

CAAH Admissions 2020

This year the Faculty of Classics at the University of Oxford had a very high number of applicants Classical Archaeology and Ancient History: 121, one of whom subsequently withdrew. Three of the remaining 120 candidates applied for deferred entry in 2022. Of applicants outside the UK, 6 candidates applied from EU countries and 13 from non EU countries. 72% of applicants identified as female and 28% as male.

The application process involves careful evaluation of several aspects of the applicant's profile: written work, personal statement, teacher reference, past and predicted exam performance and, for those invited to interview, interview. Contextual data were taken into account at every stage of the process.

Candidates not shortlisted

Thirteen candidates were not shortlisted for interview, on the basis of criteria as set out at <https://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/admissions-criteria-classical-archaeology-ancient-history>.

Interviewed Candidates and Offers

The 107 candidates who were interviewed had an average written work mark of 63.7, an average of 6 GCSEs at grade 9/8/A* and contextual GCSEs averaging -0.66. They offered A-levels or equivalent in a wide range of subjects.

Interviews were conducted at the colleges to which the candidate applied or been allocated, with a small amount of redistribution before interviews so as to relieve oversubscribed colleges and maximize candidates' chances of admission. Each shortlisted candidate each received two first round interviews. After these interviews, 37 additional interviews were arranged (each with a team including an archaeologist and an ancient historian) for candidates as determined at a mid-interview meeting of all admitting colleges on the basis of all the information available at that point.

107 candidates were interviewed and 29 offers made on the basis of the published criteria (<https://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/admissions-criteria-classical-archaeology-ancient-history>), including one Open Offer as determined at the Final Declaration Meeting of all admitting colleges, and one offer for 2022 entry. The ratio of applicants to offers was 4.1 and of interviewed candidates to offers 3.7.

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