct.gov.uk>
- ▶ <https://www.push.co.uk>
- ▶ <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2017>
- ▶ <https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2016/may/23/university-league-tables-2017>