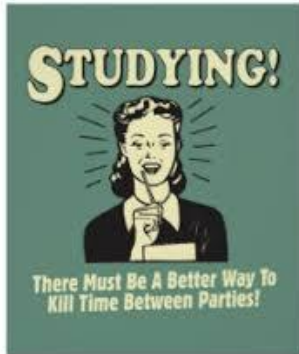




An Introduction to University



Shoonagh Hubble and Ros Laird



Why go to university?

- Graduates earn more (up to £100,000 - £500,000 over a lifetime)
- You'll actually be interested in what you're learning and can usually tailor your degree to what you want to study
- Gives you time to decide what to do with your life
- Social life and networks
- Long holidays – travel, volunteering, internships
- Qualifies you for graduate-level jobs and further study





Social, Health and Well-being benefits

OECD 2013. People who have been to university:

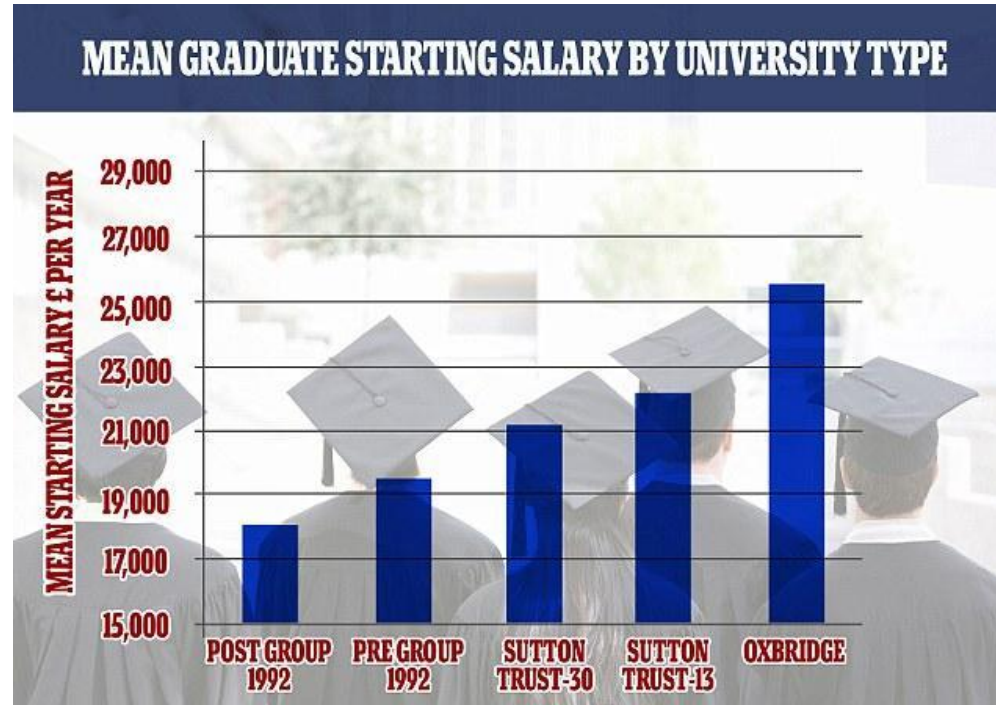
- Live Longer
- More engaged in society
- Happier
- More liberal





Why go to a top university?

- Employers like them
- Status
- Quality education – value for money





But...money matters

- £9,250 a year
- Interest rate currently 6.1%
- Graduates only pay 9% of their income above a given threshold
- Next year that threshold will rise to £25,000, meaning you don't start paying until you are earning over that
- After 30 years you no longer have to pay anything





Living expenses

- You can get a loan of up to £8,200 a year
- This depends on parental income. The more they earn the more they (or you) will have to pay towards living expenses
- Scholarships and bursaries exist. Check out the Scholarship Hub
- Lots of info on [MoneySavingExpert.com](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com)





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But you should also consider...

- Student satisfaction
- Teaching quality
- Employability
- Expertise
- Living expenses
- Quality of facilities





Fun Facts you need to know

- BA or BSc?
- Undergraduate - first degree
- Deferred entry - apply for 2020 entry
- Foundation year - Extra year to get you up to speed - more expensive
- Points or A-Level grades?
- Offers usually based on 3 A-Levels or equivalent
- Scottish universities - 4 years
- Overseas universities - handle with care





Types of university

- Campus
 - Bath, Lancaster, Warwick, Exeter, Birmingham
- Town
 - Manchester, Leeds, Bristol, Newcastle, Sheffield, Edinburgh
- Collegiate
 - Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, York





Close to home or far away?

Close to home:

Cheaper

Family

More familiar

Local friends

Local work/interests

Far away:

Independence

New friends

New experiences

Living costs can be lower

Fewer rules





You could go local:

- University of Southampton
- Portsmouth University
- University of Winchester
- Southampton Solent
- University of Chichester
- Bournemouth University
- Arts University Bournemouth





How to choose

- Websites , eg UCAS, Which?, Complete University Guide
- League Tables, eg Guardian League Tables by subject
- Student Forums, eg Student Room, alternative prospectuses
- Open Days





UCAS Form

- Register during Tutor - from 22nd May
- Up to 5 choices - should be same or similar
- Lots of videos and information online
- Personal Statement - lots of workshops to follow
- Tutor Reference - fill in a reference support form
- Predicted Grades - based on performance throughout this year plus this summer's exams

APPLYING THROUGH

UCAS



Open days

- A chance to have a look round
- Ask questions
- Go to talks about finance and university life
- See different departments and talk to staff and students there
- Most in May, June, Early July and September
- Don't believe them when they say you have to book
- www.opendays.com





How do I get there?

- Wider reading and learning - talk to your teachers
- Aspire and Meet the Employer Talks
- EPQ?
- Work experience?
- Study Days
- Summer Schools - Access to Southampton





More help and information

- Information on Progress Zone section - access from student page
- Make an appointment to see Careers – Student page
- Drop in to Careers in the Progress Zone at lunchtimes for help with university and subject choice
- Good luck!

Progression

End-of-course reviews. [Click here](#) to complete them.

Information on University, Apprenticeships and Careers – [Progress Zone](#)

To speak to a Careers advisor – [Book an appointment](#).

To speak to your Student Progress Adviser regarding your welfare or progress – [Book an appointment](#).

Appointments for both your SPA or a Careers Adviser take place in the Progress Zone opposite College main reception.