

# Cambridge Pre-U university offers update

## How does Cambridge help with university applications?

Cambridge checks the UCAS profiles for UK universities and then contacts the universities directly if any omissions have been made or entries need to be amended.

Before the cycle begins, university admissions departments are provided with updated information by the Cambridge Recognitions team. Many universities state their admissions requirements and publish 'typical' offers well ahead of the application cycle.

## UCAS applications

The main deadline for applications is 15 January, although Oxbridge and medical school applications have to be in by 15 October. In general, universities make offers in line with the equivalences that form the basis of the UCAS tariff.

Cambridge Pre-U grade	Suggested A Level grade
D1	
D2	A*
D3	A
M1	
M2	B
M3	C
P1	D
P2	
P3	E

## Contact Cambridge

It is to be expected that some admissions tutors, or others involved in the admissions process, will need more information once applications start coming in, so Cambridge staff are always ready to assist schools should any issues arise. Enquires of this nature should be sent directly to the Recognitions team via email at [recognitions@cie.org.uk](mailto:recognitions@cie.org.uk)

## GPR and universities

A small number of universities have included GPR in the main UCAS offer. One such example is an offer made by the University of Oxford for Geography which asked for three A grades at A2 Level, and specified that a Distinction in Cambridge Pre-U Certificate (Global Perspectives and Research) could be offered in place of one of the A grades at A2 Level. Where universities require a fourth subject at AS or A Level, then GPR may be considered for as an alternative.

“ Bristol University values the GPR, and encourages admissions tutors to make two alternative offers to students offering this qualification, one of which specifies achievement in the GPR. ”

Head of Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions



“ University of Sussex welcomes the value of breadth offered by elements such as Global Perspectives and the Research Report. ”

Undergraduate Admissions



## Oxbridge

From 2012 entry some degree courses at Oxford are changing their entrance requirements to include one or more A\* grades at A Level. Consequently some offers will be based on one or more D2 grades.

Cambridge offers have been much more mixed, reflecting the decision to use a mixture of A\* and A at A Level which has translated into a mixture of D2 and D3 at Cambridge Pre-U. For some courses, offers have included two A\*s or two D2s and occasionally a D1. In these cases, it is important to stress that the college concerned fully expects the applicants to meet the offer - the bar is not being set prohibitively high.

## Other universities

The examples of offers reflect the straightforward way in which the Cambridge Pre-U grading scale has been accommodated in offers.

### The first two cycles of university applications

Looking back, given that Cambridge Pre-U is a new qualification, the two initial application cycles have been remarkably smooth with the main issues arising from an initial unfamiliarity with the grading scale. In almost all such cases, contact with the Admissions Office led to a revision of the initial offer.

Sample offers from universities			
University	Course	Standard A Level Offer	Cambridge Pre-U offer
Bath	Engineering	A*/A/A	A*/A/D3 or A/A/D2
Birmingham	Drama and English Literature	A/A/B	A/A/M2
Bristol	Music	A/A/B – B/B/B	B/B/D3 or A/B/M2
Cambridge	Economics	A*/A/A	D2/D3/D3
Cambridge	English	A*/A/A	A*/A/D3 or A/A/D2
Cardiff	Physics	A/A/B	D3/D3/M2
Durham	Modern Languages	A/A/B	A/A/M2 or A/B/D3
East Anglia	History of Art	A/A/B	A/B/D3
Edinburgh	Arabic	A/A/A - B/B/B	B/B/M2
European School of Osteopathy	Osteopathy	B/B/C	B/C/M3
Imperial	Engineering	A*/A/A	A*/A/D3
Lancaster	Criminology	B/B/B	B/B/M3
Leeds	French	A/B/B	A/M2/M2
Leicester	International Relations and History	A/B/B	A/B/M2
Loughborough	Engineering	A/B/B	B/B/D3
Manchester	Politics and Modern History	A/A/B – A/B/B	A/B/D3
Newcastle	Japanese	A/B/B	B/B/D3 or A/B/M2
Nottingham	History and Politics	A/A/A	A/A/D3
Oxford	Law	A/A/A	D3/D3/D3
Oxford	Medicine	A/A/A	D3(Chemistry)/D3/A
Oxford Brookes	Biology	B/B/C	B/C/M2
Queen Mary, University of London	Modern and Contemporary History	A/A/B	A/A/M2
Royal Holloway	European Studies (French)	A/B/B	A/A/M2
Sheffield	Japanese	A/B/B	A/B/M2 or B/B/D3
Southampton	Film and English	A/A/B	A/B/D3
Sussex	Psychology	A/A/B	A/B/D3 or A*/B/M2
Warwick	Chemistry	A/A/B	A/B/B or A/B/D3 or A/A/M2
York	English	A/A/A	A/A/D3

## UK Higher Education Statistics from 2010 cohort of Cambridge Pre-U students

Data Source: UCAS

- **835** Cambridge Pre-U students applied using UCAS
- Total number of applications made to universities **3699**
- Total number of applicants accepting places at university **593**
- Applicants applied to **114** different universities

### Total number of applications: Top 10 universities

University	Number of applications
University of Bristol	301
Oxford University	268
The University of Edinburgh	246
Durham University	221
University College London	182
University of Exeter	181
University of Leeds	177
University of Cambridge	170
The University of Warwick	160
The University of Manchester	159

### Total number of offers made to students: Top 10 universities

University	Number of Offers made
University of Bristol	136
University of Leeds	122
University of Exeter	121
Durham University	119
The University of Warwick	112
The University of Manchester	106
The University of Nottingham	101
Oxford University	93
The University of York	75
University College London (University of London)	74

### Total number of applicants accepting places at university: Top 10 universities

University	Number of applicants accepting places
Oxford University	90
University of Cambridge	59
University of Bristol	44
Durham University	29
University of Leeds	29
The University of Manchester	29
University College London	25
The University of York	17
Imperial College London	16
University of Exeter	15

### Courses applied for at university: Top 5

1	History by Period
2	English studies
3	Economics
4	Pre-clinical Medicine
5	Combinations within European Langs, Lit and related



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