

# HOW TO DECIDE WHICH SUBJECT TO STUDY



## Decide by courses

**Ucas Website.** [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) or <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>

- Go on the ucas website & put in a subject at a time that you may like to study.
- Click on Undergraduate
- then look at the courses that come up, they will differ and be interesting combinations you may not have considered.
- Look into each course which seems interesting

For example, putting in physics, brings up other subjects you could study alongside physics ie computing science with physics, physics with geology. Entering Computer Science will bring up Computer Game application development, Accounting Finance & computing.

Click into various courses which catch your eye, to get a feel for which most interest you. If you read 1 degree and feel uninspired, but feel sparks of interest by the different aspects of a different course, this will help you decide.

**Alternative Courses** – Have a look on one **University website**, look for their **course list**.

There are so many different subjects not studied at school that you may not have thought of ie: Jewellery & silversmithing, Event Management, American Studies, Neuroscience, Marketing

**Low grades:** There are a wide range of universities offering each subject, some with higher entry grades & others with lower grades. Look also at **Foundation Degree** courses which require lower entry grades & top up to full degrees. Some subjects like Art will want you to start on a Foundation Course

When you've decided which subjects interests you:

- ❖ search by that & look at the different unis who offer it,
- ❖ look at your predicted ucas points versus what they offer,
- ❖ & their geographic location. 2-3 hours drive from home helps you get home more easily / often, than Scotland.
- ❖ Think about whether you'd prefer a campus uni (main facilities all on 1 site) or a city uni (buildings spread out more across the city)

Useful links include

**Exploring by subject** <https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects?scheme=undergraduate>

Tips on how to choose a course

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-undergraduate-what-study>

**University Videos** – [An Introduction to University](#) (10 min). Things to consider when [choosing your uni](#) (10 min). [Choosing the right uni](#) for you (20 min)

## Deciding by Which Career you would like to do

**Sacu test-** as well as creating you a careers cloud, you can click on subject cloud after completing the test & it will give you ideas of subjects it thinks you may enjoy studying.

<https://sacu-student.com> Click on:

- Students
- Free careers Quiz.
- Create an account
- Verify your email
- Click Start the Spartan test

Read all the **careers bulletins** & put at least 30 mins aside each week to explore which career you may like using any relevant links in bulletin or **your own research online.** [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)  
Look at **society websites** for the type of career you may be interested in ie: society of chiropractors or websites that are more subject specific ie The Institute of [Physics](#)

**Websites to Help Deciding which Course/ University:**

[Degree Explorer | TARGETcareers](#) – Completing this 2 stage 20 minute assessment, will help you choose the right Degree course for you. You will receive a ranked list of the university subjects which match your interests, which you can explore in more depth.

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) – Search which universities run certain courses. Information about the course and grades needed

[www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com) – Online courses to try out your subject of interest

[www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com) – information about open days and student reviews

[www.discoveruni.gov.uk](http://www.discoveruni.gov.uk) – Government website for uni and their employability statistics

[www.theuniguide.co.uk](http://www.theuniguide.co.uk) – articles relating to university; personal statements, preparing for university.

[www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk) – Forum for students including finance and example personal statements

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