We are Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing, part of the University of Cambridge. We give every student the opportunity to let their true potential shine.

Where can I find out more?

About TSA:
admissionstesting.org/tsa-oxford
admissionstesting.org/tsa-cambridge
ox.ac.uk/ksa
cam.ac.uk/assessment

Admissions testing support:
admissionstesting.org/help

Key dates for TSA 2019

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Results

You can access your result online from 13 January 2020. Visit the TSA website for details.

We will automatically send your result to the relevant university.
The Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) for the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge

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

**University of Oxford**

For these courses, take both sections of the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA):
- Economics and Management (LN12)
- Human Sciences (BCLO)
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) (LOVO)
- all Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics combinations*: - Philosophy and Linguistics (VQ51) - Psychology and Philosophy (CV85) - Psychology and Linguistics (CQ81) - Experimental Psychology (C830).

For these courses, take Section 1 of the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA):
- Chemistry (F100)
- History and Economics (LV11)*.

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 at: ox.ac.uk/tests.

**University of Cambridge**

For Land Economy (KL41), take Section 1 of the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA).

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.

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### What’s in the test?

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<td>1. Thinking Skills Assessment: 90 minutes (50 multiple-choice questions)</td>
<td>- solve problems, including those involving numerical and spatial reasoning - demonstrate critical thinking skills, including understanding arguments and reasoning using everyday language.</td>
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<td>2. Writing Task: 30 minutes (answer one question from a choice of four)</td>
<td>- organise ideas in a clear and concise manner, and communicate them effectively in writing. Questions are not subject specific.</td>
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### Where do I take TSA?

You must take the test at a centre that is authorised to run Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing tests (for most test-takers this is their own school or college). Check with your Exams Officer if your school or college is already registered as a centre that can run our tests.

If you are not able to take the test at school or college, you need to find an authorised open test centre instead. admissionstesting.org/find-a-centre

If your school or college is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre. The deadline for centre applications is 27 September. admissionstesting.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.

Registration opens on 1 September 2019 and closes on 15 October 2019. As late registrations are not accepted, ask your centre to register you for the test 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 your school/college/test centre may charge an administration fee for running the test.

### 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 27 September 2019.

### 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 past papers and other resources including the test specification on our website: admissionstesting.org/tsa.

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

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