

CAREERS RESEARCH PROJECT – UNIVERSITY

Don't worry if you're not sure whether university is for you or not. It is important to know all of your options and to explore all possibilities, which is the purpose of this project.

TASK 1 – KNOW THE FACTS

In Word, create a list of the pros and cons of studying at university. Think about earning potential, how employable you'd be, money, lifestyle, whether your future job requires it, life experiences, learning style, any personal considerations etc.

Make sure you know the facts and do your own research:

[Reasons to go to university](#)

[Article discussing reasons why students go to university](#)

[List of potential pros and cons](#)

[Student finance information](#)

[Facts and figures](#)

[Advice on how to work in certain sectors](#)

[Do courses exist in the topic you want to study?](#)

[Do courses exist in the location you want to live in?](#)

TASK 2 – KNOW THE COURSES

Underneath your work from Task 1, create a list called 'Courses that interest me'. Then explore as many courses as possible using the [UCAS Course Search](#) and add every course that interests you to the list. You can just list the course and university name.

Top tips for searching:

- Make sure you search 'undergraduate' if you are currently a college student
- Use [this guide](#) if you need ideas
- Click [here](#) for an explanation of the different qualifications
- You can narrow down your search by location if you already know where you want to live
- You can include a variety of subjects
- Discover the 24 leading universities [here](#)
- Explore [conservatoires](#) if you want to study performing or creative arts

TASK 3 – YOUR CHOICES

On the document you created for Task 1 & 2, add a new list called 'My favourite courses'. List your 5 favourite courses here and provide the following information about each one:

- Course Name (For example BSc Computer Science)
- University Name
- University Location
- Travel distance from your current home (You can use [Google Maps](#) for this)
- Entry Requirements (This is often listed on UCAS or you may need to go to the university website)
- Reasons why the course interests you (Make sure you explore the modules of the course as these are the actual subjects you would be studying)

You can also use [this website](#) to compare courses by student satisfaction, number of students who stay on the course, alumni earnings etc.

TASK 4 – PERSONAL STATEMENT

Applications to university are done through [UCAS](#) and there are deadlines to adhere to which can be found [here](#). Your school or college will help you to apply, but you can make a start by preparing a personal statement. A personal statement is a piece of writing (4000 characters) that gives you a chance to describe your ambitions, skills and experience to the universities.

Create your personal statement on a new document using this [Personal Statement guide](#) to get you started.

