

# 2027 UCAS Counselor Calendar and Checklist

A practical working resource for US school counselors and independent educational consultants supporting American applicants to UK undergraduate courses.

## The essential distinction

UCAS is course-led: up to five course choices, one three-question personal statement, one academic reference, and course-specific qualification requirements. Set the school's internal deadline earlier than UCAS so the reference and checks are complete before submission.

## Official 2027 UCAS dates

| DATE                        | COUNSELOR SIGNIFICANCE                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 5, 2026                 | UCAS adviser portal opens for 2027 entry.                                                                                  |
| May 12, 2026                | Students can start applications and link them to a registered centre.                                                      |
| September 1, 2026           | Completed 2027 undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.                                                        |
| October 15, 2026 - 18:00 UK | Equal-consideration deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, and most medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science courses. |
| January 13, 2027 - 18:00 UK | Equal-consideration deadline for most undergraduate courses.                                                               |
| February 25, 2027           | UCAS Extra opens for eligible applicants.                                                                                  |
| June 30, 2027 - 18:00 UK    | Applications received after this time are automatically entered into Clearing.                                             |
| July 2, 2027                | Clearing opens and vacancies appear in the UCAS search tool.                                                               |

Always check UK time. Course tests, written work, portfolios, interviews, and school review processes can create earlier working deadlines.

## Counselor workflow before submission

1. Confirm the intended subject and compare course modules, not just university names.
2. Verify the official US-entry page and exact course prerequisites for every choice.
3. Check completed and pending qualifications in UCAS; do not omit inconvenient results.
4. Set an internal deadline that leaves time for corrections, predicted grades, and reference approval.
5. Keep the personal statement student-authored; prompt for evidence without rewriting it.
6. Record offer conditions, response dates, total cost, and follow-up requests after submission.

## Reference checklist

- Brief school or centre context, qualification profile, and any limits on course access.
- Academic evidence connected to the student's intended subject.
- Predicted grades for pending qualifications where the school can provide them.
- Concise, factual circumstances that materially affect interpretation of attainment.
- Evidence-based English prose; the reference is not a promotional recommendation letter.

### Ethical boundary

Students write every word of the personal statement. Meritage can advise on course strategy and review student-owned work; it does not ghostwrite, submit applications for students, promise outcomes, or provide immigration advice.

## Official sources

- [UCAS 2027 key dates timeline](#)
- [UCAS 2027 cycle toolkit](#)
- [UCAS registered-centre reference guidance](#)
- [UCAS references and predicted grades](#)
- [Meritage counselor guide](#)

Admissions rules and dates change. Recheck UCAS and every university course page before a student submits.