

PATHWAY RESEARCH ACTIVITY

UNIVERSITY (KS3/KS4)

Not sure if University is for you?

Before deciding, it is important to know all the options available to you and ensure you explore all the possibilities. This activity will support you in exploring all your options and provide you with useful resources to help you make an informed decision.

TASK 1

KNOW THE FACTS...

In the table below create a list of the pros and cons of studying an university.

Think about earning potential, how employable you'd be, cost of living, accommodation costs, lifestyle, whether your future job requires it, life experiences, learning style, any personal considerations etc.

Make sure you consider the following by visiting these websites:

- > [Reasons to go to university](#)
- > [Facts and figures](#)
- > [Article discussing reasons why students go to university](#)
- > [Advice on how to work in certain sectors](#)
- > [List of potential pros and cons](#)
- > [Do courses exist in the topic you want to study?](#)
- > [Student finance information](#)
- > [Do courses exist in the location you want to live in?](#)

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CONS

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TASK 2

KNOW THE COURSES...

Now you have completed task 1, create a list of courses that interest you in the box below?

Explore the courses available further by researching all the different types of courses available on [UCAS Course Search](#)

Top tips when searching for courses:

- Make sure you search 'undergraduate' if you are currently a college student
- [Use this guide if you need ideas](#)
- [Click here for an explanation of the different qualifications](#)
- You can narrow down your search by location if you already know where you want to live
- You can include a variety of subjects

DID YOU KNOW?

Worcestershire has its own University: University of Worcester- why not see what courses they offer
www.worcester.ac.uk



TASK 3

YOUR CHOICES...

Can you now create a new list called 'My favourite courses' in the table below?

List your 5 favourite courses but ensure you provide the following information about each one:

- Course Name (For example BSc Computer Science)
- University Name
- University Location
- Travel distance from your current home (You can use Google Maps for this)
- Entry Requirements (This is often listed on UCAS or you may need to go to the university website)
- Reasons why the course interests you (Make sure you explore the modules of the course as these are the actual subjects you would be studying)

COURSE NAME:

UNIVERSITY NAME:

UNIVERSITY LOCATION:

DISTANCE FROM HOME:

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

REASONS OF INTEREST

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TASK 4

KNOW THE COURSES...

Applications to university are done through UCAS and there are deadlines to adhere to which can be found here by following the link [here](#).

Your school or college careers teams will help you to apply, but you can make a start by preparing a personal statement.

A personal statement is a piece of writing (4000 characters) that gives you a chance to describe your ambitions, skills and experience to the universities.

TOP TIP

Use the Inspiring Worcestershire "How to Create a Personal Statement" resource for support with writing your personal statement.

Why not have a go at creating your own personal statement here?