



GRADUATE ADMISSIONS STATISTICS ENTRY 2008/09

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The figures in the tables and charts refer to candidates who applied for admission to graduate programmes commencing in the academic year 2008–09. Graduate programmes offered by the University of Oxford fall into two broad categories: research and taught. Students on research programmes undertake research under the supervision of an academic with whom they will 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 a member 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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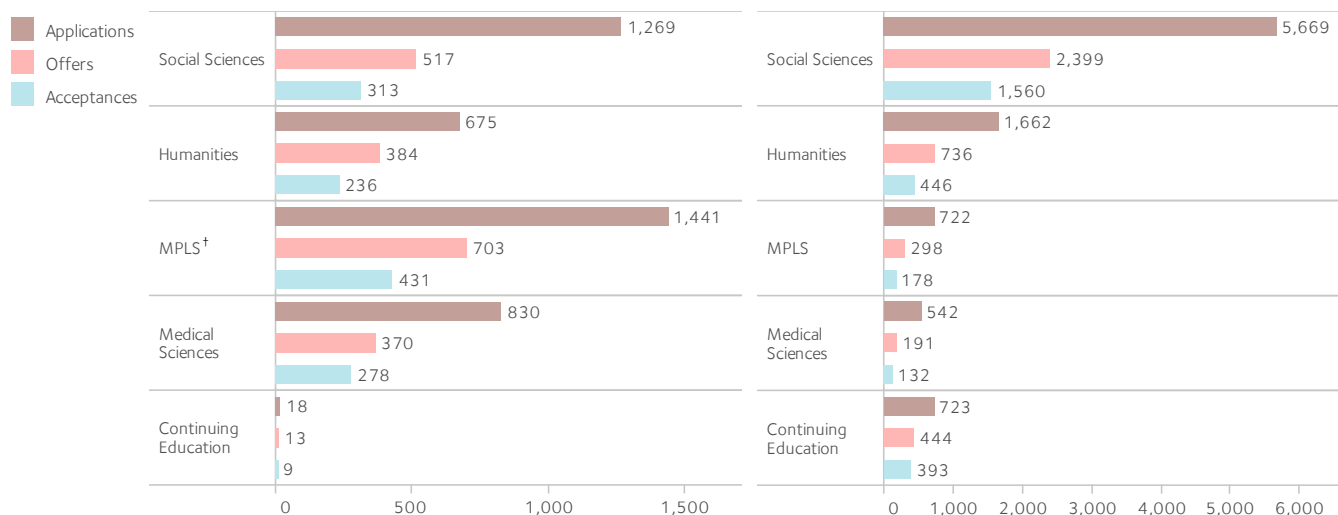
- 13,551 graduate applications were received for entry in the academic year 2008–09, an increase of 8.0% on the academic year 2007–08. 4,233 applications (31.2%) were for graduate research degrees and 9,318 (68.8%) for graduate taught courses.
- 10,183 applications (75.1%) were from overseas candidates; of these 2,351 (17.3%) were from citizens of EU countries and 7,832 (57.8%) were from non-EU citizens. 3,335 applications (24.6%) were from candidates with citizenship of the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man*.
- 12,549 individuals (5,531 females and 7,018 males) applied to one or more graduate programmes. Of these, 11,710 applied to one programme, 719 applied to two programmes and 120 applied to three or more programmes.
- The total number of acceptances was 3,976. Of those accepting a place at Oxford in 2008–09, 2,200 (55.3%) were male and 1,776 (44.7%) were female.

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	6,938	2,916	1,873
Humanities	2,337	1,120	682
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	2,163	1,001	609
Medical Sciences	1,372	561	410
Department for Continuing Education	741	457	402
TOTAL	13,551	6,055	3,976

* Where a candidate is a citizen of more than one country, only one citizenship is taken into account: UK/Channel Islands/Isle of Man citizenship takes precedence over citizenship of an EU country, and citizenship of an EU country takes precedence over citizenship of a non-EU country. EU figures include Bulgaria and Romania, which joined the EU on 1 January 2007. Citizenship details are unknown for 33 applications (0.2% of the total).

Divisions, Departments and Faculties

Figure 1a. Graduate research applications by Division Figure 1b. Graduate taught applications by Division



[†]MPLS – Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences

Table 1c. Graduate research and taught applications by department or faculty

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION						
African Studies	0	0	0	81	41	31
Archaeology	46	37	26	58	39	25
Criminology	0	0	0	83	36	23
Economics	120	34	22	311	115	43
Education	93	56	32	396	334	269
Geography and the Environment	81	44	28	446	193	136
Interdisciplinary Area Studies	0	0	0	68	45	36
International Development	83	21	9	710	222	125
Japanese Studies	0	0	0	25	24	13
Latin American Studies	0	0	0	47	42	27
Law	259	121	63	697	280	189
Oxford Internet Institute	44	6	4	0	0	0
Politics and International Relations	277	85	58	525	137	76
Russian and East European Studies	0	0	0	55	38	29
Saïd Business School	102	22	10	1,774	594	381
Social and Cultural Anthropology	59	37	23	179	112	74
Social Policy and Social Work	39	17	13	134	90	53
Sociology	66	37	25	80	57	30
Social Sciences Total	1,269	517	313	5,669	2,399	1,560
HUMANITIES DIVISION						
Ancient History	17	14	9	48	27	11
Classics	23	18	10	56	37	23
English	120	54	37	433	120	72
Fine Art	22	5	4	0	0	0

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
History	181	132	73	323	189	103
Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	16	12	7	47	34	15
Medieval and Modern Languages	42	35	23	148	82	59
Music	25	14	8	44	26	19
Oriental Studies	74	49	29	230	106	67
Philosophy	74	21	12	187	51	33
Theology	81	30	24	146	64	44
Humanities Total	675	384	236	1,662	736	446
MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION						
Astrophysics	53	18	12	0	0	0
Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics	20	10	8	0	0	0
Atomic and Laser Physics	39	18	10	0	0	0
Chemical Biology	17	10	6	0	0	0
Computing	121	60	33	223	107	68
Condensed Matter Physics	55	31	17	0	0	0
Earth Sciences	58	27	14	0	0	0
Engineering Science	176	104	53	56	35	22
Inorganic Chemistry	50	40	29	0	0	0
Materials	78	55	27	0	0	0
Mathematics	211	80	46	280	70	38
MPLS Doctoral Training Centre	112	54	31	0	0	0
Organic Chemistry	100	58	43	0	0	0
Particle Physics	42	19	17	0	0	0
Physical and Theoretical Chemistry	32	30	21	9	5	2
Plant Sciences	28	18	9	0	0	0
Statistics	32	13	12	114	60	29
Theoretical Physics	82	16	9	0	0	0
Zoology	135	42	34	40	21	19
MPLS Total	1,441	703	431	722	298	178
MEDICAL SCIENCES DIVISION						
Anaesthetics	3	2	2	0	0	0
Biochemistry	97	30	22	0	0	0
Cardiovascular Medicine	9	8	8	0	0	0
Clinical Laboratory Sciences	13	12	9	0	0	0
Clinical Medicine	79	69	62	0	0	0
Clinical Neurology	9	8	3	0	0	0
Clinical Pharmacology	14	6	3	0	0	0
Clinical Psychology - DClinPsych **	0	0	0	20	20	20
Experimental Psychology	64	29	16	30	16	11
Medical Oncology	14	11	8	0	0	0
Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre	220	31	25	0	0	0
Neuroscience	7	6	5	159	33	23
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	12	9	8	36	7	7
Ophthalmology	4	3	3	0	0	0
Orthopaedic Surgery	17	17	14	3	1	0
Paediatrics	3	1	1	0	0	0
Pathology	114	17	13	0	0	0
Pharmacology	33	18	11	47	26	19
Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics	42	38	20	0	0	0
Psychiatry	13	10	8	0	0	0
Public Health and Primary Health Care	31	20	17	165	38	21
Radiation, Oncology and Biology	16	13	12	0	0	0
Surgery	16	12	8	82	50	31
Medical Sciences Total	830	370	278	542	191	132
DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION						
	18	13	9	723	444	393
TOTAL	4,233	1,987	1,267	9,318	4,068	2,709

**Only accepted applications for this programme are recorded

Worldwide Distribution of Applications

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

Figure 2b. Percentage of applications by citizenship type

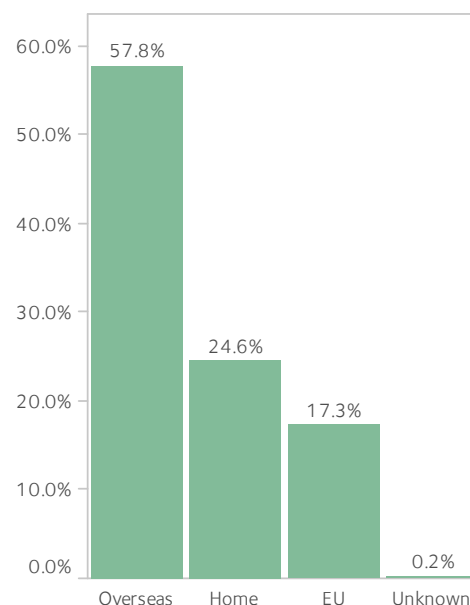
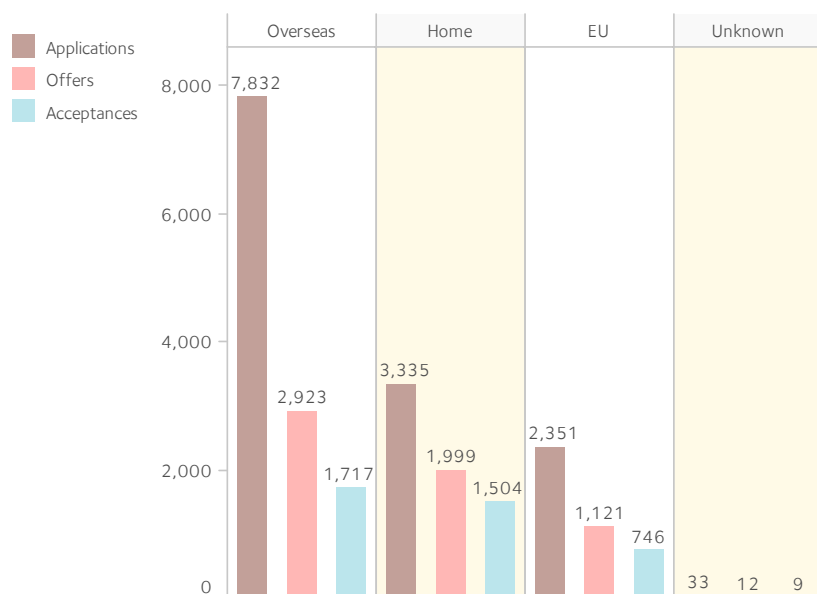


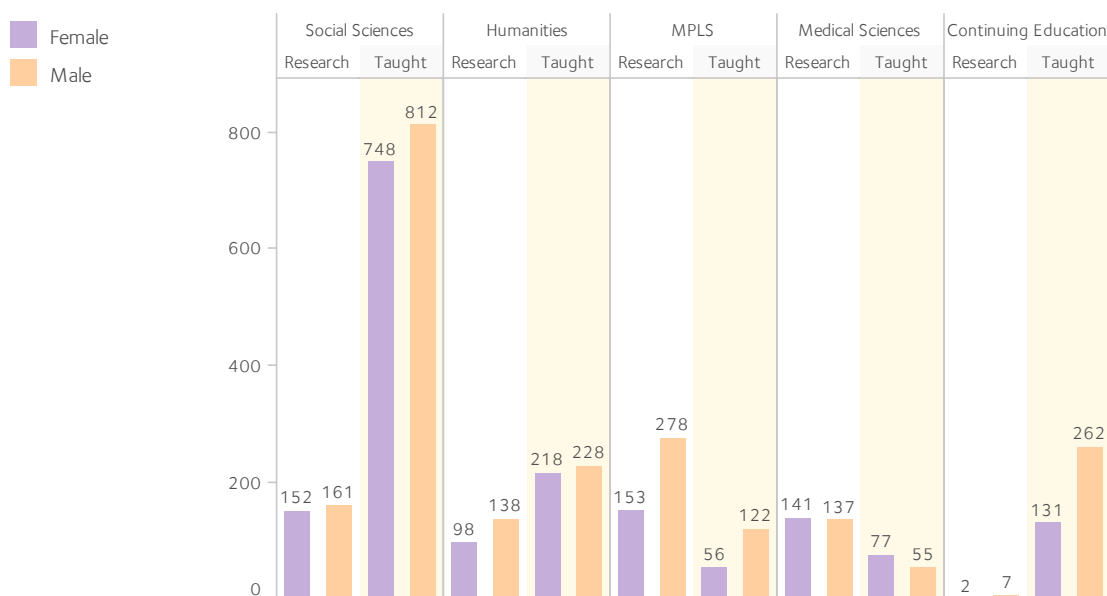
Table 2c. Applications, offers and acceptances by citizenship type, division and programme type

		Home			EU			Overseas		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	164	88	60	274	126	73	828	303	180
	Taught	1,005	687	525	955	409	264	3,693	1,299	770
	TOTAL	1,169	775	585	1,229	535	337	4,521	1,602	950
HUMANITIES	Research	213	153	98	117	75	46	345	156	92
	Taught	579	327	217	220	90	65	861	319	164
	TOTAL	792	480	315	337	165	111	1,206	475	256
MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES	Research	548	286	211	255	127	71	637	290	149
	Taught	110	55	37	137	88	57	474	154	83
	TOTAL	658	341	248	392	215	128	1,111	444	232
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	244	131	116	154	72	56	432	167	106
	Taught	130	61	52	105	38	28	306	91	51
	TOTAL	374	192	168	259	110	84	738	258	157
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	6	5	5	6	3	1	6	5	3
	Taught	336	206	183	128	93	85	250	139	119
	TOTAL	342	211	188	134	96	86	256	144	122
All Postgraduate Research		1,175	663	490	806	403	247	2,248	921	530
All Postgraduate Taught		2,160	1,336	1,014	1,545	718	499	5,584	2,002	1,187
TOTAL		3,335	1,999	1,504	2,351	1,121	746	7,832	2,923	1,717

Table 2d. Applications, offers and acceptances by world region and programme type

	Research			Taught			All		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
UK, Channel Islands and IOM	1,175	663	490	2,160	1,336	1,014	3,335	1,999	1,504
EU	806	403	247	1,545	718	499	2,351	1,121	746
Other Europe & Central Asia	172	66	35	518	131	72	690	197	107
East Asia & Pacific	801	320	183	1,580	553	330	2,381	873	513
South Asia	327	115	58	1,059	286	171	1,386	401	229
Middle East & North Africa	130	33	20	186	69	34	316	102	54
Sub-Saharan Africa	146	55	36	338	107	68	484	162	104
North America	570	288	178	1,668	761	458	2,238	1,049	636
Latin America & Caribbean	102	44	20	235	95	54	337	139	74
Unknown	4	0	0	29	12	9	33	12	9
TOTAL	4,233	1,987	1,267	9,318	4,068	2,709	13,551	6,055	3,976

Figure 3a. Acceptances by gender, Division and programme type



Applications, offers and acceptances by gender, Division and programme type

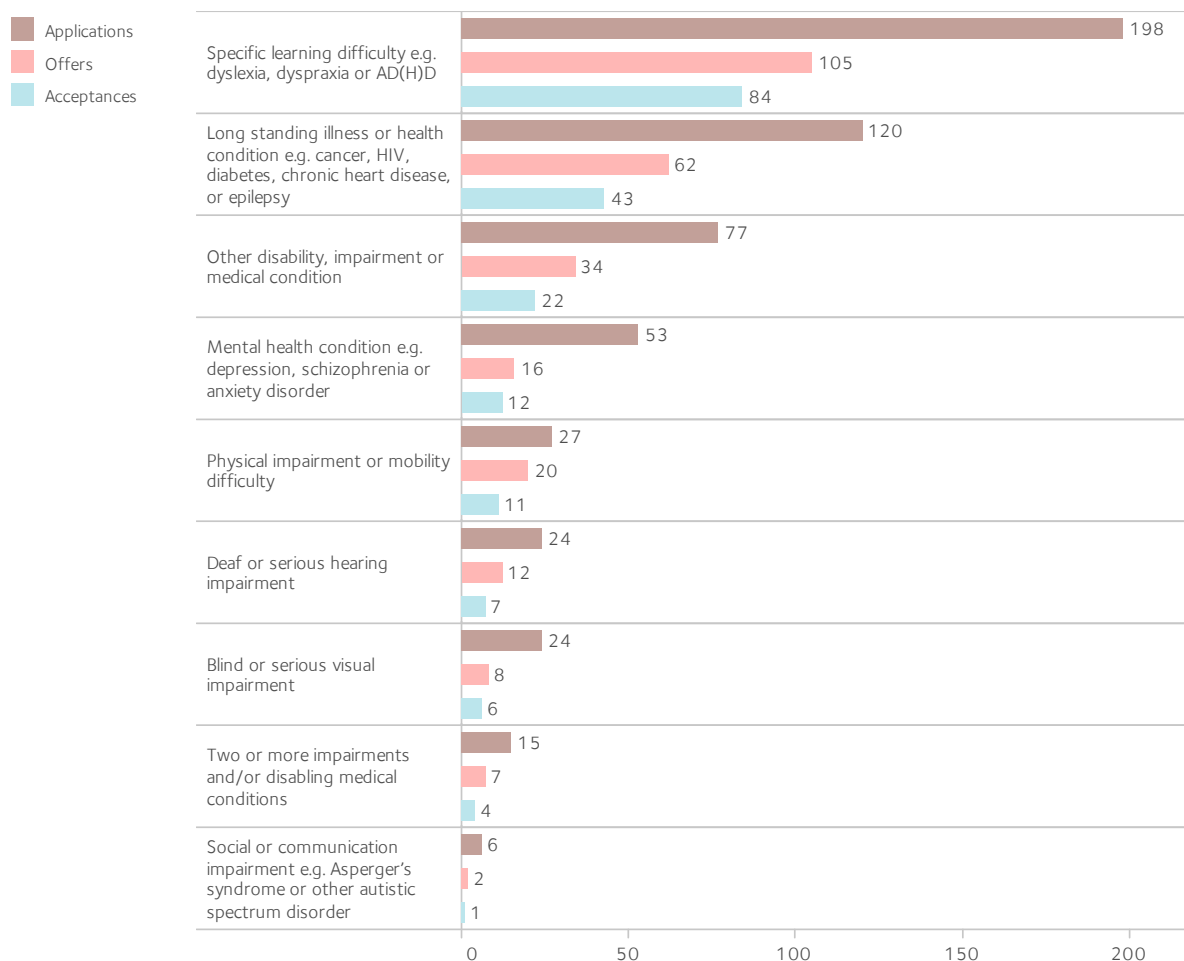
		Female			Male		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	543	253	152	726	264	161
	Taught	2,537	1,144	748	3,132	1,255	812
	TOTAL	3,080	1,397	900	3,858	1,519	973
HUMANITIES	Research	290	170	98	385	214	138
	Taught	878	385	218	784	351	228
	TOTAL	1,168	555	316	1,169	565	366
MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES	Research	457	237	153	984	466	278
	Taught	227	102	56	495	196	122
	TOTAL	684	339	209	1,479	662	400
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	449	194	141	381	176	137
	Taught	318	113	77	224	78	55
	TOTAL	767	307	218	605	254	192
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	4	3	2	14	10	7
	Taught	318	152	131	405	292	262
	TOTAL	322	155	133	419	302	269
All Postgraduate Research		1,743	857	546	2,490	1,130	721
All Postgraduate Taught		4,278	1,896	1,230	5,040	2,172	1,479
TOTAL		6,021	2,753	1,776	7,530	3,302	2,200

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

		One or more disabilities		
		Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	56	26	21
	Taught	162	89	62
	TOTAL	218	115	83
HUMANITIES	Research	36	22	15
	Taught	91	37	24
	TOTAL	127	59	39
MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES	Research	56	24	16
	Taught	17	10	4
	TOTAL	73	34	20
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	31	13	11
	Taught	27	5	4
	TOTAL	58	18	15
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	0	0	0
	Taught	38	15	13
	TOTAL	38	15	13
All Postgraduate Research		179	85	63
All Postgraduate Taught		335	156	107
TOTAL		514	241	170

Figure 4b. Applications, offers and acceptances by disability type

NOTE: Applicants with more than one disability may be included in two or more categories in Figure 4b.



Ethnic Background

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

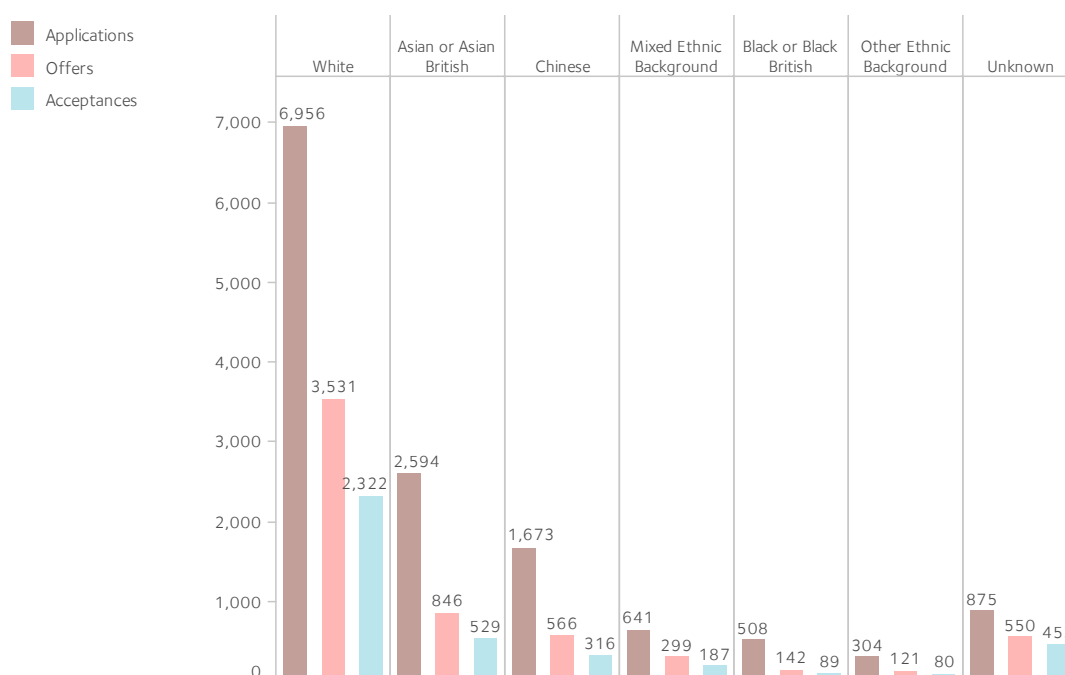


Table 5b. Applications, offers and acceptances by programme type and known ethnic background

	Research			Taught			All		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	19	4	2	35	13	7	54	17	9
Asian or Asian British - Indian	263	108	61	1,025	316	203	1,288	424	264
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	105	34	18	199	63	41	304	97	59
Chinese	563	223	114	1,110	343	202	1,673	566	316
Other Asian background	309	104	69	639	204	128	948	308	197
Black or Black British - African	111	27	14	262	74	45	373	101	59
Black or Black British - Caribbean	7	3	2	32	15	12	39	18	14
Other Black background	18	3	2	78	20	14	96	23	16
White	827	678	615	1,758	1,504	1,381	2,585	2,182	1,996
White - British	479	195	73	826	318	99	1,305	513	172
White - Irish	38	11	3	96	20	3	134	31	6
White Scottish	30	9	3	52	20	5	82	29	8
Other White background	873	304	86	1,977	472	54	2,850	776	140
Mixed - White and Asian	59	33	20	129	66	40	188	99	60
Mixed - White and Black African	15	5	3	46	23	19	61	28	22
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	15	5	3	23	10	8	38	15	11
Other Mixed background	90	39	25	264	118	69	354	157	94
Other Ethnic background	99	33	18	205	88	62	304	121	80
Information refused	178	121	101	386	273	238	564	394	339
Not known	135	48	35	176	108	79	311	156	114
TOTAL	4,233	1,987	1,267	9,318	4,068	2,709	13,551	6,055	3,976

Table 6a. Candidates accepting a graduate place by college or permanent private hall

		Research	Taught	All	
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.	COLLEGES			
		All Souls	1	0	1
		Balliol	54	68	122
		Brasenose	31	47	78
		Christ Church	34	59	93
		Corpus Christi	23	22	45
		Exeter	38	49	87
		Green ¶	51	94	145
		Harris Manchester	5	39	44
		Hertford	19	36	55
		Jesus	30	43	73
		Keble	28	53	81
		Kellogg	25	203	228
		Lady Margaret Hall	30	76	106
		Linacre	70	96	166
		Lincoln	63	61	124
		Magdalen	40	36	76
		Mansfield	12	28	40
		Merton	57	54	111
		New College	45	50	95
		Nuffield	18	14	32
		Oriel	20	41	61
		Pembroke	15	46	61
		Queen's, The	26	21	47
		Somerville	15	17	32
		St Anne's	31	87	118
		St Antony's	65	139	204
St Catherine's	39	48	87		
St Cross	54	176	230		
St Edmund Hall	24	48	72		
St Hilda's	22	71	93		
St Hugh's	16	94	110		
St John's	48	27	75		
St Peter's	10	37	47		
Templeton ¶	4	100	104		
Trinity	19	24	43		
University	35	44	79		
Wadham	21	43	64		
Wolfson	90	125	215		
Worcester	30	60	90		
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	PERMANENT PRIVATE HALLS			
		Blackfriars	0	3	3
		Campion Hall	3	1	4
		Regent's Park College	4	9	13
		St Benet's Hall	0	2	2
		St Stephen's House	1	23	24
		Wycliffe Hall	1	4	5
¶	Green College and Templeton College merged on 1 October 2008.	RECOGNISED INDEPENDENT CENTRE			
		Ripon College Cuddesdon	0	3	3
		Non-Matriculated Students	n/a	288	288
		TOTAL	1,267	2,709	3,976



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