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Parents Q&A





What we'll cover ...

- UCAS glossary
- Finance
- Budgeting
- Accommodation
- How to support your child during Clearing
- What happens on Results Day?
- Alternatives to University
- Welcome Week
- Settling into Salford
- Support and Wellbeing
- Further links and information
- Any other questions!



UCAS Glossary

- We'll be using lots of UCAS terminology in this presentation. To begin, we will watch this short (and cheesy) video to explain what the words mean. You can also find an online glossary here: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas-terms-explained>





Finance FAQs

- The cost of university can be a major concern for applicants and their supporters, but the most important thing to note is that **there are no upfront costs for tuition fees**, and any repayments will be linked to the graduate's salary once they reach a certain threshold for payment. You'll find some really helpful information on our [Money Matters](#) pages including budgeting and living costs advice. The [Student Room](#) and [Money Saving Expert](#) also have some great resources for students and their supporters.
- All full-time, **undergraduate degree courses at the University of Salford cost £9,250 per year* for entry in the 2023/24 academic years**. If your applicant is studying a foundation year as their first year of study, this may have a reduced tuition fee. For more information on the fees for each course, please see individual [course pages](#).

Student loans

- Tuition fee loans are provided by the [Student Loans Company](#) and applications are made to Student Finance England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland as appropriate. We would encourage applicants to apply for their student finance as soon as possible to ensure their finances are in place for the new academic year.





Finance FAQs

- Tuition fees

- UG courses cost £9250 per year
- Can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the whole amount
- Paid directly to the University by Student Finance

- Maintenance loans

- Variable contribution to living costs
- Dependent on personal circumstances
- Paid in 3 instalments to student's bank account
- Used for accommodation, travel and student life!

- Use this site to estimate Maintenance Loans and Extra Funding for your student: www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator

- They will get 33% of the Maintenance Loan in September, 33% in January and 34% in April





Accommodation FAQs

How to apply

- Accommodation applications are made through CLV's website www.campuslivingvillages.co.uk/Salford. For any queries relating to accommodation with CLV, you can contact the team on salford@clvuk.com.

Paying for accommodation

- To secure a room, a **£200 deposit will need to be paid within seven days of application. A further payment of two weeks' rent is payable to confirm the room**, but this is **not required until after results are confirmed in August**, and the applicant knows they are definitely coming to Salford. The typical contract duration for undergraduate students is 42 weeks and this payment of two weeks' rent is deducted from the total amount required. **The remaining 40 weeks' payment is payable in three termly instalments due in September, February and April** – these payments fall in line with the maintenance loan release dates
- In the event that an applicant no longer wants to proceed with their accommodation contract, rooms can be cancelled and payments refunded, provided the cancellation is confirmed in writing to CLV. The cancellation date will be confirmed on our website prior to accommodation bookings going live.





Accommodation FAQs

Living off campus

- Many of our students decide to live off campus and there are loads of other options to find a great place to live. Manchester Student Homes offer a wide range of accommodation options from student halls to apartments and family Common room homes. They offer free house hunting advice, keep you informed of your rights as a private tenant and only promote accommodation providers that meet their strict Code of Standards.
www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

Help and support with accommodation

- If, for whatever reason, a student has not been able to find a place to live, if they're having problems with their landlord, their house or anything else accommodation-related, our askUS student support team can help. Contact them at askUS@salford.ac.uk

Commuting from home

- We have various transport options to get to our campus. Salford Crescent train station is right in the centre of Peel Park and Frederick Road campuses, as well as the 50 bus which gets you down to MediaCity for free with a student card. We also have a large amount of parking and cycling spaces if you prefer to drive or cycle in.





How to support your child during Clearing

1. Ask for advice

- 'It's really important to encourage your child to think about how their next step will support them to take the one after that, and this is where teachers or advice and guidance teams at schools and colleges come in,' said Elaine Bowker, principal at The City of Liverpool College. 'Speak to them about what their goals are and take it from there. There are plenty of people available to help them navigate their choices through straightforward, personalised information and guidance, and remember – you can get independent advice from your local college on the options available as well as their current school for a wide range of options and industry knowledge.'

2. See what courses are available

- Use the search tool on the UCAS website to find courses. If it doesn't, consider:
- **Different subjects:** Maybe there is one close to your child's original idea, or a joint honours or flexible degree that incorporates it into a broader curriculum
- **Keep checking:** Universities continue to update their course information regularly. Some might remain full but others might have vacancies pop up later on
- **Research:** Check the structure of the course, its assessments and modules to ensure it fits the student's strengths and needs. Make sure to check the entry requirements



How to support your child during Clearing

3. Phone the university or college

- **This has to be done by the student.** The student will speak to the college or university directly and give over information like their UCAS number and Clearing number (which will be on their application). The University will be able to answer any questions you may have about entering through Clearing. This may be like a short interview so show make sure to show enthusiasm for the course and subject. If successful, you will come awau with a verbal offer that needs to be confirmed on UCAS.

4. Decide which one to accept and add the Clearing choice

- Once the student has researched the institution and looked into details like accommodation, they can add a Clearing choice to their application. This will use details provided over the phone. This counts as the student definitely accepting the offer, so if they confirm, it'll show as an acceptance on the 'Choices' page in your application.

5. Prepare for finance and accommodation

- Once the student has their place, make sure they have sorted their student finance. This can be updated on an existing application. The information needs to be accurate in order to receive a loan. The student will also want to speak to the university or college about accommodation options as soon as possible as these may be limited

*<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-11116417/UCAS-Clearing-2022-ultimate-guide-parents.html>





Social life

In addition to lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions, there are plenty of extra-curricular activities students can get involved in. With the [Students' Union](#), our students can join a range of student-run societies, from debating to dancing, radio to rambling; there's something to suit all. We also have a large [sports centre](#) in the heart of campus, where students can take part in exercise classes, swimming sessions, work out in the gym or enjoy a game of badminton with friends.

Tips before starting University:

- Join our Applying to University – Official University of Salford Facebook Group 2023
- Follow us on social media to get more of an idea of what we're about!
- Take a look across Instagram to see what places you're excited to visit in Salford/Manchester



Charity and Liberation



Faith and Culture



Media & Performance



Find A Society



Start A Society



SU Ball





Offers and Decision Making

TYPES OF OFFER

- **CONDITIONAL** – a conditional offer requires the applicant to meet certain conditions before we will admit them onto the course. The conditions are usually academic (e.g. achieve 120 UCAS points from three A-levels, including a grade B in Biology) but there may be others, for example, a requirement to provide copies of GCSE certificates. All conditions are shown on their UCAS Hub. Please encourage your applicant to familiarise themselves with the conditions of their offer and ensure they are all met, not just the academic ones.
- **UNCONDITIONAL** – this means exactly what it says on the tin! There are no conditions attached and, if the applicant chooses us as their firm choice, the place is theirs. It's worth mentioning that for some courses in the health area there are additional requirements pre-arrival, including DBS checks and occupational health checks.

TYPES OF REPLIES

All applicants are required to make a 'firm' and 'insurance' choice.

- **FIRM** – this means that if the conditions are met, this is the applicant's first choice and they'll be going to this institution for that course.
- **INSURANCE** – this is the 'back-up' course, typically with lower entry requirements, that the applicant chooses just in case they don't meet the requirements of the first course





What to expect on Results Day?

- Towards the end of June we'll send out an email which explains how results day works and how we confirm to applicants that their place is confirmed. The timing of confirmation is based on the qualifications your son or daughter is currently studying and the type of offer they've received. In all cases, our decision will be shown on UCAS Track.
- There are a number of different types of qualifications - we've included the more common ones here and you can find more information about results day on the UCAS website www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/sendingexamresults





What to expect on Results Day?

- **THE OFFER IS CONDITIONAL ON A BTEC ONLY** We receive BTEC results automatically through UCAS but when we receive them depends on the type of BTEC your son or daughter is studying. The majority come through to us at the same time as the A-level results and we will confirm places as soon as we can. Because we get them automatically, there is no requirement for the applicant to send these on to us directly.
- **THE OFFER IS CONDITIONAL ON A-LEVELS ONLY** We receive A-level results automatically through UCAS and our decision will be shown on UCAS Hub on results day. We will text and email on the morning of A-level results day and registration communications will start the following week.
- **THE APPLICANT IS STUDYING OTHER QUALIFICATIONS** The most common qualifications for university entry are A-levels, BTECs and Access qualifications and we receive all of these results automatically. If your child is studying something else, you can view a list on the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com/undergraduate/ results-confirmation-and-clearing/sending-examresults](http://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/sending-examresults) which shows which results are received through UCAS and sent directly to universities. If the qualifications your child is studying are not on the list, they will need to send these through to us when results are received. Please send these through as soon as possible, and by the 31 August 2023 at the latest. Again, we will provide the appropriate contact information for these results to be sent through to a little closer to the time.





What to expect on Results Day?

- **THE APPLICANT'S OFFER INCLUDES GCSE CONDITIONS** If there are GCSE conditions included in your son or daughter's offer, we do not receive these automatically and these will need to be sent through to us directly. Before results day, we'll let the applicant know that they need to do this and we'll provide the appropriate email address for the results to be sent through to.
- **UNCONDITIONAL OFFERS** If your child has an unconditional offer, there is nothing more that they need to do with regard to their results. Happy days!
- **YOUR APPLICANT DOES NOT MEET THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR OFFER** Unfortunately not all our applicants meet the entry standards required for their course and we're not able to confirm their place. Before making the decision to reject an applicant at this stage, we will review whether there are any appropriate foundation or alternative courses and, if we believe there are, we will make an alternative offer. If we are not able to confirm an applicant's place, this will be visible on their UCAS Hub. Their insurance institution will then review if they can accept the applicant instead and if so, that will also be shown on the Hub. If the applicant is shown here as in Clearing then they have not met the conditions of their firm or insurance institution. We have a dedicated Confirmation line in operation during the results day period and you can contact us on 0300 555 5030.





Alternatives to University

- Apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships
 - Higher education courses at college
 - Traineeships
 - Jobs with training
 - Gap Years
 - Starting their own business
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- <https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/post18-options>





Support and wellbeing

- askUS Student Support
- Dedicated wellbeing services
- Formally trained counsellors
- Rafiki Peer Support
- Report and support
- Disability and Inclusion Service



CAREERS
ENTERPRISE
ACCOMMODATION
COUNSELLING
FAITH
DISABILITY LEARNER SUPPORT
FINANCE



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Welcome, Registration and Induction

- **21 August:** registration opens - you will receive an email invitation when you can register
- **08 September:** our recommended registration deadline. You should ensure you are registered by this date where at all possible as your induction activities will require you to have access to our University systems
- **11 September:** Induction activities commence
- **18 September:** first official week of teaching
- **29 September:** the last date you can receive assistance with registration from the Registration team before the deadline
- **01 October:** the last date you can register without needing an exception from your School
- If for any reason you feel you will be unable to register on time, you should contact your [School Office](#) or [Research Administrator](#) as soon as possible for advice.





Welcome, Registration and Induction

- Welcome Week starts on Monday 11 September
- Activities to help you get settled in, meet your teaching staff, learn more about your course, make friends, and have a fun-filled start to life at the University of Salford.
- Essential induction activities focused on academic life and meeting your 2024 cohort!
- Other events include bungee jumps, bandeoke, wellbeing walks and much more
- <https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/registration>





Checklist for new students

Make sure your funding is in place

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/askus/topics/money/tuition-fees>

Confirm your accommodation

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/accommodation>

Get familiar with our systems

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/skills/it-skills>

Get to know our different teams

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/nice-to-meet-you>

Register with a GP

<https://www.visualproductions.org.uk/salford/reg.html>

Plan your journey

<https://tfgm.com/plan-a-journey#/>

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/travel>

Read our glossary for new students

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/on-campus/checklist-for-new-students/glossary-for-new-students>

For more information: <https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/on-campus/checklist-for-new-students>



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What's next?

- **Look out for your Invitation to Register email** with your student ID, PIN and more details on how to register. [Registration](#) enables you to access our IT and learning systems and allows us to gather the crucial administrative information we need from you as a Salford student.
- Once you're registered, its time for you to get to know your school, your course and your coursemates.
Your [induction](#) will prepare you with the necessary information and support to help you hit the ground running.
- **Work through [StartSmart](#).** Our online platform will take you through the essentials of being a student at the University of Salford and includes advice and guidance from support teams, tips and tricks from Salford graduates and information on how to settle into university life.
- Join in on the fun! **Welcome Week is taking place from 11–15 September** and it's the perfect opportunity to make new friends, join a society and get to know the University.





Further resources

<https://www.studentminds.org.uk/knowbeforeyougo.html>

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/askus/support/information-for-parents-carers-and-friends>

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/parents>

https://issuu.com/universityofsalford2/docs/uos_parents_guide_2023

<https://www.studentminds.org.uk/supportforparents.html>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/how-to-help-your-child-manage-the-transition-to-university/>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers>





Useful budgeting links

- <https://www.salford.ac.uk/askus/topics/money/budgeting-and-managing-your-money> - Salford's budgeting section of the website
- <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/> - Advice from Martin Lewis
- <https://mybudget.salford.ac.uk/> - interactive budgeting tool from Salford
- <https://www.blackbullion.com/> - useful budgeting tips for students
- <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/> - more information on Student Finance
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/mature-students/student-finance-mature-students> – different types of funding and options for mature learners
- <https://www.ucas.com/sfe> - information on UCAS
- www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator - Student Finance calculator to estimate loans and extra funding
- <https://www.ucas.com/finance/managing-money/budget-calculator> – UCAS budget calculator
- <https://www.savethestudent.org/money/student-budgeting/student-budget-calculators.html> - Save the Student 'best of' list





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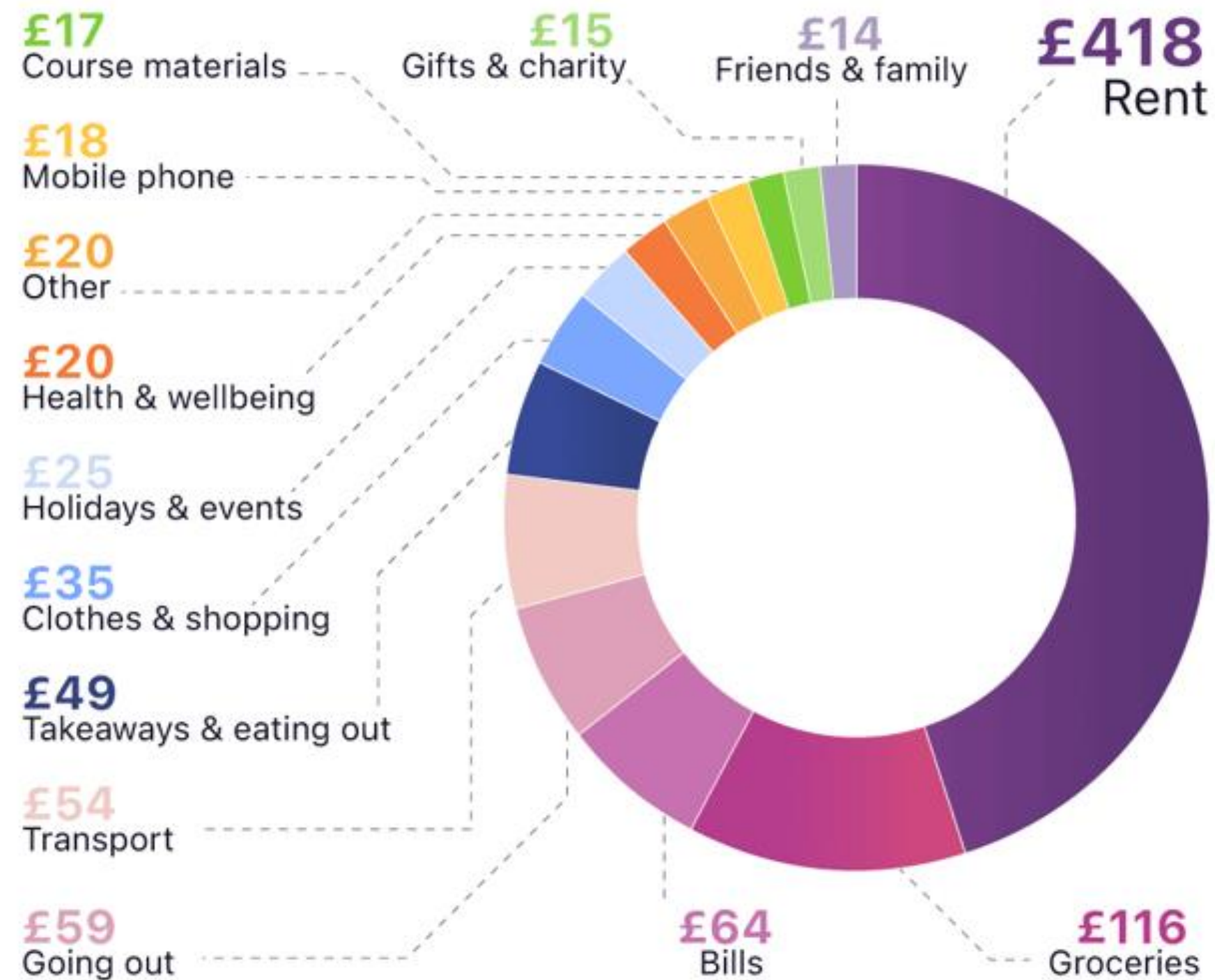


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Average monthly student spend



Source: Student Money Survey



Start planning before
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