

Report on the 2021 Admissions Round (new admissions process implemented)

Overall picture

1899 applications were received for approximately 232 undergraduate degrees this year (excluding – senior status applications). There were approximately 8.18 applicants per available place.

(38 Senior status applications, applications are separate from other applications)

703 were invited to interview for Law, equating to 3.03 per place.

238 offers were made: **192** for Jurisprudence and **46** for Law with Law Studies in Europe; (**2** deferred Jurisprudence offers are excluded from stats)

12 Colleges participated in the Open Offer Scheme, making **12** offers between them. Colleges making Open Offers are:

College	Number of offers
Balliol	1
Corpus Christi	1
Exeter	1
Hertford	1
Mansfield	1
Merton	1
Pembroke	1
St Anne's	1
St Catherine's	1
St Hilda's	1
St John's	1
University	1
Total	12

Law/LSE had **1899** applications, with **703** being shortlisted to interview, and **238** offers being made.

Law/LSE has an application to interview success rate of **37.05%**, an interview to offer success rate of **34.23%**, with an application to offer success rate of **12.68%**

Second College Interviews

4 colleges took part in 2nd or 3rd interviews. 10 candidates were interviewed by a second or third college. 4 were made offers by the 2nd or 3rd interviewing college. 1 was rejected by the 2^{ns} interview college, but then made an offer by their shortlist college. 1 was made an offer by another college (as part of Moderation). 1 further candidate was made an offer without a 2nd interview (as part of Moderation).

Please see Appendix 1 for further data from the admissions cycle.

Senior Status (not included in stats)

69 Senior status applications were received. **38** were interviewed, **8** were made an offer.

Senior status candidates had an application to offer rate of **11.6%** and an interview to offer success rate of **55%**.

The Admissions Process

This year the law faculty implemented several changes to the admissions process following the Admissions Process Review. All applications were considered college blind by the Faculty Selection Committee and a shortlist produced, to which colleges then added candidates by requesting to rescue deselected candidates (both from the Rescue List and from the general pool of deselected candidates).

Centralised shortlisting

A Faculty Selection committee (FSC) comprised one representative from 15 of the 31 Colleges involved in the Law Admissions Process, and a further representative from Harris Manchester College. Next year the remaining 16 Colleges will provide 1 member each to sit on the committee.

A widening participation selection sub-committee (WPSC) of six people was formed taking five people from the FSC who volunteered for the position with the addition of Andrew Higgins to make six members. This sub-committee assessed all Category 1 & Composite band A/B candidates and those brought to their attention by other members of the FSC. Mature and Scottish band A/B candidates were considered by those FSC members tasked with consider Mature/Scottish - but WPSC was consulted on candidates where queries were raised or the candidates were recommended for deselection.

Centralised LNAT Marking

The LNAT was marked using No More Marking, a comparison marking system that anonymised LNAT essays and allowed markers to compare 2 essays at a time. The system created a numerical score once the essay assessed.

LNAT essays score of those shortlisted:

Essay score	Number of applicants
52	1
54	3
55	4
56	3
57	9
58	15
59	30
60	40
61	75
62	91
63	133
64	86
65	86
66	45
67	25

68	12
69	12
70	7
71	10
72	3
73	1
74	2
75	1
(blank)	9
Grand Total	703

Essay scores of applicants offered a place:

LNAT Essay Score	Number of applicants
54	1
55	2
58	3
59	9
60	11
61	18
62	33
63	42
64	27
65	39
66	19
67	10
68	6
69	7
70	4
71	5
74	1
75	1
Grand Total	238

44.75% of applicants scored between 60 and 67 in the LNAT essay.

Distribution graphs of marks (separated into Access bands) for MC and essay were distributed to Law Admitting Tutors.

The Shortlisting Ranking formula was updated, ranking was performed pre-shortlisting based on cGCSE and LNAT Multiple Choice and LNAT Essay. Candidate were then divided into Categories 1 – 5, with each category holding 232 candidates (number of available places this year) until the final category 5.

Opportunity Oxford – Bridging Programme

There were 23 Opportunity Oxford offers made for Law out of 96 eligible candidates (56 rejected post-interview). 19 Opportunity Oxford eligible candidates were made standard offers. 5 candidates were given special consideration for an Opportunity Oxford offer although not flagged as eligible.

37 candidates who were eligible for Opportunity Oxford offer received an offer (standard/OpOx).

The following colleges made Opportunity Oxford offers for the programme:

College	Number of Candidates
Christ Church	1
Exeter	1
Hertford	2
Keble	1
Lincoln	1
Mansfield	2
Queen's	1
St Anne's	2
St Catherine's	2
St Hilda's	1
St Hugh's	2
Trinity	1
University	2
Wadham	2
Worcester	2
Grand Total	23

Appendix 1: Law Faculty Statistics and Information

Applications

Total applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1899 applications total 1584 Law 316 LSE 38 Senior status (not included in stats below) 9 Withdrew before shortlisting
Breakdown of applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 391 Open applications 35 Deferred entry applications Gender split was 1264 female to 635 male applicants 1126 applicants were categorised as 'Home' applicants; 174 were from the EU; and 599 were from overseas. 245 Band A; 314 Band B candidates 418 applicants were disability flagged 115 mature candidates
Number of applicants shortlisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 703 interviewees in total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37% from application to shortlisting 588 for Jurisprudence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37% from application to shortlisting (compared with Jurisprudence cohort) 155 for LSE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84.5% from application to shortlisting (compared with LSE Cohort) • 128 band A candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52% from application to shortlisting (compared with Band A cohort) • 131 Band B candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41.7% from application to shortlisting (compared with band B cohort) • 65 disability flagged candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43.9% from application to shortlisting (compared with application who were disability flagged) • 56 mature candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48.7% from application to shortlisting (compared with the mature candidate cohort)
Number of applicants offered places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 238 offers total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -33.8% from interview to offer -12.5% from application to offer • 192 for Jurisprudence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -32.6% from interview to offer -12.1% from application to offer • 46 for LSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -29.6% from interview to offer -14.5% from application to offer -28 LSE applicants received an offer for Jurisprudence -18 LSE applicants received an offer to LSE • 27 Disability flagged candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -41% from interview to offer -18.2% from application to offer • 44 Band A candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -34.4% from interview to offer -17.95% from application to offer • 34 Band B candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -25.95% from interview to offer -10.8% from application to offer • 12 Mature flagged candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -21.4% from interview to offer -10.4% from application to offer • The total includes 12 Open Offers • 22 Open applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5.26% from application to offer

Test scores

All applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNAT Multiple Choice Score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mean =23 (23.02) - Median = 23 Standard Deviation = 4.88
Shortlisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNAT Multiple Choice Score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mean = 26 (26.46)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Median = 27 Standard Deviation = 3.74
Offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNAT Multiple Choice Score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mean = 27 (27.68) - Median = 28 Standard Deviation = 3.59

The LNAT Essay was scored from 1-100 using a comparative method.

The LNAT multiple choice test is scored by Pearson.

GCSE A* /8/9 Grades for those offered ranged from 1[7/A]-3[6/B]-4[5/4/C*/C] to 12[9/8/A*]-2[7/A]