



MUST-DO

don't forget
MAKE SURE YOU

Everything you need to know
about applying to university.



Teesside
University

your



HANDY POCKET GUIDE

This guide is to help you in your journey to university. It deals with commonly asked questions and guides you through some of the key milestones, keeping you informed and prepared throughout.

CHOOSING A COURSE

There's lots of choice so it's important to do your research. Make sure it's something you'll enjoy, it's a long time.



YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER:

- > is the course accredited?
- > what modules will I study?
- > what are the facilities like?
- > what careers can I go into?
- > how long is the course?

SELECTING A UNIVERSITY

When selecting a university you need to ensure you'll feel happy, comfortable and safe there.

ASK YOURSELF:

- > do I want a big city centre campus or something a bit smaller?

- > what are the communal facilities such as the library and students' union like?

- > are there good transport links to the university?

- > what is the cost of living like?

- > how far away is the accommodation?

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPEN DAY VISITS

OPEN DAYS ARE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET A REAL FEEL FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- > speak to academic staff so you get to know the ins and outs of your course

- > take a campus tour to get a feel for the campus and facilities

- > visit the accommodation to make sure you can see yourself living there

- > take a good look at the facilities and compare them to other universities

- > speak to current students for their opinions.

HOW YOU CAN CALCULATE YOUR UCAS POINTS

Tariff Points	A Level	BTEC
56	A*	D*
48	A	D
40	B	
32	C	M
28		
24	D	
20		
16	E	P

Jodi achieved **BBB** in her A levels, equating to **120** tariff points, allowing her to gain a place on our BSc (Hons) Midwifery course.

Connor achieved **MMM** in his BTEC extended diploma, equating to **96** tariff points, allowing him to gain a place on our BSc (Hons) Psychology course.

We accept a range of other qualifications, for more information www.UCAS.com



PERSONAL STATEMENT

BEST PRACTICE

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Start early

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Take a look at the advice on the UCAS and university websites

A

Avoid using clichés like ‘ever since I was a child...’

T

Think about what relevant skills, experience and qualities you have

E

Evidence – always give examples of using the skills you mention and say how they are relevant

M

Make sure you understand what is required to study the course

E

Enthusiasm – explain why you are interested in the subject

N

Never copy text from elsewhere – it will be checked electronically for plagiarism

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Take your time and ask someone to check it for you

S

Spelling and grammar must be accurate

INTERVIEW

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Important documents – bring everything you need

N

Never be late – arrive 30 minutes early to allow time to settle in

T

Take a copy of your personal statement and make sure it's fresh in your mind

E

Ensure you prepare a couple of questions to show you've done your research

R

Remember to dress smartly – it shows you are taking it seriously

V

Voice – speak clearly, confidently and enthusiastically

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Is your body language positive? Make eye contact and don't slouch

E

Enjoy it – it's your time to shine

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What made you want to apply to Teesside University? Remind yourself.

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Stay calm and be yourself

REVISION

TOP TIPS

Get prepared and be ahead of the game:

- > devise a revision timetable and start early
- > revise in short manageable chunks
- > be organised with your revision notes; use folders, post-it notes and coloured pens
- > look through past exam papers to get a feel for the format
- > create a good environment to revise in, avoiding distractions like the TV
- > switch off your phone – no calls, social media or internet
- > relax – it's just as important to have time to relax and recuperate after revising
- > have an early night before an exam, keep hydrated and don't cram.

STUDENT FINANCE

Do you have any questions about university funding?

HERE ARE SOME KEY FACTS:

- > you don't pay anything up front – tuition fee loans can cover the full cost of your fees
- > you only pay your loans back once you've graduated and start earning more than £25,000 a year
- > it's not like a bank loan – how much you pay depends on what you earn, not the amount that has been borrowed
- > there are lots of scholarships and bursaries out there for you to access, visit **tees.ac.uk/funding**.

Visit **gov.uk/studentfinance** for the most up-to-date information



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