

What To Do With Your UCAT Results

20 minutes discussion
20 Minutes Q&A from students

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What is a good score?

- No definitive answer
- Every cohort is different
- Scores might be especially different this year due to Covid
- Look at university criteria. Are there any I can immediately rule out?
- Take previous years' scores with a pinch of salt.

Situational Judgement

- **Band 3** may be accepted at **some** places but may put you at a disadvantage. Check **how it's used**.
- Schools such as Hull/York, Nottingham and Edinburgh award **points** for each SJT score as part of **selection** for interview. Higher score could balance out points lost through lower SJT score.
- Some will include SJT in **interview score** e.g. UEA
- **Band 4** not accepted by a number of universities:
 - Anglia Ruskin
 - Hull/York
 - Keele
 - Leicester
 - Manchester
 - Nottingham
 - Sunderland
- Some medical schools do not look at SJT scores, although they may be used to differentiate between similar candidates e.g. Aberdeen

Universities With a Minimum Cutoff Score

- Cutoffs will **vary each year** depending on cohort scores so use them to guide your application choices but do not completely disregard a uni if you miss previous cutoffs
- **Bristol**: 2730 in 2019
- **Newcastle**: 2730 last year
- **Keele**: 2280 last year
- **Leicester**: Automatically cut off bottom 2 deciles (2280 in previous year)
- **Plymouth**: Previous cut offs were 2400, 2390, 2330, 2400
- **Queen Mary**: Anyone below 3rd decile automatically cut
- **Sheffield**: 2420 for this year
- **St Georges**: Previous cut offs were 2480, 2490, 2590

So You Did Well on Your UCAT...

- **Bristol** has a high cut off score (2730 in 2019). If you meet the threshold and minimum academic requirements you're invited to interview
- **Hull/York** give the UCAT and SJT 40 and 15 points respectively as part of 100 point application score
- **King's College London** say 'examination results and UCAT score are perhaps the most important factors when considering applications'
- **Manchester** say an interview is very likely if you're in the top $\frac{1}{3}$ nationally and achieve band 1 or 2 in SJT
- **Newcastle** use UCAT as an 'integral part' of interview selection. Threshold was 2730 last year.
- **Nottingham** give up to 40 points depending on UCAT score with another 16 coming from GCSEs. Top scoring out of a total of 56 points will receive invite to interview

So You Didn't Do As Well As You'd Hoped...

- Not the end of the world!!
- Some universities give less weight to the UCAT...
- **Birmingham**: UCAT only forms **30%** of the application score
- **Liverpool**: **25%** of application score (Competitive scores in previous years were 2400, 2420 and 2460)
- **Cardiff** are very **GCSE oriented** in their selection criteria. No UCAT cut off.
- **Keele** uses a low cut off of the **bottom 20%** or those who achieve band 4 in SJT
- **Sunderland** also cut off **bottom 20%** and will not accept band 4. Uses the **Roles and Responsibilities form** alongside academic criteria with your UCAT score.
- **Plymouth's** previous cut off scores were 2400, 2390, 2330 and 2400
- **Queens Belfast** only give up to **6 points** depending on UCAT score out of a total application score of **36**

There Are Other Options...

- **UCLan** does not require UCAT or BMAT, however they do have other **very specific requirements** with their limited spaces for UK students e.g. UK applicants must be from North West England
- You can take the **BMAT**
 - Brighton and Sussex, Cambridge, Imperial, Keele (international students only), Lancaster, Leeds, Oxford and UCL
- **Gap year**
 - Strengthen your personal statement, opportunity to travel and earn money, ample time to prepare for UCAT and BMAT
- Some universities may offer the opportunity to **switch** from a course such as Biomedical sciences onto their Medicine course after a year
 - Extremely competitive and very limited places
- **Graduate entry** medicine