

Information about local universities and higher education, June 2020



University entry 2020

It's not too late to apply for university for 2020. If you have decided that university would be a good option you can apply on [UCAS](#) up until **Tuesday 30 June**.

If you have already applied to university by the Wednesday 15 January deadline, you will probably already have informed the universities if you are accepting their offers (the deadline for this was **Thursday 18 June**).

If you submitted your application *after* the 15 January deadline (and before the 30 June deadline) you will receive answers from each university that you applied to by **Monday 13 July** and you must tell them if you are accepting their offer by **Monday 20 July**.

Clearing for 2020

Those students who applied this year but decided *not* to make a choice, or declined all options, will enter 'clearing'. You can find further information on clearing from [UCAS](#). From **6 July – 20 October**, you can apply for a course using clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places.

You can use clearing if:

- you're applying after 30 June
- you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- you didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- you've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in Track.

This year UCAS is providing extra help to guide students through clearing and the UCAS link above provides more details. Ask your college or school staff for their support as well.

The University of Brighton and University of Sussex have this advice about what to expect during the autumn term.

For those who are joining the University of Brighton in autumn 2020, the University is committed to ensuring that all first-year students will have the opportunity to engage fully with learning and to feel part of the University community from their first days in Brighton – and beforehand. The University is responsive to any changes in public health guidance and hopes to deliver more learning face-to-face, as this becomes possible. More information for students starting in 2020 can be found on the website <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/news-and-events/coronavirus/2020-applicant-advice.aspx>

University of Brighton's Widening Participation team

Compared to previous years, the start to university life may be different in 2020. However, universities are now even more focused on student experience, wellbeing, value-for-money, and a flexible, digitised approach to teaching. The traditional university experience is being continually reviewed and improved to make it better for you, the student. For Year 13 applicants to the University of Sussex, this page provides information about how the university is responding to Covid-19: <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/applicant/>

University of Sussex's Widening Participation team

Seek more information from your prospective university department, alongside expert careers guidance from your school or college careers adviser, or from the [National Careers Service](#) or [Get Careers Confident](#).

University entry 2021

Students applying for university entry in 2021 can register and start their application on [UCAS](#) but will not complete it until **8 September 2020**. The closing date for **Oxford, Cambridge, medical school, dentistry and veterinary science is 15 October 2020**. The deadline for all other UCAS Undergraduate courses is **15 January 2021**. Other deadlines and criteria may apply, depending on the course or institution – for more information see <https://wwwucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-when-apply> and speak to university admissions offices.

Read on for information about East Sussex and Brighton and Hove Higher Education institutions.

Bexhill College

Bexhill College offers Higher Education and Higher National Diploma (HND) courses. HNDs teach students the practical skills needed for the workplace and form a stepping stone towards completing a degree. See the website for more information <https://www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk/highereducation/courses.shtml> and contact admissions@bexhillcollege.ac.uk or 01424 214545 (extension 1166).

East Sussex College Group

East Sussex College Group offers a range of degree level courses. For information see the website <https://www.escg.ac.uk/study/degree-level/>, email hellohe@escg.ac.uk or call: Hastings - 01424 458466

Eastbourne/Lewes - 030 300 39124.

GB Met

Research [course information](#) and find out about open days here <https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/university-centre-met/open-events-for-university-level-courses> For course advice and an online department tour, go to: <https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/contact/news-events/open-events/request-a-call-back-or-department-tour> Enquiries can be directed to the Admissions Team at admissions@gbmc.ac.uk.

For general enquiries please speak to enquiries-brighton@gbmc.ac.uk or, for Northbrook MET (Worthing and Shoreham campuses) contact enquiries-worthing@gbmc.ac.uk.

Plumpton College

For Year 13 students interested in Plumpton's Higher Education courses, please see <https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/courses/university-courses/>. Use the 'apply now' button on the course page you are looking for and this will lead you to either apply directly via UCAS for a full time course, or via the Plumpton College application form for part time, internal top-ups, masters and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Modules.

Current Plumpton Year 13s are invited to speak to the Enquiries, Advice and Guidance team on 01273 890454 or email enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk for help with their next steps.

University of Brighton

For **Year 12s**, the University of Brighton's online events are a chance to get tips and advice on specific topics and to ask any questions about studying at Brighton, in real time.

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/visit-us/online-events/index.aspx>. From **14 to 17 July**, Brighton is running online summer schools, aimed at Year 12s, to give students the chance to get an idea of what it's like to study their favourite subject in higher education. <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton/schools-teachers/outreach/events/summer-schools.aspx>

Online open days can be accessed here:

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/visit-us/open-days/ug-campus-open-days/2020/index.aspx>

Advice for 2020 applicants and FAQs can be found at: <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/news-and-events/coronavirus/2020-applicant-advice.aspx>

The University of Brighton works with parents and carers from all backgrounds to support their young person into university, through their studies and into their careers. Information for parents and carers can be found here:

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton/schools-teachers/outreach/widening-participation/parents-and-carers.aspx>

Contact information for any questions: compactplus@brighton.ac.uk

University of Sussex

To take a virtual tour of the university see <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visit-us/virtual-tour/> and sign up for Undergraduate Virtual Open Days on **28 - 30 July 2020**: <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visit-us/>

For Year 13 applicants to Sussex, this page provides information about how the university is responding to Covid-19: <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/applicant/> . If you have questions about your application, please contact Admissions on +44 (0)1273 678416 or email ug.applicants@sussex.ac.uk.

Here are other contacts which may be useful:

- For general queries, email study@sussex.ac.uk.
- Housing questions: housing@sussex.ac.uk
- Student support: studentlifecentre@sussex.ac.uk
- Careers: careers@sussex.ac.uk
- participate@sussex.ac.uk for Widening Participation enquiries and to sign up to newsletters for prospective students, and their parents and carers, about preparing for and applying to university.

East Sussex Careers Hub

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