



UNIVERSITY CLEARING

2020

What is clearing?

- Clearing is how Universities and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses.
- On average there are 35,000 courses available through clearing.
- Clearing opened on the 6th July but applications can only be made once you have your A level results. You can however contact universities about their clearing courses, they will be happy to help.
- You can search for current courses available through clearing [here](#).
- Clearing Plus which can be found [here](#) is a digital support engine to help you find courses linked to your subjects and grades. This is a good resource if you aren't sure what you would like to do.
- Universities will have a dedicated number for their clearing courses. Please explore the University website you are interested in to locate this.



Myths

- **1. Clearing is linked to low grades.**

Wrong: Clearing is used for many different reasons. This can include changing courses if you don't get the required entry requirements however it also includes adjustment. Please see slide 4 for more details. Lots of students change their minds about their course and can change courses (subject to availability) during clearing. It is also used to apply for courses for those that have missed UCAS application dates.

- **2. The courses offered at clearing aren't very good.**

Wrong: Courses at clearing are ones that still have capacity and can often include Medicine and health care courses.



- **3. Hardly anyone applies through clearing.**

Wrong: In 2018 over 60,000 students gained a University place through clearing.

- **4. Clearing is for students who didn't get any university offers.**

Wrong: Many people change their minds about their course or University location so make changes through clearing.

- **5. Universities lower their entry requirements at clearing.**

Wrong: Most Universities maintain their entry requirements but there may be some individual amendments.



Adjustment

Adjustment can happen when you have met or exceeded the conditions of your current University offer. This means you can have a look around at other Universities and explore competitive courses while keeping your firm choice until you formally change.

Adjustment can happen between 13th August – 31st August.

Courses will be subject to availability and you can research these via [here](#).

Preparing for Clearing



Research University clearing courses available [here](#). Make a list of universities you want to consider and research the local area and the course modules. Make a shortlist. Do this prior to your results so you are prepared.



Call each University, they will all have different ways you can make contact including phone, email, webchat. Information will be on each University website and they generally have a clearing hotline.




Ideally have a team around you also making calls as you maybe on hold for a short while. Please note you will be the only person who can speak to the University.



What will I need when I go through clearing?

- You will need your UCAS ID if you have one.
- Your personal details – address etc
- A clear idea of what you want to study and where. However clearing will be able to give you options to explore with your subjects and grades. **Please note you will have a short window to accept the offer** however it should give you time to research the course and location to make an informed decision.
- Most Universities have a dedicated clearing number on their website. You may be asked to complete a webform prior to contact.
- Most Universities don't conduct Interviews for clearing applications.
- You do not need a supporting statement to apply through clearing.
- Please note you cannot defer a clearing offer.

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a denim jacket over a white t-shirt, is smiling and looking towards a young man. The man is seen in profile, wearing a grey sweater. They appear to be in a kitchen or a similar setting, with a white brick wall in the background. The overall tone is warm and positive.

What should I ask the University during clearing?

- Ask how long you have to decide.
- Ask if they have any clearing open events or virtual open days you can attend.
- Accommodation offers – what are your options for accommodation. You can apply for accommodation through clearing and the university will do their best to place you.
- Remember Universities want you, always ask if you have any questions. Lots of clearing operators are students so understand what you are going through.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Clearing Plus which can be found [here](#) offers further information including webinars and course availability.

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