



***Comparing the UK and US  
Higher education systems***

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# Costs of education



Harward



51,904\$



81,944\$



Scholarships for those, who cannot pay for education (income of the applicant or his parents is less than 75,000\$ a year)

The tuition fee already covers student's accommodation, meals and study materials



Oxford



11,311\$



31,460 to 44,125\$



Scholarships for talented and diligent students

You don't have to apply to scholarships: universities will automatically assess your eligibility using the information of your final exam

# Length of education



**4** Years at the bachelor's degree

**2** Years at the master's degree

**3** Semesters (autumn, spring and summer)

**August - June**



**3** Years at the bachelor's degree

**1** Year at the master's degree

**3** Trimesters (winter, spring and summer)

**September - July**

# accommodation

## Accommodation



- Students share rooms with each other



- Single rooms are more common



### On-campus housing

*college classrooms, libraries and other facilities are within walking distance*



### Off-campus housing

*more affordable and provide accommodation for international students*



### Homestay

*living with a foreign family, that will help you to integrate into the country's culture and practice your language*

# Enrolling



TOEFL

UAP

A general questionnaire, a motivational letter, recommendations from different professors, written tasks

SAT or ACT Unified Entrance exam (requirement of the best universities)

English test

Admission system

Requirements

Additional exams



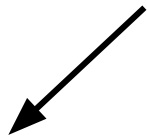
IELTS

UCAS

A general questionnaire, a motivational letter, a list of expected grades, a school recommendation

None

# Key dates & deadlines



You know where do you want to study

You apply to several universities



Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of November

Deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup> / February 1<sup>st</sup>



Early Decision / Early Action

Regular Decision



Chances of admission are far higher

Competition is higher



Sending documents six months to a year before the trimester starts



Oxford, Cambridge, medical faculties

Other



Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of October

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of January

# Study programs



- Choice and freedom
- Transferring to another university is simple
- Curriculum can be customized, you can select professors, electives and subjects
- Suitable for students, that want to broaden their knowledge in different subjects



- Focused and specialized knowledge
- Transferring to another university is hard
- Curriculum is fixated, because British students limit the list of their subjects already in High School
- Suitable for students, who are confident in the chosen path

# homework

## Homework & grades



- Frequent tests, written work and verbal presentations
- 4.0 GPA scale with the traditional **A** to **F**



- Primarily aimed at lectures and your grades solely depend on the results of the exam
- Honors system from **First Class** to **Third Class**



# employment

## Employment



Student can take a professional paid internship program (12 to 29 months) to gain professional experience, than change the visa status or return home

### Visa Policy

Student have only 2 to 4 months to change the visa status after graduation



On campus only: student center, bookstore, cafeteria  
( to work off-campus you will have to apply for a Curricular Practical Training)

### Work during studying

Off-campus: 20 hours a week part-time or full-time during holidays

American universities are in the top places of international rankings, Along with that, American students have more opportunities to gain practical experience, required for jobs

### Work after graduation

British business schools train the best managers and executives, even though only 12% of international students prefer British Colleges

# Student life



Stanford

has more than 625 specialized student groups and even have own athletic teams, Stanford Cardinal



Stanford Cardinal Football Team



Oxford

has about 400 clubs and societies



Oxford University Football Club

Both universities have orientation lessons, that will help you to integrate into a foreign culture and where you'll learn how to use university's basic services