

University Advising: Useful Information

General Timeline

Chatsworth students apply to universities around the world. Please note that the following is a general timeline and is not inclusive of all possible dates and deadlines. Specific dates for seminars, upcoming university visits, and other events will be shared with students through the appropriate channels. Requests for transcripts, recommendations, and other supporting documents need to be submitted at least three weeks before the date by which they are required.

Year 11

August - May	College/Uni Visits Attend university representative lunch visits.
February	Seminar Discover your strengths with Cialfo's self-assessment tasks. IBDP Course Selection Select classes while considering what you may want to study in university. If you are unsure of your major, that's OK too.

Year 12

August - May	College/Uni Visits Attend university representative lunch visits.
January	Post Secondary Packet Complete UCAS, resume/CV, and Post Secondary Form.
February - May	Meetings Meet with your university advisor to discuss post-secondary plans and Post Secondary plans must be completed prior to scheduled meeting.
March - May	Seminars Attend all uni seminars during Year 12 advisory or pastoral.
May - June	Letter of Recommendation Complete letter of recommendation request form. Once it has been approved, approach leaving teachers and ask if they would be willing to write a university recommendation.
June - August	Summer Work Thoroughly research universities and post secondary options (application timelines, requirements, majors, course offerings, etc.) going beyond ranking and name. Consider opportunities such as volunteering, internships, university visits, academic/enrichment programmes, travel, and quality time with family. Complete your UCAS personal statement draft; Common App essay draft. Plan ahead for any standardised testing. Research the deadlines and register online for all required standardised testing (e.g. SAT, ACT, IELTS, UK entrance exams - LNAT, BMAT).

Year 13

<p>August - September</p>	<p>Seminars Attend all uni seminars during Year 13 advisory or pastoral.</p> <p>Meetings Meet with your university advisor to discuss options for university, gap year, etc.; review requirements, deadlines, and review safety, target, and reach.</p> <p>Standardised Testing Research the deadlines and register online for all required standardised testing (e.g. SAT, ACT, IELTS, UK entrance exams). Check your university application requirements.</p>
<p>August - October</p>	<p>Personal Statement & Essay Meet with your university advisor to get feedback on your personal statement or essay.</p>
<p>September</p>	<p>Teacher Recommendation Requests Due for USA Early Decision (ED I/II), Early Acceptance (EA), and Priority Applicants</p> <p>Speak with the teacher in person. Pick up a Recommendation Form from your university advisor. See your university advisor for his signature, and submit the form to the teacher writing your letter.</p> <p>Application Deadline For Cambridge Applicants hoping to be interviewed in Singapore.</p>
<p>October</p>	<p>IB Predicted Grades Available Discuss with your university advisor how they may or may not change your current post secondary plans.</p> <p>UCAS Deadline 15 October is the deadline for Oxford and Cambridge's (UK) medical and veterinary programmes.</p> <p>Australian Applicants (Internationals) Applications open which are submitted directly to the university, using your predicted grades and hoping for conditional offers.</p> <p>Hong Kong Applicants Open enrolment begins. Double check for exact due dates.</p> <p>Singapore Applicants Open enrolment begins. Double check for exact due dates.</p>
<p>November</p>	<p>USA Deadlines Early Decision I, Early Acceptance, Priority, and University of California, University of Washington applications due. Students MUST send standardised test scores before the university application deadline.</p> <p>Transcript Requests Due High School Transcript request form due for all universities with deadlines through January (Canada, Hong Kong, KAIST & SNU, USA).</p>
<p>November - December</p>	<p>Standardised Test Scores Student requests to send official copies of standardised test scores via CollegeBoard, ACT, IELTS, and TOEFL.</p> <p>Canadian Applicants Open enrolment begins. Double check for exact due dates</p>
<p>January</p>	<p>USA Deadline Early Decision II</p> <p>USA Passport and Green Card Holders can Begin FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application is required to be considered for financial aid.</p> <p>UCAS Deadline 15 January is the deadline for all remaining programmes, except for art and design courses.</p>

	<p>Mid Year Reports Requests for updated transcript (mid year report) with 1st semester grades to be sent to Canadian, Hong Kong, USA and other universities which students have currently applied.</p> <p>Stay Strong! Take a deep breath and focus on your schoolwork to maintain your grades, and focus on IB exams. Don't forget to stay committed to all your co-curricular activities too.</p> <p>Decisions Update admissions decisions/ notifications in Cialfo for ALL applications and share the news with your university advisor.</p>
March	<p>UCAS Deadline 24 March is the deadline for art and design courses.</p>
May	<p>Korean, Japanese, and Indian University Applicants Submit a High School Transcript Request Form. Also, provide the teacher and/or university advisor with the university-specific forms when available.</p> <p>Attendance Deadline to submit deposit to USA university acceptance of your choice.</p> <p>UCAS All UK universities should have replied to you by now.</p>
June	<p>UCAS Final deadline to choose firm and insurance choices.</p> <p>CIALFO</p>
July	<p>IB Scores Officially issued by IBO. Results will be sent to the universities you indicated before the school year ended.</p> <p>August - September (after you've graduated)</p> <p>Australian Deadlines Double check for exact Australian application due dates, which are submitted directly to the university or via regional admissions centres for a typical February semester one start. Offers will be announced around late November.</p>

Search Guides

Australia

Australian Education Network
IDP Education
Study in Australia

Continental Europe

Erasmus Programme
Study in Denmark
Study in Finland
Campus France
Study in Germany
Study in Italy
Study in Lithuania
Study in the Netherlands
Study in Spain
Study in Sweden
Study in Switzerland

Hong Kong

Study in Hong Kong

Canada

Maclean's Guide
EduCanada
Canada's Higher Education and
Careers

Global Search

Bachelors Portal

Japan

Study in Japan

China

Study in China

Ireland

Education in Ireland

United Kingdom

UCAS
The Complete University Guide
Unistats
TheUniGuide

United States of America

Big Future by College Board
CollegeXpress
YouVisit

Other Useful Information



Take one or the other. Most USA universities accept either.

Testing

Registering for, paying for, and completing all required tests are the responsibility of the student. When researching universities, note which specific tests are part of the application process. Register early as spaces may fill up quickly. Please note that increasingly universities in the United States of America are going 'test optional' in terms of the SAT or ACT and you need to explore each university's website to check their test requirements for admission.

Links

[SAT Test Dates](#)

[Did you know Khan Academy has a free tutorial for the old and new SAT?](#)

[ACT Test Dates](#)



Some countries may require you to take an English proficiency test.

Check with your university as to which test they prefer.

Links

[IELTS at the British Council](#)

[TOEFL by ETS](#)



Visa

Foreign students usually require a student visa in order to study overseas. The links provided offer information on how to obtain a student visa at some of the more common study destinations.

[Australia: online](#)

[Canada: online](#)

[United Kingdom: online](#)

[United States of America: video; online](#)



Links

Here are some important websites you will visit regularly during the university application process.

UCAS is for UK universities only. Upon first time registration, the buzzword to connect with Chatsworth is 'enlighten'.

Common App is mostly for USA universities, and you must link your Common App account to to Cialfo.