



UCAS Early Entry: Applications to study at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

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What is early entry?

15th October application deadline, rather than mid-January. Late September internal deadline.

Applicable for:

- **Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science** courses
- All courses at **Oxford** and **Cambridge**

Why is there any early deadline?

- Highly competitive courses, therefore a rigorous admissions process
- Additional admissions test (in some cases) and interview requirements
- Collation of wider evidence in support of applications



Understanding Oxbridge

You can apply to Oxford **OR** Cambridge, not both.

Oxford and Cambridge are collegiate universities: students need to decide whether to submit and **open application** or apply to a **specific college**.

The teaching at Oxbridge is in small groups (1-3 students) so much of the application process is to assess suitability of students for this type of teaching.

Extra 'steps' for students:

- Entrance tests (for some subjects)
- Submission of written work (for some courses)
- Interviews
- Students need to explore the 'extra steps' required for their subject.





Understanding the collegiate system

Keble College, Oxford

- 430-445 undergraduates (approx. 130 admissions per year) and roughly 1,000 total.
- North Oxford Location, slightly outside the centre.
- Diverse social groups, and an inclusive feel
- Wide range of facilities, including more accommodation, sports fields and social spaces.

Oriel College, Oxford

- 330 undergraduates (approx. 90 admissions per year) with 650 total population.
- Very central location.
- Traditional college identity and more formal atmosphere.
- Moderate range of facilities.





Does my course require an admissions test?

• Oxford University

- **UCAT** (Medicine)
- **LNAT** (Law)
- **TMUA** (Maths and computer science)
- **ESAT** (Physics; Biomed; engineering science)
- **TARA** (Psychology; Economics and management; History and economics; History and politics; Human sciences; PPE)



Cambridge University

- **UCAT** (Medicine)
- **LNAT** (Law)
- **TMUA** (Maths and Computer Science; Economics)
- **ESAT** (Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology; Engineering; Natural Sciences; Veterinary Medicine)
- **College-based admissions tests** (Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic; Architecture; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES); Classics; Geography; History; HSPS; Linguistics; MML; Music; Philosophy; Psychological and Behavioural Sciences)
- **STEP**: Additional Maths paper for related disciplines.



Understanding entry requirements

- **University of Oxford:** English Language and English Literature, BA
- **Entry requirements: AAA**
 - Candidates are **expected** to have English Literature, or English Language and Literature to A-level.
 - A language or History can be **helpful** to students in completing this course, although they are not required for admission.

Grades held by accepted students ?

A*A*A*
Most common

A*A*A*
Highest grades

AAA
Lowest grades

2023-2025



Exploring your strategy

- **Initial academic screening:**

- GCSE grades
- Application grades
- Subject choice
- **Personal statement**
- **School reference**



- Go beyond the school syllabus
- Prepare for admissions tests
- Prepare for interviews, and be able to talk about your subject
- Choose a subject that is the right 'fit' for you. Consider broad courses carefully!
- Academic enrichment, rather than extra-curricular.
- Intellectual curiosity.
- **Choose colleges (or an open application) strategically.**



Engagement





What support is offered at SCGSG?

- Dedicated member of the Sixth Form Team.
- Useful information about courses and career choices
- Individualised help with personal statements (PS supervisor)
- Preparation for the entrance tests (including UCAT for medics)
- Individualised department support in subject areas
- Interview practice
- Talks and visits from experts



Questions?



Please use the QR code to post any questions you have related to Post-18 Next Steps.

These will be covered in a remote parent event on the **21st May (12:45pm and 16:30pm)** delivered via MS Teams.