

Study and work, university

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43 I can talk about university

Do Unit 42 first

A A university degree

I started university two years ago, when I was nineteen, and I'm **doing a degree in** Spanish and French. The **course lasts** three years, and there are three **terms** a year. I work in the **library** a lot because – like many **undergraduates** – I have to **write** lots of **essays**. I also have to take exams, and last term I failed one and had to take it **again**. I got the result two weeks ago; **fortunately** I passed this time. When I've got my degree – a **BA** – I want to **do research** for a **PhD**.



Glossary

do a degree study at university for three or four years

course a number of classes on a subject, e.g. an English course

term a period of study, usually about ten weeks

library a place where you can read and borrow books

undergraduate a student doing a first degree
(A graduate has a degree.)

write an essay do a piece of writing on a subject

again one more time

fortunately We say **fortunately** when we give good news. **opp** **unfortunately**

BA/BSc Bachelor of Arts/Science

MA/MSc Master of Arts/Science

do research study a subject for a long time to learn new information

PhD Doctor of Philosophy

spotlight *How long does it last?*

To last is to continue for a period of time.

*How long does the film **last**? ~ Two hours.*

*The Masters course **lasts** two years.*

1 Circle the correct word.

▶ She did an English course/term.

1 I want to do/make a degree in maths.

2 A term/degree lasts about ten weeks.

3 I've got a BA/BSc in physics.

4 I study a lot in the library/bookshop.

5 A graduate/An undergraduate has a degree.

6 Fortunately/Unfortunately, I failed the exam.

7 You can do research before/after a degree.

2 Complete the dialogues.

▶ How long does the term *last* ? ~ About twelve weeks.

1 Have you got a ? ~ Yes, a BSc.

2 Did she have to an essay? ~ Yes, three, in fact.

3 Can you research next year? ~ Yes, I want to do a

4 Did he get his exam results? ~ Yes., he passed.

5 Can he take the exam ? ~ Yes, next summer.

6 How long does the course ? ~ It's only one term.

3 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers or ask another student.

1 How long do you need to study for a degree in chemistry?

2 How long do you need to study for a Masters degree?

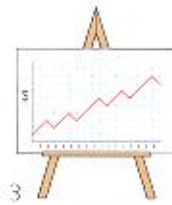
3 How long does a university term last?

4 How long does a school term last?

5 If you fail exams, can you always take them again?

B University subjects and people 🎧

	Degree subject	Person
1	medicine	a doctor
2	psychology	a psychologist
3	economics	an economist
4	law	a lawyer
5	politics	a politician
6	engineering	an engineer
7	architecture	an architect
8	computer science	an IT manager a software engineer
9	journalism	a journalist a reporter
10	business studies	a businessman/woman a manager



4 Complete the sentences. Use the degree subject on the right to help you.

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| ▶ He always wanted to be a <u>lawyer</u> | LAW |
| 1 She wants to be a | MEDICINE |
| 2 When did he become an ? | ENGINEERING |
| 3 She's studying to become an | ARCHITECTURE |
| 4 Why does he want to be a ? | PSYCHOLOGY |
| 5 She works as an | ECONOMICS |
| 6 I don't know anyone who wants to be a | POLITICS |
| 7 Is it difficult to become a ? | JOURNALISM |
| 8 I knew he'd become a | BUSINESS STUDIES |

5 Complete the words. 'Degree subject' or 'person'? Write DS or P.

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6 Test yourself. Cover the subjects and people and look at the pictures. Can you remember the subjects and people?