

# RESEARCHING HIGHER EDUCATION

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# Where do you start?

- You are planning a 3, 4 or 5 year journey into the unknown
- Your aim: to find the best course at the best university for you
- How to point yourself in the right direction – our aim today is to show you how

# Where to study

- Where will I be happy? – what is your criteria?
- Which is the best university or college? – no national curriculum for higher education courses
- How can I find out more – prospectus, open days

# What to study

- Find a course that matches your interests, career aspirations and talents
- Try the Stamford test – can help match the above to possible higher education subjects
- Choosing a degree by way of school subject
- Choosing a degree by way of a specific career or a subject related to career groups

# What is a degree?

- A three or four year course where graduates obtain a bachelor's degree
- BA – Bachelor of Arts
- BSc Bachelor of Science
- Bed Bachelor of Education
- BEng Bachelor of Engineering
- Postgraduate: – one or two years additional work – leads to a masters degree

# Resources

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) – university college admissions service –
- [www.unistats.co.uk](http://www.unistats.co.uk) – statistics and reports from students re quality of teaching
- Times online or The Complete University Guide – interactive site re league tables
- [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) – what do graduates do with their degree?
- [www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk) – to research your career ideas

# And more.....

- Use your resource centre:
- BRIAN HEAP – Choosing your degree course and university
- BRIAN HEAP – Degree Course Offers
- The Times Good University Guide
- Gap Year information
- Careers Advisers/Form Tutors/Subject tutors