

# Application toolkit



## Myth busters

**Myth:** You have to add five choices

**Fact:** There's space for five choices, but you don't have to use them all up. Only add choices you are sure about. You can add more later as long as you haven't already accepted or declined your offers.

**Myth:** If you miss the equal consideration deadline for your course, you can't apply

**Fact:** Universities and colleges may still consider applications submitted after the equal consideration deadline if they still have vacancies, but they do not have to. Check the UCAS search tool to see if the course is still available.

**Myth:** UCAS is a Government agency

**Fact:** UCAS is not owned by the Government and is, in fact, a charity.

**Myth:** UCAS reads every application

**Fact:** UCAS does not read every application, however it uses some very sophisticated software to detect anyone who has been unwise enough to use somebody else's personal statement as their own. This works by automatically scanning every new application as it is processed at UCAS.

**Myth:** Universities and colleges know where else you've applied

**Fact:** Universities and colleges don't see your other choices when they decide whether to make an offer. They only find out much later when you have decided which offers to accept, or if you have no live choices – for example you are unsuccessful at all choices, or you decline any offers you have.

**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.

**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 receive decisions from your choices. You'll know when Extra's available to you, as the option to add an Extra choice will appear in 'Your Choices' section of Track.