Key Questions to ask at UCAS Fairs

This resource has been created to get an idea of questions to be thinking about when attending UCAS and Higher Education Fairs in order to make the most of your time there. It is important to research before you go so that you can create a list of universities you would like to speak to. Once you’ve attended it’s a good idea to do further research into the universities you are interested in and book onto open days. For more information, visit the UCAS website: https://www.ucas.com/.

Course

Does the university do the course you’re interested in?

Are there different varieties of courses around the subject you’re interested in?

What are the grade requirements for the course you’re interested in – are there also GCSE requirements?

Are there any specific subject requirements that you must be taking at A Level or equivalent?

How many contact hours per week should you expect and what will these entail?

How will you be assessed?

Are there study abroad and/or industrial placement opportunities?

Place

Is it a campus or city University?

How far is the university from where you live?

What are the university’s student satisfaction levels?
What are the university’s graduate employment statistics?

What types of accommodation are there and where is it based?

Are you able to live in university managed accommodation for the first year? Is it guaranteed afterwards?

Does the university have an upcoming open day?

Social
What societies and sports teams are there at the university?

What is there to do in the city/campus?

Finance
Does the university offer scholarships and bursaries?

What are the average prices of student accommodation?

Support
What academic and welfare support is available to students?

Does the university have a careers service?