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[admissionstestingservice.org/help](http://admissionstestingservice.org/help)

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

## Key dates for TSA Oxford 2018

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:

31 October

Results:

You can access your results online from 14 January 2019. Visit the TSA Oxford website for further details.

We will automatically send your result to the University.

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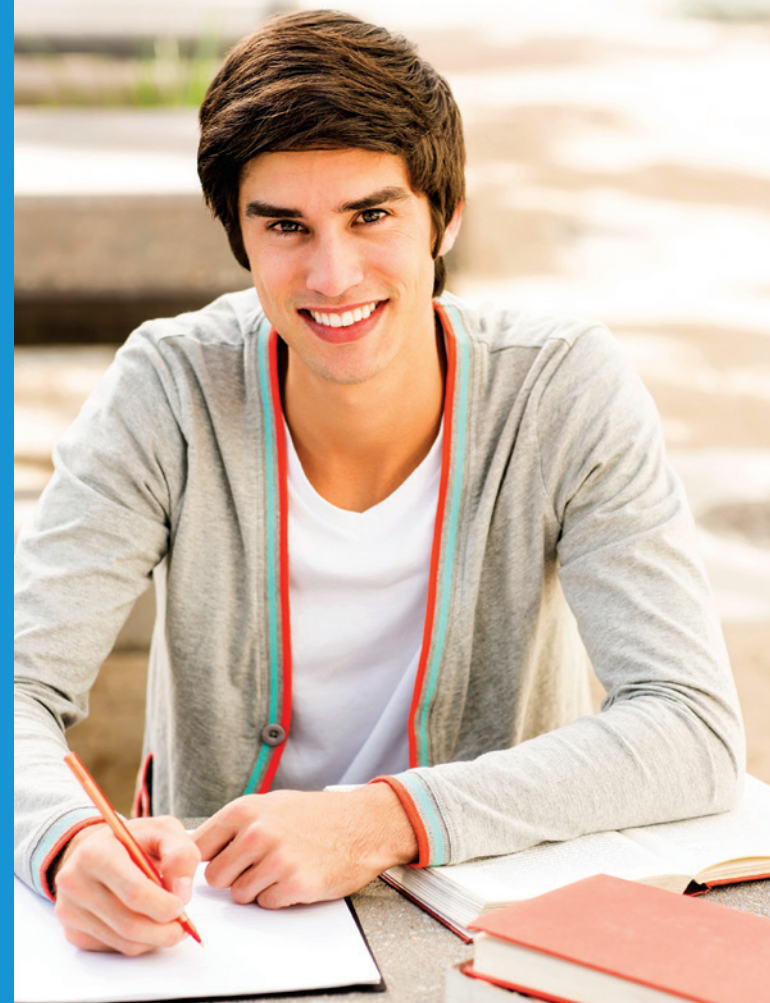


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# TSA

THINKING SKILLS ASSESSMENT

*This leaflet covers both TSA and the separate TSA Section 1 test for the University of Oxford*



Guide for students 2018

Register by 15 October 2018

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

You need to take TSA or TSA Section 1 as part of your application for the following undergraduate courses at the University of Oxford.

### For these courses, take the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA):

- Economics and Management (LN12)
- 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).

### For these courses, take the Thinking Skills Assessment: Section 1 (TSA S1):

- Chemistry (F100)
- History and Economics (LV11)<sup>†</sup>.

If you're applying for a joint course, you may also need to take a separate test in your other subject. You can check this and the latest information at: [ox.ac.uk/tests](http://ox.ac.uk/tests)

Please refer to our website [admissionstestingservice.org/tsa-oxford](http://admissionstestingservice.org/tsa-oxford) for specific details about test registration.

TSA does not test subject-specific 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 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.

<sup>†</sup> 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.

## What's in the test?

### If you're taking TSA:

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

### If you're taking TSA Section 1:

Test	Shows you can:
<b>Thinking Skills Assessment:</b> 90 minutes (50 multiple-choice questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• solve problems, including those involving numerical and spatial reasoning</li><li>• demonstrate critical thinking skills, including understanding arguments and reasoning using everyday language.</li></ul>

## Where do I take TSA/TSA Section 1?

**You must take the test at a registered test centre.** Your school or college may already be a test centre – check with your Exams Officer. Please note, your school or college may charge an administration fee.

If you are not able to take the test at school or college, you need to find an authorised open test centre where you can take the test. These centres usually charge an administration fee.

[admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre](http://admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre)

If your school or college 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. The deadline for applications to become a centre is 30 September.

[admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre](http://admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre)

## How and when do I register?

**You need to be registered as a candidate by the test centre.**

Please ask the Exams Officer at your centre to register you. Please also ask for your candidate entry number as proof that your registration is complete.

Your centre needs to register you by 15 October 2018. Registration opens on 1 September 2018, so speak to your centre as early as possible. As late registrations are not accepted, ask your centre to register you for TSA/ TSA S1 **well before the registration deadline. 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.

## How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee but centres may charge an administration 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 2018.

## How do I prepare for the test?

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.

[admissionstestingservice.org/tsa-oxford-prep](http://admissionstestingservice.org/tsa-oxford-prep)