

# Overseas University Applications

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**Impt! Please prepare and PLAN early eg TJC UK/US form if you are applying for early deadlines, do not wait until your Prelims are over. Use the June Holidays to do the planning.**

# Studying Abroad: Overview





# Considerations on Studying Abroad

- What to study – Reflect on your strengths and weaknesses. Passion? Purpose? Career prospects?
- Where to study – English-speaking (UK/US), Non-English speaking (France/Germany/Japan/China). City/Town?
- Finance – course fees, travel, and living costs. How to finance? Discuss with your parents.
- Course duration – Basic degree usually 3 years in UK vs 4 years in US.
- Course type – Early specialisation in UK vs Breadth of courses in US.



# UK Universities



Oxford



Cambridge



University  
College London



King's College  
London



London School of Economics  
and Political Science



Imperial College  
London



# US Universities



Harvard



Princeton



Yale



Columbia



Stanford



UCLA



the University of  
Pennsylvania



Cornell



Dartmouth



Brown



MIT



UC Berkeley

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- Rankings are based on diverse measures, may not reflect quality of undergraduate experience or quality of teaching.
- Course rankings may differ from university rankings.
- Some universities specialise in fewer courses and may not feature in top rankings.
- US & UK universities dominate world rankings now. What about future? NUS? NTU?
- Is your university well known to your future employers?





# Degree recognition?

## Very important!!

For professional degrees, check for recognition by Professional Boards in Singapore, otherwise you may not be able to practise your profession in Singapore:

- Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority
- Ministry of Law
- Singapore Medical Council
- Singapore Dental Council
- Board of Architects
- Professional Engineers Board

# TJC Alumni offers

## **Graduated batches of recent years**

University of Oxford, London School of Economics,  
University College London, Imperial College London,  
University of Warwick, New York University, Duke  
University, UCLA, Peking University, University of  
Amsterdam etc.



# When should I start preparing for my overseas studies?

## June break

- Explore your options and do research
- Start drafting your personal statements
- Check if admission test(s) is needed and sign up for it if it opens

## Around August – application cycles open

## After Prelims – complete applications and submit them

# A Guide to Using AI and ChatGPT With Your Personal Statement

If you're not already using ChatGPT or other AI tools, you've probably heard about them. But should they be used to help with your UCAS personal statement? Is it cheating? Or can they be helpful in crafting your personal statement?

<https://www.ucas.com/applying/applying-university/writing-your-personal-statement/guide-using-ai-and-chatgpt-your-personal-statement>