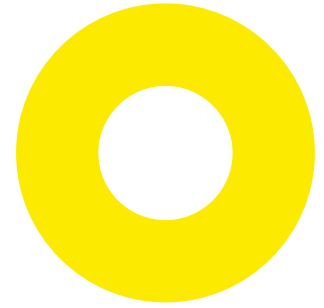




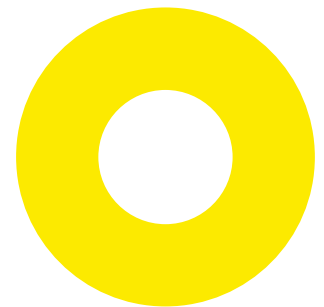
**Difference between**



**American and**



**British Educational**



**System**

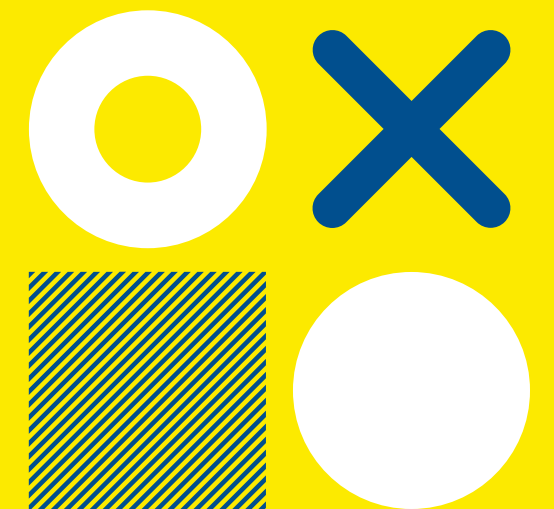


# American

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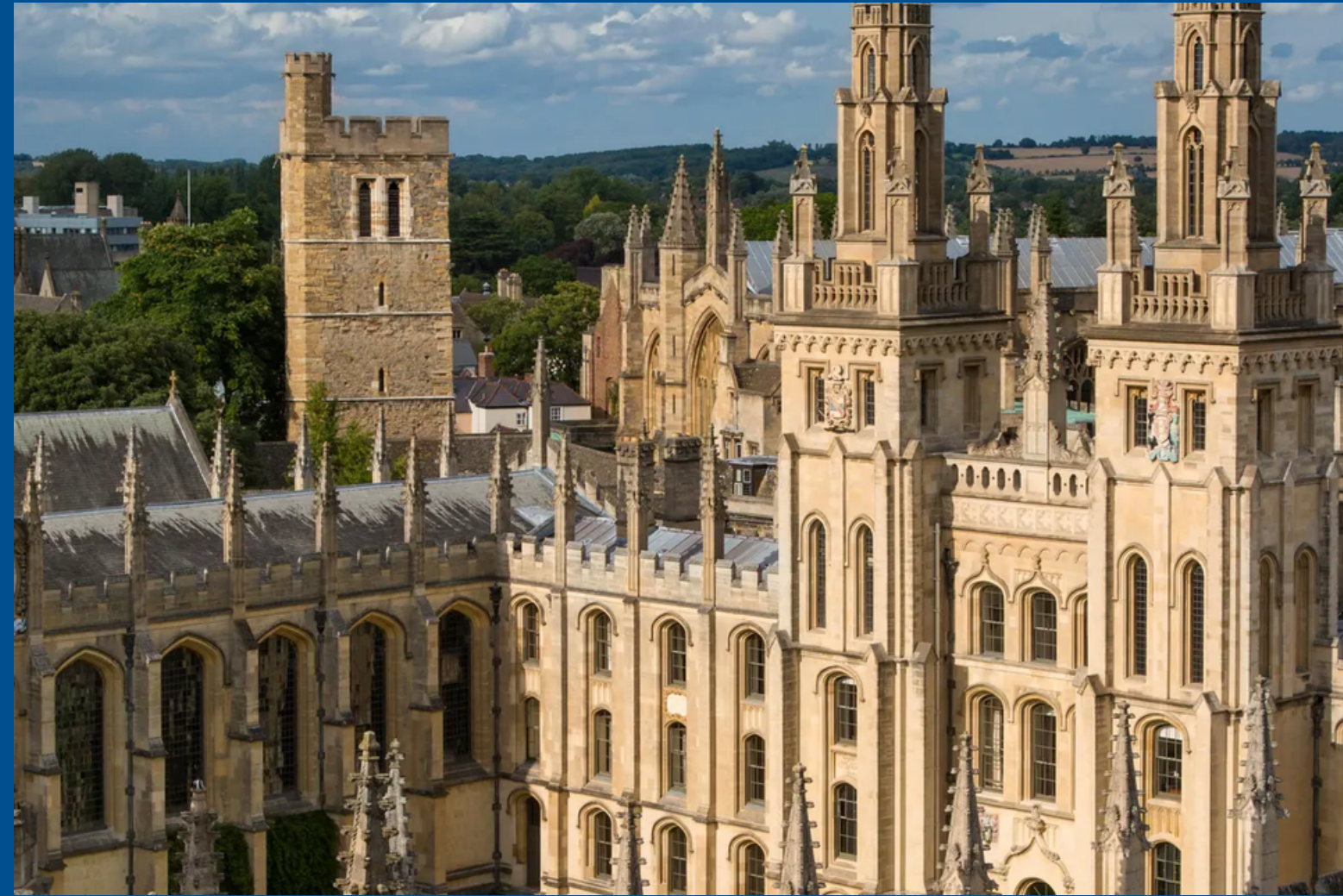


The country has a federal system of government that has historically valued local governance, no country-level education system or curriculum exists in the United States.



# British

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Based on the actual education regulations in the UK education system, the Higher Education comprises these levels of courses:

Postgraduate courses that lead to a Doctorate, a Master's degree (Taught or Research), Postgraduate diplomas, postgraduate certificates of education (PGCE) and professional degrees. To enter this level, it is usually required to have a first degree (Bachelor).



## The length of study is not the same

### ○ American

**Bachelors: 4 years**  
**Masters: 2 years**  
**PhD: 5-7 years+**

**One of the biggest differences between UK and US universities is the time it takes to complete a degree. In general, it takes one year longer to get a degree in the US compared to the UK.**

### ○ British

**Bachelors: 3-4 years**  
**Masters: 1 year**  
**PhD: 3-4 years+**

**UK courses are typically one year shorter because the course programmes are more focused than in the US. Here's a rough guideline on how long courses take in both countries.**

# American

## Length of Time

**BA: 4 years**  
**MA: 2 years**  
**PhD: 5-7 years**  
**or longer**

## Academic Term

**Most universities use the semester system, but some use a trimester or quarter system. Most universities start in mid to late August and end in May.**

## University Organization

**Universities are often divided into schools by subject, but these schools do not typically have a lot of autonomy from the university.**

# British

**BA: 3 years**  
**MA: 1 year**  
**PhD: 3 years**

**Most also use a semester system, but some use trimester or quarter systems. The start and end of an academic year varies by university.**

**University acts an umbrella organization for the different colleges. Colleges are fairly independent of one another.**

American

## Style of education

**More varied,  
liberal arts,  
study outside  
your major**

## Homework

**Constant  
reading and  
writing  
assignments**

## Cost

**High**

British

**Take only  
classes in your  
college**

**General  
assignments  
or no  
assignments  
throughout  
the semester**

**Moderate**

American

## Grades

**Based on overall performance on all assignments**

## Types of Degrees

**Associates, Bachelors, Masters, PhD, variety of vocational and professional degrees.**

## Living Situation

**Dormitories with roommate. Off-campus housing occasionally available**

British

**Based mostly on the final exam**

**Higher National Diploma, Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degree, Bachelors, Masters, PhD, variety of professional and vocational degrees. Postgraduate degrees divided into taught and research degrees.**

**Dormitories without roommate generally. Off-campus housing generally available**

# Us system of grades

Grade	Scale in %	Grade Description
A	70 – 100	First Class
B	60 – 69	Upper Second
C	50 – 59	Lower Second
D	40 – 49	Third
F	0 – 39	Fail

<b>Score</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>90-100%</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-90%</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>70-80%</b>		<b>C</b>
<b>60-70%</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>50-60%</b>	<b>2.2</b>	

## **○ American**

**In the US, you can apply to as many 'colleges' as you want to. Though, it's not advised to apply to more than 15 and college counsellors usually recommend that you apply to around six to eight colleges.**

## **○ British**

**In the UK, you can apply to up to five universities . It's fewer than the US but there are several advantages to this, including the application process being much easier and quicker.**



**Thank you for your  
attention!!!**

