

2023-4 UCAS Cycle Admissions Report

The undergraduate admissions cycle at Brasenose starts with the UCAS deadline in October and this year 961 candidates applied to Brasenose.

Each year we receive a large number of applications from exceptionally well-qualified candidates and 2023 was no different. 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 effect of college choice on the shortlisting process.

Brasenose aimed to fill a quota of 111 undergraduate places for October 2024 entry, and made 126 offers, plus another 3 for deferred entry in 2025. Of the 126 offers for this year, 18 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.

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.

2023-4 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 129 offers made in this cycle, 111 are resident in the UK and 18 are from overseas (3 from EU).
- Offer holders are currently living across 10 different countries and represent 18 nationalities, with Chinese the most common nationality (6) after British.
- The majority of offer holders are female (53%).
- Of the UK offer-holders, 76% are state-educated, which is above the University average for the ninth successive year.

Admissions facts and figures

- 451 (46%) Brasenose applicants were invited to interview at one of the Oxford Colleges. Most of those were interviewed by Brasenose (350, 78%), but a large number (101, 22%) were invited by different Colleges, having been reallocated to even out the competition for places across colleges.
- During the interview period (4th-15th December), 840 online interviews were carried out by Brasenose tutors.
- Across the university, 43% of applicants were interviewed and 16% received an offer. 17% of Brasenose applicants were offered a place.

- The most competitive subject was Economics and Management (6.2% of applicants received an offer), followed by Computer Science (6.6%), Biomedical Science (10%), Maths (10.6%) and Law (11.3%). The least competitive subjects were European and Middle Eastern Languages (56% received offers), Music (48%) and Modern Languages (47%).

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 USA, Singapore, China, Australia, Luxembourg, Russia and Switzerland. We have three from Northern Ireland, three from Wales, one from the Isle of Man and none from Scotland.

