

Discover Uni (Unistats) widget guidance 2022

The Discover Uni widget is a small web application that displays Unistats course data. It should be embedded within providers' web pages.

The widget is designed to display data in context on undergraduate course pages and can be configured to draw data from the corresponding course on the Discover Uni website. When a user clicks on the widget, they are taken to the course record on Discover Uni where they can access further information about that course and compare it to others.

The Discover Uni website will be updated with the C22061 Unistats dataset in October 2022. This guidance sets out changes made to the widget, as well as guidance how to configure any new widgets. Existing widgets on provider pages should automatically update to display the latest dataset and any associated changes, provided the parameters set match the course information returned in the C22061 Unistats dataset. Please see the 'course information' section below for more information.

Requirements for display of the widget

A widget should be displayed for every course that appears on the Discover Uni website, this includes courses where there is no data available for any of the data items displayed on the widget, as it will enable users to link to the corresponding record on Discover Uni where other course data will be displayed.

The widget should be displayed clearly on the landing page for the course. To ensure that prospective students are likely to see the widget, it should be located alongside the core information about the course.

The widget should appear on all university or college websites where a course is advertised by 18th November 2022.

Please read this guidance to ensure your widgets are configured correctly. We have included FAQs at the end of this document that may be helpful. If you have any further queries about placement of the widget, contact discoveruni@officeforstudents.org.uk.

Key points: Discover Uni widget update

- The Discover Uni widget will continue to provide a direct link to data about the course from providers' course pages. It will continue to be available in horizontal, vertical, and responsive formats and the URL will remain the same as currently.
- It is expected that a widget will be displayed for every course that appears on the Discover Uni website. This should include courses where there is no data available for any of the data items displayed on the widget, as it will enable users to link to the corresponding record on Discover Uni where other course data will be displayed.
- Providers can continue to use either HTML or iFrame to configure their widgets. Providers can display their widgets using the vertical, horizontal or responsive display mode when using HTML; or the vertical or horizontal display mode in iFrame. As we noted in the [widget guidance for C21061](#), the responsive iFrame mode is no longer supported for ongoing use.
- Please ensure that you check that widgets currently displaying on your webpages are adhering to the height and size styles outlined in the 'how to embed the widget' section below and use this guidance to implement any further widgets on your pages.

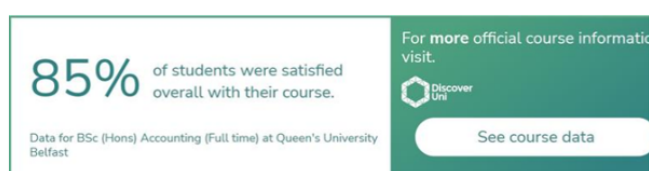
The data displayed on the widget:

- The percentage of students in the National Student Survey that agreed they were overall satisfied
- The percentage of students in the National Student Survey that agreed that staff were good at explaining things.
- The percentage of students in work or further study after 15 months from the Graduate Outcomes survey.

If the course has multiple subjects associated with it, which would result in multiple instances of each data item, data will not be displayed on the widget. Instead, the name of the course will be displayed, and users can click on the widget to go to the Discover Uni course page to see the full set of data available for the course. Please see example given below.

If the data has been aggregated due to data publication thresholds for that course, it will be clear that data displayed is for all courses in that subject area.

Examples of the data displayed on the widget:



1. The percentage of students in the National Student Survey that agreed they were overall satisfied.



2. The percentage of students in the National Student Survey that agreed that staff were good at explaining things.



3. The percentage of students in work or further study after 15 months from the Graduate Outcomes survey.



4. This widget is unable to display the course data (either because the course has multiple instances of data associated with it, or because there is no data available for the items displayed on the widget.) Instead, the name of the course is displayed, and users can click on the 'see course info' button to go to the Discover Uni course page to see the full set of data available for the course.

How to embed the widget

The widget can be embedded in a web page using the HTML 5 Snippet or IFrame.

Please note: depending on your content security settings, you may need to contact your web development team to whitelist the <https://discoveruni.gov.uk> domain for either of these two methods to work.

The widget can be displayed at fixed dimensions either vertically (this is the default), horizontally or responsive.

The display modes are:

HTML:

Vertical: a fixed size of 190 x 500 pixels

Horizontal: a fixed size of 615 x 150 pixels

Responsive: The widget will adapt to the width of the containing element and expand its height as necessary. Note the minimum width for a responsive element is 190px.

HTML iFrame snippet:

Please note that the IFrame snippet can only display the widget in vertical or horizontal mode. The responsive mode is no longer supported.

Vertical: a fixed size of 198 x 508 pixels

Horizontal: a fixed size of 624 x 158 pixels

Options for embedding the widget

For best compatibility with mobile devices, the hosting page should also contain the following meta tag in the 'head' section.

```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
```

The 'course information' section below explains how to add your course information in the parameters highlighted in the **<angle brackets>**

HTML5 Snippet

The following JavaScript must be added to the web page hosting the widget, at the bottom of the page, before the closing </body> tag:

```
<script>
    (function (d) {
        "use strict";
```

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var widgetScript = d.createElement("script");
widgetScript.id = "unistats-widget-script";
widgetScript.src = "//discoveruni.gov.uk/widget/embed-script";
var scriptTags = d.getElementsByTagName("script")[0];
if (d.getElementById("unistats-widget-script")) {
    return;
}
scriptTags.parentNode.insertBefore(widgetScript, scriptTags);
})(document);
</script>

```

HTML

Horizontal Widget

```

<div class="kis-widget"
    style="width:615px; height:150px"
    data-institution="<UKPRN>"
    data-course="<KISCOURSEID>"
    data-kismode="<KISMODE>"
    data-orientation="horizontal"
    data-language="<LANGUAGE>">
</div>

```

Vertical Widget

```

<div class="kis-widget"
style="width:190px; height:500px"
data-institution="<UKPRN>"
    data-course="<KISCOURSEID>"
    data-kismode="<KISMODE>"
    data-orientation="vertical"
    data-language="<LANGUAGE>">
</div>

```

Responsive Widget

```
<div class="kis-widget"
style="min-width:190px;"
data-institution="<UKPRN>"
    data-course="<KISCOURSEID>"
    data-kismode="<KISMODE>"
    data-orientation="responsive"
    data-language="<LANGUAGE>">

</div>
```

IFrame: Please note that the IFrame snippet can only display the widget in vertical or horizontal mode. The responsive mode is no longer supported.

Horizontal iFrame

```
<iframe id="unistats-widget-frame" title="Unistats KIS Widget"
src="https://discoveruni.gov.uk/widget/<UKPRN>/<KISCOURSEID>/horizontal/small/<LANGUAGE>/<KISMODE>"
scrolling="no" style="border: 0px none transparent; width: 624px; height:158px;">
```

Vertical iFrame

```
<iframe id="unistats-widget-frame" title="Unistats KIS Widget"
src="https://discoveruni.gov.uk/widget/<UKPRN>/<KISCOURSEID>/vertical/small/<LANGUAGE>/<KISMODE>"
scrolling="no" style="border: 0px none transparent; width: 198px; height:508px;">
```

Course information

There are **five parameters** to be set for the widget to display data for the relevant course:

Parameter	Status	How to set
<UKPRN>	Mandatory	This should be set to the UKPRN for the institution under which the course is listed on Discover Uni.
<KISCOURSEID>	Mandatory	This should be set to the KISCOURSEID associated with the course in the institution's Unistats data. Please note that if your KISCOURSEID contains any of the following characters: '/', ' ', ':', '&', '.', '>', '+', '#', ';', '?', '@' and '=' then you will need to replace these characters with an underscore '_' when configuring the widget. For example, if your KISCOURSEID is ABCD/34 then the KISCOURSEID used for the widget will need to be ABCD_34.
<KISMODE>	Mandatory for part-time courses	This should be set to 'FullTime' or 'PartTime'. It will default to FullTime if not specified.
<ORIENTATION>	Optional	This can be 'responsive', 'vertical' or 'horizontal'. It will default to vertical if not specified.
<LANGUAGE>	Optional	This should be set to 'en-GB' for English or 'cy-GB' for Welsh. The language parameter is used if you wish to force the widget to use a particular language. If it is not supplied then the language will be determined from the browser settings of the user viewing the web page hosting the widget, defaulting to 'en-GB' if the browser settings are neither 'en-GB' or 'cyGB'.

- **Do not attempt to override any styles relating to the widget, nor reformat the widget in any way.** This is likely to cause presentation issues with the widget or cause it to fail.
- **Do not try to place a widget in a container smaller than the required size for the widget** (refer to sizes above).
- **Do not remove the inline height/width styles.**
- **Do not attempt to relocate the script (<script>) for the widget to another file.** Please only place this script at the bottom of the page before the closing </body> tag.
- Please remove the angle brackets (< and >) when setting your course information parameters.
- **Ensure KISCOURSEID is set correctly as per the Unistats C22061 dataset.**

If the widget is configured correctly, it will display data for the relevant course and clicking on it will take the user to that course on the Discover Uni website. If it is not configured in a way that corresponds with a course on the website, it will display a standard message and link to the website homepage.

Frequently asked questions

Is it acceptable for the user to have to scroll to view the widget?

If it is necessary to place the widget below other content in order to accommodate it, this is acceptable, provided the user would need to scroll to view other information about the course (i.e. there should not be a break in content before the widget that would make the user think they had reached the end of the page content.)

Is it acceptable to display the widget on a tab or use a pop up or accordion that requires the user to click on a link or expand?

The widget should be visible when the page loads and the user should not have to click on another tab or a link to view it. It is acceptable to use pop ups or accordions if it is necessary to display a large number of widgets on one course page (i.e. greater than four), although the page should be designed so that at least one widget is visible when the page loads.

Can I add my own information/formatting to the widget?

You should not reformat the widget and should not place any content directly beside it that could either be perceived as being associated with the widget. The terms Key Information Set, KIS or Unistats should not be used to label the widget.

Do I need to display two widgets if the course is available on a full-time and part-time basis?

Yes. A separate widget should be displayed that links to the part-time instance of the course if the course is advertised on both a full-time and part-time basis. This is because the data often varies by mode of study. If both modes are advertised on the same course page, then that page should display both widgets.

I have several variations of a course advertised on one page. Do I need to display a widget for each variation?

If your course has versions that both include and do not include a sandwich year or a year abroad, for example, you will have returned a separate record for each of these for publication on Discover Uni. You should display a widget for each course record. Where multiple combined honours options are listed on a single course page, you should display a widget for each, but it is acceptable to insert links that the user can click on to view the widget for each available combination. The widget for the main instance of the course should be visible when the page loads.

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