



GRADUATE ADMISSIONS STATISTICS ENTRY 2014–15

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The figures in the tables refer to candidates who applied for admission to graduate programmes commencing in the academic year 2014–15. Graduate programmes offered by the University of Oxford fall into two broad categories: research and taught. Students on research programmes engage in research under the supervision of an academic with whom they meet regularly. Supervisors provide advice about the specific project, the nature of research, data collection methods, and the standards expected. As part of their research degree, students often attend courses on specific research skills as well as a range of seminars and lectures. Taught programmes usually involve a range of core and optional courses and the submission of a dissertation. Assessment may be by coursework, as well as by examination papers and a dissertation. Study is supported by seminars and lectures. Figures for offers include all conditional or unconditional offers made by academic departments or faculties of the University of Oxford. Oxford's departments and faculties are organised into four academic divisions and the Department for Continuing Education. Figures for acceptances represent the number of candidates who returned a signed University contract indicating their acceptance of a place on a graduate programme. All graduate students at the University of Oxford are members of both a department or faculty, and a college. Candidates are permitted to submit applications for more than one graduate programme of study per year; hence the number of applications submitted exceeds the number of individuals who applied in any one year.



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- 21,683 graduate applications were received for entry in the academic year 2014–15. Of these, 7,920 applications (36.5%) were for graduate research degrees and 13,763 were for graduate taught degrees (63.5%).
- 16,128 applications (74.4%) were received from candidates with a country of citizenship outside of the UK. Of these, 4,147 (19.1%) were citizens of EU countries and 11,981 (55.3%) were citizens of non-EU countries. 5,555 (25.6%) of applications were from candidates with citizenship of the UK.
- 19,728 individuals applied to one or more graduate programme.
- The total number of acceptances was 4,997. Of those accepting a place at Oxford in 2014–15, 2,694 (53.6%) were male and 2,303 (46.4%) were female.

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	10,309	3,800	2,407
Humanities	3,666	1,641	859
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	4,193	1,449	906
Medical Sciences	2,649	627	470
Department for Continuing Education	866	407	355
TOTAL	21,683	7,924	4,997

* Where a candidate is a citizen of more than one country, only one citizenship is taken into account: UK citizenship takes precedence over citizenship of an EU country, and citizenship of an EU country takes precedence over citizenship of a non-EU country.

Divisions, Departments and Faculties

Figure 1a. Graduate research applications by Division

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	1,790	583	298
Humanities	1,180	569	249
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	3,023	1,038	629
Medical Sciences	1,895	433	337
Department for Continuing Education	32	16	13
TOTAL	7,920	2,639	1,526

Figure 1b Graduate taught applications by Division

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	8,519	3,217	2,109
Humanities	2,486	1,072	610
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	1,170	411	277
Medical Sciences	754	194	133
Department for Continuing Education	834	391	342
TOTAL	13,763	5,285	3,471

Figure 1 c. Graduate research and taught applications by Department or Faculty

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION						
African Studies Centre	0	0	0	124	43	25
Archaeology	56	47	24	109	80	53
Blavatnik School of Government	92	4	4	520	111	75
Centre for Criminology	20	9	3	90	44	24
Contemporary China Studies	0	0	0	102	27	16
Economics	137	44	18	463	152	62
Education	122	46	30	1,117	470	347
International Development	190	42	22	822	265	154
Japanese Studies	0	0	0	31	22	16
Latin American Centre	0	0	0	63	26	16
Law	299	106	57	1,167	377	267
Oxford Internet Institute	62	8	5	140	39	33
Politics & International Relations	302	95	49	478	122	83
Russian & East European Studies	0	0	0	96	38	27
Saïd Business School	134	12	6	2,177	965	644
School of Geography and the Environment	141	67	34	461	155	101
Social & Cultural Anthropology	104	54	16	223	118	60
Social Policy and Intervention	75	29	17	197	92	61
Sociology	56	20	13	92	44	29
South Asian Studies	0	0	0	47	27	16
Social Sciences Total	1,790	583	298	8,519	3,217	2,109
HUMANITIES DIVISION						
Ancient History & Classical Archaeology	33	25	7	48	31	15
Classical Languages & Literature	50	32	5	77	38	27
English	242	97	35	506	187	111
History	269	158	67	661	328	183
Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	30	9	6	71	36	20
Medieval & Modern Languages	62	44	22	270	128	74

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Music	45	28	12	76	46	24
Oriental Studies	157	79	40	293	111	66
Philosophy	116	35	16	280	76	33
Ruskin School of Art	62	7	6	0	0	0
Theology and Religion	114	55	33	204	91	57
Humanities Total	1,180	569	249	2,486	1,072	610
MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION						
Astrophysics	77	12	10	0	0	0
Atmospherics, Oceanic and Planetary Physics	13	4	3	0	0	0
Atomic & Laser Physics	99	40	22	0	0	0
Chemical Biology	42	23	8	0	0	0
Computer Science	210	74	46	420	173	123
Condensed Matter Physics	96	42	22	0	0	0
Doctoral Training Centre	343	87	65	0	0	0
Earth Sciences	54	19	14	0	0	0
Engineering Science	567	213	116	0	0	0
Inorganic Chemistry	71	58	28	0	0	0
Materials	170	83	51	0	0	0
Mathematical Institute	409	110	60	412	170	119
MPLS Division	151	35	28	0	0	0
Organic Chemistry	217	72	49	0	0	0
Particle Physics	49	19	17	0	0	0
Physical & Theoretical Chemistry	58	43	27	26	12	11
Plant Sciences	45	13	9	0	0	0
Statistics	95	22	16	312	56	24
Theoretical Physics	164	25	11	0	0	0
Zoology	93	44	27	0	0	0
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Total	3,023	1,038	629	1,170	411	277
MEDICAL SCIENCES						
Biochemistry	92	25	19	0	0	0
Clinical Neurosciences	66	33	22	0	0	0
Doctoral Training Centre	410	50	36	0	0	0
Experimental Psychology	108	24	16	102	16	13
Clinical Psychology - DCLinPsych**	0	0	0	22	22	22
Clinical Medicine	252	61	51	0	0	0
Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences	48	24	22			
Neuroscience	213	6	6	234	30	22
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	12	8	7	41	25	13
Oncology	140	33	27	25	15	10
Paediatrics	6	4	4	0	0	0
Pathology	99	16	14	0	0	0
Pharmacology	27	17	8	47	27	16
Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics	84	34	27	0	0	0
Primary Care	23	11	9	0	0	0
Psychiatry	39	17	11	0	0	0
Population Health	61	18	14	217	32	19
Radcliffe Department of Medicine	191	42	37	0	0	0
Surgical Sciences	24	10	7	66	27	18
Medical Sciences Total	1,895	433	337	754	194	133
DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION	32	16	13	834	391	342
TOTAL	7,920	2,639	1,526	13,763	5,285	3,471

Worldwide Distribution of Applications

Figure 2a. Applications, offers and acceptances by citizenship type, Division and programme type

Division/Department		UK			EU (Non-UK)			Non-EU		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	247	122	63	375	146	79	1,168	315	156
	Taught	1,803	901	626	1,487	613	415	5,229	1,703	1,068
	TOTAL	2,050	1,023	689	1,862	759	494	6,397	2,018	1,224
HUMANITIES	Research	386	249	97	260	133	65	534	187	87
	Taught	893	503	313	385	162	96	1,208	407	201
	TOTAL	1,279	752	410	645	295	161	1,742	594	288
MPLS	Research	924	350	270	683	241	152	1,416	447	207
	Taught	195	89	69	231	126	86	744	196	122
	TOTAL	1,119	439	339	914	367	238	2,160	643	329
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	600	173	146	473	114	88	822	146	103
	Taught	160	59	49	128	36	31	466	99	53
	TOTAL	760	232	195	601	150	119	1,288	245	156
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	16	11	10	3	1	1	13	4	2
	Taught	331	195	179	122	60	54	381	136	109
	TOTAL	347	206	189	125	61	55	394	140	111
All postgraduate research		2,173	905	586	1,794	635	385	3,953	1,099	555
All postgraduate taught		3,382	1,747	1,236	2,353	997	682	8,028	2,541	1,553
TOTAL		5,555	2,652	1,822	4,147	1,632	1,067	11,981	3,640	2,108

Figure 2b. Applications, offers and acceptances by continent and programme type

	Research			Taught			All		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Africa	384	54	31	727	189	126	1,111	243	157
Americas	1,078	385	194	2,463	1,044	637	3,541	1,429	831
Asia	2,213	539	268	4,278	1,031	615	6,491	1,570	883
Europe	4,104	1,592	994	5,938	2,826	1,966	10,042	4,418	2,960
Oceania	141	69	39	357	195	127	498	264	166
Grand Total	7,920	2,639	1,526	13,763	5,285	3,471	21,683	7,924	4,997

Gender

Figure 3. Applications, offers and acceptances by gender, Division and programme type

Division/Department		Female			Male		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	883	305	153	907	278	145
	Taught	4,088	1,577	1,030	4,431	1,640	1,079
	TOTAL	4,971	1,882	1,183	5,338	1,918	1,224
HUMANITIES	Research	556	259	116	624	310	133
	Taught	1,314	532	307	1,172	540	303
	TOTAL	1,870	791	423	1,796	850	436
MPLS	Research	858	302	185	2,165	736	444
	Taught	374	95	60	796	316	217
	TOTAL	1,232	397	245	2,961	1,052	661
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	1,012	229	178	883	204	159
	Taught	462	117	85	292	77	48
	TOTAL	1,474	346	263	1,175	281	207
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	18	9	8	14	7	5
	Taught	487	208	181	347	183	161
	TOTAL	505	217	189	361	190	166
All postgraduate research		3,327	1,104	640	4,593	1,535	886
All postgraduate taught		6,725	2,529	1,663	7,038	2,756	1,808
TOTAL		10,052	3,633	2,303	11,631	4,291	2,694

Disability and Ethnic Background

Figure 4. Applications, offers and acceptances by Division and programme type: candidates with a declared disability.

Division/Department		One or more disabilities		
		Applications	Offers	Acceptances
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	101	45	28
	Taught	360	167	119
	TOTAL	461	212	147
HUMANITIES	Research	78	47	20
	Taught	204	95	63
	TOTAL	282	142	83
MPLS	Research	161	55	48
	Taught	24	9	6
	TOTAL	185	64	54
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	93	25	21
	Taught	36	12	8
	TOTAL	129	37	29
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	0	0	0
	Taught	50	21	20
	TOTAL	50	21	20
All postgraduate research		433	172	117
All postgraduate taught		674	304	216
TOTAL		1,107	476	333

Figure 5. Applications, offers and acceptances by known ethnic group

	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Arab	418	93	50
Asian	3,610	1,009	600
Black	1,117	230	163
Chinese	3,114	760	434
Mixed	1,092	426	274
Other	399	128	76
White	11,352	4,984	3,214
Information Refused	536	256	157
Not known	45	38	29
Grand Total	21,683	7,924	4,997

College

Figure 6. Candidates accepting a graduate place by College or Permanent Private Hall

Non-Matriculated

Students on certain postgraduate certificate and diploma programmes (mainly within the Department for Continuing Education) are not affiliated to a college and do not attend a matriculation ceremony to become members of the University.

Permanent Private Hall (PPH)

Permanent Private Halls are licensed by the University to matriculate students for degrees. They were founded by various Christian denominations and still retain their religious character.

COLLEGES	Research	Taught	All
All Souls	0	0	0
Balliol	51	64	115
Brasenose	31	75	106
Christ Church	31	42	73
Corpus Christi	17	19	36
Exeter	32	51	83
Green Templeton	61	181	242
Harris Manchester	13	57	70
Hertford	32	67	99
Jesus	36	40	76
Keble	38	68	106
Kellogg	43	327	370
Lady Margaret Hall	35	66	101
Linacre	68	114	182
Lincoln	56	72	128
Magdalen	33	41	74
Mansfield	26	52	78
Merton	42	43	85
New	40	69	109
Nuffield	15	13	28
Oriel	30	60	90
Pembroke	41	74	115
Queen's, The	30	28	58
St Anne's	31	125	156
St Antony's	35	175	210
St Catherine's	42	125	167
St Cross	96	150	246
St Edmund Hall	64	52	116
St Hilda's	26	53	79
St Hugh's	30	179	209
St John's	53	29	82
St Peter's	49	45	94
Somerville	34	46	80
Trinity	36	35	71
University	38	27	65
Wadham	30	39	69
Wolfson	116	116	232
Worcester	27	58	85
PERMANENT PRIVATE HALLS			
Blackfriars	2	25	27
Campion Hall	2	1	3
Regent's Park College	6	34	40
St Benet's Hall	0	2	2
St Stephen's House	5	29	34
Wycliffe Hall	3	13	16
RECOGNISED INDEPENDENT CENTRE			
Ripon College Cuddesdon	0	5	5
Non Matriculated	0	485	485
TOTAL	1,526	3,471	4,997



Further information

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