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## UNIVERSITY COURSES - SEARCH WEBSITES

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### [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

1. If you don't know what course might suit you, do the STAMFORD TEST first - click on Stamford Test on the UCAS home page.
2. Enter your details (our region is East Midlands)
3. You then answer a whole series of questions where the response is Yes, No, Possibly - take care with these answers as they determine what courses are suggested for you.
4. You are then presented with a list of possible subject areas - links take you to the relevant course pages.
5. If you know which subject area you are interested in you can skip the Stamford Test and go directly to the UCAS Course search section.
6. Go to the UCAS Home Page. Click on Course Search
7. At the moment you can only look at courses starting in the current academic year but later on the courses for your entry year will be available.
8. There are three ways to search which are explained on the screen. On the first way of searching, you enter the subject(s) that interest you; in course type you enter Degree and Full-time; you can choose to search in all institutions or select one; you can choose to search in one or more regions; and, finally, you can ask for specific requests such as Route B (Art& Design), courses leading to Qualified Teacher Status, courses leading to other professional qualifications.
9. Then click Search. The results are listed by university and you can click on any course to see more details. On the course page, you can look at entry requirements and click on the English (etc) button.

### [www.coursediscoveronline.co.uk](http://www.coursediscoveronline.co.uk)

1. On your first visit you need a password - i19f-16505-0a6-241 (the 0 is a zero not the letter O). The password changes each year - check in L5. Click on HE and FE.
2. Click on Add New Subject and add a subject you are interested in. In Best Match Found, click arrow. You can add other subjects at any time.





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3. Click on Add New Location - and choose a region or county from the map. You can add other regions or counties at any time.
4. Click on Add Course Level and choose Degree. You can add other course levels at any time.
5. Click on Add Tariff Points and enter the number of UCAS points you're likely to get (use the Calculator if you don't know). Click Add Points to search.
6. Click Add Study Method and click on Full-time.
7. When you're happy with your selections, click SEARCH.
8. By clicking on each course, you can find more details.
9. If you think you might use this search again, you can save it - click the Save Search button.

### [www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

1. It's a similar system to UCAS but here they refer to the kind of courses most of our students are looking for as First degrees or Undergraduate courses.
2. Once again, you select the level (First degree), the location, the subject, the study mode (full-time), the location (the choice is anywhere in the UK), England only or London).
3. The courses are then listed for you with links to further information.
4. There's lots more information on the Hotcourses website related to funding and other issues.

### [www.ukcoursefinder.com](http://www.ukcoursefinder.com)

1. Similar methods used here for searching for courses.

### [www.aimhigher.ac.uk](http://www.aimhigher.ac.uk)

1. Click on the courses tab for information about choosing courses, course search, open days, ordering prospectuses and frequently asked questions.
2. It then provides links to the other search websites referred to above.

### [www.learndirect-advice.co.uk](http://www.learndirect-advice.co.uk)





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This allows you to search for all levels of courses - not just degrees.

### What is a 'good' university

1. This is not straightforward However, universities are measured in various ways and there are websites to help you assess teaching quality, the research they do, how well their students do and how many get jobs at the end of it.

[www.educationguardian.co.uk/universityguide2009](http://www.educationguardian.co.uk/universityguide2009)

[www.tqi.ac.uk](http://www.tqi.ac.uk)

[www.hesa.ac.uk](http://www.hesa.ac.uk)

[www.planning.ed.ac.uk](http://www.planning.ed.ac.uk) - click Statistics & Analyses

Also look at books such as Heaps Degree Course Offers, The Guardian University Guide, The Times Good University Guide, Hotcourses Guide, Art & Design Directory.

