



Oxford Explained

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Oxford University is...

One of the world's foremost science and technology research universities

Ranked #1 in the 2021 Times Higher Education World University Rankings (5th consecutive year!)

Ranked #1 & #2 in the UK's latest Research Excellence Frameworks for the quality of its research. Gold standard in Teaching Excellence Framework.



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Oxford University has...

- Supportive collegiate system
- Broad range of courses
- World-class teaching – lectures, seminars/classes
- Small-group teaching – tutorials/supervisions
- Excellent facilities and resources:
 - ❖ Over 100 libraries, 5 museums, Botanic Garden
- Academic, pastoral and financial support
- Wide range of extra-curricular options including 150 officially recognised societies
- Excellent graduate opportunities, irrespective of degree discipline
- Fantastic student experience





Organisation

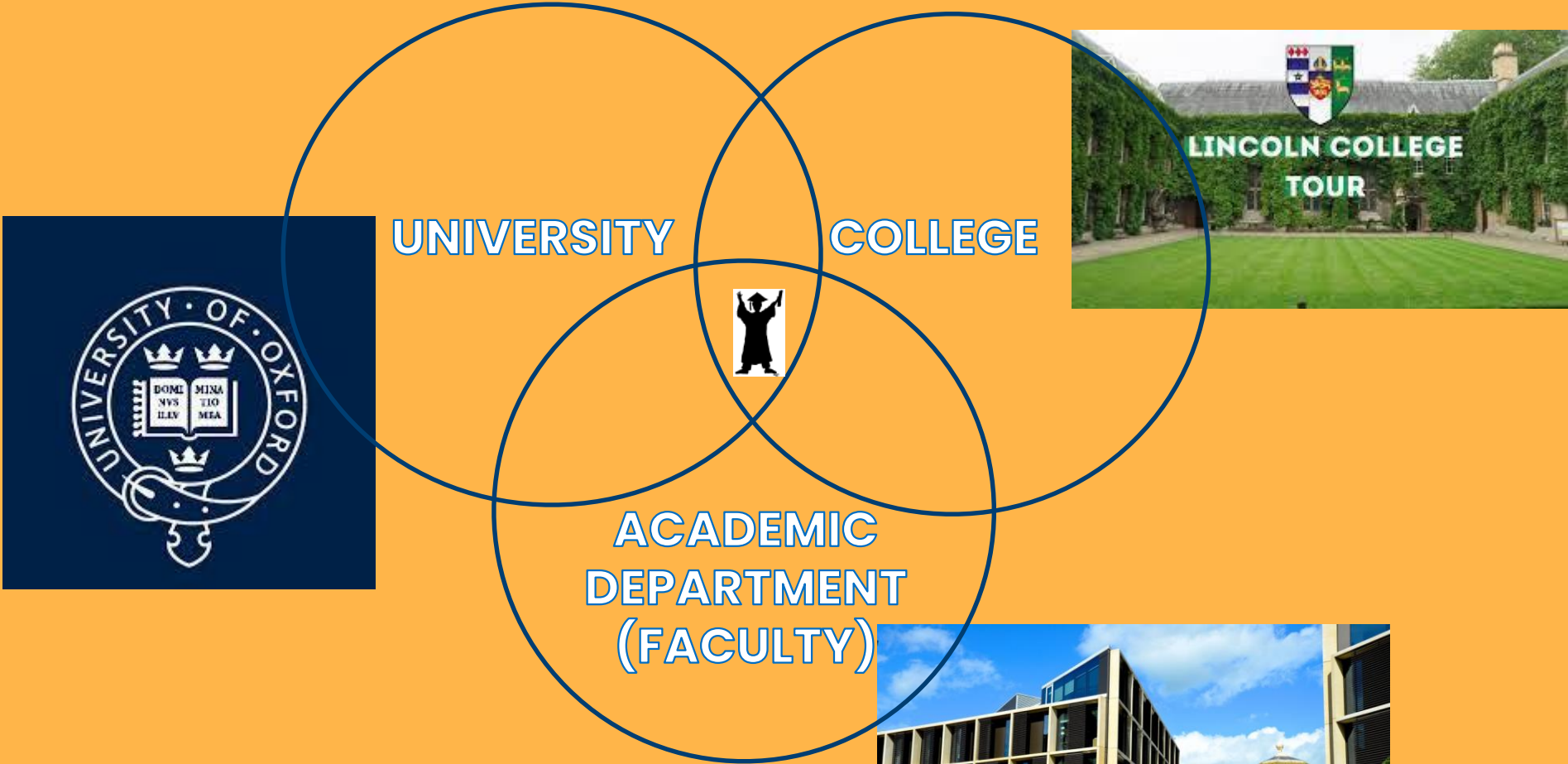
Oxford is a collegiate university, made up of academic departments and
35 undergraduate colleges



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At a **Oxford**, you have three identities:



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Role of the university and colleges for students

Every student is a member of a college as well as the university



University

- Sets content and structure of courses
- Organises lectures, seminars and lab work
- Sets and marks exams
- Awards degrees
- Provides student services such as counselling and careers

Colleges

- Provide accommodation, meals, common rooms, sports and social facilities
- Provide pastoral care
- Organise tutorial teaching
- Offer students support of personal tutor
- Select undergraduate students for admission

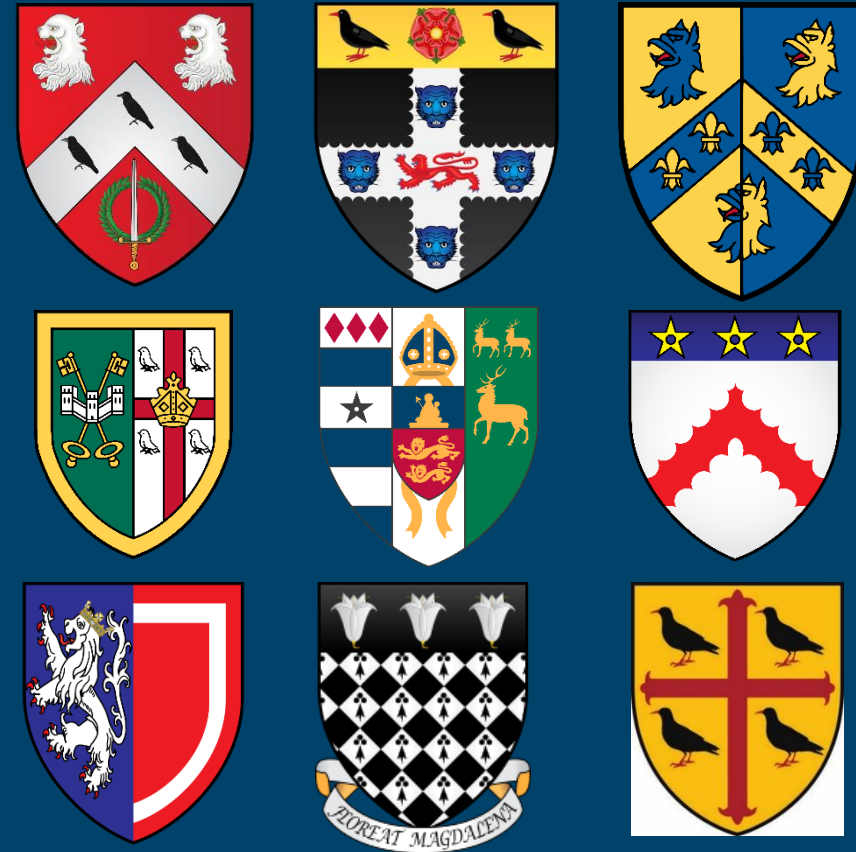


Colleges

Hogwarts

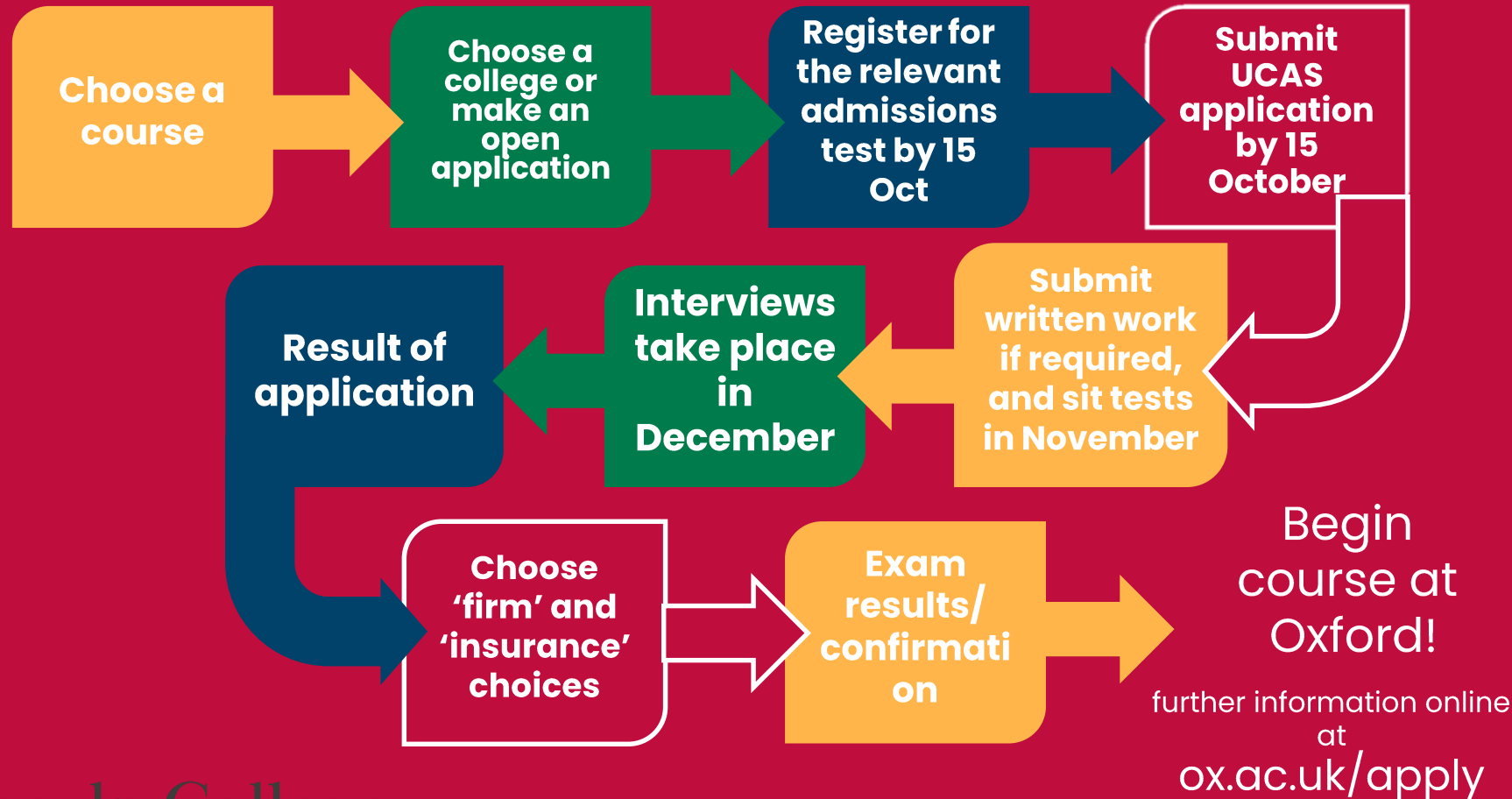


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Undergraduate applications to Oxford

- Oxford is very competitive. On average the University receives around five applications for each available place.



What we are looking for...



*we aren't interested in extra-curricular activities if they are not related to your subject

We want the **best** students **from any and all** their background!



Academic ability and potential

Independent thought

Commitment to study

Enthusiasm for the subject



What information do we use to assess applications?



We consider every application individually, taking all aspects into account:

**Academic
achievement**

Interview

**Admissions
tests**

**UCAS
teacher's
reference**



**Written
work**

**UCAS
personal
statement**



No part of an application is considered in isolation – all available information is looked at together before decisions are made.



Questions? Ask us!



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