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Session **elements:**

- **Key deadlines**
- How to reply to **your offers?**
- How to apply for **student finance?**
- **Before** you do all the above: **discuss and research...**

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Key deadlines:

- **31st March:** decisions usually back from universities for January applications
- **4th May: must reply to any offers** or you'll be declined (if you received decisions by 31st March)
- Completed timeline:
<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/ucas-deadlines-key-application-dates>



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Replying to your offers

Ideally select from your conditional offers:

- A 'firm' (first) choice
- An 'insurance' (backup) choice

NB: if you have an unconditional offer and select this as a 'firm' you don't need/can't have an 'insurance'; however, an unconditional can also be used as an 'insurance'...

Please watch this video to see the process

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/track-your-application/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

NB: you must reply to any offers by 4th May



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How to apply for **student finance**

Watch: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/undergraduate-finance-and-support>



1. Apply for your university course by **15th January 2017**

2. Applications for student finance open in late January 2017. Just one application for Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loan

3. Set up a Student Finance Account and apply www.gov.uk/studentfinance

4. Your parents/partner fill in their income details

5. Send in supporting documents

6. Remember to reply to your university offers by **4th May 2017**

7. Make sure you complete your student finance application by end of **May 2017**

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Before you do all the above: **discuss** and **research...**

- Which **offers to accept?**

Consider, research & pick carefully:

- Entry requirements (have a backup)
- Course structure & ranking
- City life
- Distance from home
- **Cost of living**
- Campus vs city universities
- Employability

Run the numbers before you choose 'firm' and 'insurance' offers



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Before you do all the above: What to **think about? Discuss and research....**

Costs... Check them out/explained at/read and take notes at:

<https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/money-matters/>

Students from England

There are two main costs you will have whilst studying and if you are a home student studying on a full-time course, you can apply for student finance to cover both of these.

- **Your tuition fees for each year of your course**

All new, undergraduate students are entitled to a loan to cover their tuition fees. Your tuition fees will be a maximum of £9,250 per year. The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the University by the Student Loans Company so you will not receive it personally.*

- **Your living costs**

A Maintenance Loan will be available for new, full-time undergraduate students. This is to help you to pay for your living costs, including rent, food, clothing, course materials etc. You will receive part of this amount at the end of Welcome Week, once you have collected your ID card and Manchester Met have confirmed to Student Finance that you have arrived, with the remainder paid in instalments at the start of each subsequent term in January and April. The amount of loan you will receive will vary, depending on where you chose to live whilst you study and on your household income.

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Pick the most appropriate to work on or discuss for the rest of the session; support each other...

To do list

- **Finalise your research** into your choices...
- Has your **mind changed?**
- Have you **got a realistic** 'firm' and 'insurance' (Plan B)?
- Have you **started to apply** for **student finance**? Start the process when you are ready
- **NB:** Remember you must have **completed both tasks by 4th May**

