

Clearing

Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. It's an ideal way for you to find another course.

- It's available July-September each year.
- If you already have your exam results, but you have no offers, you can use Clearing from July.
- If you had conditional offers but your exam results didn't go to plan, you can use Clearing from results day, when Clearing vacancies will be listed in the UCAS search tool.
- If your exam results are reasonable and you're flexible on subject/location, there's still a good chance you'll find another course.

How Clearing works...

- The idea is you identify courses (with vacancies) that interest you and contact the course providers directly, to see if they will offer you a place. You'll know you're in Clearing if your Track status says 'You are in Clearing' or 'Clearing has started'.
- If your Track doesn't say either of these yet, it might just be waiting for your results to update – get in touch with the universities/colleges if it's taking a while – they might still be considering you, even if your results are a bit lower than required.
- If you originally only applied for one course (for the reduced fee of £12), you'll have to pay an additional £11 to enable you to apply for multiple courses.

Ask for advice

- **Talk to an adviser** at your school or careers office – they can talk you through alternative courses/subjects.

See what courses are available

- **UCAS has the official vacancy list online**, and The Telegraph newspaper shows them too.
- **Consider different subjects** – you don't have to stick with your original ideas.
- **The online list is updated continually** – you might not find the exact unis/colleges/courses you're looking for – some might be full, but some might get vacancies later on, so keep checking back.

Talk to any unis or colleges you're interested in

- **Give them your Clearing number** (located on the welcome and choices pages in Track), and your Personal ID number which will let them see your application online.
- **Ask if they'd accept you** – they might reconsider you (maybe even for the same course) even if you applied to them earlier in the year.
- **Get informal offers over the phone** – maybe from a variety of universities and colleges – then decide which you want to accept.
- **Take a look around** – if you have time it's the best way to see what a university/college is like – most will be happy to meet you and show you around.

Add a Clearing course in Track

- **Click Add clearing choice** and fill in the course details by the date the university/college gave you on the phone.
- **This counts as you definitely accepting the offer**, so if they confirm it'll show as an acceptance on the choices page of Track and we'll send you a confirmation letter. **Please only add a Clearing choice once you've had confirmation from the university that they're happy to offer you a place.**
- **You can only add one choice at a time**, but if the university/college doesn't confirm your place you'll be able to add another.