

Oxford and the IB

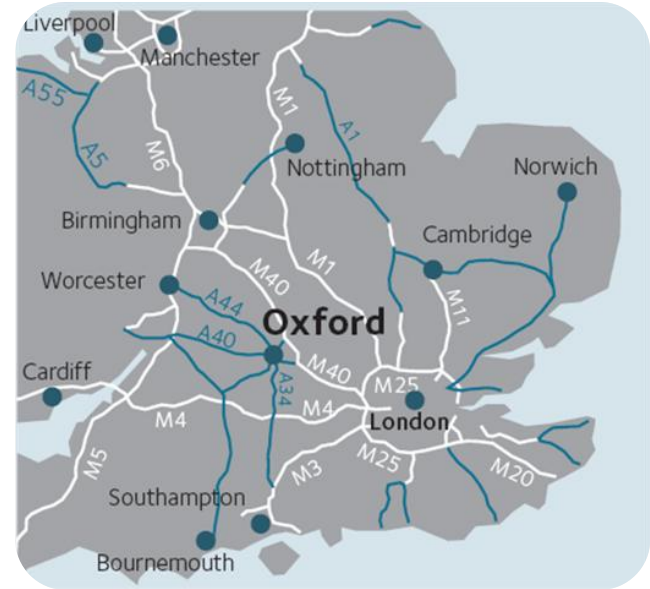


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Oxford...



“The oldest university in the English-speaking world...a leader in learning, teaching and research”



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Choosing Courses at Oxford

45,000 courses and 341 institutions available
in the UK

Oxford offers 220 course combinations

Make sure their interests are covered in the
courses

Courses at Oxford are:

- Academically focussed
- Challenging
- Selective
- Objective to make students think logically,
laterally and independently



Tu-to-ri-al

Weekly meeting all students have with a tutor where you are expected to talk in depth about your ideas and opinions



“It's no more expensive to study
at Oxford than at any other
English university...

our world-class resources,
extensive bursaries and college
provision actually keep living
costs down”



Entrance Requirements

As the application procedure is so competitive, even excellent grades will not guarantee a place at Oxford

Specific subjects may be required for some courses

Extra curricular activities are not taken into account - **purely academic criteria**



How do Universities view the IB? - General



The University welcomes applications from students following the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. Most programmes offered at Bristol require a point score of at least 28 with some requirements as high as 37 points, including 6, 6, 6 at Higher Level. Some programmes also specify pre-requisite Higher level subjects.

For typical IB offers, please consult the online [Undergraduate Prospectus](#). From this link you will need to click on the relevant A-Z for the programme name, then click on 'Entry Data'.

Please note that the IB Middle Years Programme is accepted as a level 2 qualification and alternative to GCSE.



Students studying for the International Baccalaureate are able to apply for direct entry to the first year of undergraduate study and would normally be expected to achieve a points total of around 36-38 with 666-766 at the higher level, although the exact requirement differs for individual programmes. For those following the European Baccalaureate, we would normally ask for an average of 8 or 8.5 with specific marks in certain subjects, i.e. 8 overall plus an 8 in English and an 8.5 in Mathematics.



International Baccalaureate

We welcome applications from students studying for the International Baccalaureate (IB).

Students who are taking the IB are required to obtain the award of the Diploma.

Offers are regularly made on the International Baccalaureate, requiring scores between 40 and 42 points out of 45, with 776 or 777 in the Higher Level subjects. For advice about suitable subject choices see [course requirements](#). Please note that for these purposes, Standard Level subjects are broadly comparable to AS Levels, and Higher Level subjects to A Levels.



International Baccalaureate

Students of the International Baccalaureate are usually required to achieve a level of performance of 38-40 points, including core points, with 7s and 6s in the higher level subjects.



How do Universities view the IB - International



Students who have earned the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma with a grade of 7 on at least three Higher Level examinations may qualify for Advanced Standing. Students wishing to use IB exams for Advanced Standing should request that the IB Americas' office send an official IB transcript directly to Harvard.

Credit toward the bachelor's degree for new students not admitted as transfer students is offered only on the basis of AP or IB examinations (or other reviewed international credentials). The College does not grant credit toward a Harvard degree for courses taken at other universities prior to matriculation. Therefore, students wishing to be eligible for Advanced Standing are advised to sit for the AP examinations in fields they have already studied, whether or not they participated in a formal AP course in secondary school. Students may learn about AP examinations by writing to the Program Director, College Board Advanced Placement Examinations, Box 977, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.



The University of Hong Kong

HKU welcomes IB diploma holders, and believes that students who earn the IB diploma are extremely well prepared for university studies in Hong Kong. All students who are expected to earn the full IB diploma are strongly encouraged to apply to HKU, although you should be aware that the University has high admissions standards, particularly for the highly respected programmes in Medicine, Business, Economics, Finance, Law, and Actuarial Science. All applicants should apply through the non-JUPAS application procedure. The application deadline most years is the end of January for a September start. Non-local students will need to apply for a visa. The University of Hong Kong will assist you in applying for a student visa, which will also enable you to take up paid employment both during and after your studies, under various conditions. Please refer to <http://www.hku.hk/international> for more details. IB diploma applicants should ask their IB coordinator to send their scores directly to HKU.



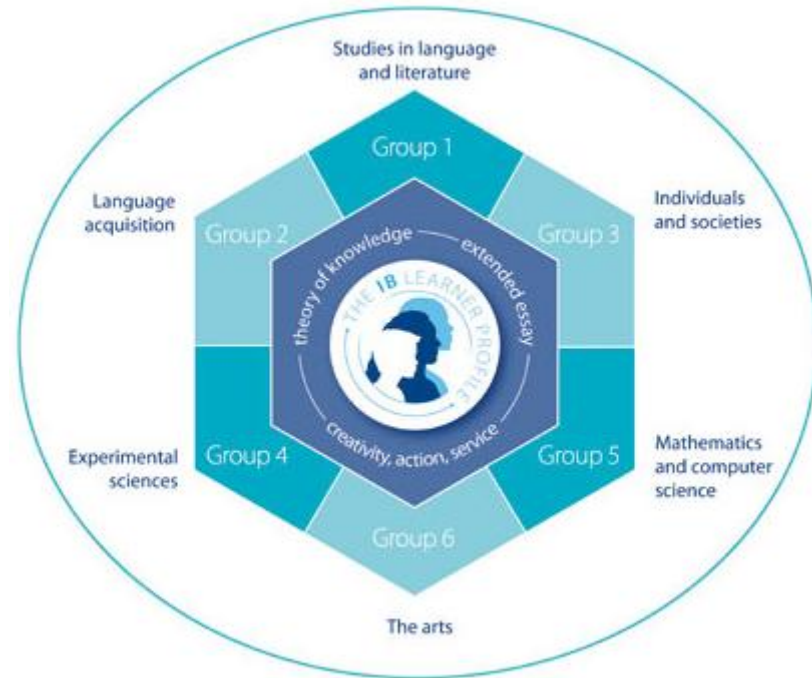
The IB Diploma is considered a credential for admission. Grades of 5 or higher are expected in each subject. Credit is granted for higher level courses. The amount of credit which can be granted varies depending upon the particular subjects examined and the faculty or program which the student wishes to enter. An appropriate selection of three higher level subjects can allow for admission to the second year of a four year program in some faculties and schools. Students who do not complete the full Diploma but who achieve a grade of 5 or better in one or more higher level certificates can receive some credit, depending on the faculty/program the student is entering. Final IB results from the IBO must be received for all admitted students.



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How does Oxford view the IB? - Subjects

- Subject offering
- Opportunity of breadth and depth
- Interdisciplinary nature of qualification
- Specialisation?
- Specify recommended subjects, especially at Higher level



How does Oxford view the IB? – Core points

- Theory of Knowledge
 - Preparation in critical thinking
 - Helpful for some admissions tests
- CAS
 - Experience
 - Rounded character?
- Extended Essay
 - Emulates University level learning
 - Opportunity to explore in more depth

- We will include core points in our offer



The IB and Oxford

- Long history of accepting students
- Typical offer:
 - 38 to 40 points with 6s and 7s at Higher Level
- Second largest qualification pool
- Around 1,000 students at Oxford with IB
- In the last 5 years the number of IB offers has doubled
- Success rate 20%



Drawbacks of the IB?

- Doesn't suit every type of student
- Offer failure rate
 - 5% fail to reach A level offers
 - 20-25% fail to reach IB offers
 - BUT Universities offer more flexibility
- Lack of data for Universities?



Prior academic achievement

Predicted grades

Personal Statement

Teacher's reference



Pre-Interview tests

Written work

Written tests at interview

Interview

UCAS

Deadline: October 15th



Choose your course...

You can only
apply to Oxford or
Cambridge
choose carefully

Keep your personal
statement
academically
focused

... then choose your college

You'll need to
submit your other
applications then
too



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“Around **80%** of Oxford applicants are now required to sit a pre-interview test”

www.admissions.ox.ac.uk/tests

We might want to see some of your written work too!

- 70 % of applicants invited to interview
- 2 / 3 days spent in Oxford
- 1+ interviews in 1+ colleges
- 2 academic tutors usually present
- 20 - 30 minutes long on average
- 0 pounds spent on food or accommodation



Questions?

www.admissions.ox.ac.uk



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