



GRADUATE ADMISSIONS STATISTICS ENTRY 2009/10

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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 2009–10. 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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- 17,524 graduate applications were received for entry in the academic year 2009–10. 5,555 applications (31.7%) were for graduate research degrees and 11,969 (68.3%) for graduate taught courses.
- 13,367 applications (76.3%) were from overseas candidates; of these 3,231 (18.4%) were from citizens of EU countries and 10,136 (57.8%) were from non-EU citizens. 4,147 applications (23.7%) were from candidates with citizenship of the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man*.
- 16,018 individuals (7,203 females and 8,815 males) applied to one or more graduate programmes. Of these, 14,833 applied to one programme, 965 applied to two programmes and 220 applied to three or more programmes.
- The total number of acceptances was 4,422. Of those accepting a place at Oxford in 2009–10, 2,459 (55.6%) were male and 1,963 (44.4%) were female.

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	9,058	3,332	2,062
Humanities	2,887	1,317	811
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	3,057	1,312	818
Medical Sciences	1,822	594	434
Department for Continuing Education	700	345	297
TOTAL	17,524	6,900	4,422

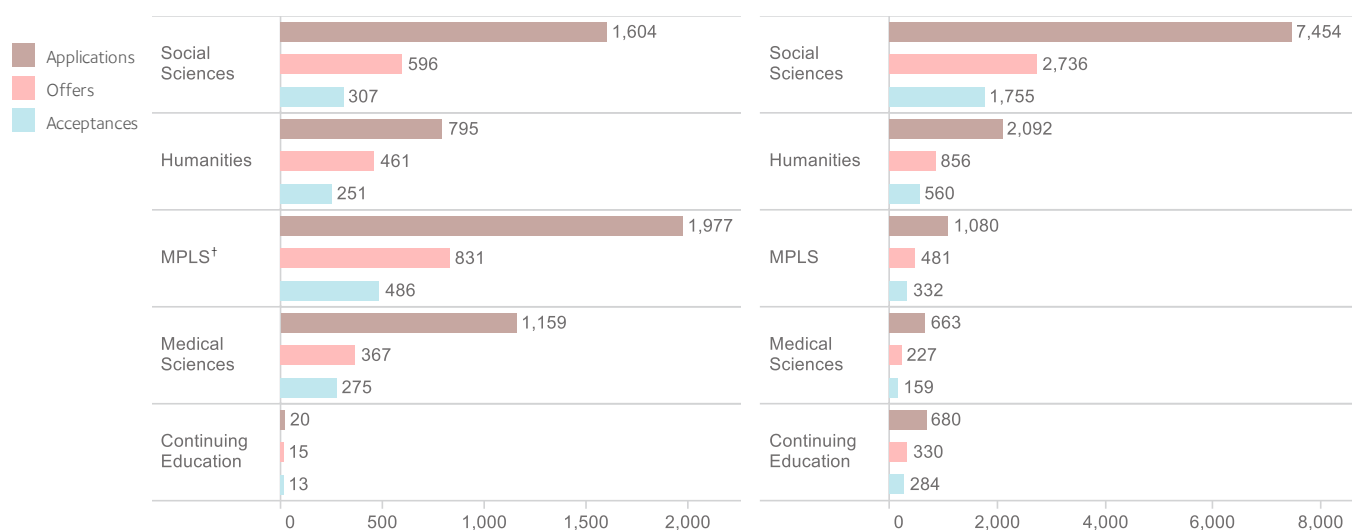
* Where a candidate is a citizen of more than one country, only one citizenship is taken into account: UK/Channel Islands/Isle of Man citizenship takes precedence over citizenship of an EU country, and citizenship of an EU country takes precedence over citizenship of a non-EU country. Citizenship details are unknown for 10 applications (0.06% of the total).

Divisions, Departments and Faculties

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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	97	44	28
Archaeology	60	47	24	70	53	35
Chinese Studies	0	0	0	116	34	23
Criminology	23	5	3	74	32	19
Economics	166	55	19	464	159	60
Education	105	47	25	476	356	299
Geography and the Environment	85	46	24	526	136	98
International Development	108	35	12	998	251	134
Japanese Studies	0	0	0	28	22	19
Latin American Studies	0	0	0	54	41	23
Law	286	124	75	819	294	173
Oxford Internet Institute	48	7	6	81	15	13
Politics and International Relations	379	114	57	634	136	68
Russian and East European Studies	0	0	0	88	52	35
Saïd Business School	136	28	15	2,419	836	563
Social and Cultural Anthropology	64	37	15	195	124	75
Social Policy and Social Work	58	22	13	169	85	52
Sociology	86	29	19	88	38	20
South Asian Studies	0	0	0	58	28	18
Social Sciences Total	1,604	596	307	7,454	2,736	1,755
HUMANITIES DIVISION						
Ancient History	18	9	3	32	18	9
Classical Languages	31	25	16	69	45	35
English	167	110	51	492	105	80
Fine Art	37	6	5	0	0	0
History	191	127	65	441	234	142
Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	22	12	10	73	33	21

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Medieval and Modern Languages	57	45	31	252	118	85
Music	39	22	11	62	34	22
Oriental Studies	83	36	18	283	117	72
Philosophy	67	32	19	190	65	36
Theology	83	37	22	198	87	58
Humanities Total	795	461	251	2,092	856	560
MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION						
Astrophysics	55	22	15	0	0	0
Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics	27	15	8	0	0	0
Atomic and Laser Physics	66	29	16	0	0	0
Chemical Biology	22	10	6	0	0	0
Computing	196	45	31	401	238	193
Condensed Matter Physics	73	38	19	0	0	0
Earth Sciences	66	19	11	0	0	0
Engineering Science	341	165	77	82	40	18
Inorganic Chemistry	62	54	30	0	0	0
Materials	97	64	34	0	0	0
Mathematics	288	86	52	419	111	68
MPLS Doctoral Training Centre	180	67	41	0	0	0
Organic Chemistry	105	54	40	0	0	0
Particle Physics	45	21	16	0	0	0
Physical and Theoretical Chemistry	51	43	29	12	8	3
Plant Sciences	37	19	10	0	0	0
Statistics	55	29	13	126	60	34
Theoretical Physics	106	16	12	0	0	0
Zoology	105	35	26	40	24	16
MPLS Total	1,977	831	486	1,080	481	332
MEDICAL SCIENCES DIVISION						
Anaesthetics	3	1	1	0	0	0
Biochemistry	81	28	17	0	0	0
Cardiovascular Medicine	18	12	10	0	0	0
Clinical Laboratory Sciences	14	12	10	0	0	0
Clinical Neurology	22	14	12	0	0	0
Clinical Pharmacology	16	9	5	0	0	0
Experimental Psychology	51	16	11	45	13	12
Medical Oncology	32	18	8	0	0	0
Clinical Psychology - DCLinPsych **	0	0	0	20	20	20
Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre	263	26	25	0	0	0
Nuffield Department of Medicine	186	69	55	0	0	0
Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences	16	13	11	18	11	8
Neuroscience	102	8	5	166	32	18
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	10	8	8	30	12	11
Ophthalmology	16	10	7	0	0	0
Paediatrics	9	7	4	0	0	0
Pathology Dunn School	131	22	22	0	0	0
Pharmacology	26	16	13	73	29	20
Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics	49	30	16	0	0	0
Primary Care	6	2	2	0	0	0
Psychiatry	32	10	8	0	0	0
Public Health	30	11	9	210	46	29
Radiation, Oncology and Biology	34	14	10	17	12	9
Surgery	12	11	6	84	52	32
Medical Sciences Total	1,159	367	275	663	227	159
DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION	20	15	13	680	330	284
TOTAL	5,555	2,270	1,332	11,969	4,630	3,090

** Only accepted applications for this programme are recorded

Worldwide Distribution of Applications

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

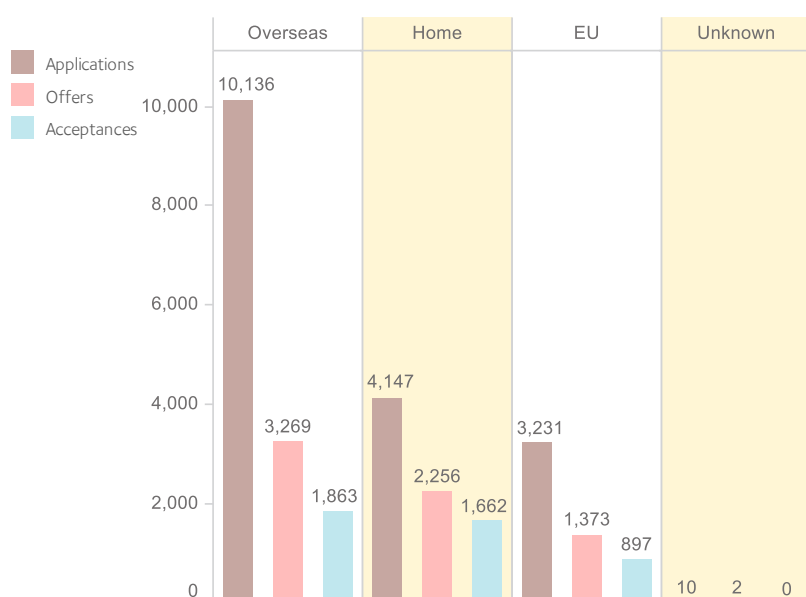


Figure 2b. Percentage of applications by citizenship type

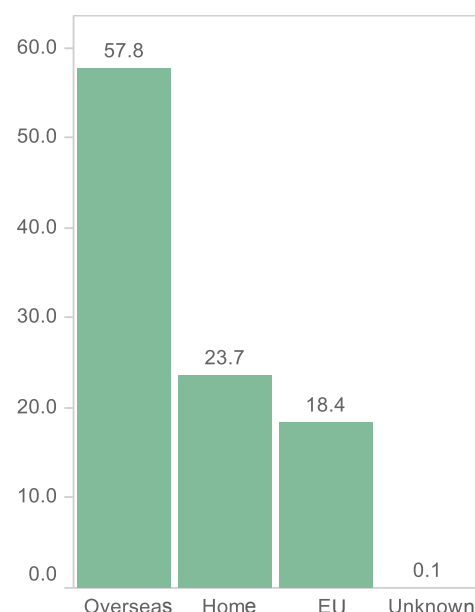


Table 2c. Applications, offers and acceptances by citizenship type, division and programme type

		Home			EU			Overseas		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	233	137	76	327	111	62	1,044	348	169
	Taught	1,266	741	560	1,300	527	321	4,884	1,467	874
	TOTAL	1,499	878	636	1,627	638	383	5,928	1,815	1,043
HUMANITIES	Research	279	207	124	131	73	42	384	181	85
	Taught	709	390	278	276	120	86	1,103	345	196
	TOTAL	988	597	402	407	193	128	1,487	526	281
MPLS	Research	645	291	214	431	201	120	901	339	152
	Taught	206	124	94	215	123	88	659	234	150
	TOTAL	851	415	308	646	324	208	1,560	573	302
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	336	130	111	296	88	68	527	149	96
	Taught	160	61	49	132	51	42	370	115	68
	TOTAL	496	191	160	428	139	110	897	264	164
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	14	12	11	2	1	1	4	2	1
	Taught	299	163	145	121	78	67	260	89	72
	TOTAL	313	175	156	123	79	68	264	91	73
All Postgraduate Research		1,507	777	536	1,187	474	293	2,860	1,019	503
All Postgraduate Taught		2,640	1,479	1,126	2,044	899	604	7,276	2,250	1,360
TOTAL		4,147	2,256	1,662	3,231	1,373	897	10,136	3,269	1,863

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	1,507	777	536	2,640	1,479	1,126	4,147	2,256	1,662
EU	1,187	474	293	2,044	899	604	3,231	1,373	897
Other Europe & Central Asia	198	64	35	716	185	103	914	249	138
East Asia & Pacific	1,066	369	186	2,282	663	381	3,348	1,032	567
South Asia	439	116	40	1,221	276	177	1,660	392	217
Middle East & North Africa	195	43	21	264	77	49	459	120	70
Sub-Saharan Africa	148	45	29	465	134	85	613	179	114
North America	660	324	165	2,048	812	509	2,708	1,136	674
Latin America & Caribbean	154	58	27	280	103	56	434	161	83
Unknown	1	0	0	9	2	0	10	2	0
TOTAL	5,555	2,270	1,332	11,969	4,630	3,090	17,524	6,900	4,422

Gender

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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	750	289	150	854	307	157
	Taught	3,337	1,249	802	4,117	1,487	953
	TOTAL	4,087	1,538	952	4,971	1,794	1,110
HUMANITIES	Research	377	232	112	418	229	139
	Taught	1,130	445	299	962	411	261
	TOTAL	1,507	677	411	1,380	640	400
MPLS	Research	537	235	127	1,440	596	359
	Taught	316	121	75	764	360	257
	TOTAL	853	356	202	2,204	956	616
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	639	199	152	520	168	123
	Taught	395	125	93	268	102	66
	TOTAL	1,034	324	245	788	270	189
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	7	5	3	13	10	10
	Taught	374	174	150	306	156	134
	TOTAL	381	179	153	319	166	144
All Postgraduate Research		2,310	960	544	3,245	1,310	788
All Postgraduate Taught		5,552	2,114	1,419	6,417	2,516	1,671
TOTAL		7,862	3,074	1,963	9,662	3,826	2,459

Disability

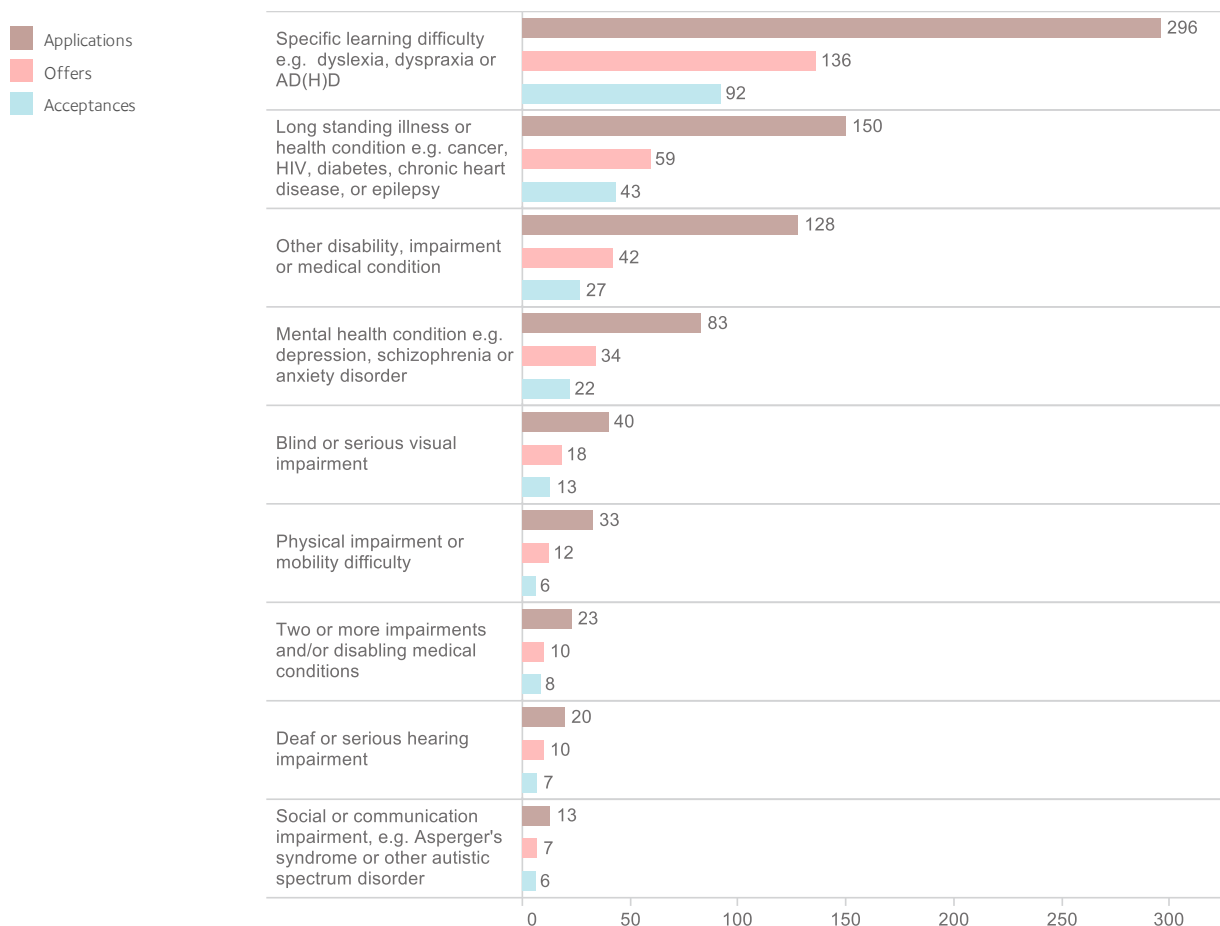
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Table 4a. Applications, offers and acceptances by Division and programme type: candidates with a declared disability

		One or more disabilities		
		Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	57	24	10
	Taught	214	82	57
	TOTAL	271	106	67
HUMANITIES	Research	52	28	14
	Taught	133	57	37
	TOTAL	185	85	51
MPLS	Research	87	32	24
	Taught	25	9	7
	TOTAL	112	41	31
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	48	10	7
	Taught	21	6	6
	TOTAL	69	16	13
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	0	0	0
	Taught	39	12	12
	TOTAL	39	12	12
All Postgraduate Research		244	94	55
All Postgraduate Taught		432	166	119
TOTAL		676	260	174

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

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

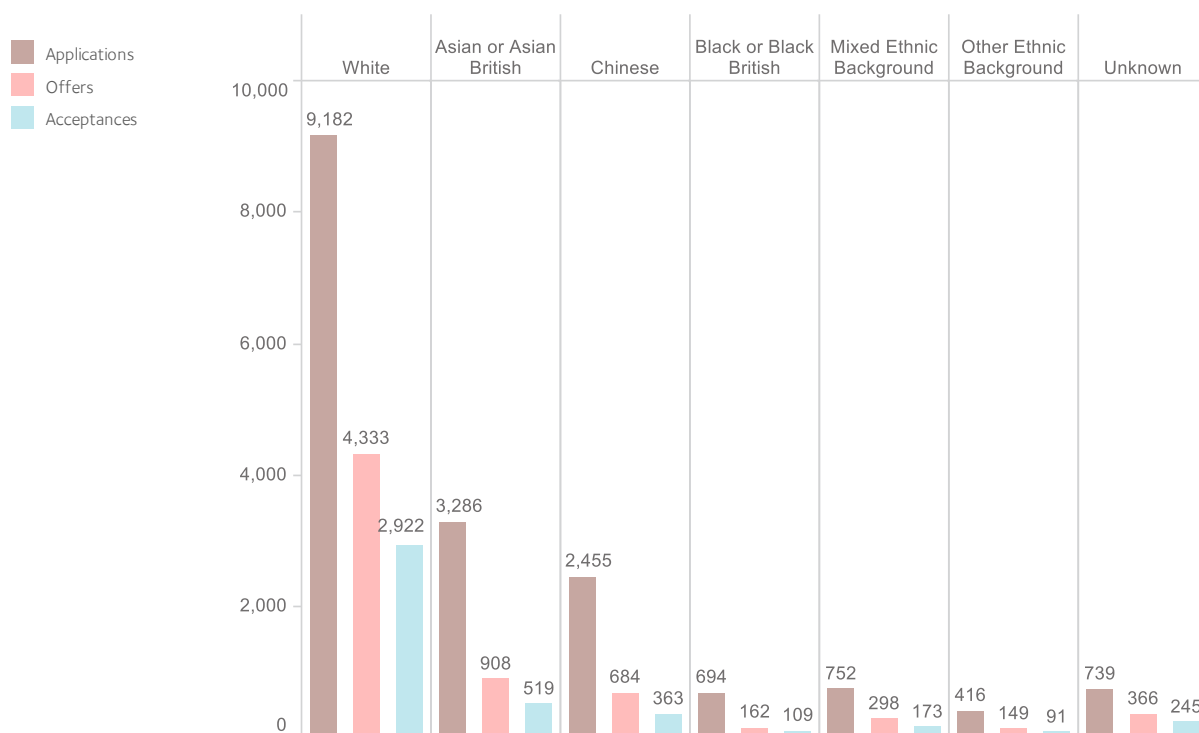


Table 5b. Applications, offers and acceptances by programme type and known ethnic background

	Research			Taught			All		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	17	6	0	57	16	12	74	22	12
Asian or Asian British – Indian	378	113	47	1,193	304	191	1,571	417	238
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani	107	26	13	260	77	49	367	103	62
Chinese	757	240	111	1,698	444	252	2,455	684	363
Other Asian background	411	126	67	863	240	140	1,274	366	207
Black or Black British – African	118	29	18	406	93	65	524	122	83
Black or Black British – Caribbean	22	6	3	39	18	13	61	24	16
Other Black background	25	5	4	84	11	6	109	16	10
White	3,038	1,456	911	5,994	2,832	1,988	9,032	4,288	2,899
White – British	28	6	0	30	17	13	58	23	13
White – Irish	4	1	0	4	2	2	8	3	2
White Scottish	1	0	0				1	0	0
Other White background	38	6	1	45	13	7	83	19	8
Mixed – White and Asian	63	24	12	151	69	44	214	93	56
Mixed – White and Black African	12	2	0	43	17	9	55	19	9
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	23	7	5	31	12	10	54	19	15
Other Mixed background	136	55	30	293	112	63	429	167	93
Other Ethnic background	147	53	33	269	96	58	416	149	91
Information refused	182	97	70	306	157	111	488	254	181
Not known	48	12	7	203	100	57	251	112	64
TOTAL	5,555	2,270	1,332	11,969	4,630	3,090	17,524	6,900	4,422

Table 6a. 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.		Research	Taught	All
		COLLEGES			
		All Souls	0	1	1
		Balliol	79	62	141
		Brasenose	33	66	99
		Christ Church	37	57	94
		Corpus Christi	16	30	46
		Exeter	29	60	89
		Green Templeton	50	195	245
		Harris Manchester	6	42	48
		Hertford	33	55	88
		Jesus	35	37	72
		Keble	35	62	97
		Kellogg	30	274	304
		Lady Margaret Hall	23	68	91
		Linacre	63	104	167
		Lincoln	53	73	126
		Magdalen	44	39	83
		Mansfield	16	36	52
		Merton	61	46	107
		New College	35	43	78
		Nuffield	16	12	28
		Oriel	23	50	73
		Pembroke	20	67	87
		Queen's, The	26	23	49
		Somerville	17	17	34
		St Anne's	32	97	129
		St Antony's	44	142	186
		St Catherine's	27	67	94
		St Cross	86	184	270
		St Edmund Hall	24	70	94
		St Hilda's	23	63	86
		St Hugh's	23	124	147
		St John's	45	27	72
		St Peter's	12	31	43
		Trinity	18	26	44
		University	50	41	91
		Wadham	23	29	52
		Wolfson	102	119	221
		Worcester	35	58	93
		PERMANENT PRIVATE HALLS			
		Blackfriars	1	3	4
		Regent's Park College	3	16	19
		St Benet's Hall	1	0	1
		St Stephen's House	1	27	28
		Wycliffe Hall	2	8	10
		RECOGNISED INDEPENDENT CENTRE			
		Ripon College Cuddesdon	0	5	5
		Non-Matriculated Students	n/a	434	434
		TOTAL	1,332	3,090	4,422
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				



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