

Choosing a course and university

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- Why I chose Bristol...

I wanted to be in a city

- My biggest worry was...

Not making any friends.

Not being “uni material”

- What I love most about being a UoB student

The research I’m learning about

What is university?

Professional
qualification

Higher
education
(degree)

Usually 3
years (can
be longer!)

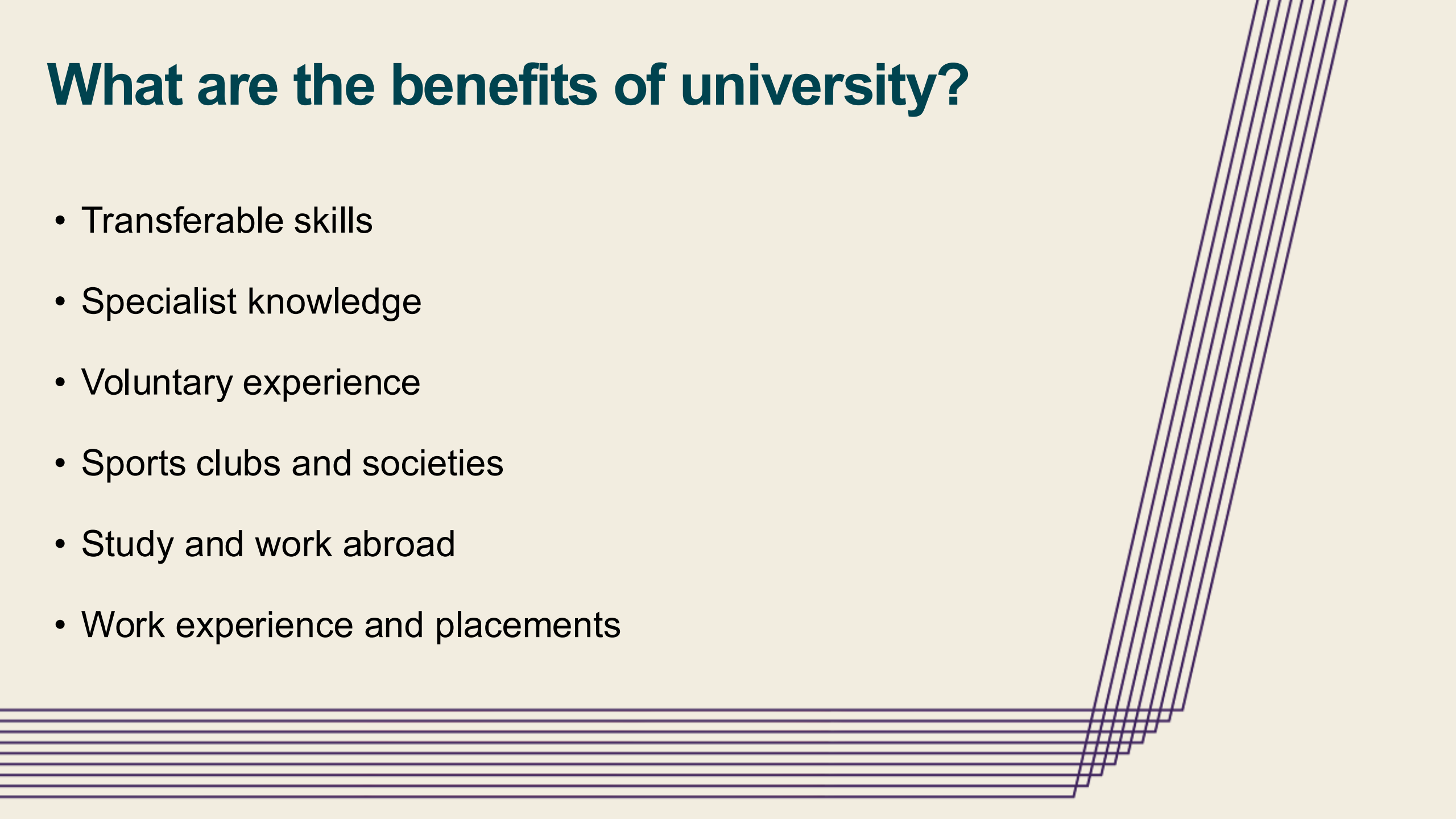
Choose
where
you go

You have
to pay to
attend

Normally
after you
turn 18

Choose what
you study

What are the benefits of university?


- Transferable skills
 - Specialist knowledge
 - Voluntary experience
 - Sports clubs and societies
 - Study and work abroad
 - Work experience and placements
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Career
prospects

Graduates have a better chance of getting a job

87.3% of graduates in employment vs
69.6% non-graduates



Earn more
money

Graduates are likely to earn more money

The median salary is £38,500 for graduates,
£27,000 for non-graduates

Students need to decide...

- What course they want to study
- Where they want to study it

These very personal decisions!



What can you study?

- A subject you've studied before

e.g. English, Geography, Maths...

- A subject you haven't studied before

e.g. Engineering, Medicine, Economics...

- A subject you might not have heard of

e.g. Surf Science, Horology, Viking Studies



What do you need to cons

- Which subjects interest you now?
- Do you prefer practical or theoretical?
- Broad or specialist?
- Any future career plans?

71% of graduate jobs don't ask for a specific degree

(Source: The AGR Annual Survey 2015)

More things to consider

- Single or Joint Honours?
- Entry requirements
- Reputation of the course
- Teaching style and assessment methods
- Placement year? Travel abroad?
- What have graduates gone on to do?

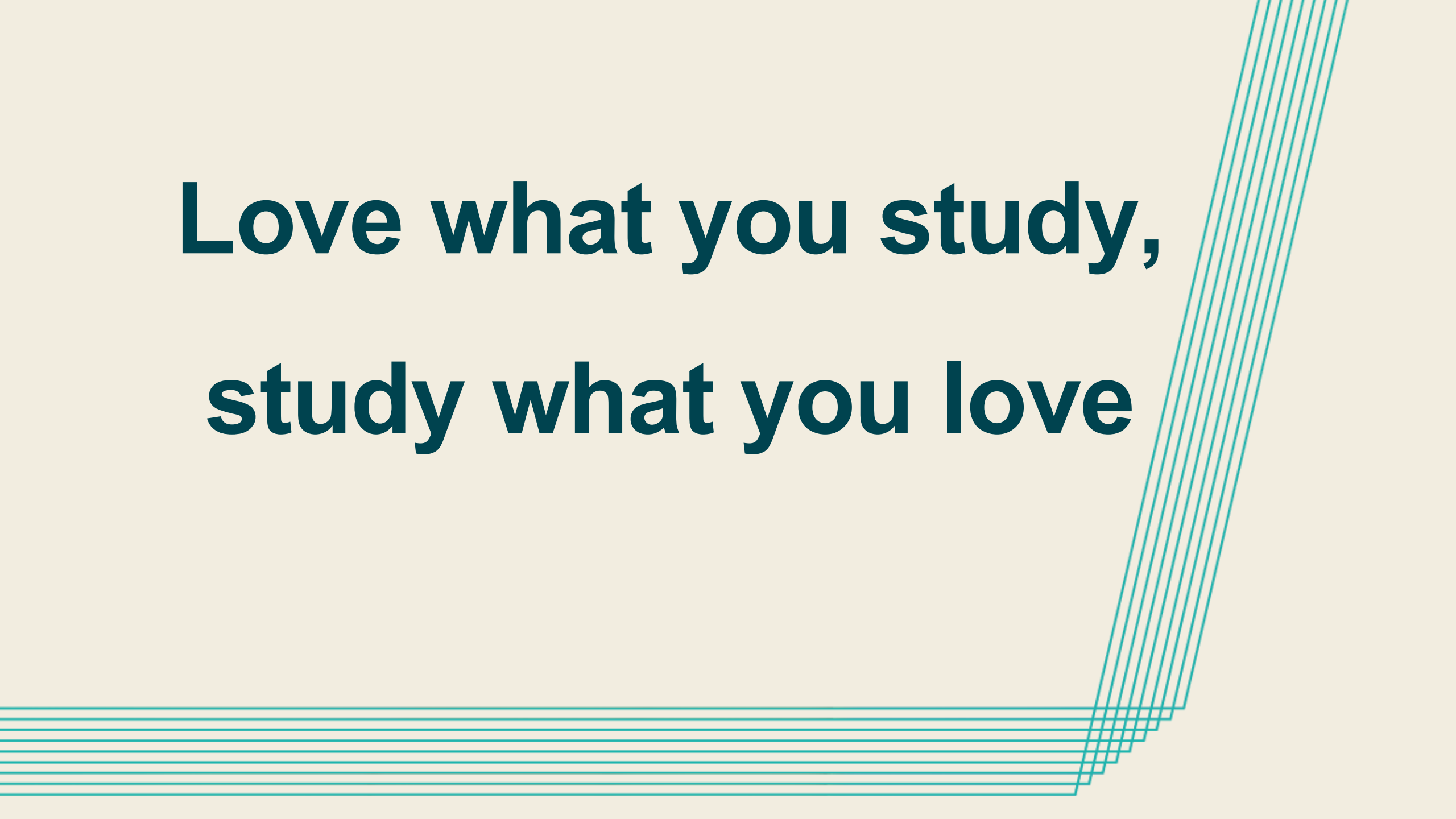


Doing your research

- UCAS website and events
- University websites
- Open days
- Virtual events
- League tables
- University experiences
- Key Information Sets – discoveruni.gov.uk



**Love what you study,
study what you love**

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Thank You

Come and talk to me
on the Bristol stand

