



Early Entry

Welcome to our guide for students looking to apply for courses requiring early entry. These are courses studied at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry.

Some conservatoire courses in music also require early entry so you will find information about these in this guide too.

You will need to keep a close eye on the UCAS website for up-to-date information:

Early and Mid-October is the application deadline for any early entry course. Your additional choices, to be considered for equal opportunity, can be added up until the January deadline.

What needs to be done by these dates?

You'll need to leave enough time to complete your application, resolve any queries and make sure it reaches UCAS by the deadline.

1. Fill in your UCAS application.
2. Write a personal statement to demonstrate you'll be a great student.
3. Pay your fee and send for approval. We will then add the teacher reference and will ask the student to go through their application, including the teacher reference with us.

Students applying for Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary and dentistry courses need to be able to achieve A/A* in appropriate subjects.

You can only make a maximum of four applications for a course in medicine, veterinary or dentistry. You can add a fifth choice after the October deadline but before the January deadline.

What can you do now to help with your application?

1. Start drafting your personal statement.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7G9E7LPI-CQ>

2. Be widely read about your subject. Reading will not only expand your knowledge, but it will also give you more material for your personal statement and interview. Some universities offer a suggested reading list for each course. If the university you are applying for does, read some of the texts.

See more on the Super-curricular page.

3. Attend summer schools, courses and virtual webinars.

4. Complete MOOCs (massive online open courses).
Many universities offer courses online that are free to study.
A good place to start is www.futurelearn.com

5. Get relevant work experience if you can - it can really enhance an application.

6. Get a job. This demonstrates that you can be proactive and manage your time well alongside your studies.

7. Listen to relevant podcasts and TED talks.

8. Thoroughly research the university and course you are looking to apply for.

9. Do something different. This is broad and could be anything but being able to stand out in your personal statement is what could achieve an interview at your chosen university.

10. Prepare for your admission tests.

Useful weblinks

University of Cambridge Admission Tests

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/admission-tests>

University of Oxford Admission Tests

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests>

The Law National Aptitude Test – LNAT

<https://lnat.ac.uk/>

University Clinical Aptitude Test – UCAT

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/>

Pearson VUE for Undergraduate Admissions Test (UAT UK)

<https://home.pearsonvue.com/Clients/uatuk.aspx>

