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How to Choose the Right Course for You

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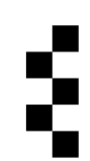
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**Who here knows the exact course
they would like to study?**



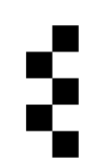
**What factors should you consider
when choosing your course?**



Choosing your course

- Choose your course **FIRST**
- Over 50,000 to choose from
- Familiar or new subject?
- Career plans?
- Will it interest you for 3 or 4 years?
- **YOUR** decision





Types of courses

- BA, BSc, BEng, LLB, BEng or integrated Masters

(Are you going to study an Arts, Science, Law, Engineering or Integrated MA degree?)

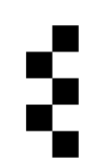
- Single vs Joint honours (X and Y, X with Y)

- Theory or practical

(This will affect how much time you will spend in seminars/lectures/in a lab vs self-study)

- Courses are typically 3 years in England but can be up to 5 years:

- Foundation year
- Study abroad
- Placement year



Study Abroad



Year 1

At university



Year 2

At university



Year 3

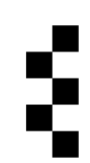
Studying Abroad



Year 4

At university

- Core for some degrees
- Optional for most



Placement Years



Year 1

At university



Year 2

At university



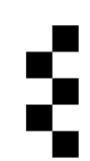
Year 3
Working



Year 4

At university

- Optional for most degrees
- Supported by University
- Summer Placement Option



Do your research

- Course title
- Flexibility
- Academic content
- Facilities
- Teaching methods
- Contact hours
- Assessment methods
- Entry requirements
- English language requirements





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CLUE 2. – Involves Animals & Science

Guess the Essex Degree...

BSc Marine Biology





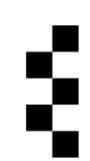
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CLUE 2. – Discovers the past

Guess the Essex Degree...

BA History





Choosing your University

- Choose your university **SECOND**
- City or campus?
- Size & location
- Accommodation
- Reputation
- Scholarships/bursaries
- Employability
- Academic and social facilities





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Thank you

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