

Law Admissions Report 2025-2026

1. Admissions Statistics

1.1 Number of applicants

This year Law received:

- 1,780 applicants for the three-year law degree (Course 1);
- 335 applicants for the four-year course (Law Studies in Europe (Course 2); yielding
- 2,115 applicants in total.
- 630 of whom were interviewed.
- 252 of whom received an offer.

1.2 Number of applicants per place

This year there were:

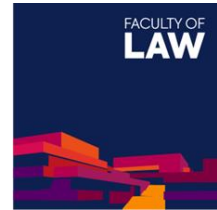
- 240 places declared available at the start of the process.
- Ultimately, 250 offers were made for entry in 2026.
- Additionally, two deferred offers were made for entry in 2027.
- This means that there were 8.81 candidates per place for Course 1 and Course 2 at the start of the process but, ultimately, 8.39 candidates per place awarded.
- Of these, 35 offers were made for a place on Course 2, meaning that there were 9.67 Course 2 candidates per place on Course 2. However, as always, a candidate's chance of receiving an offer for Course 1 was not affected by whether or not they had applied for Course 2, since the decision to award the extra year is made separately and following the normal admissions process.

1.3 Breakdown of applicants by open applications, deferred entry, gender domicile.

- 313 of the 2,115 initial applications were open applications (14.80%).
- 41 applications were for deferred entry in 2027 (1.94%).
- 1,413 applications were received from those who classified themselves as 'woman' (66.81%). 685 applications were received from those who classified themselves as 'man' (32.39%). 17 did not classify themselves into either category (0.8%).
- 1252 candidates were Home applicants (59.20%), 671 were Overseas (31.73%) and 192 were EU (9.08%).

1.4 Number of applicants shortlisted

- 630 candidates were shortlisted for interview.



1.5 Number of applicants offered places

- 252 offers were made for entry in 2026.
- This includes 2 offers that were made for entry in 2027.

Section 2 – Admissions Processes

Section 2.1. Shortlisting Procedure

2.1.1 Link to published selection criteria

<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/content/course/ba-jurisprudence>

2.1.1.2 Procedure for shortlisting

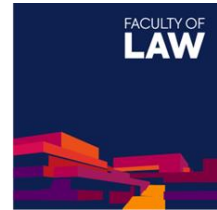
An initial shortlist of candidates was drawn up on the basis of a rank comprised of contextualised GCSE scores and the two LNAT scores (MCT and essay), see section 2.1.3 for further information. Faculty Selection Committee (FSC) members are then asked to consider candidates individually to ascertain whether there is any reason why this rank should not be considered representative in individual cases (e.g., because of mitigating circumstances). Consideration was also given to candidates experiencing highest levels of deprivation who had performed well against others at their individual school.

At the end of the FSC process the shortlist stood at 2.0 candidates per place available. Colleges were then able to see which of their applicants have been shortlisted by FSC and were able to reserve some of these candidates for interview. They also had the opportunity to add a further 0.5 candidates to the shortlist, or to ask the Admissions Coordinators to do so on their behalf following the rules above. The reason why a candidate had been shortlisted (rank, College choice) was recorded on our central database so that we can track the performance of the different reasons used to select candidates for interview as those candidates continue through the process, through A level confirmation and through exams taken on course. This information is then fed back each year into adjustments to the shortlisting process for subsequent years.

Candidates who have not been reserved for interview at their College of application were redistributed across the Faculty in order to ensure a fair distribution by strength of candidate in order to maximise each candidate's chance of receiving an offer.

2.1.3 Weighting of test/GCSE scores/written work

The rank used as part of the initial shortlisting process was calculated on the basis of the two LNAT scores (MCT and essay) and contextualised GCSE scores (where available). Candidates with a cGCSE score are ranked using a three-point rank based 10% on each of the two LNAT scores and 80% on the cGCSE score. Candidates without a cGCSE score are ranked separately in a two-point rank drawing on the two LNAT



scores equally, but decisions made on the basis of this rank are then adjusted as far as possible on a more individual basis in the light of any school qualifications the candidate may have achieved. The post-interview rank was calculated using this rank with a small addition of first interview scores.

2.1.4 Pre-Interview Admission tests

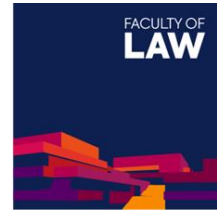
MCT results and essays are available to tutors on ADSS from 24th October. LNAT MCT is marked externally; LNAT essays are marked internally using No More Marking and are available as PDFs for each candidate on ADSS.

- Average LNAT MCT of all 2,115 candidates was 24.94.
- Average LNAT MCT score of those shortlisted was 29.37.
- Average LNAT MCT score of those receiving an offer was 30.48.
- Average LNAT essay mark of all candidates was 62.38.
- Average LNAT essay mark of those shortlisted was 64.59.
- Average LNAT essay mark of those receiving an offer was 65.21.

Section 2.2 Interview Process

2.2.1 Description of the Interview Process

- Candidates typically received two approximately 25-minute interviews at their first College. Those who are interviewed in the second round typically had just one 25-minute interview, but this practice varies across Colleges. Candidates were asked questions about their existing schoolwork as well as being given scenarios to test their logical reasoning etc.
- This year 142 candidates received an interview at a second College. Priority is given to candidates from the most deprived backgrounds in allocating second interview slots on the basis of data which show that such candidates may perform less well at first interview in a manner which is not representative and thus predictive of their ultimate performance on course. Candidates were re-ranked using the post-interview rank (contextualised GCSE, LNAT MCT, LNAT essay and first interview scores) and allocated to second interview slots by rank descending. Colleges were required to offer a number of second interviews equivalent to 0.25 of their available places, rounded up. However, Colleges were encouraged to, and did, interview more than this.
- This year all candidates from the most deprived backgrounds received second interview slots after reallocation, but there were still a number of other candidates in the undecided pool without interview slots available. We circulated a spreadsheet of these candidates to tutors who were able to select candidates from it to offer additional interviews and several did.
- Scores for interviews are as follows:
 - 5 – outstanding
 - 4 – very good
 - 3 – satisfactory



- 2 – weak
 - 1 – very weak
- We do not have a final Admissions meeting. Colleges make their own decisions following the second round of interviews. C1 (i.e., the first interviewing college) retained priority over candidates so C2 (i.e., the second interviewing college) was only able to place a second interview candidate with the permission of C1. During this final decision-making stage the Admissions Coordinators circulated a spreadsheet of strong candidates who were yet to receive offers, updating it as they received offers. Colleges were encouraged to make offers to candidates from this spreadsheet even if they have not interviewed them and this year three Colleges did so.