

Oxford Economics & Management Admissions Guide

A simple guide for students considering E&M at the University of Oxford.

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Is E&M Right for Me?



Oxford E&M



Cambridge Economics

Oxford's lower rate isn't chiefly about demand: it's that Oxford simply accepts half as many students. The two courses also diverge in character. Cambridge Economics is purely mathematical, while Oxford E&M lets you tilt heavily quantitative, or lean into essay-based, qualitative management study.

A* Maths A-Level (non-negotiable)

FM Further Maths generally expected

4×A* Predicted grades typical of the pool

Admissions Timeline

- **Summer Before Year 13**
Dive deep into super-curriculars and start familiarising yourself with admissions test formats.
- **September - 15 October**
Finalise your personal statement and submit UCAS. The Oxford deadline is strictly 15 October.
- **Late October**
Sit your admissions test. From 2027 entry, this is the TARA (Test of Academic Reasoning for Admissions).
- **Late November**
Colleges send out shortlisting decisions.
- **Early - Mid December**
Interviews take place.
- **Early January**
Final offers are released.

Building a Competitive Profile

Crush the TARA

Test performance is a major factor in shortlisting. Scored 1.0-9.0, aim for at least an 8.

Stand-Out Super-Curriculars

Show genuine, self-driven passion: essay competitions, MOOCs, independent research, scholarships, internships, or founding your own initiative.

Reflect, Don't Just List

Achievements are only half the battle. Thoughtful reflection on a few tasks enhances an application much more than listing all activities you have taken.

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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