



When looking to your future, you may be considering going to university, but what do you really know about? Take the **True** or **False** quiz below to test your existing knowledge. (You can print out this page simply note down your answers)

		True	False
1	You can only get accepted into university with A Levels		
2	You can't do a degree if you have Dyslexia		
3	You can live at home and still go to university		
4	A Personal Tutor will check that you are doing your homework every week		
5	If you find that you have chosen the wrong course, you can automatically change to another subject		
6	There is no-one to turn to if you are finding it difficult to cope		
7	You don't have to be rich to go to university		
8	Only practical courses such as Business Studies or Law will get you a job		
9	A full-time university course means being at university from 9am-5pm every day		
10	Living at home means that you are cut off from university life		
11	University courses last for three years		
12	All university teaching is done in large lecture theatres		
13	You can take University degree courses in Surf Science and Golf Management		
14	You have big exams at the end of every year, but only the final year exams count		
15	It's better to choose a sensible subject than one that you really enjoy		





The Answers

1. You can only get accepted into university with A Levels?

False – Universities don't just accept A-Levels, they also consider you if you have studied other Level 3 qualifications such as **BTECs, Access Courses, International Baccalaureate or Advanced Highers**. Universities will also ask for 5 GCSEs at level 4 and above.

2. You can't do a degree if you have Dyslexia?

False – Universities are for everyone and a lot like school, if you require any additional support, they will put it in place for you. Support could be **specific equipment, extra time in exams or somebody taking notes for you in lessons**. That is the case for ANY visible or invisible disability. You can also apply for extra funding during your studies too.

3. You can live at home and still go to university?

True – Many students decide that they want to stay at home during their studies. You may have a part-time job, other commitments, or you just might not want to live at university! If you decide to live at home in your first year, you can choose to live away from home in the second or third year if you wanted to.

4. A Personal Tutor will check that you are doing your homework every week?

False – At university, you will have a Personal Tutor (at University of Chester we call them PATs) and they are a similar to the Form Tutor you would have at school. They might not teach you, but they are there if you want to talk to them about anything to do with university. Unfortunately, they won't check that you are doing your work – that's completely down to you! Sometimes, you can even get given work to do months in advance! University students find that having good time management is a big part of university life!

5. If you find that you have chosen the wrong course, you can automatically change to another subject?

False – Well kind of! Generally universities will give you **around 6 weeks to decide** whether you would like to change courses. Whether you can change or not depends on different factors, such as if there is space on the course you want to change to, or if the courses that you have studied at college fit the entry requirements for the course.

6. There is no-one to turn to if you are finding it difficult to cope?

False – There are lots of places to get help at university. Here at Chester our Student Futures Department, have trained professionals to help you if you are struggling. This could be for help with things like managing your workload, being away from home or residential issues. Each university will have this, it might just have a different name. The Student Union is also there to help you if you feel like you don't want to tell university staff.





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7. You don't have to be rich to go to university?

False – You do not need to be rich – far from it. **University is for everyone** and there are loans for you to go. Tuition Fee Loans are there to pay for your course and Maintenance Loans are there to pay for things like your accommodation, travel to university, food or supplies. Everyone gets the full **Tuition Fee Loan**, but the **Maintenance Loan** amount depends on your household income. The loans are repaid from the April after you finish university and only if you are earning over £26,575! The repayments are based on how much you earn and not how much you owe. More information is available at www.gov.uk/studentfinance.

8. Only practical courses such as business studies or law will get you a job?

False – Every course you do makes you a specialist in that subject. However apart from learning about that subject you will pick up softer skills that we know as **transferable skills**. These include things like good time management, independence, group work, leadership and critical thinking. They all make you a great asset to any job!

9. A full time university course means being at university from 9am-5pm every day?

False – For most courses like Maths, Languages or Law, you will probably be in university between **12 and 20 hours per week**. Depending on your timetable, you could be in for a few hours each day or for a few full days. There is never any teaching on Wednesday afternoons as that is when all the sports teams play other universities. Courses that relate to teaching or healthcare such as Medicine (5 year course), Nursing, Midwifery or Dentistry, are often in university all 5 days a week and will also include extended terms for placements. This is just to get you ready for the world of work before you qualify.

10. Living at home means that you are cut off from university life?

False – A lot of students decide to live at home while they study. The Student Union (mentioned in Q6) have lots of activities and events for those students who commute during the first week of university and this continues throughout your time there. You don't miss out on any of the social aspects, and if you want to out with your friends to a gig, you can always sleep on their floor if they live at university!

11. University courses last for three years?

True – Kind of! Most courses do last for three years at university. However there are some exceptions. Foundation courses are a step between college and doing a full degree course and last one or two years depending on if you attend full or part time. Courses like Medicine last for five years as there is so much to learn and to accommodate placement blocks. You can also opt to do an additional year studying abroad or completing a placement working in industry which would take a three-year degree course to four in total.





The Answers

12. All university teaching is done in large lecture theatres?

False – University courses are taught in lots of different ways. Some lessons are in **lecture theatres** that hold up to 300 people, some lessons are seminars that are in **classrooms**, similar to your class sizes now or tutorials, which are smaller still. Depending on which course you choose, you may learn in **workshops, studios, labs, schools, hospitals or online!** As we learned in Q9, you will not spend too much time at university, but you will have to do a lot of work independently which allows you to put forward your own ideas using information given in lessons and by doing your own research.

13. You can take university degree courses in Surf Science and Golf Management?

True – **Surf Science** covers subjects such as Ecology, Oceanography, Surf Board Design and Manufacturing and Business planning. **Golf Management** covers subjects such as Golf Course Maintenance and Design, Business Management, Event Planning and Organisation and Niche Tourism. There are more than **50,000 courses** to choose from in the UK and around **300 places** for you to study at! You can study subjects that are the same or similar to those you are studying now at school, but there are courses that you wouldn't have had chance to study yet, such as **Astronomy** or **Zoology**.

14. You have big exams at the end of every year, but only the final year exams count?

False – During your time at university you will be assessed **throughout each year of study**. Usually, marks from your second and third years of your course count towards your final award, however the way this is calculated varies from university to university. Not every course has exams as a form of assessment, you can be assessed on **practical work, presentations, Essays, performances, poster presentations, group work or reports**.

15. It's better to choose a sensible subject than one that you really enjoy?

False – Like with anything, **if you enjoy something you will do better at it** and the same goes for university! As well as learning a lot of subject specific information, you will develop skills that will help you to get a job afterwards. As discussed in Q8 these are called **transferable skills**, and they are often looked at by employers as an indicator of what you will be able to contribute to their company.

