



Guaranteed Conditional Offers for Care Leavers and Estranged Students

Terms and Conditions

The University of Bath is committed to supporting the successful applications of those who have spent time in care and/or who are estranged from all living biological and/or adoptive parents. We are also focused on ensuring that all students with an offer to study at Bath are academically prepared to enjoy and succeed on their chosen degree course. As such, the criteria below are to help balance flexibility within our Admissions process with academic preparedness.

To be eligible for a guaranteed **conditional** offer to the University of Bath, you must meet the following criteria:

Personal circumstances – Care Leaver

1. Have lived in a Foyer or be supported by a local authority Leaving Care Service and fulfil the criteria as stated in the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000: A young person aged 16-25 years' old who has been 'looked after' for at least 13 weeks by a local authority at some point since they were 14 years old, and were in care on or after their sixteenth birthday.
2. Declare your care leaver status via UCAS and provide us with evidence of the above as soon as possible after you submit your application.
3. If you are eligible you will need to provide evidence of your Care Leaver status. This should be a letter from your local authority, case worker, social worker, or personal advisor and must confirm:
 - that you were looked after by a local authority (this includes being placed in foster care by a local authority)
 - the dates you were in care.

Personal circumstances – Estranged Student

1. We follow the Standalone definition that states an Estranged Student is someone that has not had verbal or written contact with **all living biological and/or adoptive parents** for a significant period and this situation is permanent and unlikely to change. A significant period is usually considered twelve months or longer, but this can also depend on individual circumstances. If you have not yet been estranged for twelve months, we would still like to hear from you. We understand that every situation is unique and are happy to consider cases on an individual basis.
2. Declare your estranged student status via UCAS and provide us with evidence of the above as soon as possible after you submit your application.

3. If you are eligible, you will need to provide evidence of your Estranged Student status. This can be a letter from your school, G.P, therapist, counsellor, or a professional third-party agency, confirming the dates you have been studying without the support of your parents (biological, step or adoptive parents), due to a breakdown in those relationships. If you have any questions about the type of evidence required or need help with your application, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
4. If both of your parents are deceased, you may still be eligible to be considered for the guaranteed offer. To support your application, you will need to provide evidence, typically this would be copies of death certificates.

Application criteria

1. Submit your application by the UCAS 'on time' deadline for the next entry cycle.
2. Complete all sections of the UCAS application.

Academic criteria

1. Demonstrate an interest in the degree you have applied for through your personal statement.
2. Be studying towards three A levels (or equivalent) qualifications. If the qualification you are studying towards is not listed on the entry requirements section of your chosen degree's webpage, please contact us before you apply to check if it is one that we can consider.
3. Meet the 'minimum entry requirements' for the course you have applied for, as specified in tables 1 and 2 below.
4. Our Pharmacy MPharm (Hons) and, Social Work and Applied Social Studies degrees require completion of a successful interview by all applicants; therefore, if all other criteria are met, you will be guaranteed an interview rather than a conditional offer. **MPharm Pharmacy with preparatory year (5 years) is excluded from this guaranteed offer scheme.**
5. If you are studying an Access to HE Diploma, T-Level, HNC/D, Open University Credits, or if all your qualifications are BTECs or Cambridge Technicals, you must be studying in a relevant subject-area. In addition, for many of the courses in the Tables below there is an interview as part of the admissions process for all applicants progressing via these routes, as these qualifications can be harder for us to assess on paper. In this case, you will initially be guaranteed an interview rather than an offer. Please contact us for more information
6. For all applicants, some courses also require other specific minimum requirements before an offer can be made (see Table 2 below).
7. If you meet the academic criteria and the minimum entry requirements (and are successful at interview where applicable), you will be given a conditional offer for the course for which you have applied.

8. **If you do not meet the academic criteria or the minimum entry requirements, please contact us via ugadmissions-care@bath.ac.uk for advice.** Our dedicated Admissions Progression Team will prioritise your application as much as possible, for example:
If you are care experienced or do not quite meet the care leaver definition above, we will ensure your application is given additional consideration through our [contextual admissions process](#).

Where possible, we may make you a conditional offer for an alternative degree if you do not meet the minimum entry requirements for your chosen degree. While we cannot guarantee unconditional offers, if you have already achieved three A levels (or equivalent qualifications) within the last 3 years, please get in touch.

TABLE 1

For the degrees listed below, you can find the minimum entry requirements by visiting the 'Entry Requirements' section for your chosen course at the following link: [Undergraduate Subjects 2026 – University of Bath](#)

Please ensure that you meet both of the following criteria:

-  **Essential GCSE requirements**
-  **Essential A level subjects (or equivalent qualifications)**

Accounting and Finance	Accounting and Finance Accounting and Management Finance
Engineering	Aerospace Engineering Civil Engineering Chemical Engineering Chemical Engineering with Environmental Engineering Computer Systems Engineering Electronic and Electrical Engineering Electronic Engineering with Space Science and Technology Integrated Design Engineering Integrated Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Mechanical Engineering with Manufacturing and Management Mechanical with Automotive Engineering Robotics Engineering Structural and Architectural Engineering
Health/Sport	Health and Exercise Science Sport and Exercise Science Sport Management and Coaching
Languages	International Management and Modern Languages International Politics and Modern Languages Modern Languages
Sciences	Biochemistry Biology

	Biomedical Sciences Chemistry Chemistry for Drug Discovery Chemistry with Management Computer Science Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Computer Science and Mathematics Mathematics Mathematics and Statistics Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science Mathematics and Physics Natural Sciences Pharmacology Physics Physics with Astrophysics Physics with Theoretical Physics
Social Sciences	Criminology Economics Economics and Mathematics Economics and Politics Education with Psychology International Development with Economics Politics and International Relations Sociology Sociology and Social Policy Social Policy Social Sciences

TABLE 2

Additional Entry Requirements

Some degrees have more specific minimum entry requirements beyond our general criteria.

To check which subjects are considered **numerical** or **essay-based**, please:

1. Visit the full list of undergraduate degrees: [Undergraduate Subjects 2026 – University of Bath](#)
2. Select your chosen degree.
3. Review the **‘Entry Requirements’** section for detailed subject guidance.

Make sure you meet all subject-specific requirements before applying.

Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or B in GCSE Maths and English • Art or Design, and Maths or Physics studied at A level or equivalent. • If your subject combination does not include this balance, we are not able to guarantee an offer will be made, however you will be guaranteed a referral to our Admissions Tutor before a final decision is made.
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Business, Management, Management with Marketing, International Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or B in GCSE Maths and English • A level or equivalent subjects that include a mixture of essay-based and numerical study. • If your subject combination does not include this balance, we are not able to guarantee an offer will be made, however you will be guaranteed a referral to our Admissions Tutor before a final decision is made.
International Development with Economics or Politics with Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 or A in GCSE Maths and 4 or C in GCSE English • If you are studying a numerical subject such as Economics, Psychology, or a science A level (or equivalent), we may be able to consider you with a 6 or B in GCSE Maths; please contact us for advice.
Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 or C in GCSE Maths and English • All suitable applicants for this course are interviewed, so you will be guaranteed an interview instead of an offer <p>MPharm Pharmacy with preparatory year (5 years) is excluded from this scheme.</p>
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 or A in GCSE Maths and 6 or B in GCSE English • A level or equivalent subjects that include a mixture of essay-based and numerical study. • If your subject combination does not include this balance, we are not able to guarantee an offer, however you will be guaranteed a referral to our Admissions Tutor before a final decision is made.
Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 or C in GCSE Maths and English • All suitable applicants for this course are interviewed, so you will be guaranteed an interview instead of an offer
Sports Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 or C in GCSE Maths and English • Your sporting achievement must be of a high enough level: please contact us for advice. • All suitable applicants for this course are reviewed by the department for sporting level, so you will be guaranteed a referral instead of an offer