

# Extra toolkit



## Myth busters

**Myth:** To use Extra you must be eligible as soon as it opens in February

**Fact:** You can become eligible for Extra at any time from when it opens in February until it closes in early July. It depends on when you've received decisions for all your choices. You'll know when Extra's available to you as the option to add an Extra choice will appear in the 'Your choices' section of Track.

**Myth:** There aren't many courses available in Extra

**Fact:** In 2015 there were thousands of courses advertised in Extra and just under 7,500 applicants successfully gained places at university or college through the service.

**Myth:** Some universities will never use Extra

**Fact:** Any university or college can offer places using Extra, but whether they do or not depends on whether they have any vacancies on their courses. Some of the most competitive courses might never have been available in Extra in the past, but that doesn't mean they never will.

**Myth:** The university or college you add as your Extra choice must make their decision within 21 days

**Fact:** The university and college will aim to make their decision within this time but sometimes they need longer. After 21 days you have the option to replace your Extra choice with an alternative, however, you don't have to; instead you can wait for a decision on your existing choice. If you're going to hang on, it's a good idea to contact the university or college to find out when they're likely to make their decision.

**Myth:** UCAS can make courses available in Extra that aren't listed in the search tool as being available through Extra

**Fact:** If a course isn't listed as being available through Extra in the search tool, it's because the university or college hasn't made it available for Extra. UCAS can't change this, so if the university or college has said they want you to add them as your Extra choice, you'll need them to open it for Extra first.

**Myth:** The offer you receive in Extra can be your insurance choice

**Fact:** As you can only ever have one Extra choice at a time, you can only accept an offer you receive as your firm choice or decline it.

**Myth:** If you use Extra and don't secure a place you won't be eligible for Clearing

**Fact:** Anyone who doesn't secure a place in Extra will automatically be eligible for Clearing once they have their exam results.