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About the GAT:
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Key dates for the GAT 2019

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Results

The test is marked by the University of Oxford. You are not automatically sent your test results, but you may request your score as part of the usual University of Oxford feedback process.
The Geography Admissions Test (GAT)

You need to take the GAT if you are applying to study Geography at the University of Oxford.

What’s in the test?

The GAT is a paper-based test, lasting 90 minutes and sat under timed exam conditions. The test has two parts, each worth 50% of the overall mark. Part one will require you to read a short passage of text (or texts) to which you will be asked to respond. Part two will require you to answer a number of questions relating to some data, presented in the form of a graph, table, chart or map. You are recommended to spend roughly 45 minutes on each part of the test.

Geography is a subject that combines the social and natural sciences. Success on the Oxford Geography course requires an ability to understand and interpret different kinds of argument, information and data. The admission test is therefore designed to assess the kinds of critical thinking and problem solving skills considered to be useful for the course. As Geography is not an essential subject requirement for application, the admission test is not designed to assess general geographical knowledge, or geographical knowledge acquired during formal secondary education.

Part one is designed to test your critical reading and thinking skills. In responding to the material provided, you will be asked to identify and evaluate the key arguments being presented. You may also be asked to compare different arguments. You will not be assessed on your general knowledge or on knowledge of material beyond what is presented. If you include information from beyond the material provided, this will be discounted and marks will not be awarded for wider reading.

Part two is designed to test your ability to understand and interpret data as part of the process of problem solving. Data interpretation is recognised as one of the key skills for success on the Geography degree, particularly for the physical geography components of the course.

Where do I take the GAT?

You must take the test at a centre that is authorised to run tests administered by Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing (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 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 GAT well before the registration deadline. This is done separately from 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 the GAT?

As the GAT is new this year, there are no past papers available. You can read through sample questions and answers to get a good idea of what each section of the test will involve at: ox.ac.uk/gat.