

Main differences between education systems in the United Kingdom and in the United States

Goals:

- To give the information about some aspects of education in the US and in the UK
- To compare these aspects
- To use active vocabulary

Plan:

- Introduction
- Main differences between and education systems in the UK and in the US
 - 1) Length of time
 - 2) Academic term
 - 3) University organization
 - 4) Grades
 - 5) Cost
 - 6) Athletics
- Conclusion

Length of Time

In general, degree programs in the US take about one year longer than programs in the UK

Courses of study are shorter in the UK because the course programs are generally much more focused than in the US

	America	Britain
Length of Time	BA: 4 years MA: 2 years PhD: 5-7 years or longer	BA: 3 years MA: 1 year PhD: 3 years

Academic Term

- Most universities in the US begin their terms in mid to late August.
- The second begins semester in early to mid-January
- a trimester or quarter-based system

- The academic term in the UK is a bit more varied.
- Many schools start in September or October and end in May or June
- The academic term is less standardized

University Organization

The general emphasis of higher education in the US is breadth, or getting a range of knowledge.

In the UK, the emphasis is more on depth; getting a very thorough understanding of your chosen subject.

Grades

America	Britain
Based on overall performance on all assignments	Based mostly on the final exam

Cost

America	Britain
High	Moderate

Athletics

America	Britain
Important social activity; athletic scholarships available	Intramural sports; generally no athletic scholarships available

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