



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

BENEFITS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Let's pretend that Universities
no longer offer courses to
study.

Why would
you still go?



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BENEFITS OF GOING TO UNIVERSITY

- Continue studying something you enjoy
- Improved career prospects
- Independence
- Expand your horizons
- Have fun
- Earn more money
- Skill development



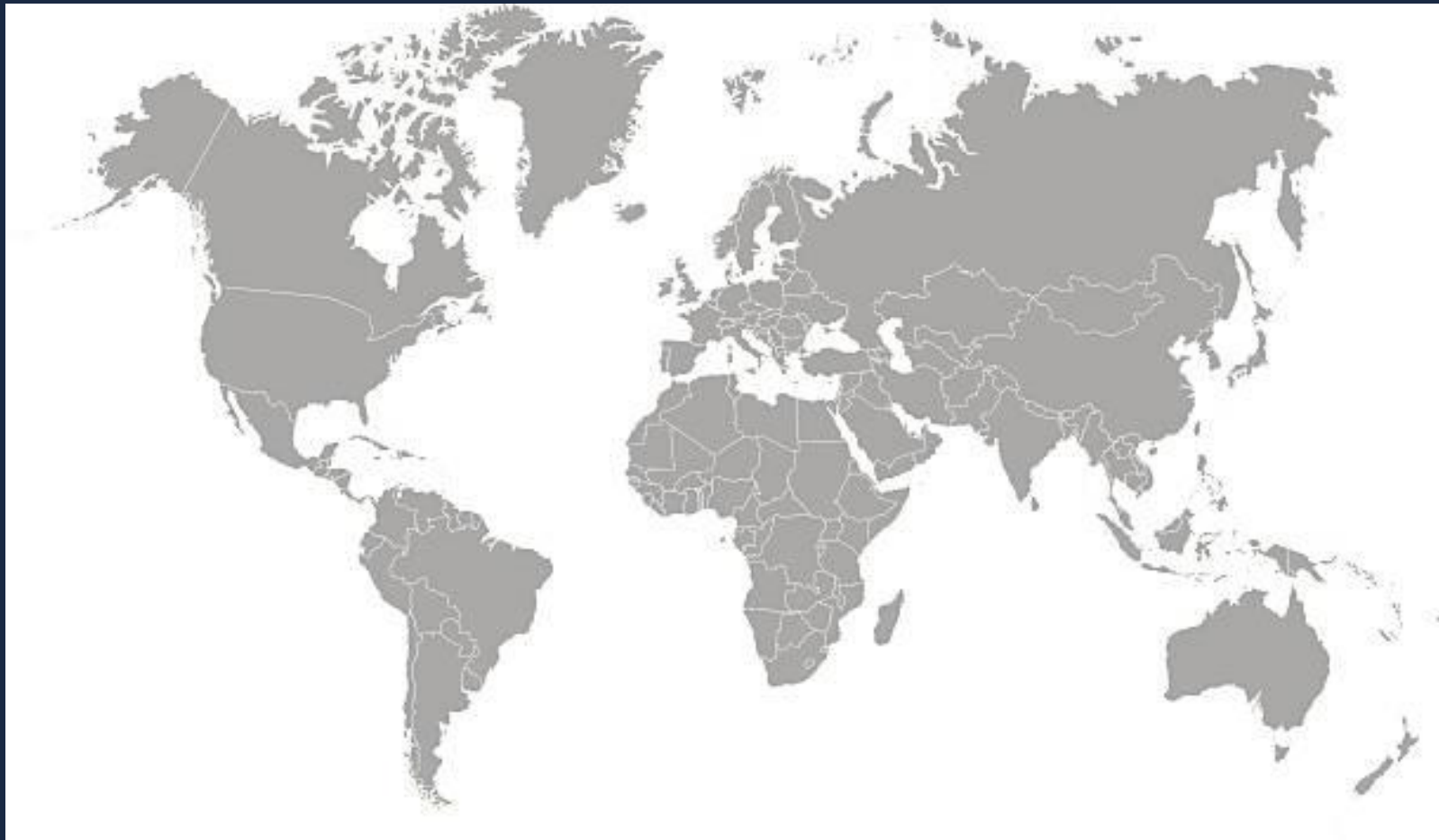
CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY



LOCATION – WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO STUDY?



STUDY ABROAD



FACILITIES

- Sports
- Study spaces
- Shops
- Careers
- Students' Union
- Social life



GUILD OF STUDENTS

- More than 500 clubs and societies
- Volunteering
- Media services
- Jobs
- Support and representation
- Large-scale events



ACCOMMODATION

- Where will you be living?
- Catered or self-catered?
- En-suite or shared bathroom?
- Guarantee scheme?



UNIVERSITY REPUTATION

- League tables
 - UK Universities
 - World rankings
 - Subject
 - Student satisfaction
 - Graduate employment



DON'T CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY BECAUSE:

“My parents went there...”

“My friend is going there...”

“My sister says it's the best...”

“There are the best night clubs there...”

“It's good for French so it must be good for physics...”



WHICH COURSE?

- Vocational courses
- Something you've enjoyed or something new?
- Professional placement or study abroad years?
- Course content and style
- Joint honours or multi-disciplinary courses

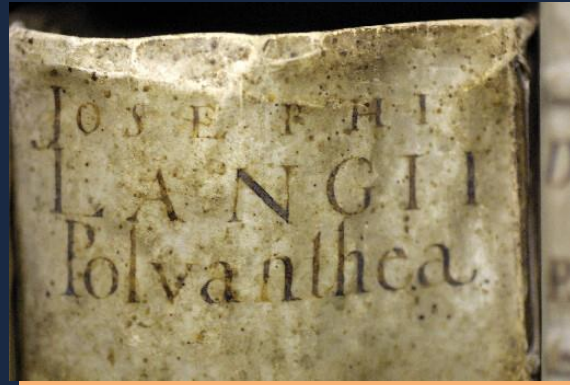


IS THE SUBJECT RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Visit places relevant to your subject area and take notes
- Follow articles in broadsheet newspapers
- Apply for work experience
- Attend open days to learn more about courses

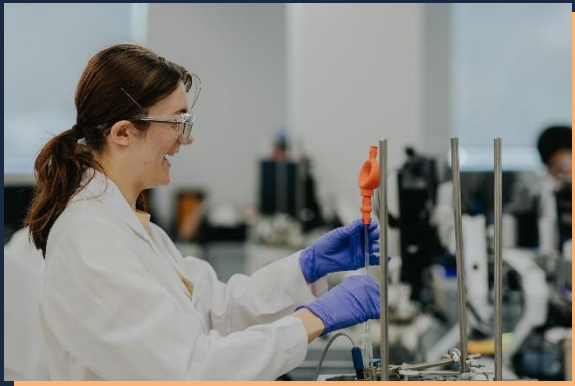


INTERESTED IN HISTORY...



HOW ABOUT BIOLOGY...

- Acupuncture
- Agriculture
- Anatomy
- Animal behaviour
- Audiology
- Bioinformatics
- Biomedical science
- Complementary therapies
- Ecology
- Ergonomics
- Natural history
- Parasitology
- Podiatry
- Pollution
- Sports turf studies
- Radiography
- Tropical diseases
- Wine studies



DO YOU MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

- Will you cope with the academic demands of the course?
- Do you meet the entry requirements?
- What are they?
- Are they realistic?
- Any specific requirements?
- Work experience?
- Entry tests?



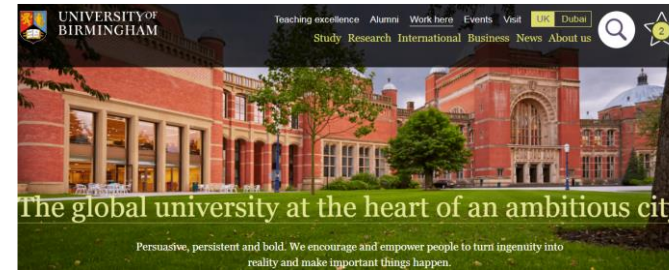
QUALIFICATIONS

- Not all courses accept BTEC qualifications
- Remember to also check GCSE requirements
- May need to combine with A Levels for a wider range of courses
- Check with the university



FINDING THE INFORMATION

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THE  TIMES



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NEXT STEPS / TOP TIPS

- Prospectuses
- Websites
- Social media
- Visits
- Exhibitions
- League tables
- Open Days

