

Useful Higher Education Websites

General information about HE

www.studyork.com

This website contains all kinds of information about studying in York, including a course search facility listing all the HE programmes available in the York area.

www.opendays.com

A database containing details of open days taking place at different UK universities.

www.push.co.uk

A general review of UK universities from students' perspective.

www.nus.org.uk/

Information and advice from the National Union of Students, including how to settle into a new town, getting through Clearing and managing your finances.

Choosing/Applying for a HE course

www.unistats.com

The Unistats website contains information on the quality of teaching at all UK Higher Education Institutions – as judged by students in the National Student Survey. You can compare up to five universities across a range of quality measures including course results and destination information.

www.ucas.com

Applications for all full-time HE courses must be made online through the UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) website. *Applicants interested in studying part-time apply direct to the University or College.*

The UCAS website also contains detailed information about all courses and institutions, including the tuition fees being charged at each university. Details of applications procedures, including deadlines, are also here.

www.ukcoursefinder.com

This website includes a 15 minute questionnaire that should narrow down the main course areas you are suited to.

www.gttr.ac.uk

The Graduate Teacher Training Registry website is where you need to apply online for PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate for Education) teacher training courses. The site also contains information about the PGCE course and the universities that offer these.

HE Finance

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

This website contains comprehensive information on tuition fees and the range of support available to HE students including details on how to apply for these services.

Online applications for financial support can be submitted via this website. Alternatively application forms for financial assistance can be downloaded from here and returned in the post.

www.slc.co.uk

The Student Loan Company website contains information about Student Loans available to eligible higher education students.

www.direct.gov.uk/cdl

This website has information about Career Development Loans (CDLs) including details on how to apply. CDLs are bank loans and undergraduates would typically only apply for one if they are not eligible for the standard HE support package. Many students enrolled on postgraduate courses or their second undergraduate programme will fund their course with a CDL.

Careers in health and education

www.nhs Careers.nhs.uk

This website is the information service for careers in the NHS in England. It includes information on the education/training required to enter a range of NHS careers.

www.tda.gov.uk

The Training and Development Agency website contains information relating to all aspects of a career in teaching. This includes the latest information on the education/training required to enter the profession.

Graduates

www.prospects.ac.uk

This is a graduate career website offering detailed descriptions of a wide range of jobs/careers and post-graduate courses.

www.gethobsons.co.uk

Information on graduate employment and training

www.ukpass.ac.uk

Run by UCAS, this site enables you to search for information on postgraduate courses and also apply for these programmes.

Distance HE Learning

www.open.ac.uk

The Open University is the UK's largest university, providing part time courses by distance learning. It offers supported open learning materials for undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in many subjects.

www.nec.ac.uk

The National Extension College (NEC) website contains details of distance learning courses.

www.oa-uk.com

The Open College of Arts is a vibrant community of artists, writers and designers offering home-study courses to students worldwide. The OCA is an open-access college and no formal qualifications are required, there are no age limits and you can enrol at any time of the year.

www.icslearn.co.uk

The ICS courses allow people from all backgrounds to study from home and in their own time to gain valuable qualifications, which are essential when seeking employment or promotion in the workplace.

Access to HE Diplomas

www.ucas.ac.uk

For general information on Access programmes including a searchable database go to UCAS homepage, select *Course Search* from the left hand menu and then Access programmes.

International students

www.naric.org.uk

The NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre) website provides information about the comparability of UK and international qualifications. It contains information on the educational and qualifications system in over 180 countries. You can click on the English Language page if you've worried about what standard of English you'll need to study at a British university or if you just want to improve your English. Here you'll find a thorough summary of all the organisations that offer English Language qualifications.

www.univ.cc

The Universities Worldwide website links to over 8000 universities in 199 countries.

Study skills

<http://disc.tees.ac.uk/>

This is a really useful site from the University of Teesside. It provides help for students studying at Higher Education level with writing essays and dissertations, information on mistakes that lose marks, planning before and during exams and online tests.

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