

Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, 2021 admissions round: summary

There were 134 applicants for Classical Archaeology and Ancient History in this year's admissions round, of whom 90 were female (67%) and 44 were male (33%). There were two applicants for deferred places. We had 18 overseas applicants, the remainder being UK-domiciled. 124 applicants were shortlisted for interview; of the ten applicants not shortlisted for interview, 8 were female, 2 male. We made 27 offers, representing an overall success rate of 20.1%, or an applicant:offer ratio of roughly 5:1. 13 offers went to female candidates, 14 to male candidates.

Candidates' applications were assessed in line with the published admissions criteria for Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, available here:

<https://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/admissions-criteria-classical-archaeology-ancient-history>. At the shortlisting stage, thirteen candidates were reallocated from their first-choice college; in each case, the 'exporting' college had a shortlisted applicant:place ratio of 7:1 or greater and the 'importing' college had a shortlisted applicant: place ratio of 4:1 or less.

All 124 shortlisted applicants received two online interviews at their first-choice college on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 December. A total of 42 applicants received a further central faculty interview on either Friday 10 December or Tuesday 14 December. Of the 27 successful applicants, one received an Open Offer, assigned at the final admissions meeting on Thursday 16 December.