

# THE BEST POSSIBLE



**Higher education in the UK: an overview**  
**21 April 2021**

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# Higher education in the UK



## Undergraduate courses

- **Most 3 years' duration (4 years in Scotland)**
- **Options for 4 years' duration**
- **5 – 6 years' duration (Clinical courses)**

## Postgraduate courses

- **1 to 2 years' duration (MA/MSc/MPhil)**
- **3+ years' duration (PhD)**

# Why choose the UK? Is it worth it?

- Study and live in a multi-cultural environment
- Receive a world-class qualification
- Gain a quality-assured degree
- Gain industry experience
- Choose from tens of thousands of courses available, covering hundreds of subjects
- Develop English language and problem-solving skills sought by top employers



Enhancing employability and study abroad

Sandwich or placement years





Find out more about  
HE courses

- <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>
- [www.unistats.com](http://www.unistats.com)
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)



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# How to apply for pathways and higher education courses

**Undergraduate degrees**

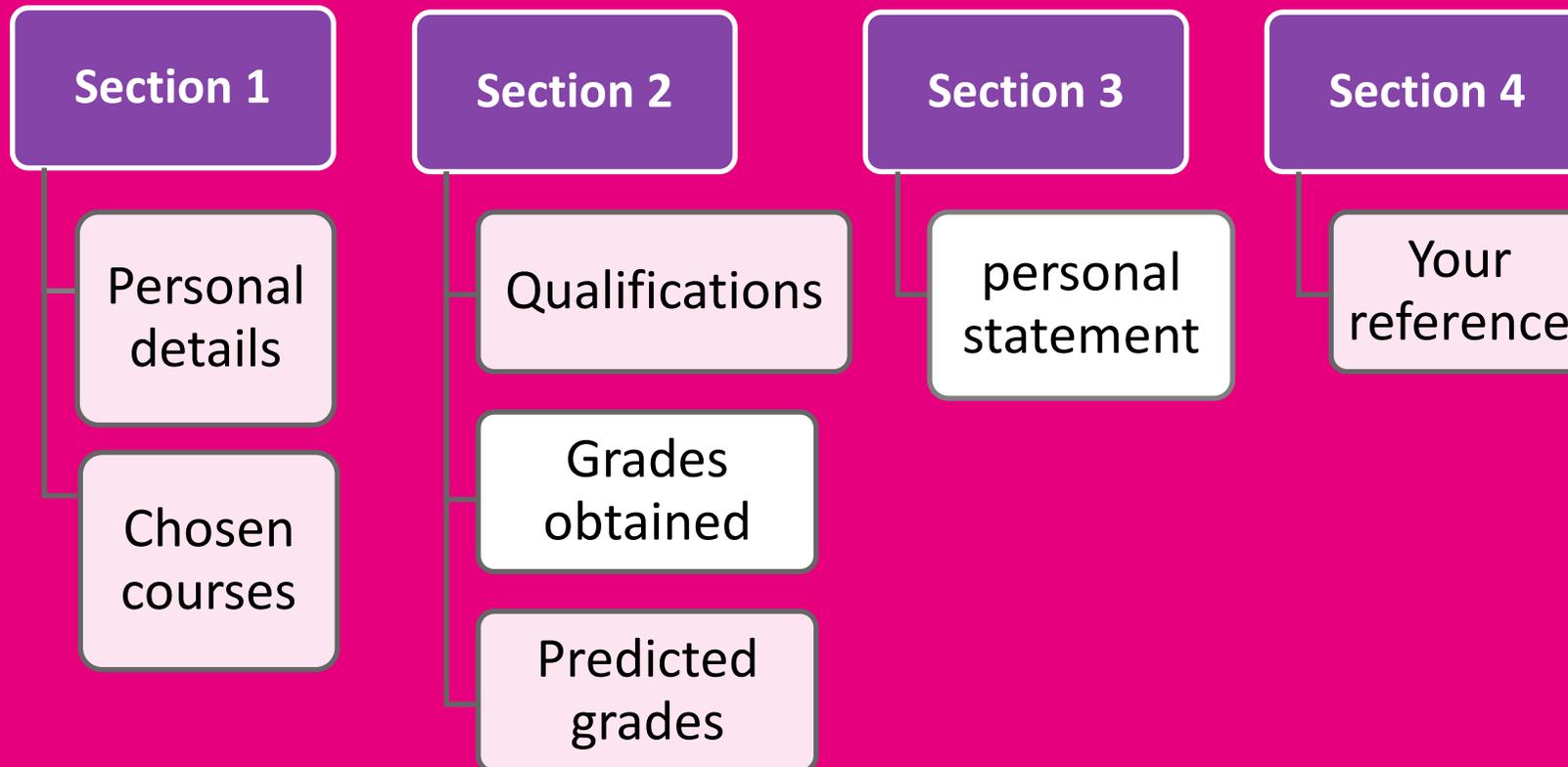
→ apply through UCAS

**Foundations and postgraduate courses**

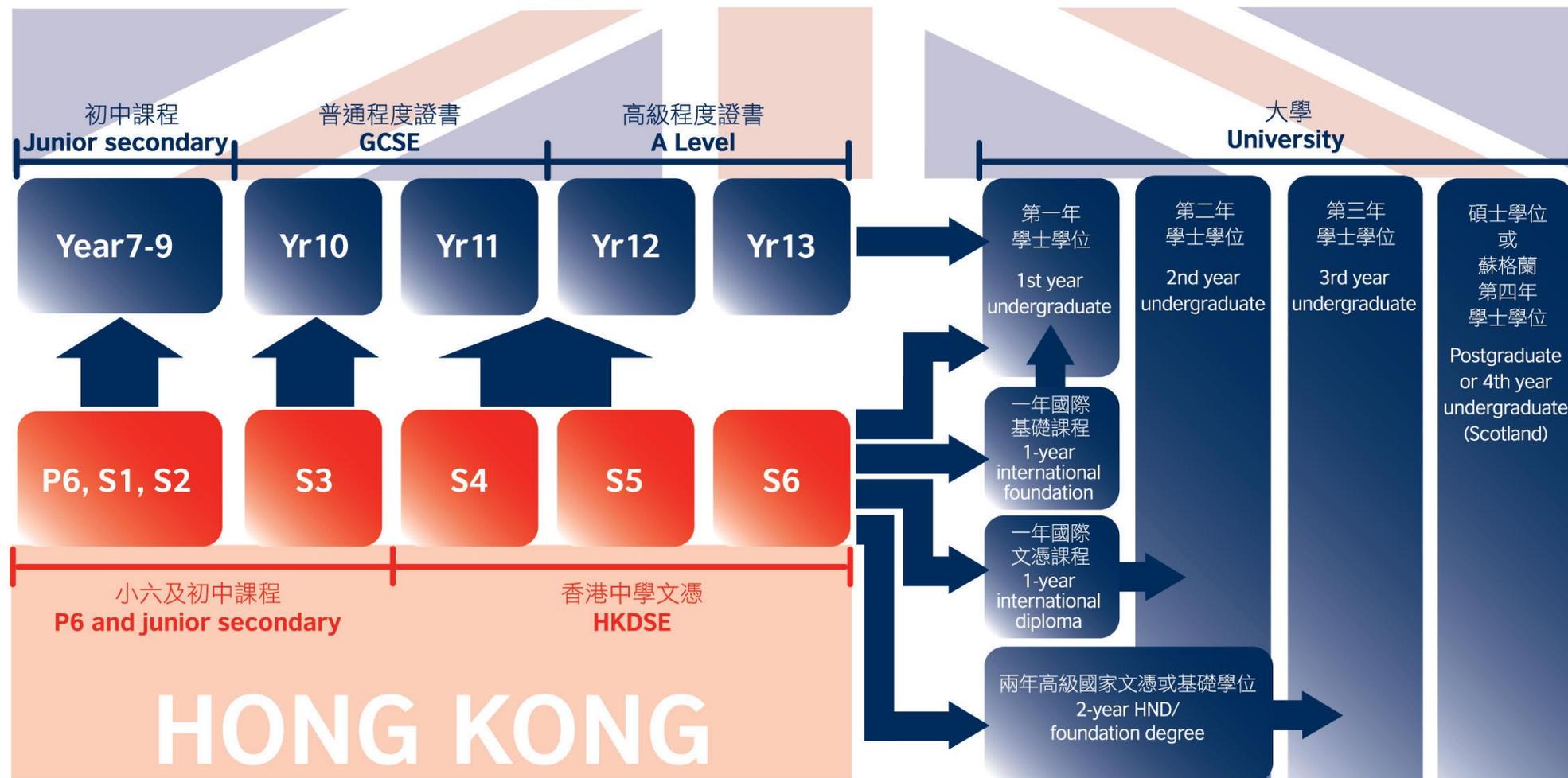
→ apply directly to colleges or universities (and check with institution!)



# Applying through UCAS to undergraduate courses



# Pathways to UK education



# Personal statements

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Arguably the most important part of the application

academic interests

Showcase your passion

Stand out from your peers

Highlight your achievements

Demonstrate your capability

Supercurricular

Soft skills

Used in near miss cases



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# Decision making by institutions



## Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education

5\*55 in Physics and two other elective subjects plus 5\* in core Mathematics and 5 in the Algebra and Calculus extended paper.



Typical conditional offer from Bath for Mech Eng

# Admissions updates for 2021

UCAS figures 2021

Interest in the UK as a study  
destination

Responses from universities during  
these uncertain times



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# Covid 19 and study plans

How has the last academic year worked?

What will next year be like in the UK?



# Studying in the UK in a pandemic

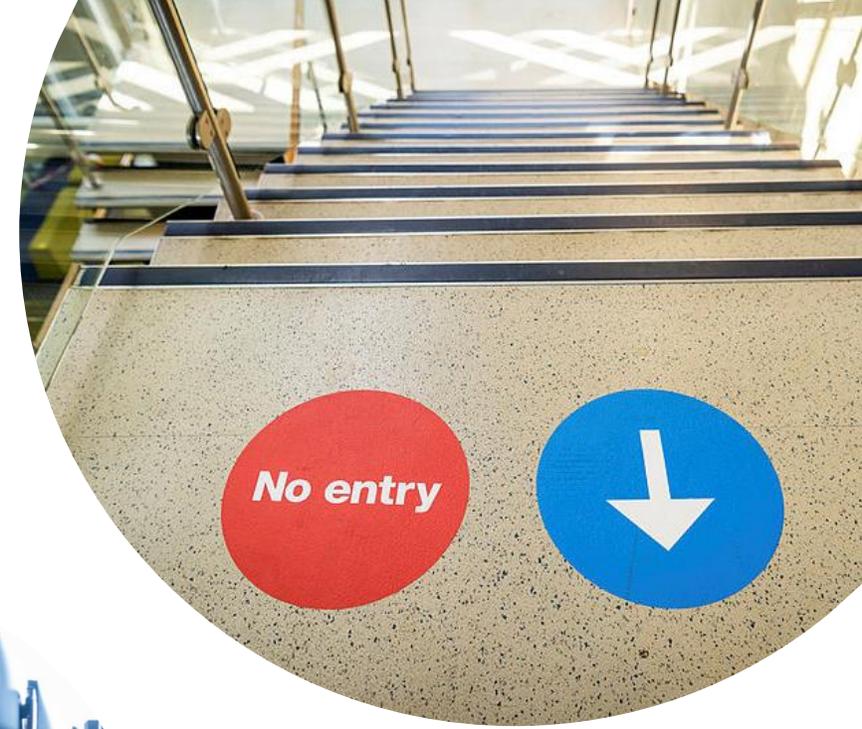
Social distancing

Wellbeing advice

Travel advice

Testing

Community



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# Financial planning

£10,000-£26,000  
in tuition fees for  
international  
students

£800 – £1,300 a  
month, to cover  
accommodation,  
bills, food and  
other living costs

Scholarships and  
part time job  
opportunities

NHS  
Surcharge  
£470 per  
year



## Getting a visa

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The Student Route

The Graduate Route

BNO VISAS

# Student accommodation

- University or private
- Priorities
- Budget
- Apply before the deadline!
- Often guaranteed for international students



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# Making friends



# Societies and clubs





# Sports



# Our beautiful cities

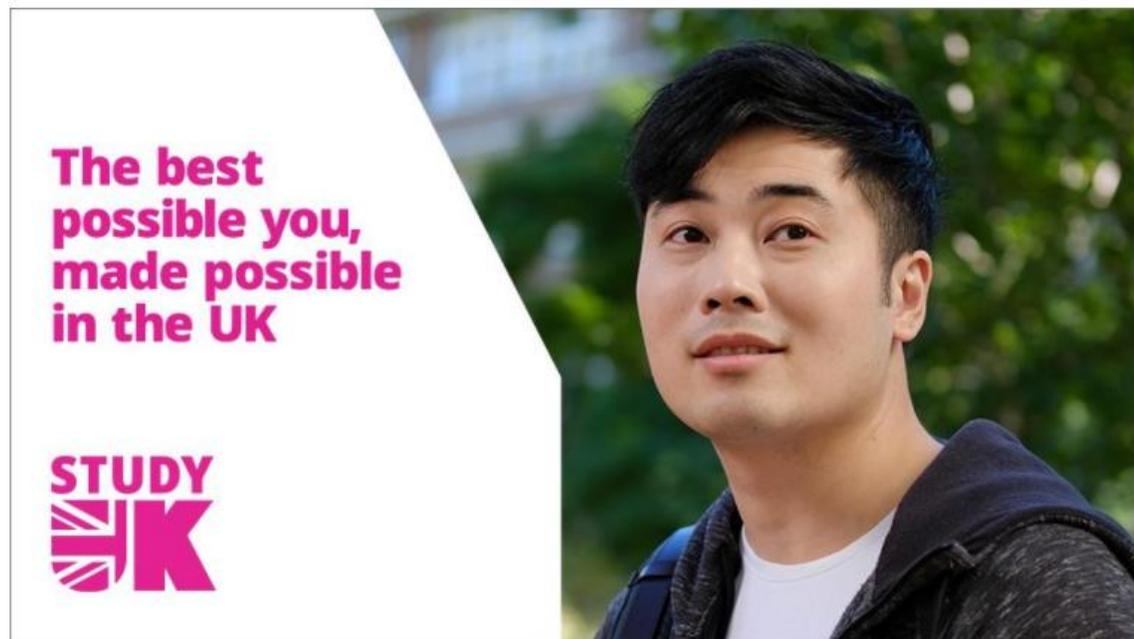
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# Useful Resources

## 留學英國

英國的教育制度譽滿全球。一紙英國學歷，能為你帶來非凡發展機遇，拓展事業更有把握。



[選擇及申請英國課程指南](#)



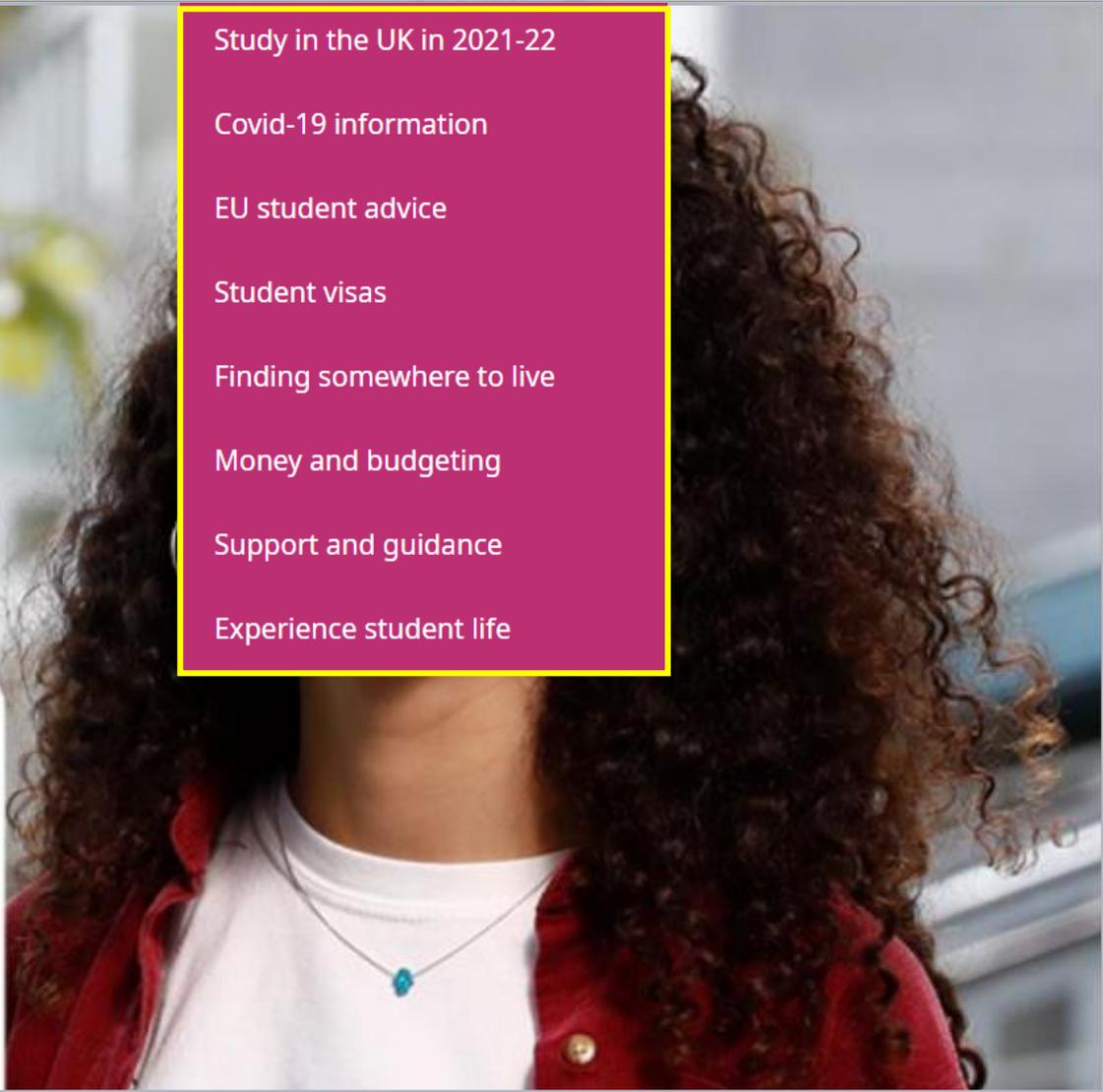
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## Covid-19: Information for international students



Smiths, University of London

Visit our [Covid-19 FAQs](#) for more information.

### External links

- > [More information from the British Council on Covid-19](#)
- > [UKCISA: Covid-19 information for international students](#)
- > [Universities UK International: Covid-19 information](#)
- > [Office for Students guide to Covid-19](#)
- > [UKCISA: student advice line](#)

**The health, safety and wellbeing of all students is top priority for UK universities. For the latest guidance and support, please contact your individual university directly.**

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In this April issue you will find tips and other important information on how to prepare for your upcoming university interviews to help you give a good first impression to the academic staff of your university.

Before you begin your studies in the UK, remember to check which student visa you need to apply for, and the documents you will need to prepare. Your personal statement is an important part of the application process for your future university. Get tips on how to write a good personal statement which efficiently expresses your strengths and suitability for the course you have chosen.

Learning remotely has become the new trend and it is hard to stay on track, in order to be the most productive, you need to know how to study at home, and you can find the right tips for home study from the article below.



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<https://www.britishcouncil.hk/en/newsletter>

- Upcoming events:

<https://www.britishcouncil.hk/en/events>

# Upcoming event

## Study UK Clearing webinar



## July Clearing Webinar Series & Pre- departure Briefing

- Wednesday 21 July 2021  
(HKDSE Results Day)
- Thursday 22 July 2021

UCAS



UK Visas  
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