

Important changes to the UCAS scheme for 2010 entry – an adviser’s guide

The majority of the changes being introduced for the 2010 cycle are the result of the Delivery Partnership Steering Group’s decision to remove Art and Design Route B from the UCAS application

scheme. Other changes have been introduced as a result of external changes; for example, new qualifications introduced throughout the UK in 2010. A summary of the changes is outlined in this leaflet.

Apply

Art and Design applications

Art and design Route B will not be used after 2009 entry. All art and design courses will recruit through the main UCAS scheme, allowing applicants five simultaneous choices with no order of preference.

There will still be one difference however. The application deadline for art and design courses will be either 15 January or 24 March. Course Search for 2010, which goes live in May, will display for all courses the application deadline selected by the institution offering that course.

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Birmingham City University
Fine Art
3 year full-time Degree

information required to complete the UCAS application :

institution code name :	BCITY
institution code :	B25
course code :	W101
start date :	01 September 2010
campus code :	see below for list of campus codes
short form of course :	BA/FA
further details :	see notes about this course
application deadline date :	15 January 2010

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University of Hertfordshire
Fine Art
3 year full-time Degree

information required to complete the UCAS application :

institution code name :	HERTS
institution code :	H36
course code :	W100
start date :	01 September 2010
campus code :	see below for list of campus codes
short form of course :	BA/FA
further details :	see notes about this course
application deadline date :	24 March 2010

Two different application deadline dates in Course Search

How to contact us

If you have any queries about these changes please contact our dedicated schools and colleges team on 0845 123 8001 (+44 845 123 8001 from outside the UK)

Interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work

When an applicant enters a course into Apply that may require them to attend for an interview or audition or provide a portfolio of work, essay or other piece of work, a message will display the following information:

If you apply for this course you may be invited to attend an interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work.

Closed courses

If, after the application deadline (15 October, 15 January or 24 March) has passed, universities and colleges have received enough applications for any of their courses, they will be able to close them. This will prevent applicants, who are making applications after the deadline has passed, from wasting one of their choices.

Application fee

The UCAS application fee has been increased to £9 for a single choice and £19 for 2 - 5 choices.

This is the second of a phased increase in the application fee to bring the application fee in line with inflation. For 2011 entry the application fee will increase once again to £11 for a single choice and £21 for 2 - 5 choices.

Preferred given name

Applicants will be asked to provide the name that they are normally known by, if it is different from the name provided in their registration details; for example, Jim and James. This will give us additional information to use in our exam matching process and may also be used by UCAS and the universities and colleges to contact applicants.

Residential Categories

In March 2006, the fees and awards regulations for England, Wales and Northern Ireland were amended. The rules for Scotland have also been amended in a similar (but not identical) manner. These regulations are used to determine whether a student is eligible for the 'home' rate for tuition fees. Those that are not eligible are required to pay the 'non-home' rate for tuition fees.

The 'Residential Category' is a guide and starting point for universities and colleges to determine an applicant's entitlement to 'home' fees.

The new definitions for 2010 entry will be:

UK Citizen or EU National

You are a UK or EU national, or are the child or grandchild, or the spouse or civil partner of a UK or EU national, and have lived in the European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland or Overseas Territories (OT) for the past three years, but not just for full-time education. If you have been living in the EEA, Switzerland or OT for three years partly for full time education, you also lived in the EEA, Switzerland or OT prior to that three year period.

EEA or Swiss national

Either: You are an EEA or Swiss national working in the UK, or you are the child, spouse or civil partner of such a person or you are the parent or grandparent of an EEA national working in the UK. You have lived in the EEA or Switzerland or OT for the past three years, but not just for full-time education. If you have been living in the EEA, Switzerland or OT for three years partly for full time education, you also lived in the EEA, Switzerland or OT prior to that three year period.

Or: You are the child of a Swiss national and have lived in the EEA or Switzerland or OT for the past three years, but not just for full-time education. If you have been living in the EEA, Switzerland or OT for three year partly for full time education, you also lived in the EEA, Switzerland or OT prior to that three year period.

Child of a Turkish worker

You are the child of a Turkish national who has lawfully worked in the UK, and you have lived in the EEA, Switzerland or Turkey for the past three years.

Refugee

You have been recognised as a refugee by the British government or you are the spouse, civil partner or child-under-18 of such a person at the time of the asylum application.

Humanitarian Protection or similar

You have been granted Exceptional Leave to Enter or Remain, Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave or you are the spouse, civil partner or child-under-18 of such a person at the time of the asylum application.

Settled in the UK

You have Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain in the UK or have the Right of Abode in the UK and have lived in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man (or more than one of these) for three years, but not just for full-time education. (However, this does not apply if you are exempt from immigration control, for example, as a diplomat, a member of visiting armed forces or an employee of an international organisation or the family or staff member of such a person: if this is your situation your residential category is Other).

Others

Based on the answers to the UCAS questions, you fit into 'other' category.

Disability

The disability categories have been amended in line with current legislation. The new categories will be:

- No disability
- You have a social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- You are blind or have a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- You are deaf or have a serious hearing impairment
- You have a long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
- You have a mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
- You have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
- You have physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- You have a disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above
- You have two or more impairments and/or disabling medical conditions

Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA)

ISA is relevant to applicants who apply for courses that involve working with children or vulnerable adults, such as courses in teaching, social work or health-related courses like medicine, dentistry or nursing.

Applicants will be asked to supply their ISA number if they have registered with the authority and are applying for a course that requires registration.

Applicants do not have to register with ISA before they send their application to UCAS or before they start their course. However they will need to register before they start their first work placement. ISA registration is a new service and the first registrations do not open until October 2009.

The ISA helps to prevent unsuitable people from working with children or vulnerable adults. For information about the ISA and how to register, visit www.isa.gov.org.uk.

Predicted grades

Referees will be able to select the predicted achievement from a list of possible results, for all qualifications in the UCAS Tariff, where an applicant has listed their result as pending.

Nursing and midwifery diploma courses in Scotland

The nursing and midwifery diploma courses in Scotland, currently recruited through CATCH, will be recruited through UCAS from September 2009.

Applicants who apply for these courses will be asked to provide their National Insurance number and Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) PIN, if they have one.

IELTS and TOEFL

Applicants will be asked to provide their IELTS or TOEFL registration number. This question has also been included in the CUKAS application.

Track

Invitations from universities and colleges

Universities and colleges will be able to send invitations to applicants asking them to attend an interview or audition, or to provide a portfolio of work, an essay or other piece of work. The invitations can be for any course. The applicant will receive the invitation on Track and will be able to accept or decline it online. If they need to change the date they will need to do this off-line directly with the university or college.

Exam results

Qualifications

We expect that we will be able to provide exam results to the universities and colleges for the following new or amended qualifications in summer 2010:

GCE A level grade A*
Extended Project grade A*
Pre-U Certificate and Diploma
AQA Baccalaureate
Advanced Diploma
Progression Diploma
Principal Learning
CACHE award (new revised exam structure)

Applicant Journey

For many applicants the thought of completing the UCAS application and taking the step of entering higher education is a daunting one. There are often many misunderstood and complicated elements of the process.

For some time UCAS had felt that Clearing, in particular, needed further explanation and so worked with an external marketing consultancy to look at a possible re-branding of Clearing. After a detailed analysis of the entire application process it was realised that

a new name for Clearing was not necessary. What was needed was a better way to show how all the elements of an application fit together.

From this analysis we have created the Applicant Journey, with six easy steps to get to university or college, to give applicants a better view of their individual journey into higher education. For 2010 we have incorporated these six steps into many of our printed and online information, including the Adviser Guide, Little Guide, Big Map, Big Guide and UCAS website.

Six easy steps to get to university and college

