

Applying to Oxford: A100 Undergraduate Medicine

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**How does the application
process work?**

The Big Picture

- The Medical School draws up a short list using BMAT score, contextualized GCSE performance and other relevant information
- Shortlisted candidates are interviewed at two colleges and are assessed with reference to published selection criteria
- After interviews, colleges select their students, taking into account all the information available to them



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In 2018:

1742 applicants

425 interviewed

156 places

The course is very popular!

We have many more appropriately qualified applicants than places



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3 A levels

to include **Chemistry** +
Biology/Maths/Physics

Standard offer: A*AA

achieved at one sitting

No preference for 3 sciences or specific subject combinations

Alternative qualifications? <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study>

Entrance requirements



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academic potential:

- problem-solving
- intellectual curiosity
- compatibility with small-group teaching

personal characteristics:

- empathy
- motivation
- communication
- honesty and integrity
- ethical awareness
- ability to work with others
- capacity for sustained and intense work
- alignment with the values of the NHS

Selection criteria



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UCAS form

**academic record (GCSE, AS, A2 prediction,
EPQ, etc.)**

personal statement

reference

BMAT

interviews

The evidence



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- Explain your interest in the course
- Describe what you have done to learn/prepare
- Summarise your extra-curricular activities, and explain how they relate to the selection criteria
- Provide other relevant information, e.g. gap year, illness
- Be honest: don't manufacture interests
- Don't copy a 'model' statement from elsewhere

Personal statement



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All applicants must sit the BMAT

Three elements:

60-minute test of aptitude and skills

30-minute test of scientific knowledge and
applications

30-minute writing task

BMAT



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No specific preparation is necessary for BMAT beyond GCSE-level science and mathematics, and familiarising yourself with the test format

Registration deadline: **1 October 2019**

Test date: **30 October 2019 (only)**

www.bmat.org.uk

BMAT



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We use the proportion and number of GCSEs obtained at A* or 8/9 as our measure of GCSE strength

If you have GCSE grades, we assess them in relation to the 'average' student at your school

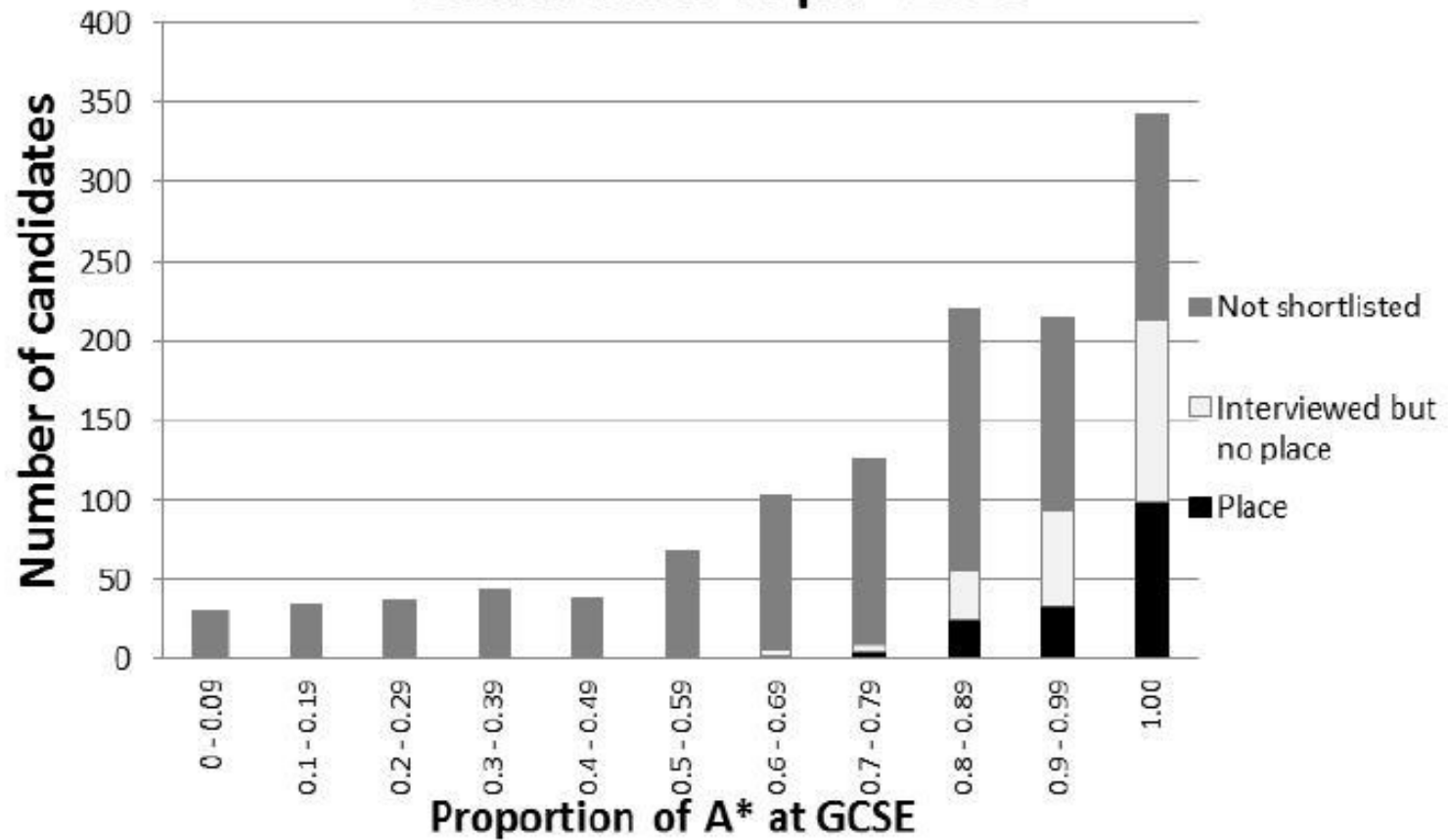
We weight sections 1-3 of BMAT 40:40:20

There is no set BMAT score or number of A* or 8/9 passes required to obtain an interview

Shortlisting



Distribution of pA* 2018





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- Short-listed applicants are interviewed by **two** colleges: the college of choice / allocation, and one other college
- Interviewers will not be aware of your college preference or BMAT score
- Interview candidates will be in Oxford for ~26 hours
- Last year 44% of our successful applicants were made an offer by a college **other** than the one to which they applied

Interviews



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- Interviews will address the selection criteria
- A common pattern is to receive two panel interviews at each college
- The interviewers will be a mixture of clinicians and scientists
- The personal statement often shapes the interview

Interviews



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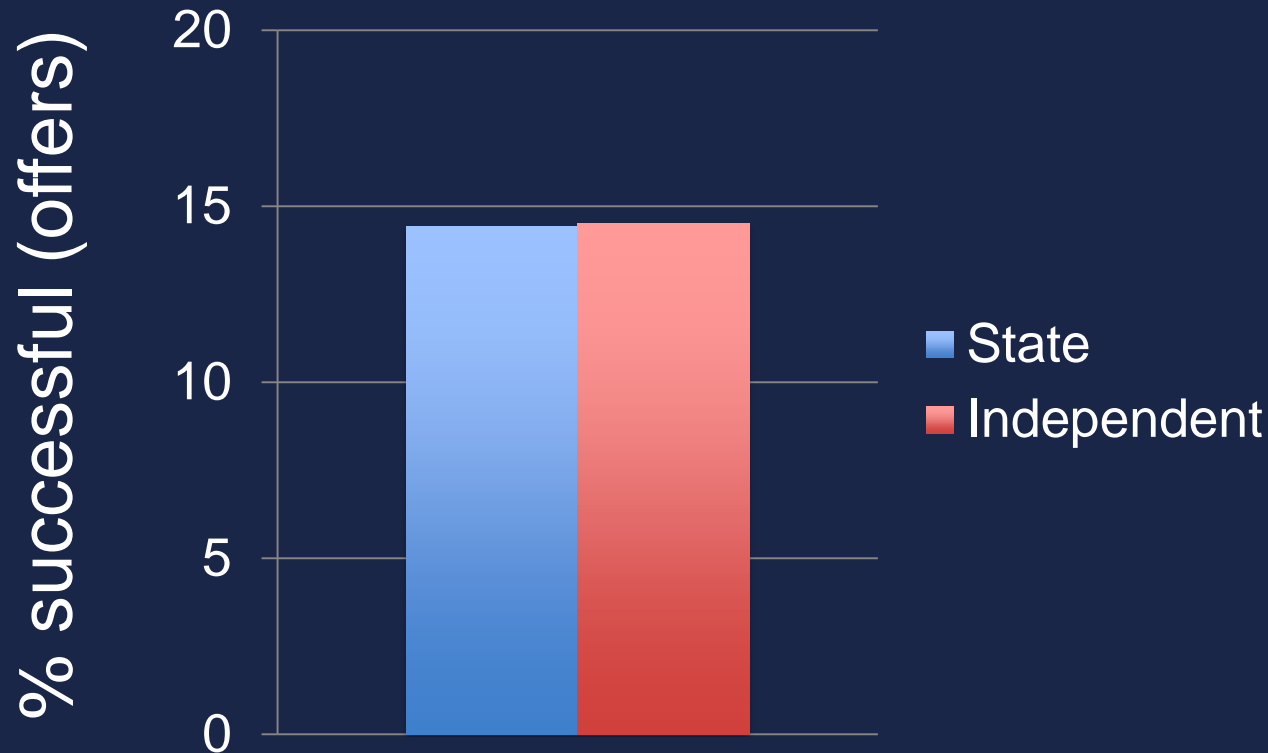
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- Colleges rank all candidates interviewed on the basis of the UCAS information and interview
- Tutors then receive BMAT scores, and the rankings from the other interviewing college
- Colleges re-rank and select those candidates to whom they wish to make offers
- The college of application has first choice of any applicant

Selection

Medicine: overall success rate by school type (UK applicants)



2016-18 three-year average

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STANDARD COURSE (6 YEARS) A100

In years 1-3 (pre-clinical), students gain a comprehensive grounding in the sciences underlying medicine and obtain a BA degree in Medical Sciences.

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Years 4-6 comprise the clinical component and lead to the award of the BM, BCh.



GRADUATE-ENTRY COURSE (4 YEARS) A101

An accelerated four-year medical course for graduates in applied or experimental sciences

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ELECTIVES

Clinical attachments of up to 10 weeks for medical students from other universities in the UK and overseas in their final two years of study

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HIGHEST STUDENT SATISFACTION RATE

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ABOUT THE COURSE

The three-year undergraduate course in Biomedical Sciences is a broad and flexible programme, ranging from genetics and molecular and cellular biology to integrated systems physiology, neuroscience and psychology. Depending on the options chosen in the second and third years, students graduate with a B.A. degree in either Cell and Systems Biology, or in Neuroscience.



APPLYING

Information on the admissions process, including open days, introductory reading, selection criteria, and interviews.

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FAQS

I did better than expected in my A-levels. Does Oxford University take part in the clearing and adjustment process?

Can I apply for deferred entry to Biomedical Sciences?

Can I start at Oxford before my 18th birthday?

Can I transfer in from another university?



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