

# UNDERSTANDING ADMISSIONS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



# The Admissions Team

- All undergraduate applications are processed by the Admissions Team
- They are made of subject specialists who assess that qualifications meet our entry requirements
- You can contact them via: [choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk)

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# Entry Requirements

- Normally separated into qualification type (A Level, IB, BTEC, etc.)
- Always check for GCSE or equivalent entry criteria (usually Maths, English or a language depending on course)
- Check for 'specified subjects' (e.g. you may need to be doing Maths A-level for Engineering)
- Some subjects may also have entry test requirement such as the LNAT, UCAT or SAQ.

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# Example Medicine A-Level Requirements

- A-level is three A's including Chemistry, and one other science
- GCSE requirements in both English and Maths
- Additional requirements: UCAT and work experience

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Cambridge Pre-U
International qualifications

More about [UK qualifications](#).

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Advanced numeracy requirement (7 or A in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent) and Standard literacy requirement (4 or C in GCSE English or equivalent)

Further information about [GCSE requirements and profile levels](#).

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Further information about [English language requirements and profile levels](#)

**Additional requirements**  
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# Example Medicine BTEC Requirements

- BTEC requires DDD and five specified Chemistry Units which can be found by clicking on the link
- GCSE requirements in both English and Maths
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DDD in Applied Science BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma, with Distinctions in five specified Chemistry units	
<a href="#">Find out more about BTEC entry requirements →</a>	
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# Example Medicine Access to HE Requirements

- Access to HE requires 12 credits at Distinction in Chemistry units, and 12 with 9 Distinctions from one of Biology, Physics or Maths
- Overall, you will require 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
- As Well as meeting the additional requirements to the right of the page

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Access to HE Diploma

Access to HE Diploma in Science, Biomedical/Medical/Health Science or Psychology (or similar titles). The 45 graded Level 3 credits must include at least 30 credits at Distinction and 15 at Merit or above; at least 12 credits at Distinction from Chemistry units; and at least 12 credits (with 9 at Distinction) from one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics.

[More about Access to HE entry requirements →](#)

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# Contextual Offers

- Our contextual offer is a **grade reduction** of up to two grades below the standard entry requirements.
  - E.g. AAA → ABB
- You may receive a contextual offer if you meet our eligibility criteria:
  - Attend an Aspiring State School or College (list on website)
  - Have spent 3+ months in Local Authority Care
  - Have attended a Bristol outreach scheme (list on website)
  - You receive (or have received) Free School Meals
  - Live in an area of lower socio-economic opportunity as determined by your postcode (full details on website).



See our webpage for the most up-to-date information on eligibility:

# Standard vs Contextual Offer

Geology (F600)

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[Find out if you are eligible for a contextual offer →](#)

Example used from 2024-25 entry, check our course pages for most up-to-date entry requirements.



# Guaranteed Offers

You will be considered for a guaranteed offer or a guaranteed interview (for courses that routinely interview, such as Medicine and Dentistry) for 2025 entry if one of the following statements applies to you.

- You meet our criteria for a local, state-educated student (Eligible postcodes on our website)
- You are applying with an Access to HE course
- You have completed a UoB outreach programme (e.g. Access to Bristol)
- You have been eligible for Free School Meals

Applies to multiple courses and can be used in conjunction with our contextual offer scheme (where applicable)



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# Exploring our webpages

The following slides show you a step-by-step guide for following the QR code at the bottom of this slide.


The demonstrate:

- Finding a course
- Exploring a course page highlighting;
  - Entry requirements (for A-Levels)
  - Additional entry requirements (GCSE profiles)



View our webpages for the most up-to-date admissions information



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## Find a course

Search by course name, keyword or UCAS code

2024 entry



Search

[Browse subject areas](#)

Or browse A-Z of courses

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# BSc Geology (F600)

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### BTEC

### Applicants must also meet these requirements

#### GCSE profile requirements

Higher numeracy requirement (6 or B in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent)

Further information about [GCSE requirements and profile levels](#).

#### English language requirements

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Further information about [English language requirements and profile levels](#)

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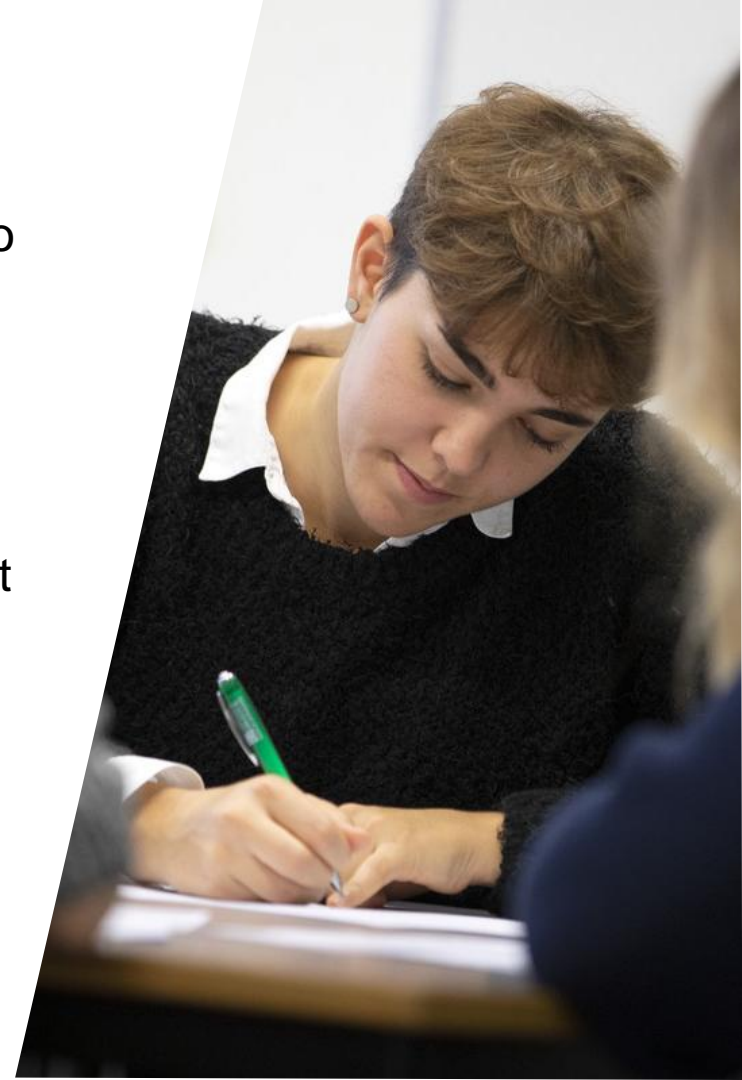
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# Admissions Tests

- Some courses will require admissions tests prior to offer-making, e.g.:
  - LNAT (for Law)
  - UCAT (for Medicine and Dentistry)
- These are national tests taken at assessment centres.
- They are often required at multiple universities, not just at Bristol
- Always closely check deadlines, fees and whether the test is needed pre- or post-application
- Often there are bursaries to support low-income students to access these tests



Read more about our entry requirements here:

# Interviews

- Medicine/Dentistry and some Vet Science courses routinely interview. The format for these vary so it's best to check our individual course admissions statements!
- Can also be offered an interview for over-subscribed courses or courses where you need to demonstrate particular skills.



Find a course to view the specific admissions statement requirements

# Admissions Statements

Admissions statements provide info on:

- Grade weightings
- Interviews for interviewing courses
- Work experience
- UCAT/LNAT exam requirements
- How/if the personal statement is assessed

Additional general information

- Deferring your application
- Re-sits
- Transfers onto the course

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# Admissions Statements

- Tells you everything you need to know about how your application will be assessed for a particular course...

## 1.1 Admissions process

Applications are scored and ranked based on their academic record, according to their achieved or predicted results with the following weightings:

GCSE 20% | A-Level 80%

## 1.3 Personal statement criteria

We may refer to the personal statement and reference to differentiate between applicants with similar academic profiles. In these cases, we use the following criteria:

- Interest and commitment to Biological Sciences
- Standard of written English and attitude to studies
- Wider interests including sport, music, community action etc

## 1.4 Interviews

For these courses, applicants are not routinely interviewed. In the majority of cases, admissions decisions will be made on the basis of the application information alone.

In exceptional circumstances where an interview is deemed necessary, it will be conducted by at least two people, at least one of whom has been trained in fair and effective recruitment techniques, and undertaken in accordance with the University's policy on equal opportunities.

## 1.7 Deferred applications

Deferred applications (i.e. applying in 2023/24 for 2025 entry) are accepted, and are treated in the same way as non-deferred applications.

## 1.8 Resits

The department will consider applicants who resit their qualifications.

# Deferred Entry

- Deferred entry is when you apply to attend university a year later (e.g. you apply in 2024-25 to start university in 2025-26).
- Use course pages and admission statements to check on deferred entry
- Allows for gap years/work experience
- Based on grades achieved this cycle



See our webpage for more information of deferred entry:



# Alternative Routes

## CertHE Foundation Years at Bristol

- These courses are for you if:
- you want to study for a degree but do not have the qualifications needed to apply for other courses,
- you have had an unconventional path in education,
- you are interested in a subject area but are unsure what degree you would like to study.



See our webpage for more information  
on CertHE Foundation Years:



# Alternative Routes: Gateway

Our Gateway to Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary courses are aimed at students who have the potential to become dentists, doctors and vets but do not meet the academic entry criteria to apply directly to the BDS, MB ChB or BVSc degrees.

- The courses are open to applicants if one (or more) of the following statements apply to you:
  - You have attended an aspiring state school or college (list on website)
  - You have spent time in care
  - You have been eligible for free school meals



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# THANK YOU

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general enquiries

