



# University Admissions Tests



2023 entry

Tests for various degree courses	Tests for Oxford	Tests for Cambridge
<p><b><u>DISCONTINUED</u>: STEP 1; and PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TESTS FOR PRIMARY TEACHING</b></p>	<p>ELAT: English courses            CAT: Classics            GAT: Geography</p>	<p>Pre-interview assessments: 9 course areas</p>
<p>BMAT: for Medicine (8 universities), Dentistry (Leeds) &amp; Biomedical Science (Oxford), and 24 universities abroad</p>	<p>MLAT/OLAT: Modern/Oriental Languages</p>	<p>At-interview assessments: 20 course areas</p>
<p>LNAT: Law courses at 9 UK Universities &amp; 2 universities abroad</p>	<p>PAT: Physics &amp; Materials Science courses</p>	<p>TSA Cambridge Sec 1: Land Economy (= at interview)</p>
<p>STEP 2 &amp; 3: Maths / some Maths-related courses at Warwick, Cambridge and Imperial College London; encouraged for courses at some other universities</p>	<p>MAT: Mathematics &amp; Computer Science courses (ALSO: for Maths at Imperial College London)</p>	
<p>TSA UCL: Social &amp; Political Studies courses at UCL (test arranged by UCL)  <a href="https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/thinking-skills-assessment/tsa-ucl/about-tsa-ucl/">https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/thinking-skills-assessment/tsa-ucl/about-tsa-ucl/</a></p>	<p>TSA Oxford: 5 courses            HAT: History courses</p>	
<p>UCAT: 33 UK Medical &amp; dental schools</p>	<p>Fine Art practical: Fine Art            Music Performance: Music</p>	
<p>TMUA : encouraged for some Maths-related courses at Bath, Lancaster, LSE, Durham, Warwick, Sheffield, Cambridge, Southampton, Nottingham &amp; Cardiff</p>	<p>PHIL: Philosophy &amp; Theology            TSA Section 1: History &amp; Economics</p>	
		

# Tests for applicants to Medicine (plus Dentistry at Leeds and Biomedical Sciences at Oxford): **BMAT**

- **Universities:** Used by 8 UK universities (for Medicine - 8, for Dentistry – just Leeds, for Biomedical Sciences – just Oxford) & 24 universities abroad
- **Time:** 2 hours
- **Format:** 2 multiple choice sections and a writing task; pen-and-paper
- **Online preparation resources:** available at:
  - <http://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/preparing-for-bmat/>
- **Registration & Booking:** From 1<sup>st</sup> September, deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October, by the school's Examinations Officer
- **Test date & place:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in school (NB: the September test, previously available, has not run since 2020 and is currently discontinued)
- **Costs:** TBC: £61 in 2021 – in some cases, students can have the cost reimbursed based on ability to pay (eg students receiving a bursary)
- **Results:** TBC – 26<sup>th</sup> November in 2021 – results are shared via BMAT's Metritests system and automatically sent to universities in the UK

# Tests for applicants to Law: LNAT

- **Universities:** used by 9 UK universities & 2 universities based abroad
- **Time:** 2 hours 15 minutes
- **Format:** 2 sections: multiple choice questions and an essay
- **Online preparation resources:** available at:
  - <https://lnat.ac.uk/how-to-prepare/>
- **Registration & Booking:** students are advised to take the test as early in the academic year as possible for maximum choice of test venue / availability, and to meet admissions deadlines; you have to register online from 1<sup>st</sup> August and book the test by the deadline (15<sup>th</sup> September for Oxbridge applicants or 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for all other applicants)
- **Test date & place:** from 1<sup>st</sup> September; and by 15<sup>th</sup> October (if you are an Oxford / Cambridge University applicant), 31<sup>st</sup> December (LSE applicants) or 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (all other applicants) at an authorised test centre – the nearest is in Leeds
- **Costs:** TBC - £75 in 2021-2022; you might be eligible for the Bursary Scheme:
  - <https://lnat.ac.uk/registration/paying-for-your-test/lnat-bursaries/>
- **Results:** TBC; last year, from 21 Oct, the 1st batch of LNAT scores (tests taken 1 September to 20 October) were released to universities to download. After that, within 24 hours of finishing your LNAT, Pearson VUE made your LNAT score & essay available for download by your universities, who see your score before you!

# Tests for applicants to Maths & some other courses (STEP)

(Note: STEP details/dates for this year group are TBC)

- **Universities:** Maths at Warwick, Maths & some related courses at Cambridge & Imperial College London; encouraged for some other Universities' courses
- **Time:** 3 hours per paper
- **Format:** two 3-hour paper-based examinations: STEP 2 and STEP 3.  
Candidates are usually required to sit either one or two of the examinations, depending on the requirements of the universities they have applied to.
- **Online preparation resources:** available at:
  - <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/step/preparing-for-step/>
- **Registration & Booking:** by school's Exams Officer; details to be confirmed
- **Test date & place:** in school; STEP tests are in the final term of Year 13 so we await details at this stage (in 2022 for Y13 these were on 9<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June)
- **Costs:** TBC - £93 per paper last year
- **Results:** Candidates are graded: S – Outstanding; 1 – Very Good; 2 – Good; 3 – Satisfactory; U – Unclassified. The final grade for the paper is based on the student's six best answers only. Results released on A Level Results Day; you can view your results by logging in to the Metritests account you created to complete part 2 of the registration process. Results are passed to institutions through UCAS for use in their admissions processes.

# Tests for applicants to Maths-related courses: TMUA

**Note: (some TMUA details/dates for this year group are TBC)**

- **Universities:** used by 10 UK universities for Mathematics or Mathematics-related courses such as Economics & Computer Science; in most cases, the test is not compulsory - but a good performance on this test may result in a reduced offer
- **Time:** 2 hours 30 minutes
- **Format:** Divided into 2 papers of 1 hr 15 mins each; multiple choice format with no calculators / dictionaries allowed
- **Online preparation resources:** available at:
  - <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/test-of-mathematics-for-university-admission/preparation/>
- **Registration & Booking:** from 1 September through school's Exams Officer
- **Test date & place:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in school
- **Costs:** TBC – last year, £57 and a Bursary Scheme for which you might be eligible – at present the web-page for this needs updating
- **Results:** based on overall performance on both papers and will be given on a scale of 1.0 to 9.0, with 1.0 being the lowest and 9.0 the highest; results will be released on 30 November; use the Metritests system to check results and release them to your chosen institution(s) using the login details from your Confidential Results Information sheet; you need to select which institutions receive your results

# Tests for applicants to Medicine & Dentistry: UCAT

- **Universities:** used by 33 UK universities & 2 universities based abroad
- **Time:** 2 hours
- **Format:** a computer-based test of 5 separately timed sub-tests; for 4 of these areas you are given a numerical score (the higher the better) while for the fifth, Situational Judgement, you are given a band between 1 & 4 (1 being best)
- **Online preparation resources:** available at:
  - <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/practice-tests/>
- **Registration & Booking:** register online by 22<sup>nd</sup> September; booking is open online and is required by 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- **Test date & place:** from 11<sup>th</sup> July and by 29<sup>th</sup> September; you can sit UCAT In July, August or September 2022 at a Pearson VUE Test Centre; you need to check availability and book a convenient centre – the nearest is in Leeds)
- **Costs:** £70; you may be eligible for a bursary through the UCAT Bursary Scheme – check the details here:
  - <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/bursary-scheme/>
- **Results:** delivered to universities in early November

# Tests & work submissions for Cambridge University applicants

- Most applicants are required to take a **written admission assessment**. Full details are available at:
  - <http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admissions-assessments/pre-interview>
- Some colleges / courses ask for **examples of written work** to be discussed at interview:
  - <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission-assessments/submitted-work>
- **Content specifications with example questions** for pre-interview assessments can be found on each individual course page of the Cambridge website; here is a useful link to papers across different tests:
  - <http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/preparation-materials/>
- For **2023 entry**, the pre-interview written assessments will be taken in school, expected for 2/11/22; the school registers students for pre-interview assessments (deadline = 15<sup>th</sup> October, except BMAT – see separate slide for that)
- **At-interview assessments** are taken when applicants are in Cambridge for interview (usually during the first three weeks of December); most applicants take any at-interview assessment on the same day as their interview(s). For details:
  - <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admissions-assessments/at-interview>



# Tests & work submissions for Oxford University applicants

- Full details are available at:
  - <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests>
  - <http://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/oxford-tests/>
- Applicants for many courses at many colleges are required to take a **written admission assessment**. Specific guidance for different tests can be found here, if you scroll down to the relevant test:
  - <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests>
- For **2023 entry**, the pre-interview written assessments are taken in school, expected for 2/11/22; school registers students (deadline = 15<sup>th</sup> October, except BMAT). Law applicants – see LNAT slide
- Many courses require applicants to send in a **sample of their written work** as part of their application; see here for details:
  - <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/written-work#:~:text=your%20written%20work%20must%20be,with%20a%20completed%20cover%20sheet>