



HOW TO APPLY TO ANGLOPHONE UNIVERSITIES

2020 ENTRY: A QUICK GUIDE

- Read everything on the Anglophone website. It is so complete it tells you (almost) everything you need to know!
- Access the website from the LFS website:
- <http://lfs.edu.sg/offre-pedagogique/orientation>
(scroll down to *Study Abroad*)

CONTACTS

- There are two Anglophone Advisers:
- Ms K. Snider: ksnider@lfs.edu.sg and anglo.orientation@lfs.edu.sg
- Mr C. Webster: cwebster@lfs.edu.sg and orientation.eng@lfs.edu.sg
- Please use the ORIENTATION emails (the second email) to contact us about orientation matters.

FIRST STEPS

- Register on the **Anglophone Orientation Database for 2020 Entry:**
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kbYTWgYhvYL_Z1CPDUZAKled_P_dX4W8RdOOUpmHfS0/edit#gid=0
- We will then allocate an adviser.
- After a few days you will find the name and email of your adviser on the database. You should then contact your adviser and introduce yourself.

IMPORTANT POINTS

DEADLINES

The deadline for early applicants applications (Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine and Veterinary Surgery in the UK) is 15th October, even earlier if you apply to Cambridge and want an interview in Singapore (20th September). For all other applicants the internal LFS deadline is 6th December. You must sign a disclaimer if you miss it.

PREDICTED GRADES

These are done online via Google Sheets. The first step is to download a Predicted Grade Information Form. A new form is being prepared for 2020, and may not be available until September.

REFERENCES

You need two referees. Read the guidance on references carefully as different formats are required for different countries.

REFERENCES

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is LFS policy to preserve confidentiality as far as possible. Teachers should therefore send UCAS references directly to Mr Webster or Ms Snider. We will translate if necessary.

FORMAT

These days most references are sent electronically. UCAS references have to be uploaded as Plain Text. Teachers do not need to print or sign references as they are authorised by being uploaded through our portals as registered UCAS Advisers.

Referees for Common App (US) are contacted directly by an email from Common App. Ask your teachers to contact us for help if required.

Most Canadian universities do not require references.

References for other countries will be dealt with on an individual basis (some still require a paper reference).

CHOOSING UNIVERSITIES

1. Assess your level (consider previous reports)
2. Look at a UK University League Table (example on next slide). Top 10 universities will (as a very approximate guide) want a 16 average, next 20, a 15 average, etc.
3. Find the university and course: <http://search.ucas.com> This site will tell you everything you need to know, including entry requirements.
4. You can convert A-level grades to Bac marks using the Grade Equivalency Grid on the website (but remember it can only be approximate) as A-levels go into more depth than subjects in the French Bac.

SAMPLE LEAGUE TABLE FROM THE GUARDIAN

Pick a subject area Main table



| 2019 | 2018 | Institution | Guardian score/100 | Satisfied with course | Satisfied with teaching | Satisfied with feedback | Student to staff ratio | Spend per student/10 | Average entry tariff | Value added score/10 | Career after 6 months | Continuation |
|------|------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | Cambridge | 100 | 89 | 91 | 70 | 11.0 | 9.7 | 225 | 5.8 | 88 | 99 |
| 2 | 2 | Oxford | 97.4 | 90 | 92 | 68 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 217 | 6.6 | 85 | 99 |
| 3 | 3 | St Andrews | 97.2 | 93 | 94 | 82 | 11.6 | 5.2 | 206 | 7.1 | 82 | 97 |
| 4 | 6 | Loughborough | 87.9 | 90 | 89 | 75 | 13.8 | 6.3 | 162 | 6.1 | 82 | 96 |
| 5 | 4 | Durham | 87.6 | 89 | 89 | 76 | 14.9 | 5.1 | 198 | 6.7 | 84 | 97 |
| 6 | 5 | Bath | 84.1 | 88 | 88 | 72 | 15.8 | 6.3 | 186 | 6.6 | 85 | 97 |
| 7 | 6 | Imperial College | 83.3 | 83 | 85 | 65 | 11.4 | 8.6 | 219 | 5.7 | 90 | 96 |
| 8 | 8 | Warwick | 80.9 | 88 | 87 | 71 | 12.8 | 7.8 | 182 | 5.8 | 80 | 95 |
| 9 | 9 | Lancaster | 80.2 | 90 | 88 | 75 | 12.7 | 7.7 | 157 | 4.2 | 85 | 92 |
| 10 | 14 | Leeds | 78.8 | 89 | 90 | 74 | 13.2 | 7.3 | 168 | 6.6 | 82 | 95 |
| 11 | 10 | UCL | 78 | 81 | 84 | 63 | 10.3 | 8.8 | 191 | 6.9 | 81 | 96 |
| 12 | 17 | York | 77.9 | 88 | 90 | 76 | 14.6 | 5.9 | 159 | 4.8 | 82 | 96 |
| 13 | 12 | Coventry | 77.8 | 88 | 90 | 78 | 14.6 | 5.9 | 126 | 6.9 | 81 | 92 |
| 14 | 13 | Exeter | 77.2 | 89 | 89 | 75 | 16.5 | 3.7 | 176 | 5.8 | 84 | 97 |
| 15 | 15 | London School of Economics | 76.8 | 73 | 78 | 60 | 11.9 | 7.9 | 203 | 5.7 | 86 | 97 |
| 16 | 34 | Nottingham Trent | 76.6 | 89 | 87 | 80 | 14.8 | 4.8 | 143 | 5.1 | 76 | 91 |
| 17 | 19 | Nottingham | 76 | 87 | 88 | 72 | 13.9 | 6.3 | 163 | 7.0 | 83 | 96 |
| 18 | 18 | UEA | 75.7 | 90 | 89 | 72 | 13.4 | 4.4 | 153 | 7.5 | 79 | 94 |
| 19 | 15 | Birmingham | 75.6 | 88 | 89 | 72 | 14.8 | 7.2 | 166 | 6.4 | 86 | 96 |
| 20 | 27 | Bristol | 75 | 86 | 90 | 68 | 13.6 | 6.5 | 184 | 6.0 | 80 | 97 |

PERSONAL STATEMENTS PROCEDURE

- With over 80 applications, we only have time to check your personal statement twice.
- When it is as good as you can get it, paste it into the box on the UCAS form and email your adviser. We can read it (but not modify it).
- We will email corrections, or if necessary, will make an appointment to review it with you.
- We will give it a final check before it is sent on to UCAS.

TRANSCRIPTS

- US, Canadian, and universities in many other countries require TRANSCRIPTS.
- A transcript is a summary of the qualifications you have achieved, and your report marks, usually for the last three years. *It does not include report comments.*
- A complete DIY kit to create your own transcript can be found on the website. Bring the finished transcript to your adviser to be checked, stamped and signed.

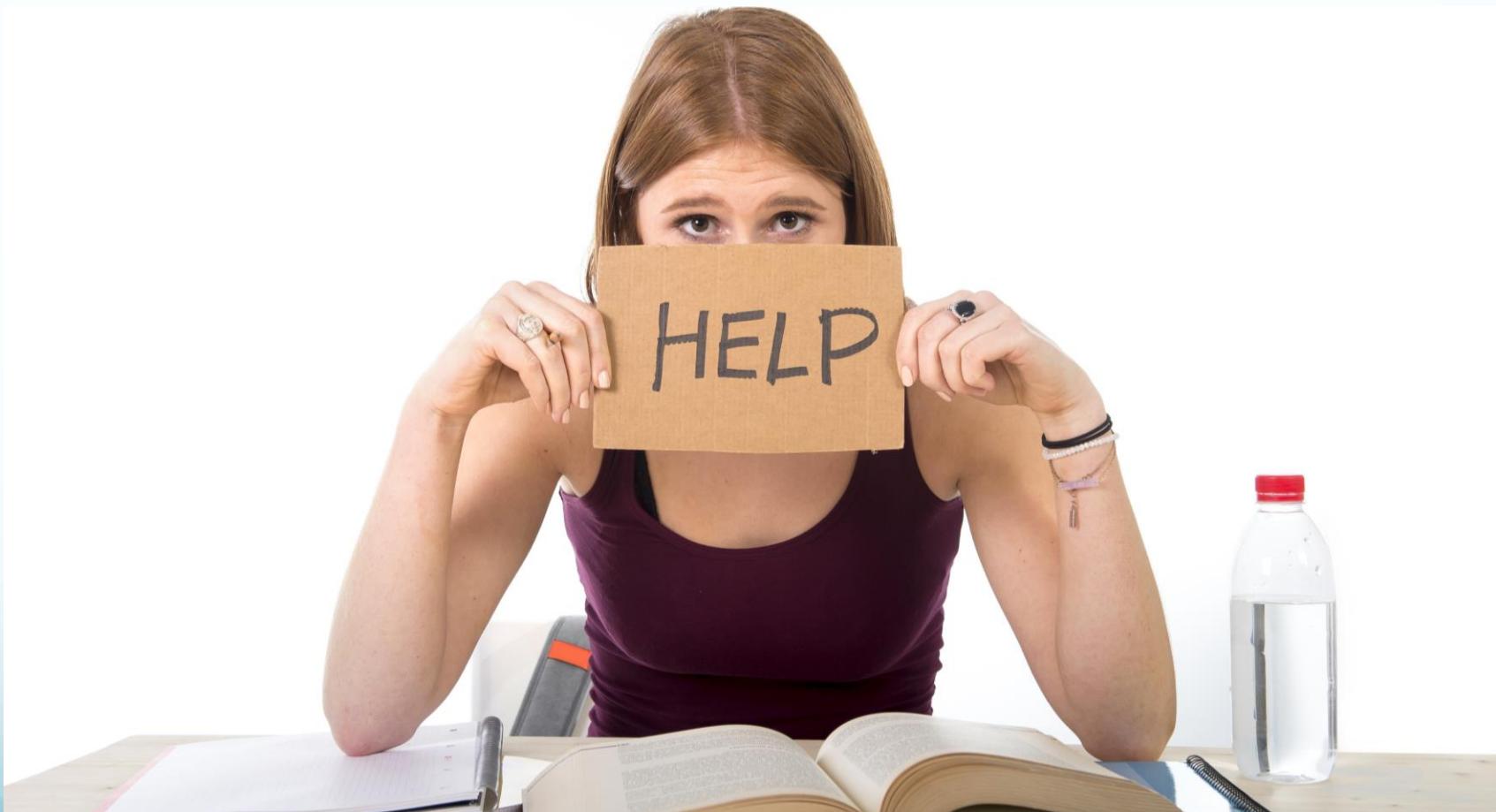
FILL IN THE FORMS

- For UK, register with UCAS using the **BUZZWORD** (or else your application will be lost in cyberspace). Then fill in the form. Contact your adviser if you have difficulties.
- For US, register with COMMON APP using orientation.eng@lfs.edu.sg or ksnider@lfs.edu.sg. NOTE: these are the emails we have registered with Common App. If you use the wrong email, you will have to do it all again.
- For Canada, register online and upload your documents. we have no profiles and therefore cannot monitor the progress of your application, so if you have problems, email Ms Snider (our expert on Canadian Universities).
- Other Anglophone countries are dealt with on an individual basis.

FINAL REMINDERS

- READ the documentation very carefully, and please follow the procedures we have laid down.
- MEET deadlines. It is particularly important that any COMMON APP applications are sent off in good time.
- The INTERNAL LFS deadline is 6th December 2017.
- In July you must send authenticated documents to the university which you will attend. Detailed information about how to do this is on the website.

PART 2 – EARLY APPLICANTS



OXBRIDGE HURDLES

- Hurdle 1: GRADES: you need a 16 minimum. If you cross this hurdle, the marks don't seem to matter (I have known students with 19 who were rejected because of a poor interview, and students with a bare 16 who got in).
- Hurdle 2: PERSONAL STATEMENT. If your application goes on to the next stage this could make the difference between an interview and no interview.
- Hurdle 3: EXTRA TESTS. These are required in several subjects. Find out about them and get lots of practice, and perhaps even a tutor. It is important to get a HIGH SCORE!
- Hurdle 4: INTERVIEW. Very approximately, LFS has about 8 OXBRIDGE interviews a year, but only one or two get in – so PREPARE!

PREPARING A HIGH QUALITY APPLICATION FOR OXBRIDGE

- Research the university, the college, the course and the tutors.
- Read around your subject – be an obsessive about it, love it, live and breath it.
- Keep up to date with world news from a UK perspective.
- Your personal statement needs to be much better than average.
- Study and practice for any extra tests you need to take.
- Practice talking about your subject (in case you get an interview).

EXTRA TESTS

Many UK universities require you to take an entrance test for certain subjects. The university syllabus will state clearly if you have to take an extra test. It is up to you to check the syllabus carefully. More information about these tests can be found here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/admissions-tests>

Some tests are done online. Where a written paper is required, you can apply to take it at the British Council:

<https://www.britishcouncil.sg/exam/professional-university/admission-tests>

The LATEST date you can register is October 15th. Registration is open from 1st August. Try to register BEFORE 1st October, as after that date you will pay a higher registration fee.

LAST YEAR SOME STUDENTS MISSED THE 15th OCTOBER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU!

OXBRIDGE PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Research the format and style. There is plenty of guidance on the UCAS website, and hundreds of examples online.
- Avoid clichés like these:
<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/personal-statements/10-things-not-to-put-in-your-personal-statement>
- Remember that you are trying to get a world expert in your subject to be interested in your candidature: some tips here:
<https://www.studential.com/university/applying/UCAS-application-guide/oxbridge/personal-statements>
- Some examples here: <https://www.studential.com/personal-statement-examples/oxford-university-personal-statements>

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AS A 'BACKDOOR' TO MEDICINE

There are currently on average 11,000 graduate entry medical program applicants per year and roughly 730 course places available. Therefore statistically to get into a graduate entry program you need to be in about the top 6%. I've got no idea what the statistics are for undergraduate programs. As a graduate with a BSc. both graduate and undergraduate programs will be available to you. Some courses such as Imperial, Queen Marys and St. Georges will offer interviews to Biomedical Science students from their own department who achieve the necessary grades at undergraduate level, while this is by no means a guarantee of a place, it puts you one step ahead of outside applicants who are by no means guaranteed an interview.

In terms of grades, typically speaking you will need to get at least a 2:1 at your BSc., some places say they'll consider applicants from students with a 2:2 (like Nottingham and St. Georges) but obviously with the sheer weight of applicants it will put you at a severe academic disadvantage unless you have other qualifications such as an MSc./PhD. Also some institutions such as Birmingham, have for the last few years only considered students with a 1st class honours in their BSc. Some universities may require A-level results too as an entry requirement (Bristol for instance requires BBB at A-level on top of a degree).

On top of your academic achievements at BSc. it's most likely necessary to have to take the GAMSAT, MSAT or BMAT (BMAT for Cambridge only at graduate level). These exams are used to cut down the applicants and can be tough examinations. The GAMSAT is particularly notorious for being an incredibly difficult exam. Also work experience is a requirement before applying especially as a mature student (which you will be upon having completed your BSc.), this pretty much involves volunteer work at hospitals, care homes, etc. plus shadowing doctors is always favourable to have as well as volunteer experience.

It is very possible to complete your BSc. in Biomedical Science and then attempt to get into a graduate entry medical program which is 4 years long (so a total of 7 years study), or attempt to get into a 5 or 6 year medical program (total study time 8-9 years). I'm not really sure how your PhD question relates to the rest of your questions, but PhD's have no fixed time limit on them, but around 3 years of study until completion is common. If you wish to apply to the 5/6 year courses it's worth emailing the admissions tutors individually telling them what your academic achievements are and if they will hinder your application, undergraduate courses are more likely to place a greater emphasis on your A-level results than graduate courses despite your degree.

As an aspiring medical school entrant as well I can only tell you about what the requirements are for medicine, for optometry/dentistry it could be completely different.

Hopefully nothing I've said here discourages you, given 3 years of hard all round work both inside and outside the classroom there are people who get in with all sorts of pre-university backgrounds. If you're really interested there's a great book called "How to get into Graduate Entry Medicine" which costs about £10 on amazon and has everything you could possibly need to know. Also it provides some good information regarding acquiring relevant work experience, etc. If anything it can act as an eye opener of what's really required to get in.

Good luck.

ANOTHER BACKDOOR

 CHARLES UNIVERSITY

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Medical education in the Czech Republic may be different from other countries. In the Czech Republic, high-school graduates enrol in a long-cycle Master's degree programme of 5 or 6 years duration. After completing a Master's degree, graduates may continue on to a PhD programme or enrol in a Specialisation training programme, where a command of Czech language is necessary.

Charles University has five faculties of medicine.

Three of which are in Prague, one is located in Pilsen and one in Hradec Kralove. They are independent institutions of equal standing, each having its own medical facilities. They all offer degree programmes in English.

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