



How to apply

Offer levels

At Newnham, we very much welcome your application, and will treat you as an individual. Please do get in touch, if you have any questions. We are more than happy to talk through your individual circumstances.

We encourage students of all cultural backgrounds, faiths and social backgrounds to apply and we are deeply committed to access. However it is important to understand that the application process is competitive and our assessment is entirely impartial. We base our admissions decisions on your academic achievement and potential. So we consider all elements of your application (personal statement, school/college reference, academic results so far, predicted grades, written assessments, interview performance).

Conditional offers

Almost all successful post-examination applicants receive unconditional offers. Any applicant who has not yet taken A levels (or equivalent) will always receive a **conditional** offer. We welcome applications from students taking three A2-Level subjects just as much as applications from students taking four A2-Level subjects or more. We usually base conditional offers on what your teachers have predicted you will achieve, but we may vary offers according to individual circumstances, so it is difficult to say in advance exactly what combination of grades will be set. The Cambridge Colleges' standard A level conditional offer for 2017 entry will be A*AA for arts courses (except Economics) and for Psychological & Behavioural Sciences. For science courses (excluding Psychological & Behavioural Sciences) and for Economics it will be A*A*A. In most cases we will not specify the subject in which you need to achieve the A*. At Newnham, in a limited number of cases, we may make non-standard offers, appropriate to particular circumstances.

- The standard offer for Medicine will not be lower than A*A*A.
- Offers in Mathematics will include STEP as well as A2 Mathematics and AS or A2 Further Mathematics (or equivalent) (see the Faculty Website for more information).
- Offers for Natural Sciences will include at least three Maths/Science grades. Those not taking Maths/Science subjects at A level or their equivalent should contact the Admissions Office for advice before they apply.

Typical offers:

- Scottish Advanced Highers: AAA (we may ask for AI in a relevant subject)
- International Baccalaureate: overall score of 40 to 41 points (including bonus points), with 776 or 777 in the Higher Level subjects
- European Baccalaureate: overall score around 8.5
- Advanced Placements (USA): five subjects at grade 5

We are experienced in making offers on other examinations such as the French Baccalaureate, the German Abitur, etc. If your qualifications are not mentioned here, then please contact the Admissions Office for further details.

You must make sure we know about any special circumstances that may affect your examination results as soon as possible. Every year we make slightly more offers than we have places, because we aim to admit as many applicants as possible on merit. Naturally, all applicants who achieve our offer conditions will be given a place. There may be some flexibility for applicants who have narrowly missed their offers, but this flexibility is limited.

For detailed information about a particular subject, please consult our subject pages.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need to show us that you are able to follow lectures and supervisions and to produce written work of a high standard in English, as well as living and socialising in an English-speaking environment. We recommend that you take a language test (preferably [IELTS](#)) in the year you apply. You should tell us your results in the UCAS application. You will need to have a reasonable standard of English at the time of interview (e.g. an overall IELTS score of 6.0 for sciences or 6.5 for arts and social sciences).

Any non-native English speakers can expect that an English-language qualification will form part of their offer conditions. This will usually be IELTS with an overall score of at least 7.5, and at least 7.0 in each individual element. For EU students a high grade in English taken as part of a leaving examination (e.g. the European/French Baccalaureate, Abitur etc) may be acceptable, so please do contact us for further advice.

Further information on the University's language requirements can be found here:

<http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/entrance-requirements>.