



Applying to University 2024-2025

Presentation to Terminale students
Tuesday 24 Sept 2024



The University Guidance Service

The Team

- Ms David - guidance & advice
- Ms McKain - administrative support

The Service

- Advise and guide students as they research and select courses to apply to using Unifrog
- Provide feedback and advice on writing personal statements and managing the application process

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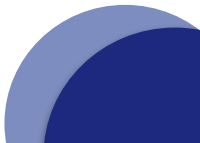
- UK (UCAS), US, Canada, Netherland & Ireland PLUS Sciences Po Dual Diplomas with certain Anglophone partners.
- For applications to other countries, you will need to seek advice elsewhere.
- For applications to France, you will receive info about *Parcoursup* from the CSI.





Organising your University Applications

- Applying to university is the first step you will take into the next phase of your life. It is **YOUR** decision and you need to take control of it.
- We are here to help when you get stuck, but we expect you to take the initiative and to be proactive in your research and organisation.
- We will remind you of deadlines but we do not expect to be chasing you for documents.
- It is your responsibility to check if there any specific entry requirements (portfolio, audition etc.) for your course.
- Our role is to **advise** with the application process, not to place students in specific courses.





Using Unifrog: research and personal organisation

Unifrog is an online platform which helps students to:

- research post-Bac study opportunities on English speaking courses throughout the world.
- organise themselves so that they can submit the strongest applications, on time and in the correct format.

IMPORTANT! Unifrog is the primary way that the University Guidance Team will communicate with students. Make sure your access is working correctly and get used to using it!

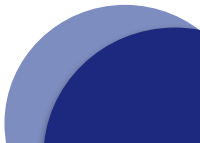
- Lost your Unifrog login? Reset it using your @csilyon.fr email address from the following link : <https://www.unifrog.org/reset-password>
- Never signed up? <https://www.unifrog.org/code> using the code LYOI2025 and your @csilyon.fr email address. Parents can create their own account using the code LYOIParents50
- Contact university@csianglo.org if you have any problems accessing your Unifrog account.





Other research tools / suggestions

- **Look online**
 - University websites
 - UCAS (for UK universities)
- **Check out University League Tables and Rankings**
 - Worldwide: <https://www.topuniversities.com/world-university-rankings>
 - UK: <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>
 - Compare by different measures including student satisfaction
- **Visits & Social Media**
 - Visit in person - or try a virtual visit! It is a great way to get a feel for a place.
 - Engage via social media: follow your preferred institutions online.



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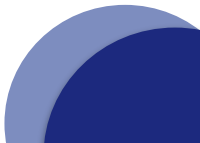
- By this point, you should have a fairly clear idea of where / what you want to study.
- If you haven't already, you need to make a rdv with the UG adviser to:
 - Finalise your plans
 - Clarify deadlines and other requirements
- Contact the University Guidance Team on university@csianglo.org





Deadlines: internal and external deadlines.

- Don't be fooled by the final deadlines on the university websites!
- Application processes take a long time, and you must start **well** in advance of the final deadline.
- **Early applications** have the highest chance of being accepted: universities consider applications as they arrive (they don't wait until after the deadline) and your chosen course might end up being full **before** the deadline has even passed.
- To ensure that you are able to meet these deadlines you need to be actively working on your applications well in advance.
 - Applications need to be finalised by the **second week of December of Terminale** - at the absolute latest.
 - This year that is the week of **9 - 13 December**.
- Late applications / missing deadlines is stressful for everyone involved, especially you. Give yourself the best chance of success by being aware of and meeting the deadlines.



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES IN THE UK





UK: Issues to Consider

Post-Brexit, Fees and Student Loans for **EU citizens** (not British Citizens)

- EU citizens are now charged overseas tuition fees unless they are “settled” in the UK (ie. have been residing in the UK for the three years prior to their application).
- Overseas tuition fees vary significantly from course to course and university to university. On average, you’re looking at between £10,000 and £30,000 a year. Contact the university directly. Also useful for reference: [Reddin survey](#).
- EU citizens will not be able to receive a student loan from the British Student Loan Company.
- EU citizens will need to consider other costs such as visa and the immigration health surcharge.
- There are scholarships to study in the UK but they have strict eligibility criteria and are highly competitive.



UK: Issues to Consider



Post-Brexit and Fees Issues for **British citizens resident in the EU** (not EU citizens)

- British citizens and the children of British citizens who were resident in the EU before Brexit was implemented have a special status regarding fees and student loans in the UK. They may be eligible for ‘home fees’ for 7 years after the Agreement came into force on 31/12/2020.
- However, these arrangements are still quite new and many universities have put their own assessment procedures into place. Also, the arrangements may also vary significantly between the different ‘home nations’ of the UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- **You will need to clarify with individual universities and student loan companies in the ‘home nation’ that you are applying to.**





UK: Tuition Fees & Loans - Further Information

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) has been consistently up-to-date with the situation and how it affects EU nationals and British nationals resident in the EU.

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/>

Information on fees is available here

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Home-or-Overseas-fees-the-basics>

UKCISA



UK: UCAS Key Steps



- **Sign up to UCAS** if you haven't already. The buzzword is **csilyon24**.
- Draft your **personal statement**. The first draft of this important document varies depending on where you are applying. Guidance on personal statements is available on Unifrog but if you want more guidance, please email university@csianglo.org
- Be ready to hand out **reference requests** to 3 / 4 of your teachers (including your Anglophone Section teachers). They will need a week to return them to us so we can write your final reference.
- Be ready to provide your **predicted grades**.
- Be aware that the completion and **submission of your application on UCAS** requires time and precision; it's not something to rush near the deadline.



UK: Applying to Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, vet, dentistry etc



- If you are planning to apply to Oxford or Cambridge you should have already contacted Ms David. The deadline for registering for essential entrance exams has now passed.
- NB. There are a few other courses that have early deadlines: medicine, veterinary medicine / science, and dentistry. **These also have entrance tests and the deadline for completing your application is the first week of October.**



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES IN THE US



US: Issues to Consider



The US has some of the best universities in the world.

HOWEVER, as well as the usual hurdles that have applied to applicants in previous years (affordability, finding the 'best fit' etc.) there are some other things to consider given the current context.

- Visa - will you need one? We suggest you look into this sooner rather than later.
- A number of schools have maintained a test optional status for the SAT and ACT in 2024, but we encourage all students considering the US to apply with test score
- The USA has seen a surge in applications meaning that competition for places has increased. Check out the statistics (applications v's acceptances) for the courses and institutions of your choice.
- Scholarships and aid can be generous - but these are often limited to US citizens & residents, or will have very tight thresholds for international students.



US: Applications Process & Deadlines



If you are sure of the US university you want to apply to:

- **For early action, early decision - deadlines are from mid-October and it is likely too late to get an application ready at this point in the year.**
- Regular deadlines - the application will need to be sent by the first week of December as soon as the first *trimestre* bulletin is available.
- Decide now what teachers you will ask for your recommendation letters (check out the Unifrog guide for students - teacher letters of recommendation)
- Familiarise yourself with the Common Application Process (Unifrog Guide to Common App Essay tool) and organise SAT tests, if you are going to take them.
- Those who are interested in applying to the US should already have been in contact with the UG service.





APPLYING TO THE *SCIENCES PO* DUAL DIPLOMA

Sciences Po Dual Diploma

Many variations on the dual diploma now exist. The UG Service will only assist with the following applications:

- University College London / Sciences Po: application is made through UCAS with the same requirements and deadlines as a regular application.
- Columbia & Berkeley / Sciences Po: applications are made directly to the dual diploma program at the US universities.

Deadlines : Second week of December 2024 (9-13 December)

Fees: These are significant for the years at the partner institutions and can be in excess of \$80,000 per year. Please check and consider these carefully.

You will need personal essays, letters of recommendation & transcripts. Contact university@csianglo.org immediately if you are considering any of these options.

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES IN CANADA



Applying to universities in Canada



- Canada consistently ranks as one of the best countries when it comes to quality of life and education. **McGill** and **Toronto** are world renowned research universities and McGill in particular has proved a popular choice with Section students in the past. However it is not the only university in Canada and the Section has also developed strong relationships with others including University of British Columbia and Concordia.
- Canada is often seen by our students as offering a similar experience to that of the US but as a more affordable option. Approximate tuition fees and living expenses can be found [here](#).
- For the vast majority of institutions you will be **applying directly** to the university so check out their websites for **dates, deadlines** and **procedures**.



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS



Applying to universities in the Netherlands

The Netherlands offers all the advantages of a liberal arts education at a fraction of the cost of other destinations, in small institutions taught entirely in English.

It has become an increasingly popular destination for our students.

- Low fees both for EU (€ 2,168) and non-EU citizens (€ 6,000 - € 15,000) & relatively low cost of living
- Personalised learning experiences, with the option to tailor courses around multiple disciplines and placements abroad e.g. with the British Museum and ecology research stations in Aruba.
- Applications are made through the **Studelink portal**. Each institution is very unique in terms of supporting documentation (including language requirements and tests) as well as deadlines for applications, so it is vital you check out the deadlines carefully.
- For very competitive courses at the elite University Colleges, known as *numerus fixus*, you will need to have everything ready for your application by the **end of November** to give yourself the best chance.
- Some courses will require you to provide a mini transcript with your grades from 2e onwards as part of your application. Please check out your course requirements carefully and keep us informed of what you need in a timely manner.
- For more information: <https://www.studyinholland.nl>

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES IN IRELAND



Applying to universities in Ireland

- Applying to attend university in Ireland is quite straightforward and done through the [Central Applications Office](#) (CAO). The applications are open from early November.
- Note that Irish universities will not make offers to applicants until the Irish schools release their exam results, in August. This means you won't know the results of your applications until then.
- Students can apply to up to 20 choices (10 degree level courses, 10 diploma level courses) for a small fee.
- Students apply between December and February each year, courses are attributed in **August*** on a points basis (points vary from year to year). The CAO is very familiar with the Bac and the OIB, recognition is not an issue and language tests are not needed if you get over 14 in the.

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- If you have lived in an EU country for 3 of the last 5 years you should qualify for “free tuition” - although the registration fee is around 3000E per year. The cost of living in Ireland is now similar to France and although accommodation can be difficult to secure this is less of an issue than in previous years



UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

Applying to UK, US, Canada, Netherlands and Ireland

Key Events & Deadlines

2024-2025



Key Dates & Deadlines: UK

Task	Deadline
Official UCAS deadline for all applications to Oxbridge and for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry	15/10/2024
Russell Group universities unofficial UCAS deadline - the earlier the better!	31/11/2024
Internal deadline for regular applications: all applications to be completed and checked by UG adviser before the Christmas holidays	13/12/2024
Official UCAS deadline for all other UK applications. <i>But don't wait until this deadline!</i>	31/01/2025

Key Dates & Deadlines: US

Task	Deadline
Application cycle opens on the Common App	15 August
Deadlines for Early Decision I	From mid October
Deadlines for Early Decision II and Early Action	From 1 November
Test deadlines - SATs/ACTs	Students should give themselves enough time to take the test twice - ideally done in the year of 1er
Final Deadline for an autumn 2025 start	December 2024



Key Dates & Deadlines: Canada

Institution	Deadline
McGill PROGRAMS WITH SEPARATE DEADLINES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music application & documents• Religious Studies application & documents• Architecture portfolio• Social Work	January 15 From January to March <i>We strongly advise all candidates to send in their applications by the second week of December 2024.</i>
Concordia	1st February °
UBC	January 15 °
University of Toronto	January 15 °
°There are exceptions - see the individual course for the most accurate information	



Key Dates & Deadlines: Netherlands

Task	Deadline
Application cycle opens on Studelink	1st October
Internal deadline for Numerus Fixus applications from CSI	6 December 2024
Official deadlines for Numerus Fixus courses	5th December - 12th January 2024
Test deadlines - maths aptitude, placement and additional learning, English language proficiency	January - late Spring
Final Deadline for all Dutch University courses for an autumn 2025 start	1st of May



Summary

- By now you should have a fairly clear idea of what / where you want to study.
- If you want to make any changes, you need to contact the UG Service immediately.
- Remember to consider the non-academic issues that might impact your decisions: the implications of Brexit, fees and other costs, visas and nationality etc.
- Be very clear on the important deadlines that you will have to meet this year.
- Email university@csianglo.org if you have any concerns or questions.

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