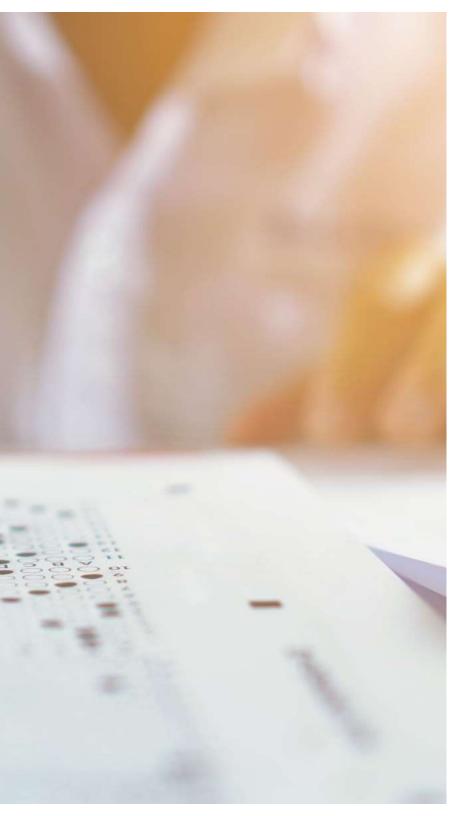# Application to UK universities UCAS Cycle 2024-2025

ACJC Higher Education and Career Guidance
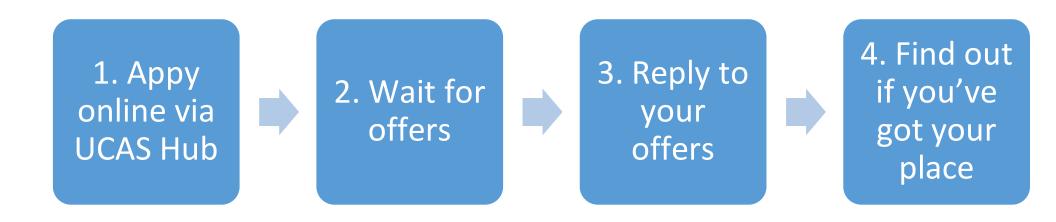
Overview

- Key Information of the Process

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- Some Admissions Tests

- UCAS Application Form

- Sharing by Imperial College and Cardiff University

Key Information of the Process

How it works:
applying to a UK university or college

| 1. Appy online via UCAS Hub | → | 2. Wait for offers | → | 3. Reply to your offers | → | 4. Find out if you've got your place |

1. Applying via UCAS Hub

Register and create an account in UCAS Hub:
www.ucas.com/hub.

- Explore options

- Dive deeper into different subjects

- Start application: key dates, overview of process

- Access to resources by industry experts and resources that will develop your application knowledge and skills

1. Applying via UCAS Hub

- If you've already started application: add the buzzword
- If you are starting the application, click 'Yes' in response to:
  - ➢ 'Are you applying from a school, centre or college?'

The application can only be submitted after all areas are completed, including the reference.

1. Applying via UCAS Hub

Taking a gap year

Apply for deferred entry *(ie: apply in this cycle, start course in the next)*

- Same application deadlines as those applying this year

- Choose a start date of 2026 when you add course choice

- Meet the conditions of offer by 3 September 2025 unless the university / college specifies a different date.

- Before applying, contact universities / colleges to check if they consider deferred applications.

1. Applying via UCAS Hub

Admissions tests

To sit for at the start of academic cycle. To find out more: **www.ucas.com/admissions-tests**

- Check registration deadline, when it is conducted, what it includes, deadline for UCAS application

- Typically occur between Aug and Nov.

- Check the courses you are interested in and ensure that you register and sit for the necessary admissions test BEFORE the deadline for the application.

2. Waiting for Offers

- There are 2 types of offer
  - **Unconditional offer**: already met the entry requirements
  - **Conditional offer**: if offer is based on exam results. University / college will update status when they receive your results.
- If you used all 5 choices and did not receive any offers or declines the offers received, you can use 'EXTRA' to apply for more choices, one at a time.
- Unsuccessful: Use 'CLEARING' to apply for more courses.

Key Information

Buzzword for ACJC applicants: **TBIYTB2025**

UCAS Application Deadlines		
Types of Applications	**ACJC Deadline**	**UCAS Deadline**
** Oxbridge applicants are to submit ACJC Preliminary Oxbridge Application form online and email personal statement (PS) for vetting. *If any teacher asks you to submit the PS directly to them, please cc Mrs Lovy Tan in the email.*	3 September 2024, 1800 (SG Time)	N.A.
- Application to music conservatoires. - Application for dance, drama and musical theatre courses may have different deadline. *Check individual school's website for information.*	16 September 2024, 1800 (SG Time)	2 October 2024, 1800 (UK Time)
- Application to Cambridge or Oxford - Application for Medicine, Dentistry and /or Veterinary Science courses	30 September 2024, 1800 (SG Time)	15 October 2024, 1800 (UK Time)
Equal consideration for majority of applications (that do not fall into earlier categories)	13 January 2024, 1800 (SG Time)	29 January 2025, 1800 (UK Time)

Application Deadlines

1. **By the ACJC Internal deadline**
   - **Applicants** must complete the application form and pay for the application. *(Oxbridge applicants please note that the Preliminary Oxbridge Application form deadline is earlier)*
   - **Teacher Referees** must complete the reference letter and fill in predicted grades.

2. **Between the 2 deadlines**
   HECG dept will vet the forms and contact students and teachers about any necessary changes.

3. **By the UCAS Official deadline**
   HECG dept will submit the vetted and edited application form and reference letter with predicted grades to UCAS.

Identify a Suitable Teacher Referee

- The teacher referee needs to write about your ability in a subject that is related to your university course.

- Please approach a subject tutor of one of the subject requirements for the university course.

E.g. Computer Science

Course requirements

No prior knowledge of programming is required.

Request for your Math tutor to write the recommendation letter.

Computer Science

Required by all Colleges: A Level/IB Higher Level Mathematics
Required by some Colleges: A Level/IB Higher Level in a second or three science/mathematics subjects and/or particular subjects

E.g. Human, Social, and Political Sciences

Course requirements

Required by all Colleges: no specific subjects
Useful preparation: An essay-based subject

Request for your tutor of an essay-based subject (Geog, Hist, ELit, GP/KI, Econs) to write the recommendation letter

Request for References and Predicted Grades

(It is the applicants' responsibility to communicate to FTs and your desired Teacher Referee about what is required for the UCAS application. Predicted grades are only applicable for candidates who sat for GCE A'Level in 2024.

- Form Teacher(s):
  - Make a request to your FT(s) to collate your predicted grades from your subject tutors.
  - Let your FT know who your Teacher Referee is
  - Your FT will send the predicted grades to your teacher referee.
- Teacher Referee: enter the predicted grades on UCAS
- In the entire process, you will not be told of your predicted grades as it is confidential.

Request for References and Predicted Grades

TIP1: Let your FT and Teacher Referee know the application deadlines so that the predicted grades will be submitted punctually!

TIP 2: Do ask at least 1 month in advance of the deadlines.

IMPORTANT

You are responsible for finding out if your desired courses of study require admission tests.

It is also your responsibility to find out *when* these admission tests occur, *register* for them promptly and *take* the tests.

Oxbridge Applications

Further details

ACJC Oxbridge Preliminary Application Form
and further support for applicants

1. Fill in the online ACJC Oxbridge Preliminary Application Form https://go.gov.sg/acjc-oxbridge-form by 3 September 2024, 1800.

2. Submit your Personal Statement by email for vetting by 3 September 2024, 1800h (SG Time) to Mrs Lovy Tan (lovy_tan@acjc.edu.sg)

https://go.gov.sg/acjc-oxbridge-form

3. Interview Preparation
   • When you are called up for an interview, email Mrs Lovy Tan to arrange for a mock interview.

https://go.gov.sg/acjc-oxbridge-form

Application to University of Oxford and Cambridge

NB: Candidates are not allowed to apply to both University of Oxford and University of Cambridge in the same year.

University of Oxford guide:

http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide

Overview of Admission for University of Cambridge:

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/international-applications

(Additional form) My Cambridge Application and AAIF:

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/mycamapp

Application to University of Oxford and Cambridge

Admission Test / Interview

1. Take note of any Admission test(s) required for your course and their registration deadlines.

2. University of Oxford:

   https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests

3. University of Cambridge:

   https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/admission-tests

Interviews are usually conducted online in December.

Some Admissions Tests

This list is not comprehensive. Please conduct your own research for the requirements for the courses that you have selected. Do sign up promptly for the tests required.

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- ESAT: Engineering and Science Admission Test
- LNAT: Law National Aptitude Test
    Conducted by Pearson VUE
- TMUA: Test for Mathematics for University Admission
- TSA: Thinking Skills Assessment
- UCAT: Clinical Aptitude Test
    This replaces BMAT in 2024. UCAT is conducted by Pearson VUE.

If there are any unavoidable clashes between the Admissions test(s) that you intend to take and your A level examination papers, please inform Mrs Lovy Tan ASAP at lovy_tan@acjc.edu.sg.

Admissions tests
ESAT, Engineering and Science Admission Test

https://esat-tmua.ac.uk/register/

- Access Arrangement application deadline: 29 Aug 2024

- Registration is open from 1 Aug 2024 till 16 Sep 2024

- Testing takes place from 15 or 16 October 2024

- Applicants must refer the website to proceed with timely registration.

- All fees to be made at applicants' cost

- This is a computer-based admissions test delivered in partnership with Pearson VUE.

- Take note that your A Level Chem Practical is on 16 October. Sign up on the appropriate date for yourself.

Admissions tests
LNAT, The Law National Aptitude Test

- https://lnat.ac.uk/

- For selected Law courses in
  - University of Bristol
  - University of Cambridge
  - Durham University
  - University of Glasgow
  - King's College London, University of London
  - London School of Economics (LSE)
  - University of Oxford
  - SOAS University of London
  - UCL Faculty of Laws

  This list may not be exhaustive. Do your own research.

Refer to this if you wish to practise
law in Singapore: https://www.sile.edu.sg/united-kingdom-approved-universities

Admissions tests
LNAT, The Law National Aptitude Test

- Applicants must refer to LNAT website to proceed with timely registration
- All fees to be made at applicants' cost
- Some key deadlines:

	Oxbridge	King's College, London and LSE	Other LNAT Universities
Register by	1 Aug – 15 Sep 2024		Mid-Sep 2024 – 20 Jan 2025
Completed by	15 Oct 2024	31 Dec 2024	25 Jan 2025

Admissions tests
TMUA, Test for Mathematics for University Admission

https://esat-tmua.ac.uk/register/

- Access Arrangement application deadline: 29 Aug 2024

- Registration is open from 1 Aug 2024 till 16 Sep 2024

- Testing takes place from 16 or 17 October 2024

- Applicants must refer the website to proceed with timely registration.

- All fees to be made at applicants' cost

- This is a computer-based admissions test delivered in partnership with Pearson VUE.

- Take note that the A Level Chem Practical is on 16 October. Sign up on the appropriate date for yourself.

Admissions tests
TSA, Thinking Skills Assessment

- Information:
  https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/tsa

- Access Arrangement application deadline: 15 Sep 2024 (23:59 BST)

- Registration is open from 15 Aug 2024 till 4 Oct 2024

- Testing takes place on 24 October 2024 at Pearson VUE test centres.

- Applicants must refer to the website to proceed with timely registration.

- All fees to be made at applicants' cost

Admissions tests
TSA, Thinking Skills Assessment

IMPORTANT

A-Level Biology Practical exam (9744) and Oxford TSA fall on the same day: **24th October 2024.**
If you are affected by this, please update the college by **25 August 2024 (Sunday)**.

**Please indicate that you are affected in the
- ACJC Oxbridge Application form….
- AND email Mdm Baljeet Kaur at baljeet_kaur@acjc.edu.sg.**

Admissions tests
UCAT, University Clinical Aptitude Test

- Info for registration is available on UCAT website
  https://www.ucat.ac.uk/register/booking-your-test/

- Refer to list of universities here
  https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/universities/

- Access Arrangement application deadline: 15 Sep 2024 (23:59 BST)

- Registration is open from now until 19 Sep 2024 (12 noon BST)

- Testing takes place from 8 July to 26 Sept 2024

- Applicants must refer to UCAT's website to proceed with timely registration.

- All fees to be made at applicants' cost

UCAS Application Form

Guidelines for UCAS Application Form

Apply Through school / college

The Buzzword to apply as an ACJC student is **TBIYTB2025**

Fill up all fields that are applicable to you

E.g. Passport details, full contact details such as mailing address, full name of all GCE O level subjects, Qualifications, Course choices

Guidelines for UCAS Application Form

Fields that are not applicable can be left blank (E.g. Unique Learner Number, Dual citizenship, Nominated access)

Contact details and postal addresses

(Provide details that allow the university to contact you between Dec 2024 – Aug 2025. Offer letters and admission packages may be sent to this address.)

Singaporean students: Use personal email address. DO NOT use ACJC email address.

Foreign students: Consider using address and contact number in home country, email domains that are accessible in your home country

Guidelines for UCAS Application Form

You must enter all your qualifications from secondary education onwards

If you are awaiting your A Level results, please request for your Teacher referee to provide your predicted grades

Personal Statement and Teacher Reference

Select your course choices

Guidelines for UCAS Application Form

DO NOT leave applying until the last minute

You do not have to complete the application all at once

Only apply once in a cycle as your new application will be cancelled and you will not receive a refund.

Take note of your UCAS Personal ID.

Guidelines for UCAS Application Form

Fill in Google form after submitting your UCAS application so that the HECG department can keep track of your application.

Oxbridge applicants only need to fill in the 'ACJC Oxbridge Preliminary Application form'.

All other UCAS applicants need to fill in the 'ACJC UCAS Application form'.

Google form for UCAS applicants

ACJC UCAS applicants (excluding Oxbridge applicants) MUST complete the 'ACJC UCAS Application' form.

In your form, you indicate the name of your teacher referee so that your application can be linked to your teacher referee.
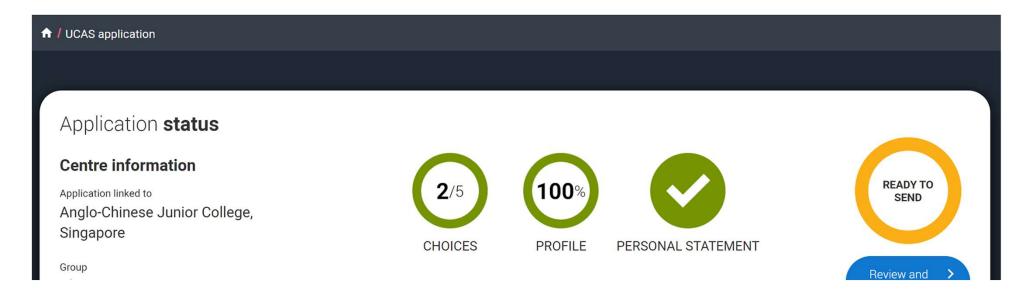

https://go.gov.sg/acjc-ucas-applicat
ion

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Take note of your Personal ID. You need it for
- Customer service / support
- Applying for some admission tests
- Verify your email address

'Nominated access'

- This is not compulsory, so you may choose to leave it blank.
- If you wish to nominate someone, it should be someone who can make a decision about your university options on your behalf.

Update the Education section with the names of

1) *Your secondary school(s)* and

2) 'Anglo-Chinese Junior College'

Notes:

- Many Singapore secondary schools cannot be found on UCAS; You will need to opt to **enter the school name manually**.

- You need to input **all** achieved and pending qualifications that has been / will be certificated.

Education Section – O level Qualifications

1. Select '**Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level**'

2. Type the title of your O level subjects, <u>according to that shown on your O level certificate</u>.

   E.g. English Language (not English) and Literature in English (not English Literature)

3. Select / Enter the examination body for the subject:

   • SEAB – Mother Tongue languages and MT literature

   • CIE – English Language , subjects in arts, humanities, sciences, mathematics

4. Enter the date of exams

   • 10/2021 – For MTL taken in sec 3

   • 10/2022 – For all subjects taken in Sec 4

5. Enter the grades as A1, A2, B3, B4 etc., not A, B, C

Education Section – A level Qualifications

1. Select '**Singapore-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level**'

2. Select your A level subject and H1/H2/H3 level from the drop down lists

3. Select / Enter the examination body for the subject:

    • SEAB – Project Work, Mother Tongue languages and MT literature, General Studies in Chinese

    • SEAB-CIE – GP/KI, subjects in arts, humanities, sciences, mathematics (in H1/H2/H3)

    • NUS, NTU, SMU – relevant H3 subjects, e.g. H3 Game Theory

4. Enter the date of exams and grade awarded

    • 11/2023 – PW and H1 MTL (enter the grade awarded)

    • 05/2024 OR 11/2024 – H3 taken, including those from local universities (enter the grade as Pending)

    • 11/2024 – GP/KI and other H2/H3 subjects (enter the grade as Pending)

Education Section – Highest level of qualifications

Select '**Below honours degree level qualification**'

Unique Learner Number (ULN)

The Unique Learner Number (ULN) is a 10-digit reference number which is used alongside and to access the Personal Learning Record of anyone over the age of 13 involved in UK education or training. If you don't have one, or don't know yours, leave this blank.

Please state the highest level of qualification you expect to have before you start your course *

Below honours degree level qualifications ⌄

☑ Mark this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.
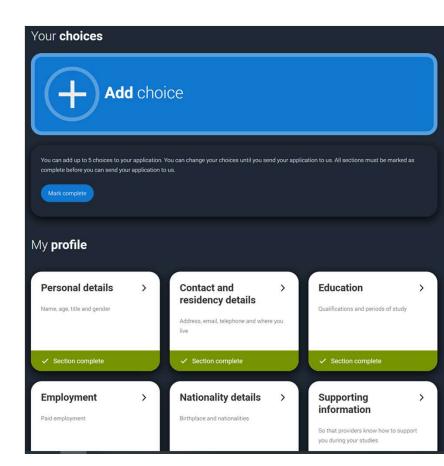
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Choices

What you need to know:

- Maximum of 5 choices, but not necessary to fill up all 5

- No order of priority / preference

- Each university will not know of your other options

- All 5 choices will receive the same personal statement

- Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary medicine applicants: UCAS allows a maximum of 4 medicine courses, the fifth choice must be non-medical but can be related e.g. biomedical engineering

Implication: Write about your interest in ONE subject area / career in the personal statement

Apply for courses related to that subject / career

Personal Statement

https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement