



*Seeking the brightest from the US...  
offering the best of British*

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# Introduction

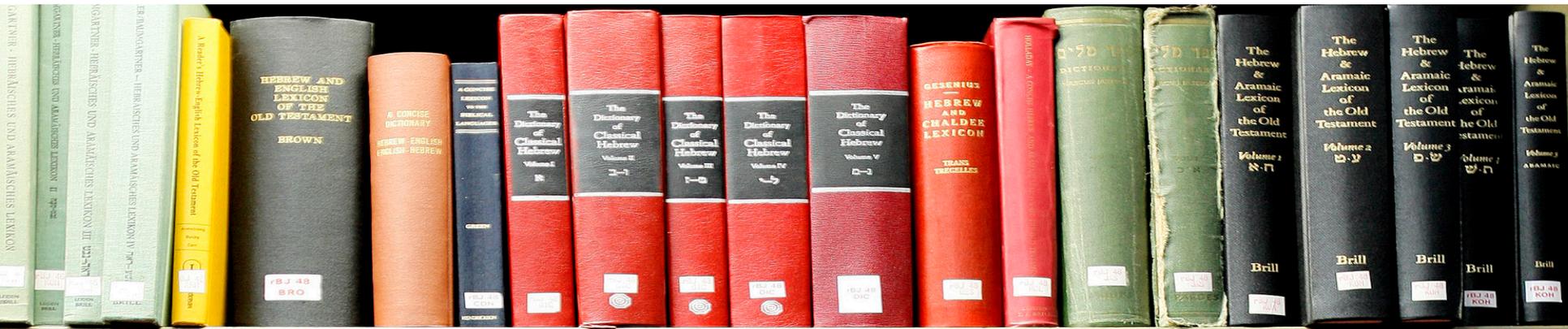
- Why study in the UK?
- How? Applications and Admissions
- An Introduction to Edinburgh
- An Introduction to Oxford





# Why study in the UK?

- Approximately 304,000 US students studied abroad (2014 figures, IIE)
- The UK is the top destination with 27,650 US students in degree programmes (2014/15, HESA)
- Oxford (1,845) and Edinburgh (2,180) are the top destinations in England and Scotland (2014/15, HESA)





# Why study in the UK?

- An international education
  - Students and staff from around the world
  - Internationalised curriculum
  - World-wide partnerships
  - Study Abroad
  - Travel opportunities
  - Alumni at home and abroad
  - Globally recognised degrees
  - Safe and secure academic environment



# Why study in the UK?

- Academic excellence
  - Citations
  - Public Higher Education
  - Undergraduate, Graduate and Research degrees
  - Teaching, learning, assessment
  - Independence
- Double majors / Joint degrees
- Major & Minor / Combined degrees



# Why study in the UK?

	England	Scotland	USA (Liberal Arts)
Apply to	“Major”	Possible “Major”	Core curriculum
Year 1	Degree	“Major” & 2-4 subjects	Core curriculum
Year 2	Degree	“Major” & 2-4 subjects Declare “Major”	Declare Major
Year 3	Dissertation Honours Year Degree award: BA	Specialisation or Study Abroad	Major
Year 4 / exit qualification	Research project Degree awarded: MSc	Dissertation/ Research project Degree award: MA/BSc	Major Degree award: BA



# Why study in the UK?

- Degrees in the professions
  - Medicine (5/6 years)
  - Dentistry (5 years)
  - Veterinary Medicine (5/6 years)
  - Architecture
  - Law
  - Engineering
- International Accreditation





# Why study in the UK?

- Graduate degrees: Taught Masters
  - 1 year full-time
  - UK system synchronises
  - MSc / LLM / MEd / MBA
  - 9 months taught plus 3 months research
- Graduate degrees: Masters by Research
  - 1 year full-time
  - MRes / MPhil
  - 90% research



# Why study in the UK?

## ○ The Student Experience

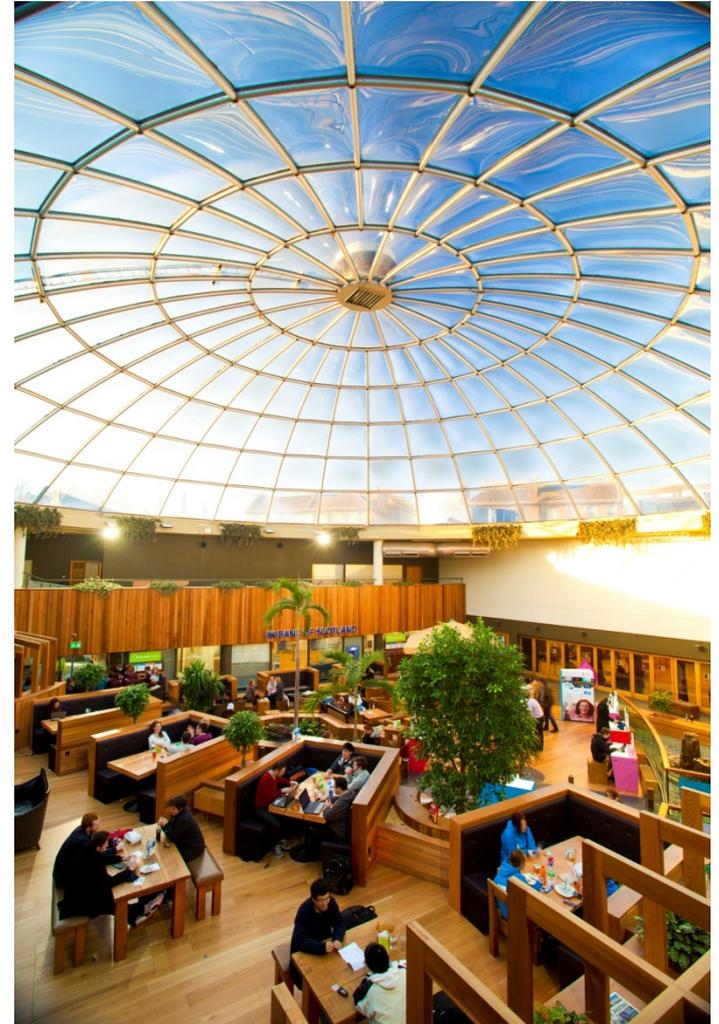
- Academic Advisors
- Support Services
  - International Office
  - Housing (Res. Life)
  - Health Service
  - Counselling Service
  - Disability Service
  - Careers Service





# Why study in the UK?

- The Student Experience
  - Run by students, for students
  - Students' Association
  - Sports Clubs
    - Wide range of sports
  - Clubs and Societies
    - Huge range of activities





# Why study in the UK?

- Value for money
  - Price comparison
  - High completion rates
  - Favourable currency exchange rates
- Employment
  - Part-time during studies (on or off campus)
  - Vacation

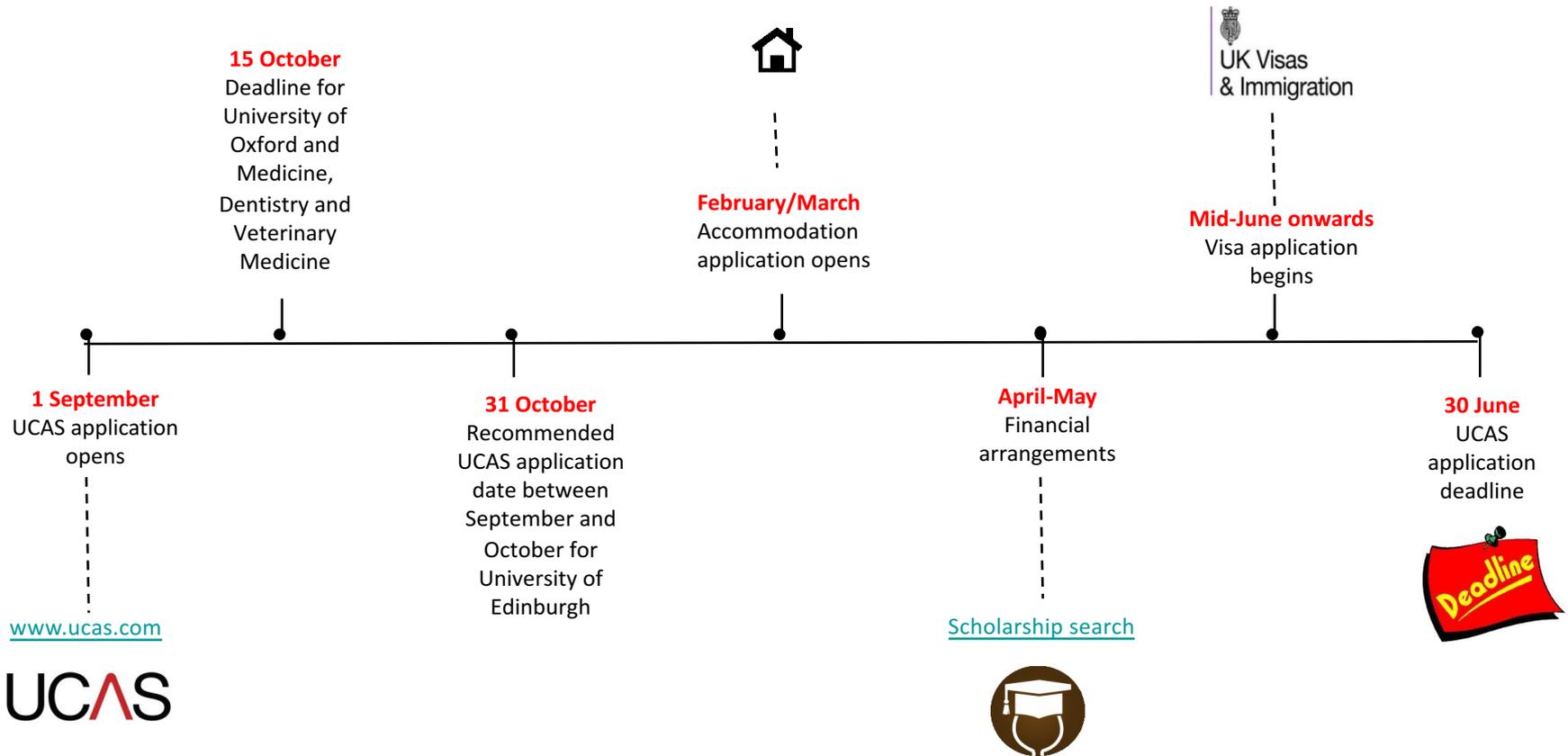


## How?

- Applications and admissions are different!
  - The UK cycle: mid-high school & final exams
  - All applications through The University and College Admissions Service (UCAS) - 4 or 5 choices
  - Conditional offer-making
  - Firm and Insurance acceptance
  - Publicly funded
  - Competitive
  - Data Protection



# US applicant timeline



UCAS





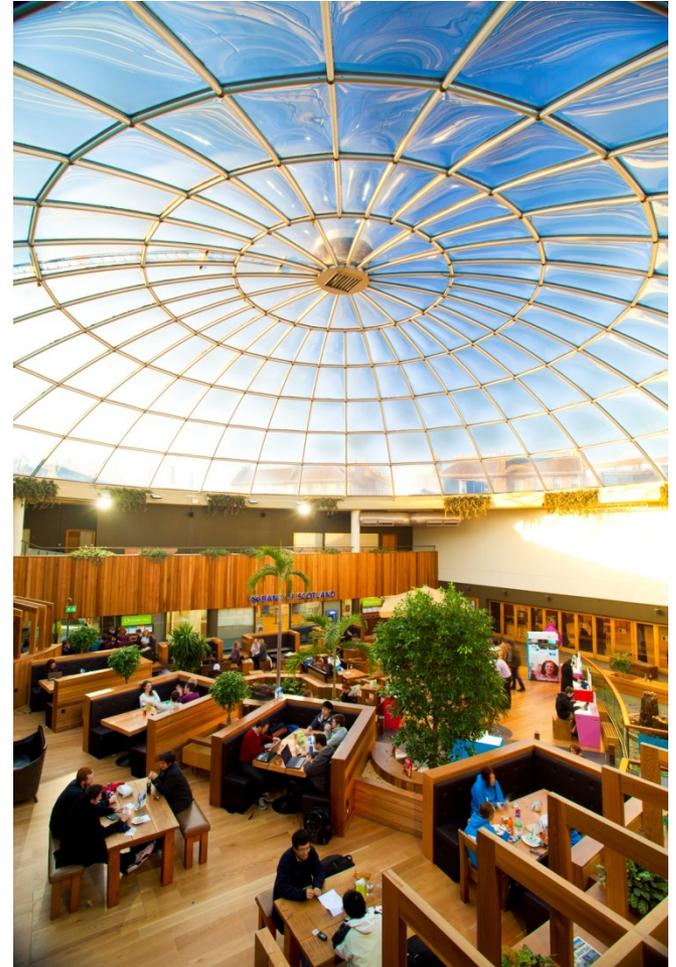
# How?

- **15 October 2016:** UCAS Application deadline for all medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and veterinary science courses and for all courses at the University of Oxford
- **15 January/30 June 2017:** UCAS Application deadline for all courses (except the above) and art and design courses with a 24 March deadline
  - <http://www.ucas.com/apply/key-dates>
- **Approx. May 2017:** Financial arrangements in place for purposes of visa application
- **Approx. June 2017:** Apply for visa 3 months before university start date. Conditional Offer met.
- **September /October 2017:** Arrive at university



# How?

- Important:
  - Academic Entry Requirements
    - Please enter your test scores when completing the Qualifications section in your UCAS application
  - Personal statement
  - Academic reference
  - Career exploration and voluntary work
  - Fees Status
- Interesting but not important:
  - Sporting prowess
  - Relations
  - Donations





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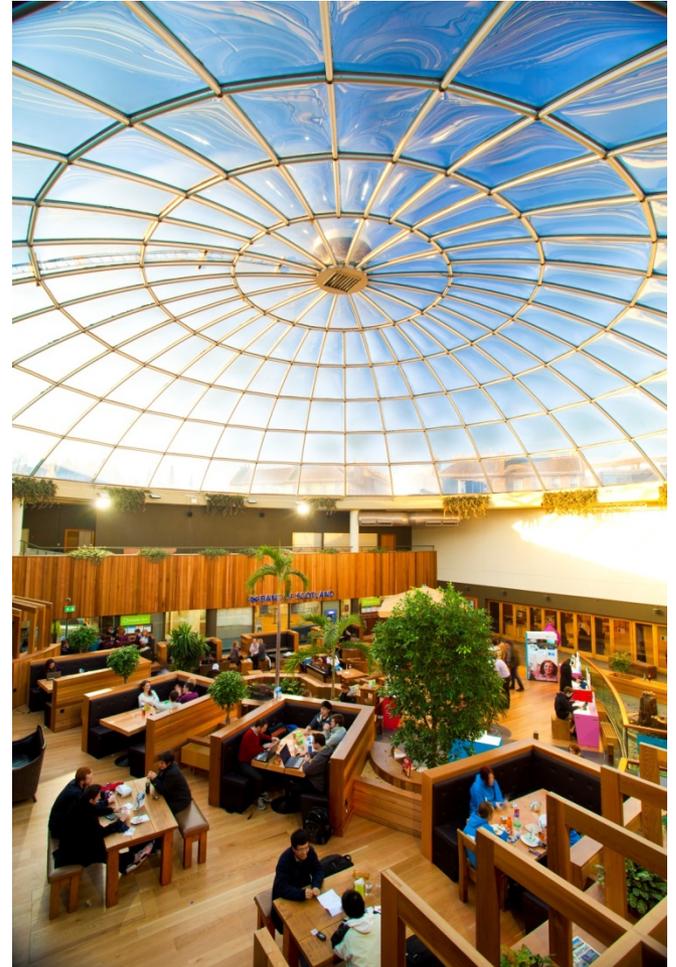
Important points to look out for:

**“ What is the highest level of Qualification you will have prior to starting courses?”**

- A) Honours Degree Level or above
- B) Below Honors Levels Degree Qualifications
- C) I have no Qualifications

**Can a parent or high school counsellor obtain information about a submitted UCAS application?**

Yes, the applicant can provide access by adding your details in the Nominated Name field of their application.





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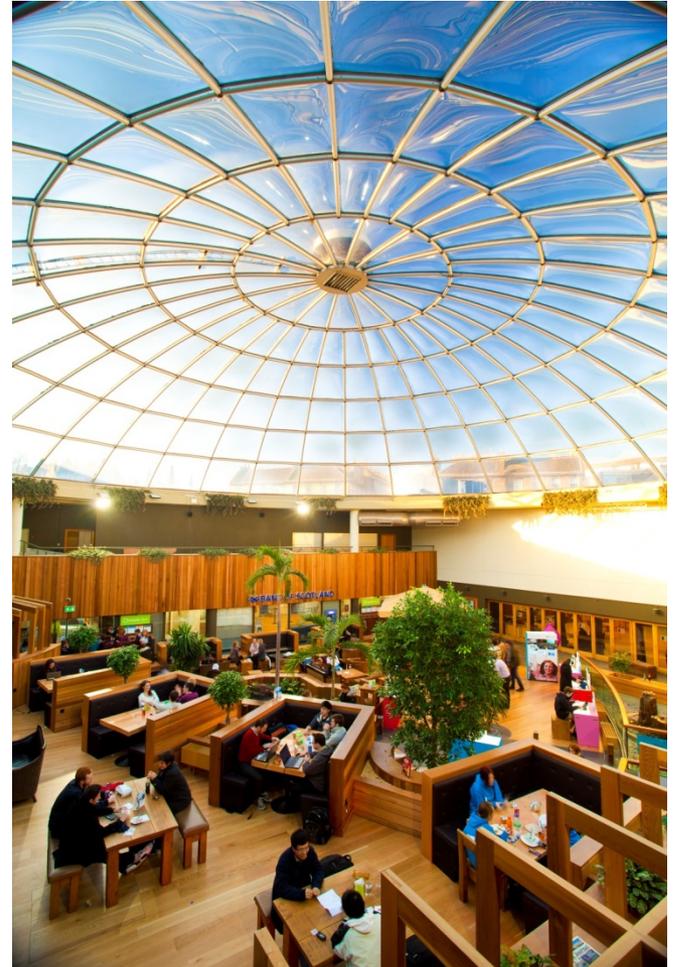
Important points to look out for:

## Does my school have a UCAS buzzword?

If your school is not a registered UCAS Centre, your student will apply independently and does not need to provide a buzzword.

## How do I submit an academic reference?

Your student adds your contact details to their application and UCAS will send you a request. Please [watch the following UCAS video](#) which provides practical advice.





# How?

- Finance
- Tuition Fees & Living Costs
- US Loans
- USA tax fund IRS: non 5-29 section
- Scholarships
- Part-time work
- Summer Placements

