

# HOW DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT COURSE AND INSTITUTION?

Is it important to me that...

## SCALE

1 absolutely essential 2 quite important 3 worth considering 4 doesn't matter at all

## COURSE CHOICE

❖ I could study abroad	1	2	3	4
❖ Employers have strong links with my chosen university	1	2	3	4
❖ Underpinning knowledge is taught in the course e.g. economics courses with heavy maths content	1	2	3	4
❖ The course is flexible and I can change if I want to	1	2	3	4
❖ I am aware of the teaching methods employed	1	2	3	4
❖ I am aware of the assessment methods	1	2	3	4
❖ The course is both practical and theoretical	1	2	3	4
❖ There is an element of work experience built into the course	1	2	3	4
❖ The course is recognised by a professional body	1	2	3	4
❖ I am aware of the graduate destinations	1	2	3	4
❖ My course leads to a specific career	1	2	3	4
❖ I could learn a language	1	2	3	4
❖ It may be possible to obtain sponsorship for the course	1	2	3	4
❖ I can combine two subjects	1	2	3	4
❖ I can combine more than two subjects	1	2	3	4
❖ The course is offered on one main site not franchised to another institution	1	2	3	4
❖ I am aware of the content of the course before applying	1	2	3	4
❖ My course offers exemptions from some professional examinations	1	2	3	4



## LOCATION & SIZE

- ❖ That the university is small and possibly friendlier 1 2 3 4
- ❖ That the university is traditional and widely respected 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The university or college is located some distance from home 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The university is near home to make travelling easy 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The university is located in a town 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The university has a campus setting 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The university has good road and rail links 1 2 3 4

## ACCOMMODATION

- ❖ I am guaranteed a place in a hall of residence for the first year 1 2 3 4
- ❖ Facilities are available for disabled students 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I can cater for myself 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I have the opportunity to opt for catered Halls 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I have my own bathroom 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I would have help finding a flat 1 2 3 4
- ❖ A hall of residence is single sex 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I am aware of the costs of all different types of accommodation 1 2 3 4

## FINANCE

- ❖ There are good opportunities for part time employment 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The facilities e.g. bar, sports are cheap to use 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I am aware of all other costs I am likely to incur apart from fees and accommodation 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I am fully aware of all details relating to sponsorship e.g. what does sponsorship cover? 1 2 3 4
- ❖ I could save money by living at home and travelling daily 1 2 3 4

## OTHER ASPECTS

- ❖ There is a reasonable M/F ratio 1 2 3 4
- ❖ All ages and nationalities are represented at the university 1 2 3 4
- ❖ There will be people from a similar educational background to me 1 2 3 4
- ❖ There will be people from a similar ethnic background to me 1 2 3 4
- ❖ The university has a good variety of amenities e.g cash points, shops, laundry 1 2 3 4
- ❖ Student support e.g careers advice, counselling, medical facilities, is present and active 1 2 3 4
- ❖ Extra curricular activities, clubs and societies are many and varied 1 2 3 4
- ❖ Sports facilities are good 1 2 3 4