

# Centigrade

Finding the right course

## Choosing the right course

With tuition fees of up to £9000 a year, choosing the right higher education course has never been so important.

There are 35,000 courses at over 300 universities and colleges in the UK available through UCAS. With an additional 1,500 courses in Ireland, and 750 courses taught in English at European universities, there is a good deal of research to be done.

You want to take the right course, but how do you go about finding the one which will really match your interests, abilities and likely examination results?



## What is Centigrade?

Centigrade is a higher education selection programme which matches your interests and abilities to degree, foundation degree, HND and DipHE courses.

You simply complete a specially designed questionnaire, your responses are then analysed and matched with all the courses available and the results compiled into a personalised workbook.

The use of Centigrade can significantly improve the quality of your decision-making and thus reduce the risk of selecting the wrong course.

## How does Centigrade help?

Centigrade helps by:

- Highlighting courses where you seem to be well-matched
- Challenging your choices when they may not be soundly based
- Presenting the information you need to make good decisions
- Revealing your wider potential for higher education
- Helping complete your UCAS, CAO or other overseas applications in good time, on a well-informed basis.

## What will your Centigrade workbook contain?

Approximately 25 A4 pages of personal printouts and many other supporting items. These are bound together, making about 42 pages in total. Your workbook will include:

- An introduction explaining the workbook as a whole
- A personal profile of 54 degree course areas
- Six to eight double-page course selection worksheets, providing a wealth of course data, including entry requirements, supporting interests, and a commentary to affirm or challenge your suitability for each course
- A case study designed to match your own interests and to explain how to use Centigrade effectively
- A checklist to use when visiting universities
- A calendar of university open days and taster courses, tailored to your course interests.



## Degree Course Descriptions

You will also receive a copy of the highly acclaimed Degree Course Descriptions book as a part of Centigrade. (UK and Europe only)

## Who can take part?

If you have or intend to achieve any of the following qualifications:

- AS/A level, Pre-U, AQA Bacc
- International Baccalaureate
- BTEC or OCR Nationals
- Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher
- Irish Leaving Certificate
- Advanced Placement
- any other equivalent qualifications

## How do you apply?

Complete the tear-off reply card and hand it to the member of staff in charge of Centigrade, together with your fee made payable to your school or college.

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**Student Reply Card:** Please complete and return to your adviser

I wish to participate in the Centigrade programme and enclose the agreed fee of £ .....

**Please make cheques payable to your school or college and NOT TO CAO**

Name of student .....

Address of student .....

..... Post code .....

Name of school/college .....

Signature of student or parent .....

Date .....



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Parent/Student  
Brochure

## Comments from Centigrade users

"If you want to go to university, all you need to have is **Centigrade** - it will help you do everything."

**Student**

"**Centigrade** is invaluable in encouraging students to think about their career and higher education options. The workbook is full of clearly presented information, which almost always stimulates plenty of discussion and further research."

**Felsted School**

"Just a note to say how impressed we were with the **Centigrade** workbook. We feel this will be a great help to Charlotte and ourselves as we are all new to the university application process. The information in this workbook is most enlightening and invaluable to us all."

**Parent**

"Invaluable - it saved me a great deal of time and effort and I ended up using my five UCAS choices based on my **Centigrade** workbook. It started to focus my efforts on applying for university."

**Student, Reigate Grammar School**

"We have been using **Centigrade** for many years and are impressed not only with the matching of courses but also the way it has adapted to keep up with the changing needs of the students. **Centigrade** is the best tool for narrowing down the possibilities to a manageable level."

**Ashville College**

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To be returned to:

The Teacher in Charge of  
the Centigrade Higher Education Programme  
at your school or college

Student Reply Card

