Summary of the 2025/26 University of Oxford Admissions Process for the subjects; Mathematics, Mathematics & Statistics, Mathematics & Philosophy, and Mathematics & Computer Science

These data refer to applicants in the "2025/26 cycle" who applied in 2025 for the Oxford course starting in 2026 or in 2027 (deferred entry). All figures in brackets relate to the previous admissions cycle, 2024/25.

Overall Application Statistics

Course	Applications	Shortlisted	Offers
Mathematics / Mathematics and Statistics	2052 (1929)	589 (632)	208 (200)
Mathematics and Philosophy	169 (170)	56 (52)	17 (24)
Mathematics and Computer Science	564 (620)	206 (181)	90 (89)
Total	2785 (2719)	851 (865)	315 (313)

- 12.2% of applications made were open applications (13.1%).
- 38 applicants applied for deferred entry (45). Of these, 8 were interviewed and 3 were offered places.
- 27.5% of applicants were female (26.9%) and 26.0% of those offered a place are female (24.7%).
- 1535 applicants were studying A-levels in the UK (1563). Of these, 97% were taking Further Mathematics as a full A-level. Of the 49 applicants studying A-levels in the UK who weren't taking Further Maths as a full A-level, fewer than 3 were shortlisted for interview, and fewer than 3 were offered a place.
- There were 1034 non-EU international-fee-paying applicants (965).

The admissions criteria are published on the department's website at:
www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/prospective-undergraduates/how-apply/admissions-criteria.

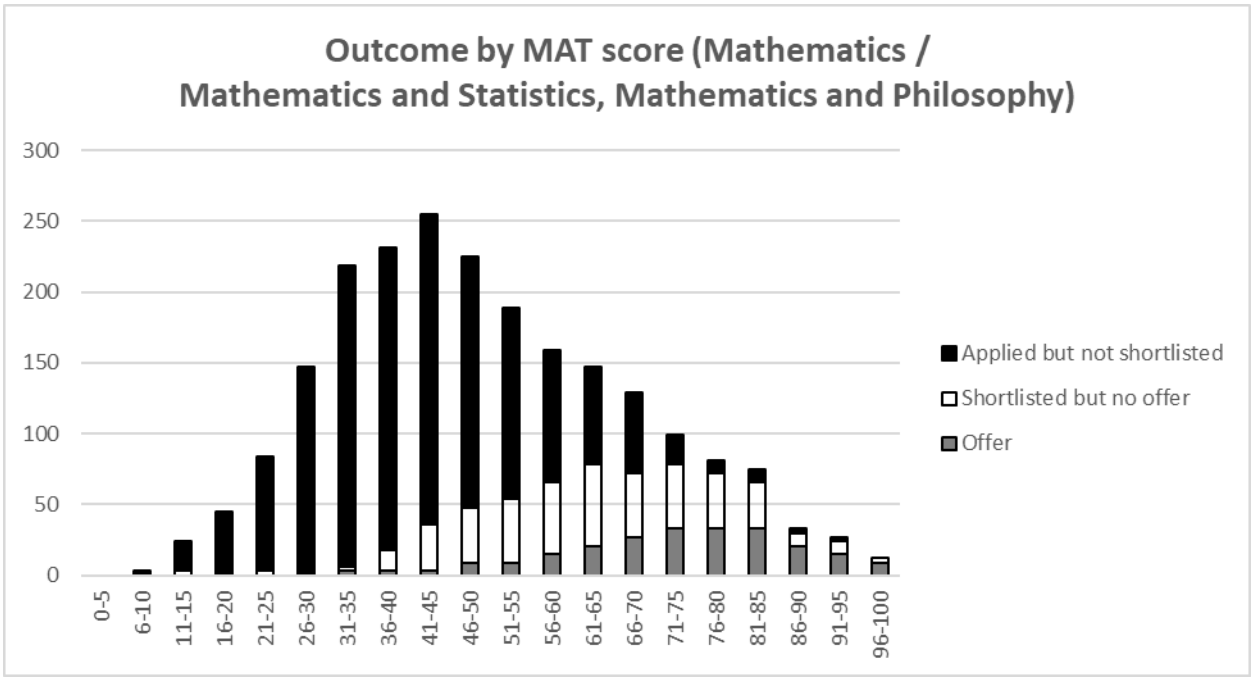
Mathematics Admissions Test

All applicants are expected to sit the Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT), or must seek permission in exceptional circumstances from the subject Admissions Coordinator to be exempted from the test. In 2025 the test date was 22 or 23 October 2025. In this cycle, 2691 applicants for Mathematics or joint honours courses registered for and sat the MAT (2604).

Details relating to the MAT, including several past and specimen papers, can be found at:
https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/maths-admissions-test

The average MAT score for Oxford applicants applying for Mathematics / Mathematics & Statistics or Mathematics & Philosophy was:

- 49.6 (54.4) amongst all applicants;
- 66.7 (71.7) amongst shortlisted applicants;
- 74.0 (77.4) amongst successful applicants.



This chart excludes applicants who did not sit the MAT, and the numbers have been rounded.

For further details on Mathematics & Computer Science, please see the feedback report produced by the Computer Science department at www.cs.ox.ac.uk/adstats.

Shortlisting

In light of the competition for places, the purpose of shortlisting is to provide time during the December interview window to interview all shortlisted applicants.

Shortlisting is performed in accordance with the stated admissions criteria on the basis of all currently available and relevant data: in particular these data include an applicant's score from the MAT, all aspects of the applicant's UCAS form and any further relevant contextual data specific to the application.

As guidance, and on the basis of a validated weighted combination of the test score and contextualised GCSE score (where applicable), the Admissions Coordinator advises college tutors on shortlisting decisions. Around 3.1 (last year 3.2) applicants per place were shortlisted for Mathematics / Mathematics & Statistics and Mathematics & Philosophy.

Throughout the process all UCAS forms, test scores, contextual information, comments, and interview grades are easily accessible to all college tutors involved with admissions via a web-based database.

College tutors review the UCAS forms and any other information relevant to individual applications, and in light of all information enter their provisional shortlisting decisions in the web-based admissions database. Provisional shortlisting decisions become final by an agreed deadline. Letters and/or emails are then sent to candidates informing them of the outcome of the shortlisting exercise.

Interview Stage

Each applicant has a first-assigned college, which is either the college to which they applied or, in the case of open applications, a college randomly assigned by the University Admissions Office in such a way as to even out the number of applicants per place across colleges. Each shortlisted applicant is also randomly assigned a second college by an algorithm aiming to equalise across colleges the interview load per place ratio.

In cases where a college is particularly over-subscribed (more than four shortlisted applicants per place), a college must reallocate a fraction of their candidates. These candidates are then assigned at random to other colleges. In this admissions cycle, 7 candidates were reallocated to a different first college.

In December 2025 all interviews were carried out remotely. Most applicants were given interviews by at least two different colleges (their first- and second-assigned colleges). Applicants may also have been interviewed by other colleges. Applicants to joint degrees typically have separate interviews in the two disciplines.

Interviews are academic in nature. An applicant's performance is judged according to the admissions criteria and graded on a scale of 1-9 against agreed descriptors. The score and any comments are added to the shared web-based database.

Decisions

The Admissions Group operates various procedures in a coordinated effort to ensure that the strongest applicants are admitted to the University irrespective of college choice; these include transparency of all test results, interview grades, and UCAS forms amongst all tutors involved with admissions, and a final meeting of tutors at which the strongest unplaced applicants are collectively discussed and open offers are made by the Admissions Group. Around 30% of offers (last year 25%) made in this cycle were either open offers or made by a college other than the first college considering the applicant.

Decisions are deemed to be official at the end of the Group's final meeting. These decisions are then conveyed by tutors to their respective college offices for dissemination to shortlisted applicants. The Admissions Group has standard offers for those taking A-levels, the International Baccalaureate or Advanced Highers; college tutors will seek advice from admissions tutors or the Admissions Office in making other offers.

Colleges may make offers that include the Opportunity Oxford bridging programme as well as the standard conditions on A-levels or equivalent. Students made this offer will attend a Mathematics enrichment course prior to the start of their degree, to support them with the transition to university. In this cycle, 18 such offers were made for Maths or joint honours courses. More information on this programme is available at: www.ox.ac.uk/opportunityoxford.

Feedback

All candidates who took the MAT, and who have not withdrawn, will receive their MAT score via the test registration portal.

Colleges and departments are not required to provide individual feedback to applicants, but feedback can be requested from the college that considered the application, on or before 15 February 2026. All enquiries about admissions decisions are dealt with on an individual basis between applicants and the appropriate Oxford college (to which the candidate initially applied, or to which they were subsequently assigned, whether as a result of making an open application or through reallocation). More information about the feedback policy is available at: www.ox.ac.uk/feedback.

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