

**Choosing  
the right  
course and  
university.**

# HE versus FE



- How is HE different to your FE studies now?
- **HE is:**
  - A choice from over 150 different institutions
  - A different way of learning and working to school/ college
  - Varying levels of subject
    - Foundation Degree
    - HND
    - Degree (BA, BSC, LLB, BEng, BEd).

# Benefits of HE

- Independence
- Meet people
- Experience a different part of the country (or world)
- Explore a personal interest in a subject
- Gain a qualification towards career progression
- Gain transferable skills



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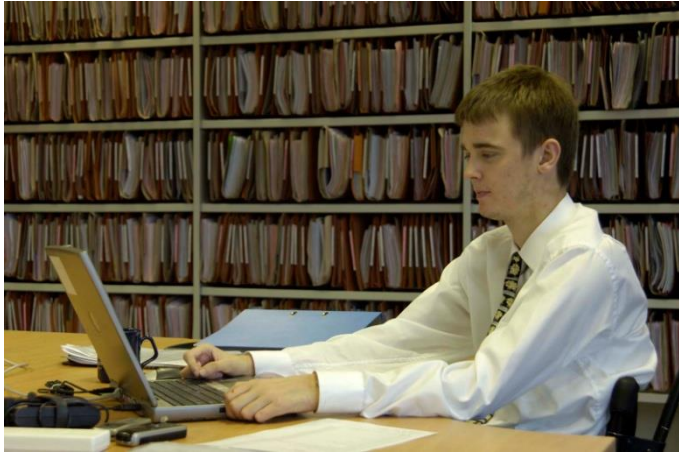
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• **Over 50,000**





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• **Just 5!**

- But it is never too late to change your mind – UCAS Extra, Clearing etc



# Exploring what is right for you



- The 4 C's

- Course

- City

- Campus (Accommodation)

- Career





# Choosing your course

- Things to consider:
  - Single/Joint Honours
  - Length of course
  - Practical/theory balance
  - Teaching/assessment styles
  - Career destinations
  - Entry requirements
  - Professional accreditations
  - Work placements.



# Location, location, location



• Things to consider:

- Distance from home
- Transport links
- Number of sites
- Rural or urban campus
- Cost of living
- Style of facilities
- City attractions
- Safety
- Cultural and faith support.



# Accommodation

- Things to consider:
  - Guaranteed for first years?
  - Catered/self - catered halls
  - Internet access
  - Private rented
  - Facilities
  - Distance from campus
  - Value for money.



# Career



- Information that may help your choices:
  - Important to select a course that supports your career aspirations
  - Take the Stamford test to find out which careers/ courses may suit you best ([www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))
  - Browse potential jobs ([www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk))
  - This will give an indication of courses relevant to a career, salaries and personal qualities required
  - Speak to your careers advisers in school.



# How and where to research

- List your priorities
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- Use prospectuses, course brochures, websites
- Check out open days/taster days
- Ask questions
- Apply early but continue to research, you can always change your mind





# Conclusion



- Your future – a fantastic opportunity
- Start your research now!
- Make the right choice for **you**



- Attend open days
- Best years of your life!