



University Guidance for 1ère

Presentation to 1ère parents & students
Thursday 17 October 2024



Presentation Outline

1. Introducing the University Guidance Service
2. Researching your options - UNIFROG
 - a. Choosing a course / subject / institution
 - b. Fees & funding
 - c. Finalising your choices with the UG Service
3. Applying to University in...the UK, the US, Canada, the Netherlands, Ireland and the Sciences Po Dual Diploma.

This presentation will be made available on the Anglophone Section website for future reference.





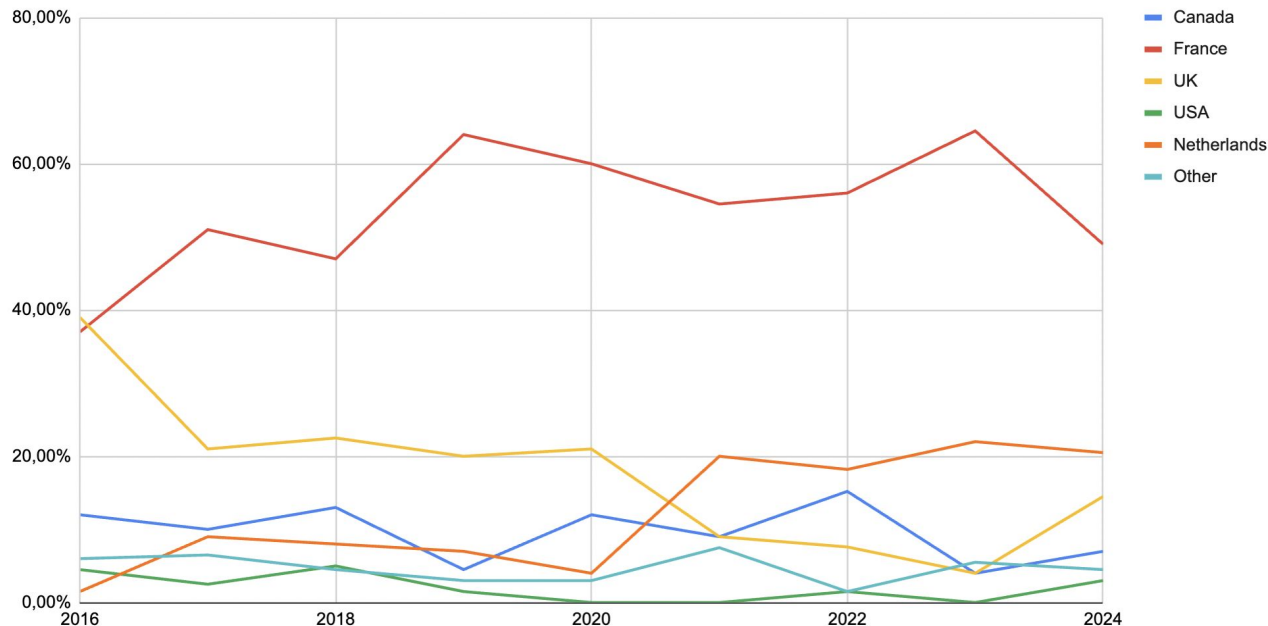
Section 1

Where do Anglophone Section students go to study?

Introducing the University Guidance Service

Where do our students go to study?

Anglophone Section Graduates Destinations



Generally, 100% of our students go on to higher education after Terminale.

Last year 51% of our students went on to study outside France in Canada, UK, Netherlands and elsewhere.

Map on the Anglophone Section website showing student destinations after Te <https://www.csianglo.org/universityguidance>

Terminale students from 2024 are now studying in...

Netherlands (14)	University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Leiden University, Delft University of Technology	Liberal Arts, Econometrics, Social Sciences, Political Sciences, Business & Management, Aeronautics.
Canada (5)	Concordia University, University of Toronto, McGill University	Communication Studies, Maths and Economics, Chemical and Physical Sciences, Finance
UK (8)	Bristol University, University of Leicester, University College London, London, University of Nottingham	Social Policy and Politics, French Law and English Law, Law LLB, Applied Medical Sciences, Economics & Management, Veterinary Science.
Other	ESSEC Singapore, Brown University (US), University of Chicago, Bocconi University (Italy)	International & Public Affairs / Economics, Finance, International Economics & Management.



The University Guidance Service

The Team

- Ms David - advice and support, planning and completing your applications.
- Ms McKain - administration, transcripts & bulletins, predicted grades, help with documentation.

The Service

- Advice & support for students as they research their options and apply to university in Terminale.
- Website: information, contact details, presentations.
- university@csianglo.org





The University Guidance Service

- The UG Service provides support for applications to the following countries:
 - The **United Kingdom**, via the **UCAS** application service
 - The **United States**, via the **Common Application** process plus MIT (individual application directly to the institution).
 - **Canada**, by application to individual institutions.
 - **Ireland**, via the **CAO** process.
 - **Netherlands** via **Studielink** process.
 - Some **Science Po Dual Diplomas**, depending on the partner institution.
- The UG service does **not** provide support for applications to institutions in France and the rest of Europe: this applies equally to courses being taught in English, French or any other language.
- Applications to **French** institutions are managed through *Parcoursup*, overseen by the CSI Lyon.





The University Guidance Service

- The UG Service will support applications to up to **3 countries per student**.
- **One application to either the UK OR the US** (these are big, time-consuming applications)
- Plus **one OR two of the following** (these are lighter applications):
 - Canada
 - Ireland
 - Netherlands
 - Science Po Dual Diploma
- The aim is to ensure a sustainable workload for students and enhance the quality of their applications, especially during the intense 1ère and Terminal years.
- It is important to have targeted and well-researched applications rather than ‘casting the net’ as wide as possible



Registering with the UG Service

- All students who want to use the UG Service will need to **register** to do so. Registering means that the UG advisor will be able to support you as you research your ideas and start to work on university applications.
- To register, both students and parents will need to read and sign the **University Guidance Service Agreement**, which outlines the terms and conditions under which these services are provided to students. This agreement aims to ensure that students receive the necessary support for their university applications while clarifying the expectations for both parties involved.
- A copy of the UG Service Agreement will be sent to all parents of 1ère students following this presentation. Parents and students should carefully read the Agreement, sign it and return to the UG Service.



The Truth about 'Final Deadlines'

- **Don't be fooled by the 'final deadlines' on university / UCAS websites!** You will have to be ready to apply well in advance of these deadlines.
- Compared to *Parcoursup* / French post-bac system, you will need to start the process of research, making choices, confirming your shortlist, etc **much earlier**. While students in France often don't start thinking seriously about *Parcoursup* until their Terminal year, applications to the UK / US / Canada etc need to be worked on during 1ère (or even 2nde for some).
- Avoid any **last-minute changes / late applications / too close to deadlines**: these are highly stressful for all concerned and we may not be able to accommodate your request for help if this happens.
- To ensure that you avoid last-minute applications, **internal deadlines** are set by the UG Service. These are set out in the UG Service Agreement and on the UG page of the Section website.

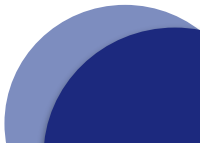




Internal Deadlines to Contact the UG Service

Applying to Oxford, Cambridge, US universities, medicine / veterinary medicine / dentistry / law

- Applying to any of the above means that you will have to get **organised much earlier** than for a regular application. The application deadlines are set earlier, there are often extra tests and interviews to take and - for certain subjects - you will be required to provide proof of work experience hours or to meet other non-academic requirements.
- Ideally, you will **already** have contacted the UG Service in 2nde to indicate that you are interested in one of these applications
- **DEADLINE:** By the end of Toussaint holidays of your 1ère year you need to contact the UG advisers to **confirm** your intentions to apply.
- **DEADLINE:** By the start of the Christmas holidays of your 1ère year you need to meet with the UG adviser to confirm the deadlines and **plan** your application process.



Internal Deadlines to Contact the UG Service

All other institutions / courses: regular applications

For most applications, you should expect to spend your 1ère year researching and finalising your choices, completing any required work experience and be ready to apply in Terminale. The following deadlines apply:

- By the end of May of your 1ère year: draw up a shortlist of courses / institutions that you want to apply to.
- By the end of your 1ère year (before the summer holidays): meet with the UG adviser to clarify the deadlines and requirements of the courses that you want to apply to.
- By the end of September in your Terminale year: you have until now to make changes to your shortlist and confirm your final list of applications.



Section 2

1. Researching your options and making your choices
2. Fees & Funding

What do **you** want to do?

Q: What do you want to do after Terminale?

Travel? Work? Study? Maybe all three!

Points to consider:

- What are you **passionate** about?
- What do you want to do for **work** after university and which courses will qualify you for that work?
- What **obstacles** stand in your way and how will you overcome them?

Think hard about **affordability** and **feasibility** when considering your plans after school.



Use UNIFROG to research your options



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.
- All 1ère students should already have access to Unifrog, and be 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 **LYOI2026** and your @csilyon.fr email address.
- Contact university@csianglo.org if you have any problems accessing your Unifrog account.

Unifrog - Useful Tools for Research & Organisation

- **Quizzes** to help you identify your interest, personality, skills, etc and link them to different study / career options.
- Keyword searches of **careers** and **study options**.
- Comprehensive, **searchable databases of universities** in the UK, US, Europe, Canada, Ireland etc.
- **Application & personal statement / essay writing tools**.

Skills quiz

How capable do you think you are regarding the situations below?

It doesn't matter if you enjoy them or not, just think about how easy you find them. Take your time going through the quiz, as once you've done a question you can't go back to change your answer.



I can re-write something to make it better

HARD      EASY

Searching for opportunities

UK universities (0 shortcuts) Start >	US universities (0 shortcuts) Start >	European universities (0 shortcuts) Start >
Oxbridge (1 shortcuts) Start >	Apprenticeships (0 shortcuts) Start >	College / Sixth Form (0 shortcuts) Start >
Canadian universities (0 shortcuts) Start >	Asian universities (0 shortcuts) Start >	Australasian unis (0 shortcuts) Start >
MidEast & Africa unis (0 shortcuts) Start >	Irish universities (0 shortcuts) Start >	Special opportunities (0 shortcuts) Start >
Events (0 upcoming events) Go to tool >		

UNIFROG Parent Accounts



- Parents can set up a **parent account** on Unifrog
- This can be used to research subjects, institutions, online courses etc and to try out the quizzes and other tools that are available.
- It is **not** linked to your child's account and not intended to be used to 'track' their progress.
- A **sign-up code** was sent out to all 1ère parents previously to allow them to sign-up and create a parental account: this code will now have expired. If you missed your chance and want to sign up, please contact university@csianglo.org.
- NB: Please don't be tempted to set up a 'fake' student account. Our advisers actively use Unifrog to track individual student progress and the presence of 'fake' student accounts can cause confusion.

Fees & Funding: the costs of studying abroad

- It's not possible to cover this in detail in this presentation: this is a huge subject!
- All applicants **MUST** do their own research to identify the costs that will be associated with their choices.
- Costs of studying abroad will include **tuition fees** (charged by the university) and **maintenance / living costs** (accommodation, food & drink, other living expenses, any equipment / books, visa applications, travel costs etc).
- **UNIFROG**: Go to Exploring Pathways / Know-How Library / then use 'fees' as a keyword search.
- **UNIFROG**: individual university pages also have a 'finance' page with individual information about fees, living costs and scholarships etc.



The cost of studying in the UK
How to financially prepare for studying in the UK
[Read the guide >](#)

US finance: an overview
Finance for studying in the US is a minefield. Here's an overview.
[Read the guide >](#)

Programme page **Finance page** Website
Accommodation
info@tudelft.nl +31 015 27 89111
Postbus 52600 AA Delft



Tuition Fees

Tuition fees vary hugely across the world and will depend on:

- The **type** of institution you apply to: community / public / private, highly competitive or easier to get into.
- The **country** that you apply to: different countries have different attitudes towards paying for higher education. The US is notoriously expensive, EU countries usually much less so.
- The **course** you apply to. Practice-heavy courses like medicine, vet and science are often more expensive than humanities subjects.
- Your **status** as a 'local' / 'home' / European / citizen / resident / international / 'in-state' / 'out-of-state' student in the country that you are applying to.
 - International fees are **much** more expensive than local or 'home' fees.
 - The rules determining your status are complicated, and vary greatly between countries. Applicants will need to confirm these for themselves.

Tuition Fees: examples

Some examples of tuition fees (for 3-4 year courses):

UK - 'Home' tuition fees - £9,250 per year (capped since 2017, may increase soon).

UK - International tuition fees - between £10,000 and £40,000+ per year.

US - from US\$11,000 (community college), US\$40,000-\$60,000 (private university) up to US\$80,000 (Ivy League, international students) per year. Significant fee hikes are expected this year.

Canada - international tuition fees - CAN\$20,000-\$40,000 per year (for McGill, Toronto, Montréal).

Canada - French citizen at Quebec university - CAN\$2,881 per year (local fees, but be aware of very high living costs).

Netherlands - students from the EU - €2,186 per year (again, watch out for very high rent / living costs).

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Invoice No. 04-222

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Position : Student
Address : 4073 Gregory Lane, Wilmington, CA 90748

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To : May 20, 2025
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Due Date : January 14, 2025

1339 High Meadow Lane, Lock Haven, PA 17745
717.850.9771, 717.850.9777

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Other charges				\$0.00
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I declare that all information contained in this invoice are certified true and correct.

Signatories

Issued By:
Joseph L. Saunders
Name



Maintenance / Living Costs

- Maintenance / living costs vary hugely across the world, depending on many factors.
- **UNIFROG** has info on living costs, including in its 'The Cost of Studying in ...' pages in the Know How Library tool.
- Most universities offer accommodation options, especially for first-year students. These might include food and can be more cost-effective than private accommodation.
- **University websites** also have information on the local cost of living for students.
- Investigate loans, scholarships, grants etc.



The cost of studying in the Netherlands

Costs, fees and scholarships

[Read the guide >](#)



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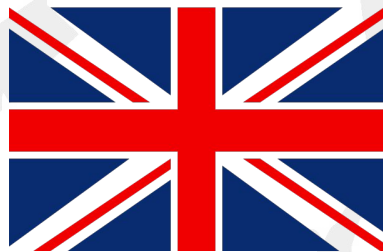
STUDENT LIFE



Section 2

**Applying to University in...the UK, the US,
Canada, Ireland, Netherlands and Science Po
Dual Diploma**

Applying to study in the UK



Applying to study in the UK: key points



- Universities in the UK include some of the world's highest ranked and oldest institutions, renowned for world-class teaching and research: check out the rankings [here](#).
- Regularly in the top three most popular destinations for international students, and many of our student have a cultural / family link to the UK.
- The United Kingdom is made up of 4 'home nations': England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Access to higher education is organised separately in each of these and each nation sets its own rules regarding fees, access to loans, etc.
- Brexit has had a big impact on EU / international students choosing to study in the UK, particularly regarding fees / student loans (more info later).





Applying to Oxford & Cambridge

- The process for applying to Oxford and Cambridge is quite distinct. For example, you apply to a college within the university. There are likely to be entrance exams and interviews.
- **If you want to apply to Oxbridge you must let us know well in advance.**
- [This company](#) provides a lot of useful free resources and a blog. Tailored, individual advice from a qualified counsellor is also available (for a fee).
- [Millie](#), who we work with, will also provide you with advice on applying (again for a fee).



Applying through the UCAS system



All applications to UK universities are processed through **UCAS**. <https://www.ucas.com/>

- UCAS = University (and) College Application Service
- UCAS is a registered charity. Applicants pay a fee of around €34 to use the service.
- The UCAS website has many purposes. It provides an excellent **database** of universities, courses, subjects etc as well as organising / submitting completed applications.
- Students will need to create a UCAS Hub account which **must** be linked to the school using a 'buzzword'.
- Students and the UG service will work together to collect, organise and submit the application through the student's Hub account. The UG adviser and the Head of Section will ultimately submit the final application.



Key UCAS deadlines



Early Applications UCAS Deadline: **mid-October of Terminale**

This applies to:

- All courses at Oxford and Cambridge (Oxbridge) Universities
- Most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry, law
- Remember what we said above about **being prepared in advance**
 - if you are planning to apply to any of these courses, you should ideally have already told us about it so that we can help you prepare to apply.
 - If you haven't already told us, get in touch straight away!

Check out the [When to Apply page](#) on the UCAS website - but don't be fooled by the final deadlines!



Key UCAS deadlines



Regular Applications UCAS Deadline: 29 January of Terminale

BUT if you leave it this late, you will reduce your chances of being accepted onto your preferred course. UK universities start receiving applications through UCAS as early as 3 September, and they will start to allocate places on a rolling basis. The later you leave it, the fewer spaces will be left.

Internal Deadline: 15 December / before the *vacances de Noël* of Terminale
To give yourself the best chance of succeeding, you need to be completely ready to submit your application to UCAS by the 15 December, and definitely before the Christmas holidays.

This allows us (the Section) to check and confirm the details of your application.

Check out the [When to Apply page](#) on the UCAS website - but don't be fooled by the final deadlines!



What do you need to do by these deadlines?



- Complete your UCAS **online application form**, which includes your personal details, qualifications, education history and course choices.
- Write a max. 4,000 character **personal statement** to demonstrate why you'll be a great choice for this course.
- Request up to 4 **references** from your teachers, which the UG adviser will use to write your official UCAS reference.
- **Predicted grades** will be provided by the UG Adviser.
- Pay your **application fee** online (currently £27 for 2 or more choices)
- For Oxford / Cambridge / vet / medicine / etc: book and take any **extra tests** you are required to do. This has to be done in September of Terminale.

Studying in the UK, post-Brexit



- Brexit has had a big impact on EU students applying to study in the UK - **fees & funding AND visas / immigration status.**
- Working out your 'status' can be complicated. We cannot cover everything in this presentation, but can recommend good information sources.
- Some useful websites are:
 - For **visas & immigration** <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration>. Please note that the UG Service cannot provide advice on this and applicants will need to clarify their own situation.
 - For **info on home fees / international fees status** and your **eligibility for student loan support:**
 - [The Complete University Guide especially Students from the EU page](#)
 - [UK Council for International Students: Fees & Funding](#)

Fees & funding: what's your **tuition fee** status?



Fee status is dependent on your **nationality**, **residence** (where you live) & whether you meet the **Brexit exemption rule**. Your fee status will determine the level of tuition fees that you are required to pay to the university.

'Home fee status' (or similar) means you will be charged the same tuition fees as 'local' or 'home' students.

The Brexit exemption rule: allows UK nationals / their close family members, who were resident in the EEA at the time of the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement (30/12/2020) and having continued to be resident in the EEA, to qualify for 'home fees status' for a period of 7 years after this date i.e. until 01/01/2028.

For any course that starts before 1 January 2028:

England, Wales & NI UK nationals (or close family members) who live in the EEA but may never have lived in the UK, and who qualify under the Brexit exemption rule will be eligible for **'home fee status'** (home fees are currently capped at £9,250 pa).

Scotland UK nationals (or close family members) who live in the EEA but may never have lived in Scotland and who qualify under the Brexit exemption rule will be eligible for **'rest of the UK status'** which is currently capped at £9,250 pa.

Fees & funding: accessing **student loans** in the UK

Students in the UK can apply for **means-tested student loans** to pay both their tuition fees (tuition loans) and living expenses (maintenance loans / support). Again, the question of whether you are eligible to apply for these loans is complicated and depends on your nationality, residence etc.

From the <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk>

For any course that starts before 1 January 2028 in **England**:

UK nationals (or close family members) who live in the EEA or Switzerland may be eligible for tuition fee **and** maintenance support, depending on their residency. The criteria include:

- Living in the EEA or Switzerland on 31 December 2020 (or having moved back to the UK immediately after living in the EEA or Switzerland), and
- Living in the EEA, Switzerland, the UK or Gibraltar for at least the last three years, and
- Living continuously in those areas between 31 December 2020 and the start of their course

Other UK nations are broadly the same as England, except for **Scotland**. Here, UK nationals from the EEA or Switzerland will **only** get tuition fee support **unless** they – or their parent or spouse – previously lived in Scotland. In that case, they'd also be eligible for maintenance support. For details, check with the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).





International / Overseas students

- **'International fee status'** means you will be charged (considerably) higher fees than a 'home' student and you are unlikely to be eligible for either tuition fee or maintenance costs support.
- Again, it depends on your nationality and residence (where you live and when).
- Basically, if you **don't** qualify for 'home fee status' or similar in the UK, then you will likely be classified as an 'international' or 'overseas student' .
 - This applies to EU nationals who are **not** also UK nationals.
 - It also applies to those UK nationals who are resident in the EU at the time of applying, but who do **not** meet the terms of the Brexit exemption rule i.e. were not in the EU at the time of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement and / or have not been resident in the EU for at least 3 year prior to starting their course in the UK.
- **Again, all applicants must research and clarify their own situation regarding fee status and eligibility for student loans for fees / maintenance.**

Applying to study in the US



Study options in the US



There are different types of US colleges, and your student experience will depend on which type you choose:

- **Ivy Leagues:** a group of 8 prestigious private universities including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia etc.
- **Seven Sisters :** The female-only Ivy League, including Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Barnard etc.
- **Other private institutions:** often highly prestigious including MIT, Chicago, Stanford etc.
- **Publicly-funded institutions:** Publicly-funded, flagship universities for the state. These are typically cheaper than the private colleges and Ivy Leagues but some of them - such as UCLA and Berkeley - rival the Ivy Leagues. Classes are larger, but you will meet a much wider, more diverse group of students.
- **Liberal Art Colleges:** usually undergraduate-only, often smaller than other institutions, specific 'liberal' view of education - studies are more general, less vocational.



Fees, costs and financial aid



- Costs are a major consideration when thinking about studying in the US. Fees can be up to \$80,000 per year or more; more often around \$40,000 - 60,000 per year.
- **It is up to each student / applicant to research their own situation and make informed decisions about applying to specific courses and institutions**
- Every university sets its own fees, has its own financial aid admissions policy and its own way of offering financial assistance. There will be 'family contribution calculator' on all college websites.
- Note also that your **residence status / nationality** will be important as different rules are often in place for international students compared to US ones.
- **Needs Blind universities** = the financial resources of applicants *are not* taken into account when considering applications. Successful applicants *may* be offered a financial aid package.
 - This group includes some very high ranking institutions: MIT, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Amherst, Brown.
- **Needs Aware universities** = the financial resources of the applicant *will* be taken into account in the assessment process
 - There are seven need-aware colleges offering full financial aid, including: Caltech, Swarthmore.



Key steps: Common App & Letters of Recommendation



- Create an **account** with Common App in the summer of 1e.
- Write a **personal essay**, based on the 7 prompts that are released by Common App in August, just before the start of Te. Draft should be ready by the start of Te.
- **Link** the UG advisor on their Common App Account, and
- Choose 2 other teachers as **recommenders** - they will be writing letters of recommendation, and it is essential that these are strong for a student to be accepted.
- School counsellor (UG advisor) writes a **report**, which takes into account ‘the whole person’: this will include meeting parents and describing extracurricular activities.



Key steps: supplemental essays & standardised testing



- **Supplemental essay** in addition to the Common App essay. These are at the discretion of each institution, with their own prompts and deadlines. Students are responsible for checking deadlines and informing the UG advisor of these.
- **SAT & ACT** - increasingly required in the post-Covid period. These are essentially timed IQ tests. Can take the test multiple times (we suggest you take them twice) and only submit your best scores. **We strongly encourage all applicants to take SATS even when optional.**
- As of 2022 the SATs are taken online.
- Excellent free preparation can be found at [Khan Academy](#) or personalised tuition via [Millie](#) for a fee).



Are you planning to apply to the US ?



- Contact university@csianglo.org and **tell us about your plans.**
 - Ideally, you will already have contacted us in 2nde. If not, get in touch asap - before the end of the Toussaint holidays.
- **Deadlines come around fast** - usually students apply through Common App, with deadlines as early as October 2024 for courses starting in September 2025.
 - You apply either through Common App or directly to the institution
 - Deadlines will depend whether you apply as **Early Action, Early Decision or Regular Decision**



Applying to study in Canada



Thinking of applying to Canada?



Canada has always been a popular destination for our students:

- **Excellent universities, including some top ranking universities:** McGill, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto etc.
- **Fees** - if you are a French national you may be eligible for lower fees at certain institutions (McGill university, for example).
- French speakers / **bilingual** students will feel at home, especially in Quebec. Canada as a whole is officially bilingual, English-French.
- **Experience** the North American campus experience at a fraction of the price compared to the US.
- Excellent **student life** - three of the top 'student cities' are Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver.



Applying to a faculty: admission requirements



Canadian universities are generally organised into different **faculties**, usually based around subjects e.g. Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science etc. When you apply, you will be applying to one (or more) specific faculty(ies) within the institution.

Each faculty sets its own admission requirements. These usually relate to:

- **specific subjects** that have been taken in 1ère and / or Terminale and;
- the **minimum requirements** (marks / 20) for each.

These are outlined on the admissions pages for each institution. Canadian universities are (usually) very familiar with the French baccalauréat.

+ [Nursing](#)
+ [Religious Studies](#)
- [Science](#)

MINIMUM PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS (Bac 2021)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spécialité mathématiques (in première and in terminale)• Two sciences in première, minimum of either:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spécialité SVT and spécialité physique/chimie, OR• Spécialité physique/chimie	
PREREQUISITES (previous Bac)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Série S	
Last Year's Cut-Offs	
Biological, Biomedical and Life Sciences Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall average 16/20;• 15 in each math and science
Bio-Physical-Computational Sciences Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall average 16/20;• 15 in each math and science
Physical, Earth, Math and Computer Sciences Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall average 16/20;• 15 in each math and science

Example of admissions requirements, from McGill

Fees & funding considerations



Scholarships

- Most institutions will offer some sort of scholarships.
- These are **fiercely** competitive but are worth applying for.
 - NB. for McGill you apply for the scholarship **AFTER** you have been accepted.

Living Costs

When thinking about costs, remember to budget for the cost of **meal packages / accommodation** on campus: most students will live on campus for their first year at least. Living costs in Canada, especially in big cities, can be significant.



Applications and deadlines



- Applying is fairly straightforward: in most cases applications can be done online, directly through the websites of individual institutions. There is no common application system.
- Applicants are judged on their academic record to date.
- Applications deadlines are usually from mid-January but most students would apply once they have their first *bulletin* from Tle.
- Applicants usually start receiving responses around February but it could be as late as April.



Applying to study in Ireland



Applying to universities in Ireland



- Applying to study in Ireland is very straightforward.
- Students applying from the EU will make their application through the Central Applications Office (CAO). Deadlines are in January / February.
- Can choose up to 10 degree choices AND 10 diploma choices **in order of preference**: all universities receive the same info from you. Choose carefully: you will be offered the highest preferred option(s) on your list ONLY.
- Points system, depending on which exams / subjects you have taken.
- **Offers will likely not be received until second week of August** (after the Irish exam results are out) so it's a good idea to have plenty of choices: a 'first choice' plus some 'safety choices'.
- Even if it's straightforward, talk to the UG service in case there are exceptions to this e.g. medicine.



Applying to universities in Ireland



- **Tuition fees:**
 - EU citizen students usually qualify for ‘free tuition’ i.e. no tuition fees to pay.
 - UK citizens who are EU residents may qualify for the ‘free fees initiative’, depending on length of residence.
- **Contribution fee:**
 - All ‘international’ students (including those coming from the EU and who are EU citizens) will have to pay a ‘contribution fee’ of up to €3,000 to cover ‘student services and examination costs’. In essence, this payment amounts to a tuition fee.
- **Maintenance & living costs** can be high in Ireland, especially for accommodation. Accommodation can be very difficult to secure, so be prepared to for this.



Applying to study in the Netherlands



Key Facts about studying in the Netherlands

- **Highly individualistic:** each institution, course, faculty will have different expectations and procedures. There is no centralised application process.
- **Education is specialised,** and so are the institutions:
 - **Universities** are huge with a large student body, large class sizes, great range of courses.
 - **University Colleges** - much smaller, prestigious, small class sizes, opportunity to tailor your course to your own interests. Similar to Oxbridge / private liberal arts college in the US.
 - **Applied Science Colleges** - focused on STEM subjects and often have strong links to industry.
 - **Hospitality Colleges** - world-leading institutions for those aiming towards a career in the travel and tourism industry. An industry placement is normally required as part of the course.
- **Two different course types,** depending on which institution you apply to:
 - **General courses:** long deadlines (April / May, depending on immigration status)
 - **Numerus Fixus:** for the more competitive / popular courses, deadline in Dec / Jan. Early application deadlines and entrance interviews are the norm.

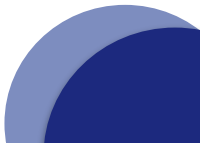
Studying in the Netherlands



The [Studying in Holland site](#) (created by the Dutch government working with higher education institutions) is very useful and includes:

- A course search function
- Individual student stories and experiences
 - Be aware that **housing** is often difficult to find in Dutch cities / towns. You will need to explore this aspect carefully when making your choices, and factor in the likely costs of accommodation.
- A guide to the Dutch education system, fees and funding
- Information on visas, residency permits and healthcare

An excellent University Fair is usually held each summer and early autumn (online and in person), with representatives from each major Anglophone providers. They are extremely kind and helpful, with no question being considered too trivial.



Applying through the Studielink system

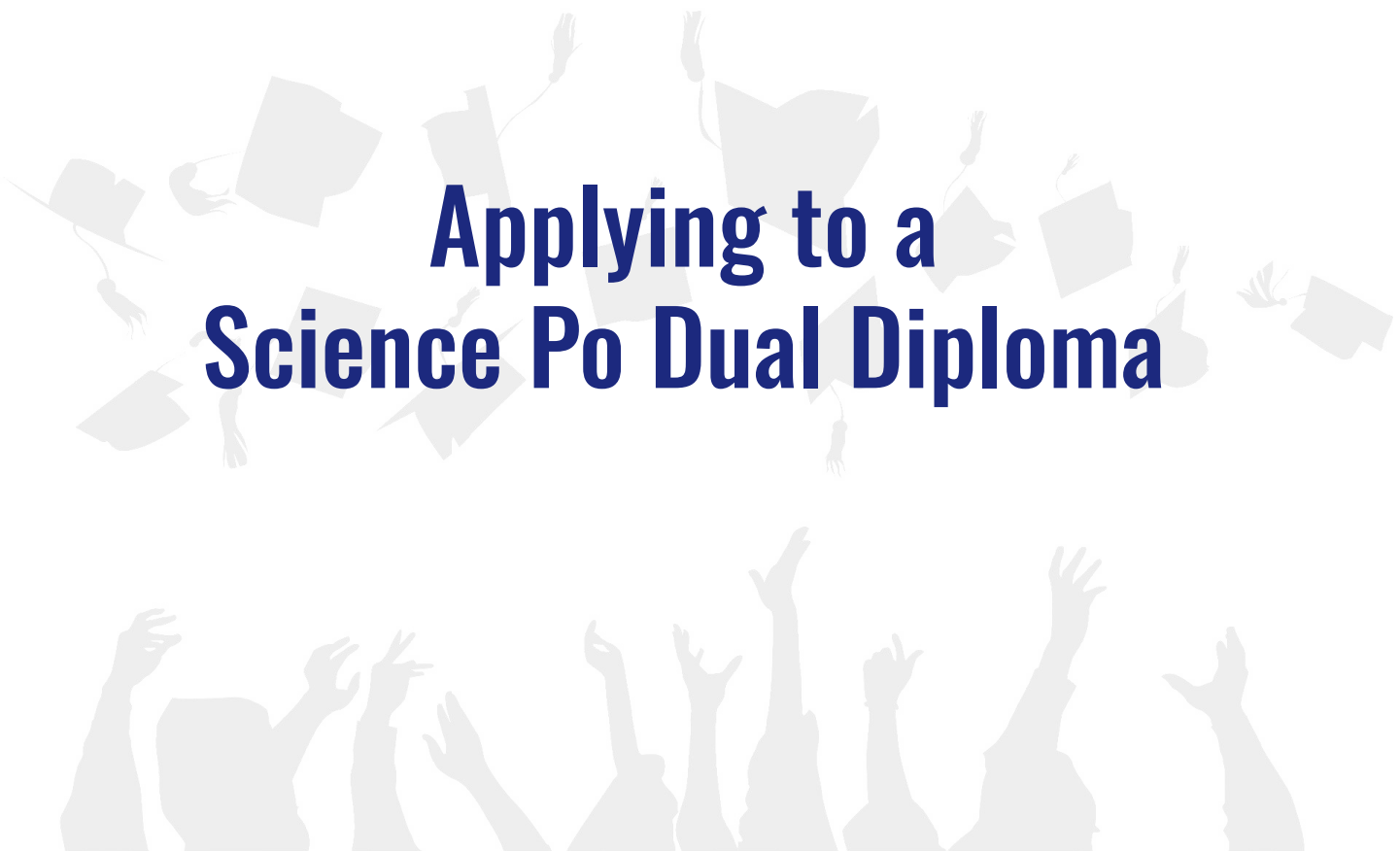
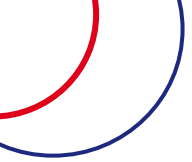
All applications to higher education institutions in the Netherlands are processed through the **Studielink** portal.

1. You will need to create a non DigiD account
 - You must have a valid form of ID (passport, carte de séjour) and it **MUST** be in date. Check ahead of time and renew you ID in good time if you need to.
2. Complete the form, insert your choices, upload your supporting docs and pay!
3. You will then be directed to the applications portal of each course you have chosen to complete their supplemental sections



Supporting Materials, Testing & Interviews

- Dutch universities will typically require you to **write a motivation statement** or answer a detailed **questionnaire** explaining why you are suited to study and what you can bring to the academic and student community.
- Econometrics & STEM degrees: typically will ask for a **Maths** test - one of the OMPT's, more information can be found [here](#). It is up to **you** to confirm what is needed. The UG service can offer support and advice on free online courses.
- Global Challenges & International Relations courses: are increasingly **interviewing** applicants as part of the admissions process. They will expect you to be interested, passionate and have areas that you want to explore based on your wider reading and study.



Applying to a Science Po Dual Diploma



Science Po Dual Diploma

A new-ish study option, which is still in the early days. Essentially they are a partnership between Sciences Po and another university, including several in the UK, US and Canada.

- Very much suited to our **bilingual** English / French students.
- Highly **competitive**: only very **academically-able** students should consider this option (*moyenne* of 17+).
 - Applications for Berkeley & Columbia in the US are particularly competitive.
- The **fees** reflect the shared nature of the program. If you choose a US partner expect to be paying tuition fees of at least \$60,000+ for each year of the program.





Science Po Dual Diploma: applying

- UG Service will **only** support applications to the following partner institutions: Berkeley, Columbia, University College London
- Applications are made to the partner universities, not to Science Po.
 - UCL - apply through UCAS
 - Berkeley, Columbia - apply through Common Application
- **Deadlines** are early and variable, sometimes as early as November of Te
- Key steps:
 - Three **essays** demonstrating the candidate's background, interests and motivations
 - An **interview**
 - Submission of a transcript of **grades** based on the last 3 years of schooling
- These are big, time-consuming applications, with tight deadlines: you need to start early and be realistic about your chances of success.

