
This is your step-by-step

Guide to Applying for University

Name:

School/College:

Email:

UCAS Personal ID:



Dates for your diary



Completing your application

1 > Go to: www.ucas.com/hub

2 > **Register**

Sign up to check out your options, upcoming opportunities to explore universities and complete your application.

3 > **Complete profile**

You will have a number of sections to complete. These include:

- > Personal details
- > Education
- > Employment
- > Personal statement

We know it's not easy to complete the Personal Statement. Why not use the Personal Statement Tool on www.sacu-student.com/aber to help you on your way!

The UCAS system guides you through these and other sections that you will need to complete.

4 > **Making an application**

You can choose up to five courses*. There is no preferred order and your chosen universities/colleges will not see where else you have applied.

5 > **Final check**

Take the time to make sure you have completed all sections fully and accurately! Things to consider:

- > Are there any typos?
- > Is the e-mail address you have added suitable and professional?
- > Have you added all relevant qualifications?
- > Are your course choices accurate?
- > Is your academic referee aware of all the good stuff you are saying in your Personal Statement?

6 > **Final section**

- > Your teacher/adviser will write a reference of recommendation.
- > Your completed application should be submitted to UCAS with the applicable fee. If you wish to apply for only one course at one institution, a reduced fee applies. The application fee is different if applying for one or multiple courses. Check the UCAS website for the correct amount.

* If applying for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or veterinary science you can only apply to a maximum of four courses in any one of these subjects.



Use mind mapping

to write a unique personal statement

Hobbies: e.g coaching, drama club



Tips from Aberystwyth University students on applying

Once you submit your university application, stop reading it!

Make a personal statement as unique as possible. Read outside your course.

Check university websites to see what skills and qualities they'd like you to have.



Start drafting early.

Don't rush it. A superb personal statement will not be ready in a couple of hours or even a couple of days. It took me more than a month to complete the version I finally sent in. Sometimes it's worth taking a break for a few days, then coming back to it fresh.

Attend open days.

Personal Statement



Visit www.sacu-student.com/aber and use the Personal Statement Tool. It's free and will highlight areas for improvement.

The Basics:

- You cannot write more than 4,000 characters or 47 lines of text in a standard font.
- You should write your statement using a word processor, then cut and paste into your UCAS application. Italics, bold and underlined words will not be transferred.

The Structure of your Statement:

First Section (40%) - All about the subject/s you want to study at university

Ideas to consider:

Why does it interest you?:

What do you want to learn about?:

Your understanding of the course/relevant knowledge:

Current subjects or work experience that relate to the course:

Second Section (35%) - More about the subjects you are currently studying

Ideas to consider:

Examples of responsibility, independent learning, team work, time management:

Work experience:

Transferable skills and complementing subjects:

Third Section (25%) - Your extracurricular interests and achievements

Ideas to consider:

Skills learnt / developed:

Why did you get involved?:

Future development:



Some terms explained . . .

Conditional Offer	Details the conditions you will need to meet for entry onto your chosen course (e.g BBB, to include a B in Biology).
Unconditional Offer	An offer of a place of study without conditions.
Firm Choice	Of the offers you've received, this is effectively your preferred choice of course/provider.
Insurance Choice	From the offers received, this would typically be your second preference if you fail to meet the condition of your firm choice.
UCAS Hub	An information and advice platform designed to provide you with all the tools and information you need to explore your options. All students will need to register in the UCAS Hub to start an application and then use the same credentials for the entire UCAS application - including tracking offers and decisions. Students can sign in to UCAS Hub to check your application's progress at any time.
UCAS Personal ID	When you apply for a place at University through UCAS you will be given a 10 digit UCAS ID number that is unique to you.
Deferred Entry	If you've completed the process of applying to university and you've been accepted onto a course, then decide that you don't want to start in September, you can sometimes defer your course for a year.

Some additional resources

www.findcourses.co.uk

List of courses and information.

www.whatuni.com

Created by students.

www.opendays.com

University Open Days.

www.ucas.com

The University and Colleges Admissions Service.

www.unitasterdays.com

A directory of university events that students can attend.

www.aber.ac.uk/aberflix

Why not visit our free HE streaming platform to give you advice and guidance on your uni application?

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

This website's independent UK University League Tables and Ranking helps students research degree courses and universities.

www.thestudentroom.co.uk

GCSE, A Level and university students share academic and social knowledge - from study help to choosing university, careers and student life.



Did you know?

A few facts about Aberystwyth University:

Accounting & Finance

Did you know that our graduates have gone on to a range of careers as diverse as tax and audit trainee roles with the Big 4, management consultancy, teaching & nursing?

Agriculture

Did you know that we have over 1,000 hectares of farmland, 500 dairy cows, 4 pedigree sheep flocks, arable biofuel and forage crops?

Animal & Aquatic Sciences

Did you know that Cardigan Bay is home to the UK's largest residential bottlenose dolphin population? It is also renowned for its seabird populations, grey seals & harbour porpoises.

Art

Did you know that the four 'bridge and pathway' designs on the reverse of the pound coin (2004-2007) were created by School of Art graduate, Edwina Ellis?

Biochemistry & Genetics

Did you know that Biochemists at Aber work on all types of subjects: from molecules to microbes, parasites, plants, animals & people?

Biomedical Sciences

Did you know that Biomedical Science students not only learn about medical diseases and clinical tests, but also the role that lifestyle and aspects such as nutrition and exercise play?

Business & Management

Did you know that when Aberystwyth graduate Belinda Earl was made Chief Executive of Debenhams, she became the first female CEO ever of a high street retail chain

Computer Science

Did you know that our alumnus Dr Sam Nicholls wrote the computing infrastructure that now manages the data for all the UK coronavirus genomes that are sequenced?

Drama & Theatre

Did you know that our students can join a Creative Intern Scheme with Aberystwyth Arts Centre, gaining experience in a range of areas from Creative Learning to Technical Theatre?

Economics

Did you know that narrow-gauge steam-powered railways such as Rheidol Railways are a legacy of rail-driven economic development in the 19th century?



Educational & Childhood Studies

Did you know that our graduates are working with children and young people around the world? Some are setting up a nursery in Nicaragua and a school in Kenya!

Engineering

Did you know that we have many robots, including robotic self-driving vehicles, a robot submarine, and a robot child? We're also working on robots to go to Mars!

English & Creative Writing

Did you know that final year students have the opportunity to go on a writing retreat to a beautiful nineteenth century mansion where - rumour has it - a ghost haunts the grounds?



Film & Television

Did you know one of our alumnus is part of the organisation team for the Tribeca Film Festival in New York? There is an annual competition for students to win the chance to attend the event!

Geography, Earth & Environmental Sciences

Did you know that we have geography, earth and environmental science research projects in over 60 countries around the world? They inform our teaching & provide data sets used within student research.

History

Did you know that history has been taught at Aberystwyth since 1872? This makes our department the oldest History department in Wales, and one of the foremost in Britain.

Human Biology & Health

Did you know that our students have the opportunity to select modules in both Year 2 and 3, and that they can tailor their learning to suit their interests, ranging from the molecular to the whole person?

Information Studies

Did you know that we have one of the best libraries in the world, the National Library of Wales, right on our doorstep?

Law & Criminology

Did you know that our department was one of the first British Law Schools to award Law degrees to women?

Marketing & Tourism

Did you know that our Tourism students have undertaken work experience placements in destinations as far afield as New Zealand, Norway, the Canary Islands and France?

Mathematics

Did you know that our staff are developing mathematical models for the behaviour of liquid foams on the International Space Station?

Modern Languages

Did you know that we are one of only a handful of universities in the UK to offer students the opportunity to combine the study of languages?



Physics & Astronomy

Did you know that we are involved in every ESA planetary mission from the Sun to Saturn and as a result the Aber Uni logo will be the first piece of Welsh text to be in space?

Politics

Did you know that we are the first ever department of International Politics in the world?

Psychology

Did you know that we have an expert on the psychology of Jack the Ripper in the department?

Sport & Exercise Science

Did you know that Aberystwyth served as a mountain biking training camp for the 2012 London Olympics?

Veterinary Science

Did you know that Aberystwyth Vet School is partnered with the Royal Veterinary College in London, and is currently the only Vet School in Wales?

Welsh & Celtic Studies

Did you know we are the only department in the world teaching all the living Celtic languages?

Personal Statement Checklist

- Highlighted your key areas of interest
- Linked current study with future plans
- Demonstrated an understanding of the course
- Highlighted subject knowledge and an appreciation of your course in a wider context
- Supported claims with relevant evidence/examples
- Shown you are self-motivated
- Mentioned future career plans/ambitions
- Checked your grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Given it to someone else to read
- Character count is below 4000 or 47 lines
- Copied and pasted the personal statement into your UCAS application and saved it
- Visited www.sacu-student.com/aber and used the Personal Statement checker
- Taken a look at www.aber.ac.uk/aberflix and looked at our expert advice to help you with your application

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