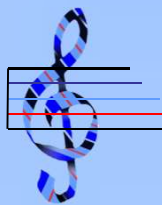




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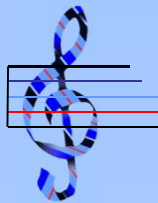
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Entry to Higher Education

UCAS
UCAS Conservatoires
Direct entry to college



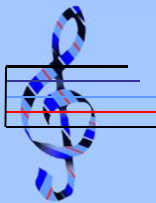
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Support

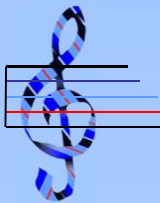
- 55 careers talks
- UCAS HE convention - September
- Careers Library
- Guidance interview
- SDS - Careers interview
- Open Days; taster courses
- Prospectuses and online at searchucas.com
- Family, friends, students at university/college





College or university?

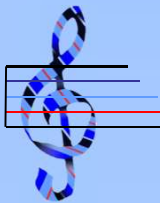
- College
- may be more vocational
- entry at range of different levels NC,HNC,HND
- certificated qualification at end of each stage
- University
- some vocational courses
- mostly academic courses
- greater level of independent learning required
- qualification at end of four years





College to university

- Articulation agreements between colleges and some universities
- Successful students from HNC and HND courses can progress into year 2 or 3 of a related degree course
- Check what arrangements are in place before picking a college course





Direct application

Most applications open in January

- City of Glasgow College

Kelvin College

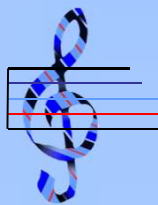
- Springburn Campus
- Easterhouse Campus
- West End Campus

Glasgow Clyde College

- Anniesland campus
- Cardonald campus
- Langside campus

West College Scotland

- Clydebank campus
- Greenock campus
- Paisley campus



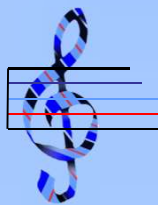


Finding the right courses

- www.planitplus.net
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk - college and uni; modern apprenticeships and employment
- www.ucas.com - course search
- www.ucas.com - ucas videos - How to Guides
eg How to choose your courses

Case Studies

Blogs



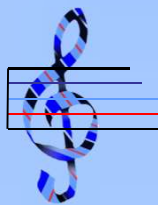


UCAS Conservatoires

www.ucas.com

- Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- Royal College of Music
- Royal Academy of Music
- Royal Northern College of Music
- Birmingham Conservatoire
- Leeds College of Music
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Trinity Laban Conservatoire

**Deadline for applications - 1 October for
Music Courses**





Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

BA Acting

BA Contemporary Performance Practice

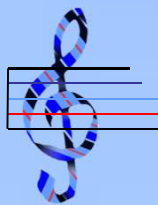
BA Musical Theatre

BA Modern Ballet

BA Digital Film and Television

BA Technical and Production Arts

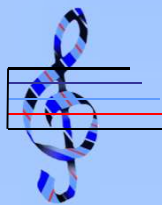
Deadline for applications - 15 January





UCAS deadline 15 October

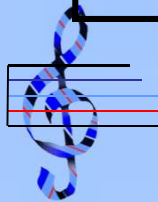
- Oxford or Cambridge
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine





Important Dates

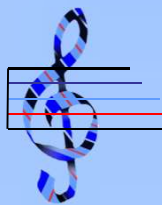
	Early UCAS cycle	Main UCAS cycle
Draft form Including personal statement	Monday 16 September	Monday 21 October
School deadline	Thursday 26 September	Monday 11 November
UCAS deadline	Tuesday 15 October	Wednesday 15 January





Finding the right courses

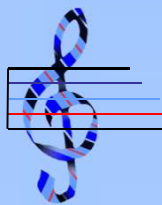
- Entry requirements framed as minimum qualifications for entry
- Find out "the going rate"
- Find out the ratio of applicants to places
- Qualifications considered over 1 or 2 sittings?
- Avoid all choices requiring the same grades
- Avoid all choices at same university
- Importance of back-up plan - college





Getting started

- University Open Days visited
- Relevant work experience
- UCAS application information issued to S6 pupils in August
- Personal statement lessons and helpsheets in S6 PSE booklet - August - September





Apply

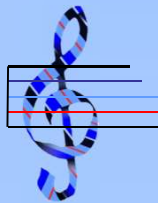
- A secure web-based application system
- On-screen help text
- Course search facilities
- Can be used anywhere with internet access
- www.ucas.com
- Buzzword - **douglas2020**





The Applicant Journey

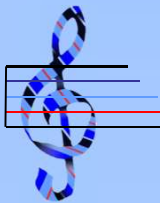
- Applicant researches where to study
- Registers online with UCAS Apply
- Completes form and processes payment
- Academic reference added by school
- School sends form electronically to UCAS
- UCAS forwards form to chosen Universities
- Universities submit decisions to UCAS
- Applicant views decisions on Track
- Applicant replies to offers on Track (Firm/Insurance)
- Universities confirm places when results are released





Sections of the application

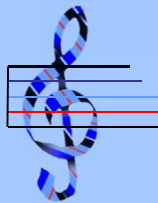
- Personal details: e-mail address
- Student finance:
- Course choices: maximum of 5
no preference
- Educational qualifications
- Employment
- Personal statement
- Sharing access to your application!!





Personal statement

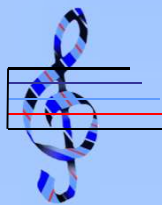
- Reasons for choosing the course
- Academic strengths
- Knowledge of the subject and enthusiasm to go beyond the subject
- Opportunities for independent study skills
- Skills developed through voluntary work / coaching/positions of responsibility
- Work experience/ shadowing
- Gap year plans
- Sporting and leisure interests
- Should sound genuine and make a good impression - stand out from the crowd





Finalising the application

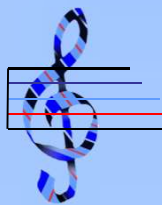
- Draft application completed and submitted for checking
- Amendments made
- Application fee paid
- Application sent to referee
- May be sent back for further amendments - student notified by e-mail
- Remember to resend to referee by clicking Pay and Send again





Can parents help with application?

- Discuss course choices
- Discuss institution choices
- Offer help with personal statement
- Check qualifications entered correctly
- Make sure information double-checked before it is sent to the referee
- Make sure school and UCAS deadlines met
- Discuss target grades and study patterns
- Pay application fee - £18 or £24 ; £24 -conservatoires





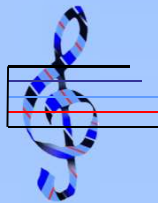
Information for Parents



www.ucas.com - parents' section

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

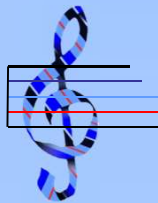
- Video for Parents
- Download Parents' Guide 2020
- Register online for e - newsletters





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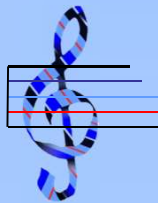
- Guidance teacher collects information
- Guidance teacher interviews applicant
- Guidance teacher writes reference
- Reference processed in school office
- Reference checked and approved
- Qualifications checked/confirmed
- Application sent electronically to UCAS





Content of reference

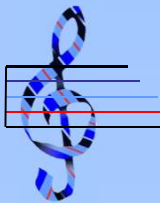
- Predicted grades for subjects being studied
- Attendance and timekeeping
- Potential to succeed on the course
- Academic qualities/communication skills
- Transferable skills demonstrated
- Whole school activities/responsibilities
- Any exceptional circumstances





How are decisions made?

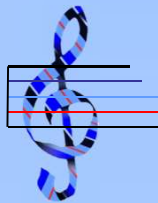
- Invisibility of choices
- Qualifications, personal statement, Reference
- Interviews
- Additional admissions tests - LNAT, UKCAT
- Portfolios/Auditions
- Conditional or unconditional offer





Replying to offers

- After all decisions have been received, applicant will have to reply by a set date
- You can hold a maximum of 2 offers
- FIRM - first choice
- INSURANCE - back up choice which only comes into play if they are not placed with their firm choice.
- Offers automatically declined if applicant fails to reply by deadline date.

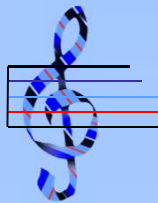




Tracking applications

Track allows the applicant to:

- follow the progress of their application 24/7
- see their choices and personal information
- reply to interview invitations/auditions
- see their offers
- reply to offers online.



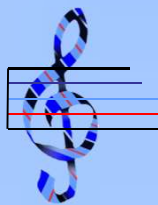


Extra



If the applicant does not get an offer from any of their choices they can use Extra.

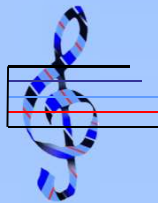
- Students eligible for Extra:
 - Used all five choices
 - All choices unsuccessful, cancelled or offers declined
 - No option for firm or insurance
 - Universities have 21 days to respond
 - Existing application information used.





How can parents help after application submitted?

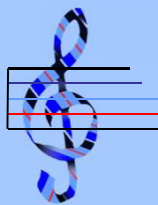
- Read Applicant Welcome Guide leaflet
- Make sure applicant informs **UCAS** and institutions of any changes to examinations being taken or address
- Make sure applicant replies to offers by reply- by date given (Decline by default)
- Make sure applicant accepts place when confirmation of offer made
- Parent can be named on form as nominated access





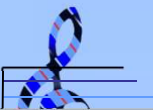
Confirmation

- Exam results are published - many are passed electronically to universities by UCAS. Admissions staff check if the applicant has met the conditions of the offer. There are four possibilities:
 1. If a student meets the conditions of their firm choice. It's time to celebrate!
 2. If a student doesn't meet the conditions of their firm choice, but meets the conditions of their insurance choice (which should be lower), they will be placed at their insurance choice. It's also time to celebrate!
 3. If a student has not met the conditions of their firm or insurance choice (or no insurance), they will be entered into a process known as **Clearing**.
 4. If a student meets and exceeds the conditions of their offer, they are eligible for **Adjustment**. This provides an opportunity for them to reconsider where and what to study whilst still holding their firm offer.





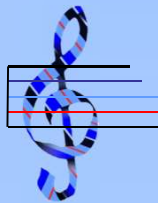
The Clearing process





Other considerations

- Deferred entry -conditions must be met by August 2020
- Living at home / student accommodation
- Accepting terms and conditions
- UCAS tariff
- Finance and funding
- Scholarships and bursaries
- SAAS application





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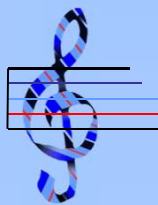
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Place confirmed

- Apply to SAAS for tuition fees
- Celebrate!

