



# HIGHER EDUCATION

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# WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?

- You need a degree for some jobs
- Study something you enjoy
- Better career prospects and earning potential
- Transferable skills
- Social opportunities
- Meet new people
- Develop confidence and independence

# WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

- **Traditional subjects-** English Literature, Maths, Geography
- **Vocational-**Teaching, Pharmacy, Social Work
- **Unusual courses-** Theatre Arts, Education and Deaf Studies, Meteorology, International Football Management
- **Combined Courses** – Music and Maths, Management and French



# POST-IT IS...OR POST-IT ISN'T



Glass

Plant & Soil  
Science

Golf  
Management

Ballistic  
Engineering

Ethical Hacking  
for Computer  
Security

Naval  
Architecture

Perfumery

Virology

Bovine  
Management

Brewing  
& Distilling

Automotive &  
Motorsport  
Engineering

Fish Farming

# REMEMBER EVERY COURSE IS DIFFERENT...

- Course requirements
- Course content
- Accreditations
- Number of contact hours
- Student/staff ratios
- Assessment – exams/  
coursework
- Support available
- Opportunity for work  
placements
- Study abroad
- Teaching facilities- labs,  
lecture theatres, computer  
rooms etc.

# WHERE CAN YOU STUDY?



# HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY



## Type of university

- City
- Campus based
- Large or small
- Reputation (university & subject rankings)



## Location

- Travel time and cost
- Living costs
- Type of area

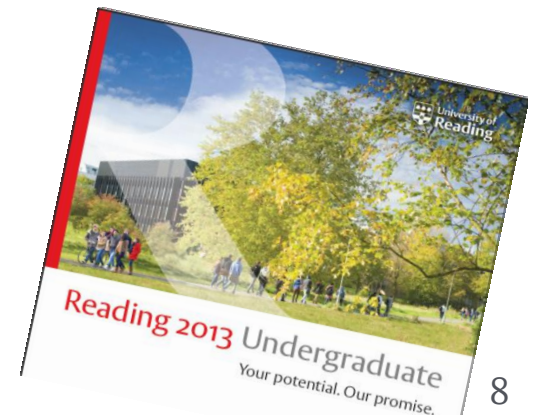
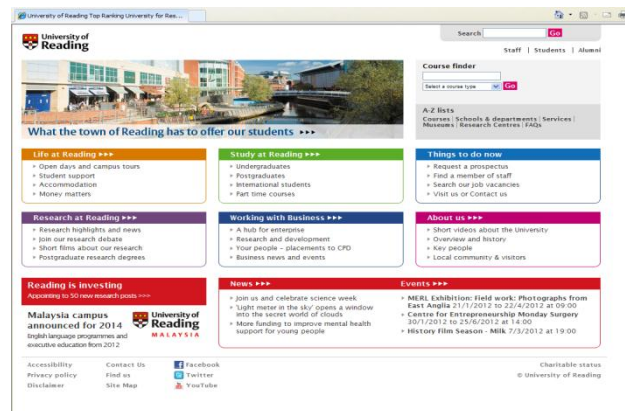
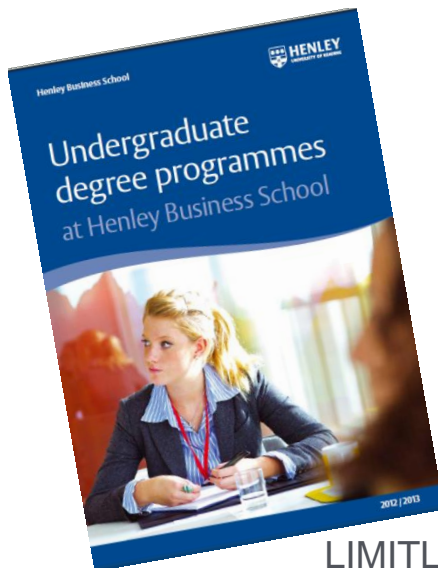


## Range of facilities

- Course based
- Accommodation
- Sports
- Social facilities

# HOW TO CHOOSE?

- Prospectuses and subject brochures
- Websites
- University guides and League tables (Times, Guardian, Unistats, The Student Room, Complete University Guide)
- Taster and Masterclasses
- Social Media





# OPEN DAYS AND CAMPUS TOURS

- Check dates and if you have to book
- Make a plan for the day
- Visit your Department of interest first
- Decide on your other priorities: accommodation, sport, social facilities
- Ask lots of questions



## Does it feel right???

# THE UCAS ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- UCAS is a central clearing house
- The only method of entry to UK degree programmes
- 5 choices
- All Applications done electronically
- Includes a reference and personal statement

# APPLICATIONS

- Consistent and realistic choices
- Invisible applications
- Make sure that you meet all the entry requirements
- Plagiarism
- Interviews
- Admissions Tests

# TIMELINE

- **September 2014**  
Applications for 2015 entry begin
- **15 October 2014**  
Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Vet Science
- **15 January 2015**  
Closing date for applications
- **End March 2015**  
Majority of decisions made
- **Early May 2015**  
Deadline for applicants to make replies to offers

## So... what will university mean to you?

- Opportunity for many new experiences
- Independence and freedom
- Great social, sporting & recreational opportunities
- The most exciting time of your life?!



# WEBSITES

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

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

[www.unistats.direct.gov.uk/](http://www.unistats.direct.gov.uk/)

[www.push.co.uk](http://www.push.co.uk)

[www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)

[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

[www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

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

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

[www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus](http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus)

[www.timesonline.co.uk](http://www.timesonline.co.uk)

[www.futurelearn.com/courses](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses)

[www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/admissions-tests](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/admissions-tests)

[www.russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf](http://www.russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf)

# Questions?



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