

2025-6 UCAS Cycle Admissions Report – Brasenose College

The undergraduate admissions cycle at Brasenose starts with the UCAS deadline in October and this year 1151 candidates applied to Brasenose.

Each year we receive a large number of applications from exceptionally well-qualified candidates and 2025 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. 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 112 undergraduate places for October 2026 entry, and made 134 offers (and another 70 Brasenose applicants have offers from other colleges). Of the 134 Brasenose offers for this year, 22 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.

2025-26 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 UK offer-holders, 84% are state-educated, which is above the University average for the eleventh successive year.
- 21 different nationalities are represented amongst the offer holders. There are 4 offer holders from Northern Ireland and 5 from Wales
- 57% of our offer holders are female
- 20% of Brasenose offer holders declared a disability (21% across the University).
- 2026 is the first time the College has made Computer Science offers. 2 offers have been made for MCompSci and 2 for MMathCompSci.

Admissions facts and figures

- 520 (47%) Brasenose applicants were invited to interview at one of the Oxford Colleges. Most of those were interviewed by Brasenose but some were invited by other Colleges, having been reallocated to even out the competition for places across colleges.
- During the interview period (8th-17th December), 871 online interviews were carried out by Brasenose tutors.

- Across the university, 42% of applicants were interviewed and 17% received an offer, whereas 17.5% of Brasenose applicants received an offer, demonstrating there is no disadvantage to applying to the College. 70 candidates that initially applied to Brasenose received a University of Oxford offer from another college, meaning 204 direct applicants to Brasenose received positive news in January on the outcome of their application.

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

Below is a map showing the locations of offer holders for the UK, but we also have offer holders from China, Belgium, India, Turkey, America and elsewhere.

