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Any updates or changes can be found on the TSA website.

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Key dates for TSA Oxford 2017

Registration opens:

1 September

Requests for modified question papers:

By 30 September

Registration deadline:

15 October by 18.00 BST

This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline

Test date:

2 November

Results:

You can access your TSA results online from 15 January 2018. Visit the TSA website for further details.

We will automatically send your TSA result to the University.

TSA

THINKING SKILLS ASSESSMENT

for the University of Oxford



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Guide for students 2017

Register by 15 October 2017

The Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) for the University of Oxford

You need to take TSA as part of your application for the following undergraduate courses at the University of Oxford:

- Chemistry (F100)
- Economics and Management (LN12)
- Geography (L700)
- History and Economics (LV11)*
- Human Sciences (BCL0)
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) (LOV0)
- all Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics combinations†:
 - Philosophy and Linguistics (VQ51)
 - Psychology and Philosophy (CV85)
 - Psychology and Linguistics (CQ81)
- Psychology (Experimental) (C830).

If you're applying for a joint course, you may also need to take a separate test in your other subject. Check for updates at: ox.ac.uk/tests

Applicants for Chemistry (F100), and History and Economics (LV11), will need to take only Section 1 of TSA. Please refer to our website admissionstestingservice.org/tsa-oxford for specific details about test registration.

TSA doesn't require you to have any specific subject knowledge; it tests you on key skills of critical thinking and problem solving. The test is only one part of the overall application process.

* If you are applying for History and Economics, you also need to take the History Aptitude Test (HAT). Separate registration is required for each test.

† If you are applying for courses including Linguistics, you also need to take the Linguistics paper of the Modern Languages Admissions Tests (MLAT). Separate registration is required for each test.

What's in the test?

TSA is in two parts:

Test section	Shows you can:
1. Thinking Skills Assessment: 90 minutes (50 multiple-choice questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• solve problems, including those involving numerical and spatial reasoning• demonstrate critical thinking skills including understanding arguments and reasoning using everyday language.
2. Writing Task: 30 minutes (answer one question from a choice of four)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• organise ideas in a clear and concise manner, and communicate them effectively in writing. Questions are not subject specific.

Where do I take TSA?

If you are currently attending school or college, you can normally take the test at your school: check with your Exams Officer. If your school is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre – even if you are the only person taking a test. admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre

Once they are a test centre, they will then need to register you as a test candidate separately.

We advise that you take the test at school, if possible, rather than at an alternative authorised test centre. These centres may charge an administration fee.

If you are not attending school or college, you may be able to take the test at your old school: check with the Exams Officer. If this is not possible, you will need to find an authorised test centre where you can take the test.

admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre

When do I register?

Your centre needs to register you. Registration opens on 1 September 2017 and closes on 15 October 2017.

This is done separately from your UCAS application.

You must give your centre your name, date of birth and UCAS number exactly as they have been entered on your UCAS application.

As late registrations are not accepted, ask your centre to register you for TSA Oxford **well before the registration deadline.**

How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee.

What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are normally entitled to support for exams.

You need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Requests for modified question papers must be submitted by your centre by 30 September 2017.

How do I prepare for TSA?

Doing practice papers in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style.

You can find free past papers on the TSA Oxford website, as well as other resources including the test specification.

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