



# Key Words

Researching your options can be confusing.  
This postcard can help by explaining some  
of the vocabulary you might encounter.



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# Key Words For HE

## Higher Education (HE)

Optional final level of study after further education (level 4 and above).

## Undergraduate

A student who is studying for a bachelor's degree.

## Tuition Fees/ Student Loan

Student loans are available to cover the cost of your course, and living expenses.

## Personal Statement

A written opportunity to describe your skills and experience, and why a course is right for you.

## UCAS

Universities & Colleges Admissions Service

## Tariff

Used by UCAS to allocate points to post-16 qualifications.

## Foundation Degree

A combined academic and vocational qualification in higher education, equivalent to two thirds of a bachelor's degree.

## Foundation Year

An additional year of study at the start of a degree course that prepares students to go on to an undergraduate degree programme.

## Higher/Degree Apprenticeship

An apprenticeship at level 4 or above, apprentices work towards a higher education qualification (HNC, HND etc).

## Entry Requirements

What an applicant needs to have in order to get onto their HE course of choice. Including qualifications, subject specialisms, interviews, portfolio reviews, admission tests, and other types.



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