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VOCABULARY BANK

1 HIGHER EDUCATION

- a Read the text about University College London (UCL) and complete it with words from the list.

campus /'kæmpəs/ dissertation /disə'teɪʃn/ faculties /'fækultiz/
halls of residence /'hɔ:lz əv 'rezɪdəns/ lectures /'lektʃəz/
postgraduates /'pɒst'grædʒuəts/ professors /prə'fesəz/
seminars /'seminə:z/ thesis /'θi:sis/ tutor /'tju:tə/
undergraduates /'ʌndə'grædʒuəts/ webinars /'webinə:z/



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University College London, also known as UCL, is one of London's most important universities. Founded in 1826, it is based in the Bloomsbury area of central London. The main ¹ campus is located around Gower Street.

UCL currently has around 26,000 students, both ² _____ (students studying for their **first degree**) and ³ _____ (students studying for **further degrees**). Further degrees include a **master's degree**, usually a one-year course at the end of which students have to write a ⁴ _____, or a **PhD** (doctorate), during which students have to write a doctoral ⁵ _____.

UCL has around 4,000 **academic and research staff**, and 650 ⁶ _____ (the highest ranked university teacher), which is more than any other British university. The research and teaching is divided into ten ⁷ _____, e.g. Arts and Humanities, Engineering Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc.

Many students, particularly first year undergraduates and **overseas students**, live in ⁸ _____. The majority of others find their own accommodation. Students are taught in **tutorials** (small groups of students with a ⁹ _____), or through ¹⁰ _____ (larger classes where students discuss or study with their teacher) or ¹¹ _____ (where a large group of students listen to a talk but do not participate). Some teaching may also be in the form of ¹² _____ (seminars conducted over the internet).

Famous past students range from Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and Mahatma Gandhi, to all the members of the pop group Goldplay, who met while at university there.

- b (2.40) Listen and check. What do the **bold** phrases mean?
- c With a partner, say three things which are the same and three which are different about universities in your country.

2 APPLYING FOR A JOB OR COURSE

- a Complete the gaps with a noun or verb from the list.

apply attend experience get look
 qualifications a referee skills work write

What you may need to have

- ¹ qualifications (e.g. a degree, a diploma)
- ² _____ (having done some work before)
- ³ _____ (e.g. languages, IT)
- ⁴ _____ (a person who would be prepared to recommend you) and their contact details

What you may need to do

- ⁵ _____ out for **job vacancies** or **courses**
- ⁶ _____ for a job (**a work permit**, a place on a course, **a grant / scholarship** = money that an organization gives sb to help pay for education)
- ⁷ _____ a CV and a **covering letter**
- ⁸ _____ an interview
- ⁹ _____ a **job offer** or an offer for a place on a course
- ¹⁰ _____ as an **intern** or a **trainee**

- b (2.41) Listen and check. What do the **bold** phrases mean?

 **attend or assist**

attend = to be present at an event
Students must attend at least 95% of lectures to pass the course.

assist = to help sb to do sth
Jack was happy to assist Peter with gathering information for the report.

apprenticeship or trial period

apprenticeship = a period of time working for an employer to learn the particular skills needed for a job
The apprenticeship to be an electrician lasts three years and there is an exam you must pass at the end.

trial period = a fixed period of time which test the ability or performance of sb before they are offered the job permanently
They agreed to employ me for a trial period of three months.

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