University Application Timelines

Most universities require applications to be submitted about a year in advance, with different deadlines depending on whether it is for undergraduate or postgraduate studies, the type of course, the institution and the country.

The table below illustrates general application timelines for different universities and countries in different region. However, you are encouraged to check directly on each university's website as they may change from time to time and the process can vary depending on the particular course.

Region / Country	Application Start	Application Deadline	Admission Decision	Enrolment / Semester Start
USA	August – September	**Early Action/Early Decision:** Nov 1–15 **Regular Decision:** Jan 1–Mar 1	**Early Action/Decision:** Dec–Jan **Regular Decision:** Mar–Apr	**Fall semester:** Aug–Sep **Spring semester:** Jan
UK	April-May	**UCAS deadline:** Oct 15 (medicine/dentistry) Jan 15 (most other programs)	Feb–May	September/October
Europe	Varies by country: • Netherlands: Oct–Jan • Germany: Dec–Mar • France: Jan–Apr	Application deadlines vary: Nov–May	Varies: Feb–June	Varies: Aug–Oct
Australia	August – December (1 year before)	**Semester 1 (Feb start):** Oct–Nov **Semester 2 (Jul start):** Apr–May	Nov–Dec for Semester 1 May–Jun for Semester 2	**Semester 1:** Feb–Mar **Semester 2:** Jul–Aug
Japan	July – Nov (1 year before) for April intake	University-specific: Oct–Jan for April intake	Jan–Mar	April (Spring semester); September (Fall semester)
Hong Kong	August – October	**Early admission:** Nov–Dec **Main admission:** Jan–Mar	Feb–May	August / September
Thailand	August – December	International programs: Dec–Mar	Feb–Apr	June / August / September (varies by university)