2022-3 UCAS Cycle Admissions Report

The Brasenose admissions cycle starts with the UCAS deadline on 15th October and this year applicant numbers bounced back from the pandemic dip, with 989 applications, up 49% on the previous cycle. This was the biggest increase in applications for any Oxford College and bucked the trend as overall Oxford applications were 5% down this cycle.

Each year we receive a large number of applications from well-qualified candidates and 2022 was no different in this regard. The college seeks to select the students demonstrating the strongest academic ability and potential. These attributes are assessed using procedures operated jointly with Oxford's academic departments to ensure that candidates applying to us are compared fairly and consistently with applicants for the same degree course across the University. Procedures such as college reallocation, and second college interviews help ensure that the outcome of an application is not adversely affected by college choice. Indeed, two of the most popular subjects (namely, Law and Medicine) are co-ordinated by the department and "college-blind" so as to eliminate any affect of college choice on the shortlisting process.

Brasenose aimed to fill a quota of 111 undergraduate places for October 2023 entry, and made 123 offers, plus another 3 for deferred entry in 2024. Of the 123 offers for this year, 12 were "open offers" meaning the candidate is guaranteed an Oxford place if they meet their offer, but the College will be determined on A-level results day. Open offers are used to insure colleges against missed offers and withdrawals and they are slotted in where openings occur.

Two overseas offer holders withdrew their application in advance of the decisions being sent. Both were due to be made offers and withdrew due to generous scholarships in the USA. Both were replaced with other candidates before the decisions were sent out.

Some facts and figures regarding the process and our offer holders are presented below for information, and a map of the home locations of the offer holders is below.

2022-3 Offer-Holder composition

The profile of offer holders is diverse in terms of the number of nationalities represented and the number of regions within the UK represented.

- Of the 123 offers made in this cycle, 109 are UK, 14 International (3 from EU).
- Offer holders are drawn from 9 different countries and 10 nationalities, with Chinese the most common nationality (6) after British.
- The majority of offer holders are female (52%).
- Of the UK offer-holders, 78% are state-educated, which is above the University average for the eighth successive year.

Admissions facts and figures

43% of Brasenose applicants were invited to interview at one of the Oxford Colleges. Most of those
invited were invited by Brasenose (340, 76%), but a large number (105, 24%) were invited by different
Colleges, having been reallocated. A small number (17) of applicants to other Colleges were
reallocated to Brasenose for interview, having applied to another College.

- At Brasenose 43% applicants were shortlisted for interview and 17% were offered a place. Across the University 41% were shortlisted and 16% offered a place.
- During the interview period (5th-16th December), 831 online interviews were carried out by Brasenose tutors.
- Across the university, 41% of applicants were interviewed and 16% received an offer. The most competitive subject was Economics and Management (5.9% of applicants received an offer), followed by Computer Science (6.3%), Medicine (9.5%) and Maths (10.6%). The least competitive subjects were Music (54.5%), Modern Languages (51.6%) and Classics (37%).

Map of UK offer holder locations (as given on UCAS application)

Below is a map showing the locations of offer holders. We have overseas offer holders from Canada, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, Turkey, Czechia, Hungary and Sweden. We do not have any from Scotland or Northern Ireland.





