

Top 30 UK Universities for studying Business and Management

There are 3 main university ranking guides in the UK – [the Complete University Guide](#), [The Times/Sunday Times University Guide](#) and [the Guardian University Guide](#). Here we have averaged the ranking of the 3 guides to come up with a top 30. The table is not comprehensive – there are plenty of superb universities to choose from not on the list.

	CUG	Times	Guardian	Rank	UCAS	Context
University of Oxford	1	2	2	1	A*AA	*
University of Bath	2	3	3	2	AAA	ABB
University of Warwick	4	1	4	3	A*AA	AAB
University of St Andrews	6	4	1	4	AAA	ABB
London School of Economics	7	5	5	5	AAA	AAB
King's College London	3	7	13	6	A*AA	AAB
University College London	5	8	14	7	A*AA	A*BB
University of Edinburgh	8	13	7	8	A*AA	ABB
Loughborough University	12	10	11	9	AAB	ABB
University of Manchester	13	11	10	10	AAA	AAB
Durham University	10	12	14	11	AAB	BBB
University of Strathclyde	16	6	17	12	ABB	*
University of Exeter	9	9	25	13	AAB	BBB
University of Bristol	11	21	12	14	AAA	ABB
Lancaster University	24	15	9	15	ABB	BBC
University of Liverpool	20	14	18	16	AAB	BBB
City University	15	15	24	17	AAA	ABB
University of Leeds	14	15	26	18	AAA	ABB
University of Aberdeen	33	15	8	19	BBC	CCC
University of Glasgow	22	19	27	20	AAB	BBB
University of Reading	27	24	21	21	ABB	BBC
University of Birmingham	17	23	36	22	AAB	ABB
University of Surrey	30	20	29	23	ABB	BBC
University of Nottingham	23	27	33	24	AAA	AAB
University of East Anglia	29	27	29	25	ABB	BBC
Aston University	31	30	32	26	BBB	BBC
Cardiff University	19	27	49	27	AAB	BBB
Nottingham Trent University	35	42	22	28	BBC	BCC
University of Southampton	26	21	53	29	AAB	*
University of Sheffield	21	31	51	30	AAB	ABB

The table shows typical UCAS points required to study Business and Management, or similar courses, at these universities. A significant number of students can access **contextualised offers**, shown in the final column. For those with an * please consult the appropriate university.

Am I a widening access student that can access a contextualised offer?

Widening access students are deemed to be at a disadvantage, due to their personal circumstances, compared to their peers, when applying to higher education. They might be able to access better offers, scholarships or other forms of help.

These might include:

- Being the first in their family to go to university
- Have been or are currently in care
- Are from particular ethnic groups, such as BAME
- Are from a lower socio-economic group
- Attend a school/college where low numbers of students have gone on to higher education
- Live in an area where low numbers of students have gone on to higher education

The following organisations promote widening access programmes:

- [The Sutton Trust](#)
 - [Sutton Trust Summer School](#)
- [The Access Project](#)
 - [The Access Project/Schools](#)