

Economics and Management 2023-24 cycle admissions report

Note on the data in this report

The data used for the statistics in this report are a snapshot of the data available on 3 January 2024. Whilst it is not anticipated that there will be significant change between this date and the date on which candidates are notified of the outcome of their applications, small changes may be possible. As such, the statistics presented in this report may differ slightly from any statistics produced after final decisions are communicated.

Candidates who submitted their applications after the deadline at 6pm on 16th October 2023 that were not considered, are excluded from the statistics given in this report.

Admissions requirements

Information on the requirements to study Economics and Management at Oxford can be found on the University website at <u>https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/course-listing/economics-and-management</u>, and on the department website at <u>https://economics.web.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions-criteria</u>.

Application numbers

The table below shows information regarding the number of applicants, shortlisted applicants, and applicants made offers. It further shows the numbers by Gender (only "Man" and "Woman" are included due to low numbers in other categories), and by domicile ("UK" or "Non-UK").

	Man	Woman	UK	Non-UK	Total
Applicants	908	598	828	689	1517
Shortlisted applicants	170	105	181	97	278
Applicants made offers	53	40	67	26	93

GCSE results

GCSEs (General Certificates in Secondary Education) are UK qualifications usually taken in Year 11 (when the applicant is 15-16). It is not required for applicants to have taken GCSEs, and we receive and consider many applications, particularly from outside the UK, that have not taken GCSEs. However, where these results are available, they are considered when making decisions.

In this section, "A*/9/8" refers to GCSE results of A* **or** 9 **or** 8 (the grading may depend on the exact qualification and when it was taken), and only includes applicants that have taken at least five GCSEs.

The average numbers of A*/9/8 grades for all applicants, shortlisted applicants, and applicants made offers, are listed in the table below.

	Average number of A*/9/8 grades		
Applicants	8.1		
Shortlisted applicants	9.1		
Applicants made offers	9.6		

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The chart below shows the outcome for applicants by their number of $A^*/9/8$ grades.



Thinking Skills Assessment

Applicants to Economics and Management are required to take the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA), and applications that are not supplemented with the Thinking Skills Assessment would usually only be considered where there are compelling mitigating circumstances. The statistics below refer to only those applicants for which TSA results were available.

The table below shows the average scores in each of TSA Problem Solving, TSA Critical Thinking, and TSA Overall for all applicants, all shortlisted applicants, and all applicants made offers. The charts below show the outcomes for applicants in all three sections. As demonstrated below, it is not the case that achieving a certain score in the TSA (in any section) will guarantee an interview, and shortlisting and final decisions are made holistically on the basis of all available information about that applicant.

Please note that, where special considerations were submitted, this will not have resulted in a change of TSA score. Instead, special considerations are considered alongside all available information when making decisions.

	Problem solving	Critical thinking	Overall score
Applicants	59.7	57.1	58.3
Shortlisted applicants	70.6	65.6	67.7
Applicants made offers	73.6	67.2	69.8

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For guidance, information regarding the distribution of scores on the TSA Section 1 exam amongst all Oxford applicants (including other courses) can be found in this report: https://www.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxford/media_wysiwyg/explanation-of-tsa-oxford-section%20-1-results2023.pdf.

Shortlisting decisions and final decisions

Both shortlisting and final decisions for Economics and Management are made on the basis of all available information. This includes the education/qualification history of the applicant, the Personal Statement, the Reference, predicted grades (if applicable), the Thinking Skills Assessment, and interviews (if shortlisted). Although there are no set numerical weightings given to any part of the application, a general guide to how these elements are weighted at the shortlisting stage (before interviews) is given below:

Element	High	Med	Low
Thinking Skills Assessment	Х		
GCSE (or similar) profile (if taken)	Х		
Predicted performance at A-level (or similar)	Х		
UCAS Reference		Х	
UCAS Personal Statement			Х