## 📅 Key dates for the HAT 2016

**Registration opens:**

1 September

**Requests for access arrangements:**

By 30 September

> **Registration deadline:**
>
> 15 October by 18.00 BST
> *This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline*

**Test date:**

2 November

## 🖥 Where can I find out more?

The HAT is developed and used by the University of Oxford's Faculty of History, and administered by the Admissions Testing Service.

**University of Oxford – Admissions Information Centre**
**+44 (0)1865 288000**
**study@ox.ac.uk**
**www.ox.ac.uk/tests**

**Admissions Testing Service**

Admissions tests support:
**www.admissionstestingservice.org/help**

About the HAT:
**www.admissionstestingservice.org/hat**

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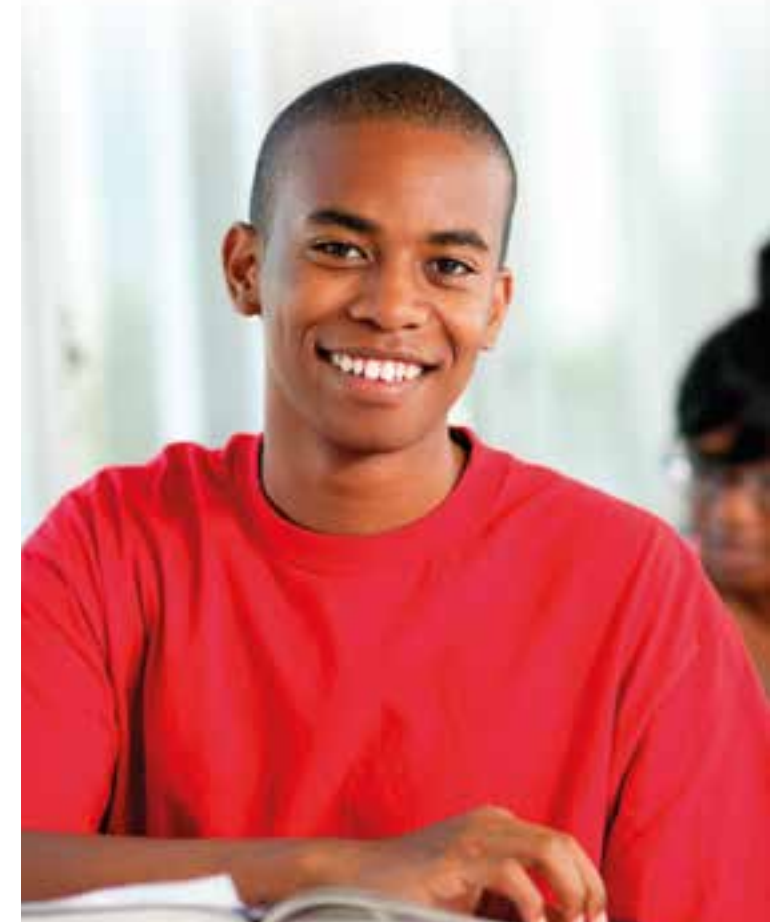
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**Guide for students 2016**

**Register by 15 October 2016**

## The History Aptitude Test (HAT)

You need to take the HAT if you are applying to study any of the following undergraduate courses at the University of Oxford:

- History (V100)
- History (Ancient and Modern) (V118)
- History and Economics (LV11)
- History and English (VQ13)
- History and Politics (LV21)
- all History and Modern Languages courses.

If you're applying for a joint course, you may need to take a separate test in your other subject too. You can confirm this at: **www.ox.ac.uk/tests**

The test is only one part of the overall application process.

## What's in the test?

The HAT is a 2-hour written test. For detailed information about the test content and structure, please visit the Faculty of History's website: **www.history.ox.ac.uk/hat**

The HAT is a test of your skills, not specific historical knowledge. It is designed to be equally challenging to all students – no matter which period(s) of history you have been studying, or which school exams you are taking.

## When do I register for the HAT?

Your centre needs to register you by 15 October 2016, **separately from your UCAS application**.

As late registrations are not accepted, you need to ask your centre to register you for the HAT **well before the registration deadline**.

## When do I take the HAT?

You take the test on 2 November 2016.

## Where do I take the test?

You can take the test at any centre that administers the HAT.

If you are currently attending a school or college: ask your exams officer if the school can administer the HAT for you. If your school or college is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre at:
**www.admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre**

Once they are a test centre, they will then need to register you as a test candidate separately.

If you are not attending a school or college: you will need to find an authorised test centre where you can sit the test. Authorised test centres can administer the HAT for all test-takers. Find your nearest test centre at:
**www.admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre**

## How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee. However, if using an Admissions Testing Service authorised centre, you may need to pay your test centre an administrative fee, so it's always best to check with your school/college first if they can administer the test.

## What if I need access arrangements?

You need to inform your test centre of any special requirements (e.g. diagnosed visual or learning difficulties) by 30 September 2016.

Your test centre will ask for full details and advise you on the arrangements which are available such as Braille or large-print papers, extra working time, or the use of a laptop or other physical aids.

## How do I prepare for the HAT?

Doing practice papers in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style. You can find a specimen paper, plus past papers and marking schemes, on the Faculty of History's website:
**www.history.ox.ac.uk/hat**

## How do I get my results?

The test is marked by the University of Oxford. You are not automatically sent your results, but you may request your score as part of the usual University of Oxford feedback process.