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WHY HE & CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY



All about you....





Why do people go to university?







To pursue a specific career



Professional development:

Some careers require a specific degree (Engineering, Medicine, Law, Teaching)

Become a specialist in a particular area and develop your networks - this will improve your career prospects.

Statistically, graduates advance faster in their careers, and have higher earning potential than non-graduates.



Giving you practical work experience





Placement Year



Loughborough's offers all students the chance to gain work experience in their chosen industry:

- Chance to earn whilst you learn.
- Average salary for placement students: £16,000
- Make industry contacts, make a good impression, much stronger networks and chances of employment.



The hardest graduate vacancies to fill:



- Quantity surveyors (77% vacancies unfilled past recruitment deadline)
- Mechanical engineers (72%)
- Vets (64%)
- Nurses (58%)
- R&D managers (57%)
- Programmers/software developers (56%)
- Financial/accounting technicians (54%)
- Estimators, valuers, assessors (52%)
- Engineering technicians (51%)
- Civil engineers (50%)
- Design/development engineers (49%)



*High demand for Business and Entrepreneurial skills!

Why do people go to university?



To develop themselves:

You have a passion for a course, and want study this at university level.

Chance to stay in education, whilst gaining more independence & challenge yourself.

Seeing the value in a degree, but also wanting the student experience.



To have the 'experience'





To get involved: societies





STAGE SOCIETY

CHRISTIAN UNION COMPUTER SOCIETY

To get involved: clubs





TRAMPOLINE
CANOE
LIFESAVING
ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL
KITE SURFING
MOUNTAINEERING
TABLE TENNIS

SAILING AND WINDSURFING ARCHERY TENPIN BOWLING GYMNASTICS DANCE WAKEBOARD

CRICKET
AMERICAN
FOOTBALL
BADMINTON
KICKBOXING AND BOXING
LACROSSE
ROWING

Myth busting



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Figures based on graduate wage (£22,000), repayments based on maximum student loan entitlement (tuition fee & maintenance loan). No fee waivers, or bursaries have been added into the calculation.

*SLC = Student Loans Company



All about you!







Rankings





Researching HE – UCAS website



The UCAS website is a great place to start your research:

https://www.ucas.com/

Using the Search Tool you can look through the 50,000+ different HE courses by subject and identify the universities and colleges that offer those courses.



Key Information Sets



Unistats - (formerly Key Information Sets) was developed in response to the increasing demands from prospective students for information about higher education.

https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/

Allows users to compare:

- Student satisfaction
- Employment and salary data
- Accommodation costs
- Finance fees, bursaries, scholarships
- Contact hours
- Assessment methods
- General information





Research: the accommodation



Plenty of choice!

- Wardened halls?
- Halls on campus?
- Halls off campus?
- Staying at home?
- Private hall?
- Catered? Self catered?
- En-suite? shared facilities?
- Single Bed? Double Bed?



Research: the Location



How far away from home is the institution?

What are the transport links like?

What is the surrounding area like?

What is the cost of living?



Research: the campus



What kind of campus would you prefer?

- A campus in the centre of a big city?
- A university where the buildings are spread across a big city?
- A suburban-campus, near a big city.
- A campus near a small city or town
- A collegiate university.
- A university spread over several campuses



Rounding up: Four steps



- 1. Choose your course, location and type of campus.
- 2. Narrow down the list of institutions.
- 3. **Visit** the institutions.
- 4. **Be focused** ask questions that matter to you!



Finally....enjoy the experience!

What's Student Life Like?







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