

Undergraduate Course Advice

Choosing what to study at university is an important decision, and it is quite normal for students aged 16 to 19 not to be certain about the right course or career direction. This podcast explains how to assess your options and whether a foundation course or direct entry to an undergraduate degree may be the better route.

Start With Your Strengths

Your school results are a useful starting point. Look at the subjects in which you perform particularly well. Strengths in science and mathematics might point towards technical subjects, while creativity could lead towards art and design. Strong performance in humanities or social sciences may suggest another range of degree options.

However, choosing a course should not be based on academic results alone. Your interests, personal strengths, ambitions and activities outside the classroom can also help identify subjects and careers that may suit you.

What Is a Foundation Course?

A foundation course is a pre-degree programme designed to prepare students for undergraduate study.

It can help you:

- Develop your academic skills and confidence
- Improve your English language ability where required
- Develop your understanding of your chosen subject area before progressing to a degree
- Prepare for progression to undergraduate study

A foundation course can be particularly useful if you do not currently meet the entry requirements for direct undergraduate admission or if you need more time to decide which subject is right for you.

Choosing an Undergraduate Degree

If you are ready for direct undergraduate study, the next step is to find a course and university that match your academic profile and longer-term ambitions.

The university itself is important, but so are the course content, entry requirements, location, costs and the opportunities the degree may provide after graduation.

How WorldStudentAdvisors Can Help

The process can begin simply by sending WorldStudentAdvisors your CV and high school results. A Student Counsellor can review your academic background and arrange an informal online conversation to discuss your interests, strengths and ambitions.

If you do not have a CV, WorldStudentAdvisors provides guidance to help you prepare one and can proofread it before you use it.

Once you have identified the right direction, WorldStudentAdvisors can help you select suitable courses and universities, manage your application, check that you meet the entry requirements and support you through the relevant student visa process, where required.

The Key Message

You do not need to have your entire future mapped out before starting your university journey.

The important thing is to understand your academic strengths, recognise your personal interests and ambitions, and explore the options available to you. A foundation course can provide a useful route to university, while students who are ready may progress directly to an undergraduate degree.

The objective is not simply to find a university. It is to find the right course, at the right university, for you.

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