

Oxford Medicine Admissions Guide

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A simple guide for students considering Medicine at the University of Oxford.

Is Medicine at Oxford Right for Me?

What Oxford looks for

- Intellectual curiosity
- Scientific reasoning
- Reflection on learning
- Academic resilience
- Ability to analyse unfamiliar problems
- Genuine interest in medicine

Who enjoys Oxford Medicine?

Students who enjoy:

- Asking difficult questions
- Learning independently
- Discussing scientific ideas
- Reading beyond the syllabus
- Thinking deeply rather than memorising

Common misconceptions

- You need perfect grades only
- You need dozens of extracurriculars
- Hospital work experience guarantees admission
- Oxford wants polished, rehearsed answers

Consider reconsidering if...

- You dislike academic intensity
- You prefer highly structured teaching
- You dislike independent study

Oxford Insight

Oxford selects students who demonstrate exceptional academic potential, curiosity and reasoning, not simply the longest list of achievements.

Oxford Medicine Admissions Timeline



Top Tip

Thoughtful reflection on a few tasks enhances an application much more than listing all activities you have taken.

Building a Competitive Oxford Medicine Profile

✨ Supercurriculars

Read beyond A-Level biology and chemistry to develop genuine scientific understanding.

📖 Reading

Choose fewer books but think deeply about them.

🔬 Research

Follow developments in biomedical science and ask critical questions.

🏥 Work Experience

Observe healthcare thoughtfully rather than simply completing hours.

👋 Volunteering

Demonstrate long-term commitment, responsibility and communication.

📝 Reflection

Keep a journal explaining what challenged your assumptions and changed your thinking.

Common Mistake

Listing impressive activities without explaining what you learnt or how your thinking evolved. Admissions tutors are interested in how your thinking develops.

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