

Applying Through UCAS Extra and Clearing

UCAS Extra

UCAS Extra is another opportunity to gain a place at university or college, this year it is open between **25 February and 4 July**. If you have used all five of your choices on your original application and you **are not holding an offer**, you will be able to add another choice using Extra.

Factors to Consider:

- You can use Extra if you included five choices on your application, have received decisions from all five, and weren't accepted, or if you declined the offers you received,
- If you did not use all your choices in your initial application then you do not need to use Extra, you can just add another choice, you have until **30th June** to do this.
- If you do not hold any offers after **5 July**, you will be able to add an additional choice using Clearing.
- Contact the university or college you are interested in to see if they will consider you. Have your UCAS ID and original application to hand. They may ask questions about your personal statement.
- Add the new course using Track
- The University or College will then consider your application
- If you are made an offer and decline, or are unsuccessful, you can then add another choice.
- You can only add once choice at a time using Extra meaning you won't be holding an insurance choice

Remember...

- If you accept an offer, you won't be able to apply to any more in Extra.
- Make sure you reply to the offer by the date shown on your homepage, or your offer will be declined automatically.
- If you do not get the offer you want in Extra you can still use Clearing to add another choice.

Clearing

Clearing is the process of matching university applicants to courses that are yet to be filled. To be eligible for Clearing you must be applying for an undergraduate course through UCAS and not be holding any other offers. Clearing is open to anyone holding A Level and Applied or equivalent qualifications.

You can apply for a course using Clearing on the UCAS website from the **5th July - 18th October**. However, you cannot be allocated a place until you have received your grades. You can use Clearing if you:

- Didn't get an offer from your firm or insurance university choices
- Changed your mind about your offers (you must use Clearing Self-Release)
- Do not meet the requirements of the offer

- Are applying after 30th June
- Have achieved higher grades than you expected and wish to 'adjust' your choice

Clearing Self-Release allows students who are already holding a university place to release themselves into Clearing rather than wait for their original choice of university to release them. Self-release is available in UCAS Track from early July.

Clearing Plus is a service offered by UCAS for 2022 which suggests Clearing courses that you might be interested in. Universities are able to directly contact you if you express an interest. You can find your top 50 course matches under 'My Matches' on your **Track** page.

On results day, Clearing is operated on a first-come-first-served basis so if you are considering using the service you will need the following:

Your UCAS ID number

Your Clearing number which will be displayed within your UCAS Track home page

The course code and university code for your shortlisted courses

Your A Level and Applied results plus your GCSE results

Any questions you may have

If you are going through the Clearing process and have a telephone call with a university's dedicated Clearing line they may ask you some basic interview questions. These questions could include things such as "Why are you interested in this course?" so it is good to consider your answers in advance. Remember, university hotlines will be extremely busy but persevere.

You can only add one Clearing choice at a time to Track. You should gain verbal confirmation of an offer from the university and then wait for this to be updated on your UCAS Track. You will then need to either accept this offer and start looking into what type of accommodation is available at your chosen university or decline the offer and contact the next university.

Remember...

Clearing can seem a daunting process but it provides the opportunity to find a course which is a great match for you. Be prepared to be open-minded, persistent and avoid making rash decisions.

Careers Advisers will be available on results day by calling 01423 815834 or emailing careersstaff@staidans.co.uk – we will be happy to help.

Essential Reading

[UCAS Extra | No Offers? Add More Choices With Our 'Extra' Service](#)

[Looking for a course in Clearing? Learn how Clearing works & find a new place](#)

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