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RESEARCHING HIGHER EDUCATION

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What will University mean to you?

opportunity for new experiences

A great graduate job/career unlimited academic possibilities

the most exciting time of your life...?

independence and freedom

Cheap beer and good nights out

An investment <u>for the</u> future

Choosing a university: it's complicated...

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575,898

450,000

37,000

370

applicants, chasing...

places, on over...

different degree courses at...

higher education providers...

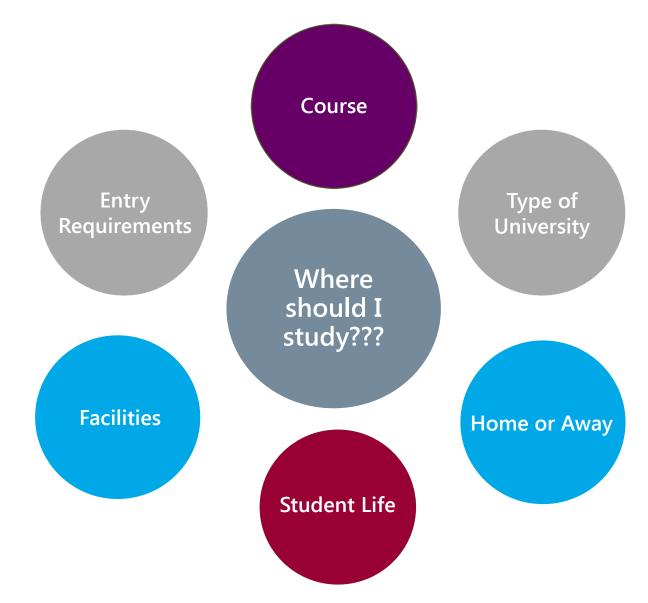
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The globalization of Higher Education



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How do you want to learn at University?

How will you be assessed?

Independent learning

The Benefits of the EPQ

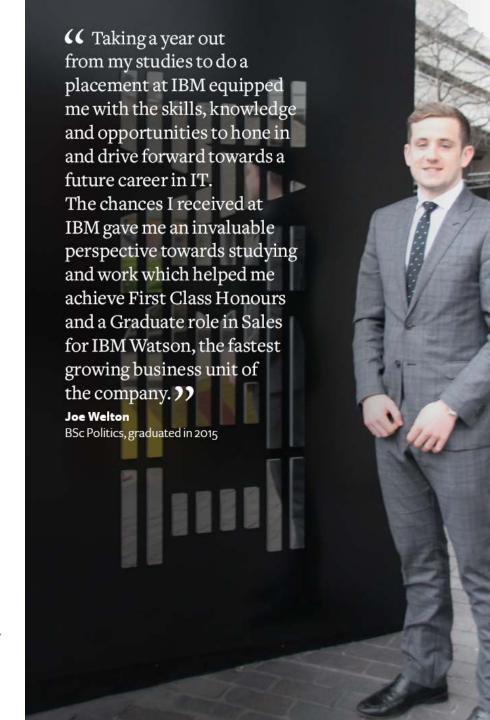
'Predictive validity of level 3 qualifications', Gill T. and Rodeiro C.V., *Cambridge Assessment Research Report* (2014)

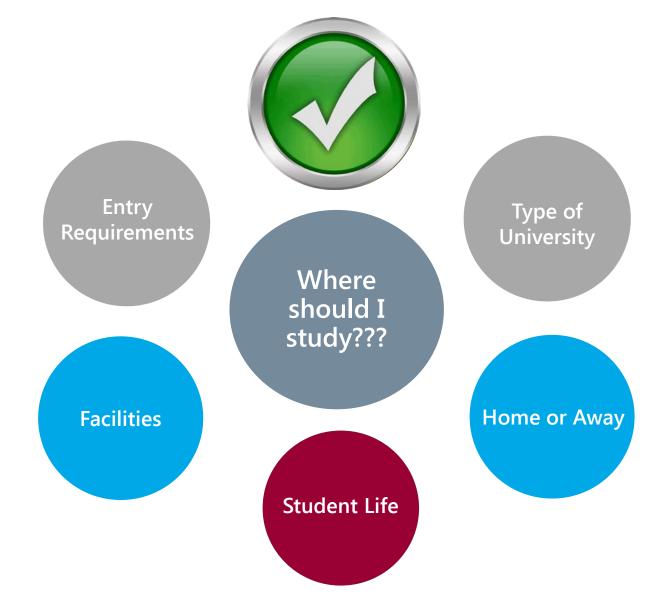
"The results...showed that having an Extended Project qualification was a positive predictor of university performance, even after controlling for A level performance: that is, for two students with the same A level performance the one with the Extended Project qualification had a higher probability of achieving a good degree, particularly a first class degree."



Year in Employment

- A placement year opportunity for eligible students without a placement year built into their course
- Develop professional skills and business experience as part of your degree
- Work for a year in an industry of your choice between your second and third year
- Choose a role aligned to your degree or explore a new working environment
- You source and select your own Year in Employment placement and we give you advice and support at every stage
- A Year in Employment will extend your degree by a year, but with significantly reduced tuition fees for the year, and the benefits of an enhanced CV
- Speak to the Careers and Employability Service in Building 37 for further details.





Type of University

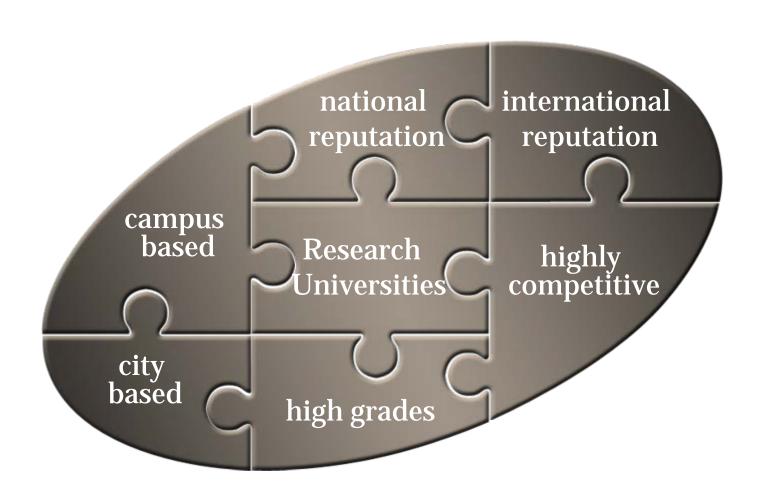
Type 1: Research Intensive Universities

Academic, 'traditional' subjects, 21st century research, solving world problems, Russell Group and others

Type 2: **Regional** Universities

Vocationally focused, greater emphasis on teaching skills and sector focused, Millennium Plus Group and others

Research intensive universities



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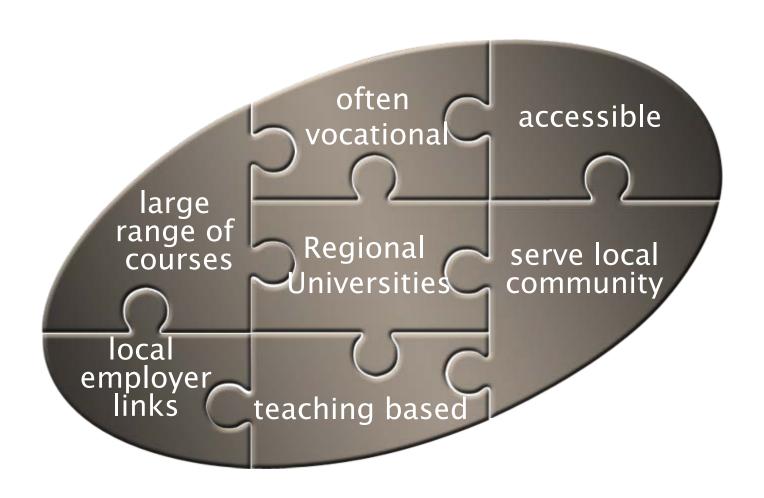








Regional Universities



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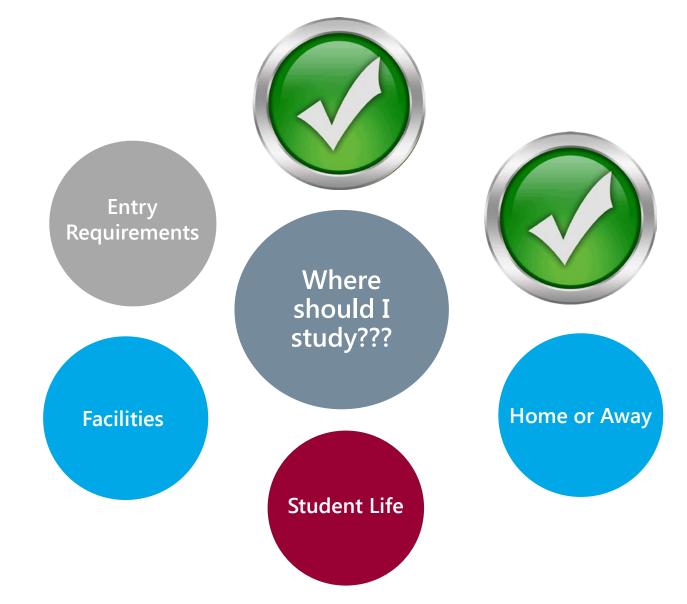












University: home or away?



"Students who leave home get the best jobs"

- "Students who stay at home choose from a limited selection then should select the course that best suits their interests, not the best locally available"
- "Students who study away from home have better job prospects...graduates who attend a local university are less likely to move and find work"



"Graduates who migrate earn more than those employed in their home region"

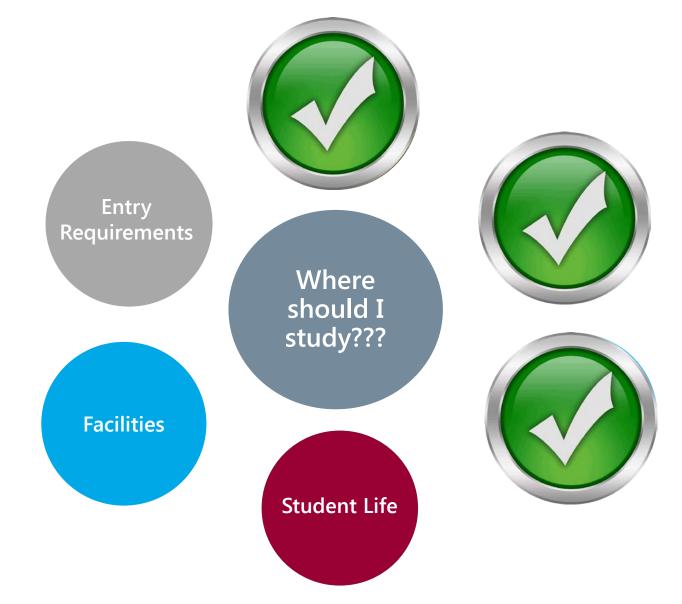
University: home or away?

City/Campus?

Cost of living?

Distance from Home?

Will you make the most of it?



Studying Abroad

- Enhance your university experience and boost your career opportunities
- Southampton students can choose to spend time at a range of partner institutions worldwide
- We offer support and financial assistance. If you are on exchange for a full year, your tuition fees will also decrease*
- Benefit from free or subsidised language courses and a guaranteed place in halls on your return
- Student finance loans and maintenance grants, together with travel grants and additional allowances for students from lowincome households are also available.









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SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY CONCERT BAND



Union President

David Gilani



VP Education

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VP Democracy & Creative Industries

David Martin



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VP Engagement

Claire Gilbert



VP Student Communities

Oli Coles



VP Sports Development Evan Whyte



Societies

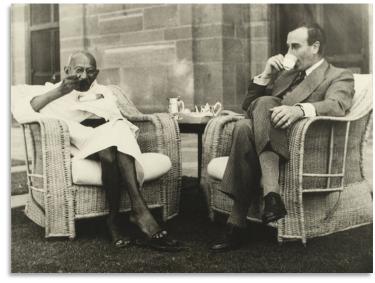








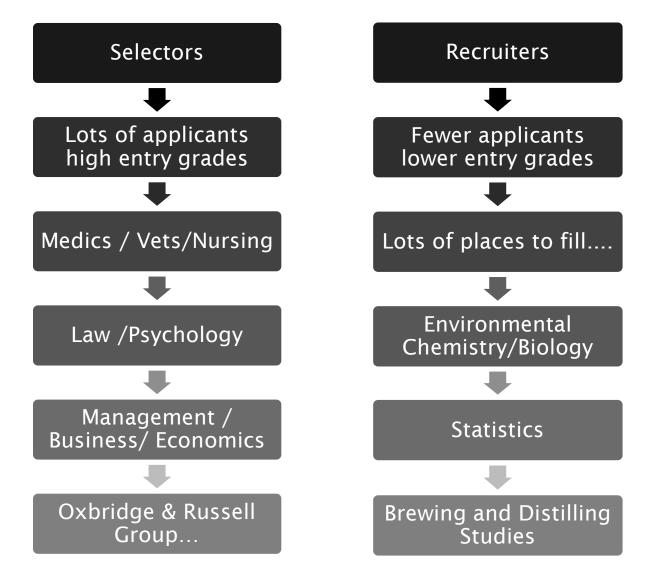








The grades game...



Will you be qualified?















Start researching









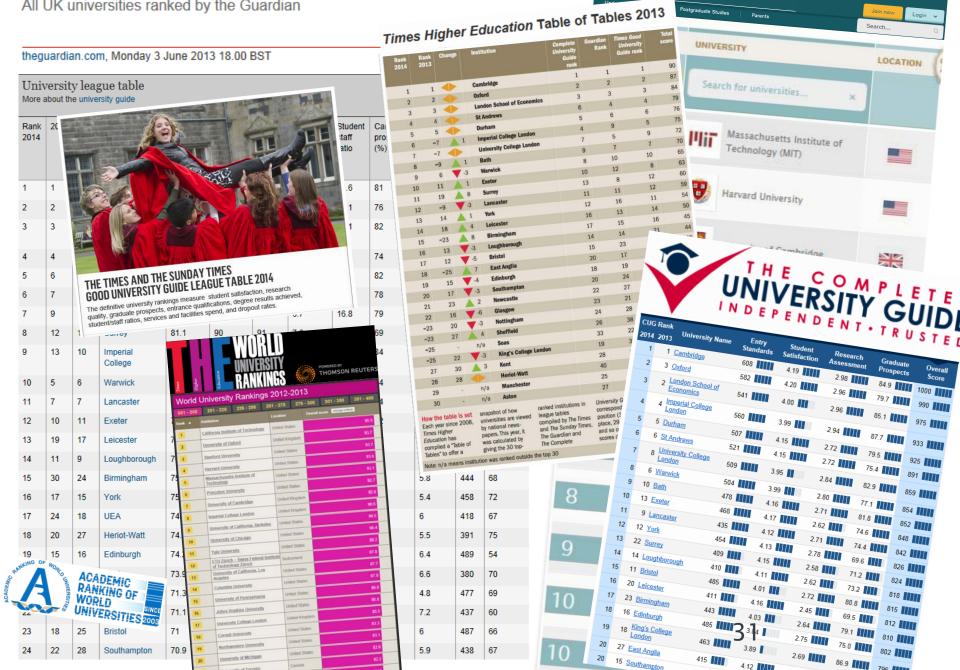






University guide 2014: University league table

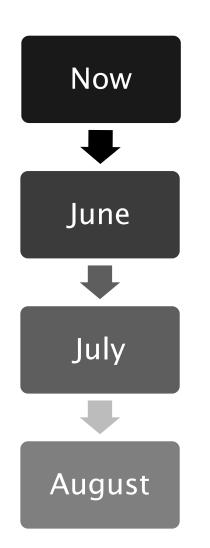
All UK universities ranked by the Guardian



TOPUNIVERSITIES

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An ideal timeline:



Decide on criteria for choosing

Start researching universities

Visit a HE convention

investigate finance

Start to draw up a shortlist of courses and places you like

Visit universities

look at www.opendays.com₃₂

An ideal timeline:

October



Autumn



Easter



Summer

Complete your online UCAS

application

Attend open days/interviews

Receive conditional offers

Decide your first and second choice university

A-level results

Head off to Uni!

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ANY QUESTIONS?