


Choosing your University

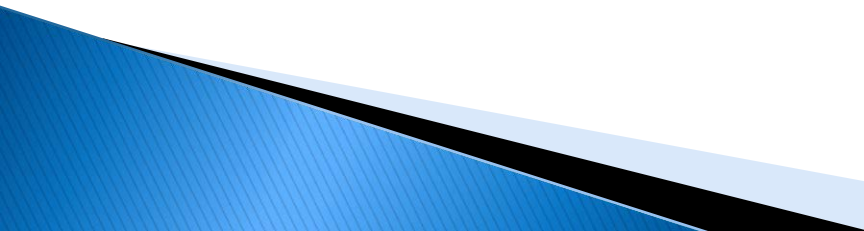
Some questions you should ask
yourself



Session outline

- ▶ Location issues
 - ▶ Type of University
 - ▶ Accommodation
 - ▶ Facilities
 - ▶ Activity
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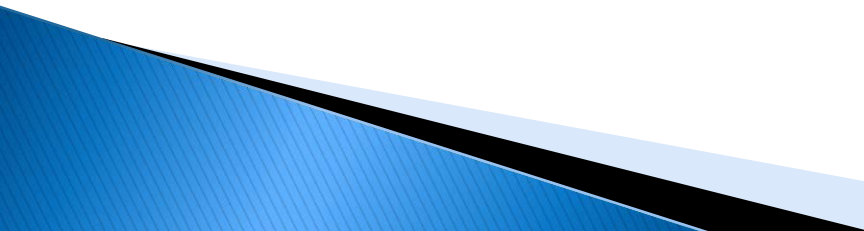
Location and Travel Issues

- ▶ Is it far enough away from my **parents**?
 - ▶ Is it close enough to my **parents** to get my washing done?
 - ▶ How much will it **cost** by train to get home?
 - ▶ How easy is it to use public transport?
 - ▶ How close is student accommodation to teaching facilities? (**Cost!**)
 - ▶ Will there be a chance of **part-time work**?
 - ▶ What is crime like? (Alternative guides)
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Type of University

- ▶ Is it located near to the town/city centre?
(Think: Nights out)
- ▶ Are all facilities on campus, or is it spread out?
- ▶ How big is the University? – Do I want small or big? – new experience for me?
- ▶ How important is a ‘traditional’ University to me?
- ▶ Will it be easy to meet people? (!)

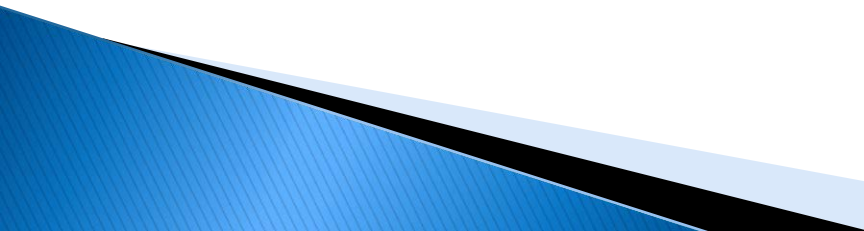
Studying abroad

- ▶ Opportunities in North America, Australasia and Europe.
 - ▶ Many EU universities now offer degrees taught in English and are recruiting UK students (for example the Netherlands)
 - ▶ Fees in the EU generally much lower than the increased fees UK universities are now charging
 - ▶ See Miss Ball for further details on what to consider when applying abroad
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Accommodation

- ▶ Halls of residence in first year? Enough room?
- ▶ Can I fend for myself or do I need a canteen service/full board?
- ▶ Is a shared student house an option?
- ▶ What are the relative **costs** – what can I afford, what sort of area can I afford to live in, will I need more **money** from parents to live in a nice area?
- ▶ Is living at home an option? (Be realistic)

Facilities

- ▶ Are sporting /leisure facilities all on one site?
 - ▶ What do the above **cost** to use?
 - ▶ Late opening computer centre/library?
 - ▶ Library stock for my subject? (in relation to number of students)
 - ▶ What support services are available?
 - ▶ Are there societies covering my own interests?
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And finally.....

- ▶ When you put a University on your UCAS form, ask yourself this:

“Could I actually LIVE there for three years?”

Activity

- ▶ Have a look at some of the prospectuses provided
- ▶ Try to get a feel for the University
- ▶ See if you can locate it on a map(!)
- ▶ <http://www.ucas.ac.uk/students/choosingcourses/choosinguni/map/>