

The image features the UCAS logo, which consists of the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, grey, sans-serif font. The logo is centered on a white background. The background is decorated with abstract, overlapping green shapes in various shades, including light green, medium green, and dark green, which create a dynamic, geometric pattern. The shapes are primarily located on the left and right sides of the frame, framing the central white area.

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- ▶ The process by which a student applies to university
- ▶ Students register through the school
- ▶ Several parts to the process:
 - ▶ Application form
 - ▶ Personal Statement
 - ▶ Reference
- ▶ Students have up to 5 choices of courses/universities
- ▶ Some courses ask for aptitude tests to be done, some for folio and some for interview

Application Form

- ▶ Students work through several questions which consist of:
 - ▶ Personal data
 - ▶ Courses applied for
 - ▶ Exam results - whether passed or failed

Personal Statement

- ▶ Students are asked to write a personal statement based on their interests, their skills and qualities and why they wish to apply for the courses
- ▶ Personal statement is very important if universities are trying to decide between applicants

Reference

- ▶ The reference is written by the Pupil Support Teachers based on references written by Class Teachers. Class Teachers will also estimate what they think a student could achieve in their subject
- ▶ References are also important when deciding between candidates.

Deadline

- ▶ Students will be working on applications during the month of September to November
- ▶ The deadline for UCAS is 15th January but the school deadline is the last week in November.
- ▶ Some courses such as Medicine, Vet med, Law, Music and Art have different deadlines
- ▶ Students need to find this out
- ▶ It is important that all students meet the deadlines given

Cost

- ▶ The cost of sending an application is £24.00 for choices of 2 and over
- ▶ £13.00 for a single choice
- ▶ £25.00 for an application for the conservatoire

- ▶ This is paid straight to UCAS on application

What happens when application is sent?

- ▶ All applications are sent by the school
- ▶ UCAS receives applications and sends them to the universities
- ▶ Universities do not know what other courses the student has applied for
- ▶ Once universities receive the applications they start to make responses

Track

- ▶ Student should sign up for TRACK which allows them to track their application forms and all offers that are made

Responses

- ▶ U- unconditional, students are accepted into their courses with their current set of qualifications
- ▶ C - conditional, students will be accepted on a course if they get further qualifications
- ▶ R - reject , no offer is made

What happens if no offer is made?

- ▶ If a student gets no offer whatsoever they can use the clearing process during the summer.
- ▶ Or they can use 'EXTRA' which is another opportunity to apply for other courses.
- ▶ College applications - advisable if in any doubt of a place.

Responding to offers

- ▶ Once all offers are in students will make their choices
- ▶ Firm acceptance - this is the preferred choice of the student
- ▶ Insurance acceptance - if students don't get the correct grades for their firm acceptance this is their back up - must get the grades that has been asked for even for the insurance offer

Preparation for applying

- ▶ Students should be thinking about the courses that interest them
- ▶ Make use of the library and the internet
- ▶ Look on university websites for the most up to date information on entry requirements
- ▶ If in doubt about any qualifications for entry contact admissions by email
- ▶ Attend as many open days as possible

Note on email and Face book

- ▶ No inappropriate email addresses
- ▶ Watch what is on face book - comments and pictures

School support

- ▶ Students are supported throughout the process
- ▶ They are given a step by step instruction booklet
- ▶ Given one period per week during PSHE
- ▶ Shown how to complete a personal statement, which will be corrected by me and by Glasgow University mentors

Student Responsibilities

- ▶ Must do research in advance Must be aware of all of their own deadlines
- ▶ Must meet school deadlines

Top Up

- ▶ Run by Glasgow University
- ▶ Tutors from uni work with students one period per week
- ▶ Attend lecture day at Glasgow uni
- ▶ Expected to complete an essay for submission to be marked by Glasgow Uni tutors

Grading

- ▶ Students are assessed on 3 elements:
 - ▶ Work during tutorials
 - ▶ Lecture attendance
 - ▶ Essay
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- ▶ 3 'Bs' mean that students can have grades 'metaphorically' topped up in case they fail to get requirements for entry

Finance

- ▶ Scottish students do not pay for course fees
- ▶ Students must still apply for funding for the fees which go straight to the university
- ▶ Funding is applied through SAAS
- ▶ If given a place at Glasgow University students can apply for a 'talent' bursary

Useful websites

- ▶ www.ucas.com/parents/
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- ▶ The UCAS is an excellent site which anyone can access. Gives information on all aspects of applying

Getting in touch

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