

The Hardest UK Universities for Economics

The published entrance requirements next to the grades students actually got in with, and the real offer rate. 2023 to 2025. Not a league table.

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Ranked by how hard they are to get an offer

Lowest offer rate first. The gap between the entrance requirement and the grades students actually got in with is the part the league tables never show you.

	Entrance req.	Most common	Achieved range	Offer
1. Oxford (Econ & Mgmt)	A*AA	A*A*A*	A*A*A* to A*AA	7%
2. St Andrews	AAA	A*A*A*	A*A*A* to ABB	11%
3. King's College London	A*AA	AAA	A*A*A* to ABB	12%
4. Cambridge	A*A*A	A*A*A*	A*A*A* to A*A*A	14%
5. LSE	A*AA	A*A*A*	A*A*A* to A*AA	15%
6. UCL	A*AA	A*A*A*	A*A*A* to AAA	28%
7. Manchester	AAA	A*AA	A*A*A to ABB	36%
8. Edinburgh	A*A*A* to A*AA	A*A*A	A*A*A* to AAB	45%
9. Durham	A*AA	A*AA	A*A*A* to ABB	46%
10. Leeds	AAA	AAA	A*A*A to ABB	50%

Most common achieved = grades admitted students actually held. Offer rate = share of applicants who get an offer. UK A-level, 2023 to 2025.

Hardest to get an offer (continued)

	Entrance req.	Most common	Achieved range	Offer
11. Warwick	A*AA	A*A*A*	A*A*A* to AAA	57%
12. Bath	A*AA	A*AA	A*A*A* to AAB	60%
13. Strathclyde	BBB to ABB	BCC	AAB to CCD	62%
14. Bristol	A*AA to AAB	A*AA	A*A*A* to ABB	67%
15. Glasgow	AAB to ABB	BCC	A*A*A to BCC	83%
16. Queen Mary London	AAA	AAB	A*A*A to BBB	85%
17. Birmingham	A*AA to AAA	ABB	A*A*A to BBB	86%
18. Loughborough	AAA	ABB	A*A*A to BBC	86%
19. Nottingham	A*AA	AAA	A*A*A to BBC	92%
20. Newcastle	AAB	ABB	A*A*A to BBC	93%

Check any course yourself

Entrance requirements, achieved grades and offer rates are public. Look up your child's shortlist and read the real numbers, not the league-table position.

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