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de for students 2014

by 15 October 2014

## 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](http://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. You read extracts from two texts, and answer a total of four questions about them.

An extract from...	You will be asked:
An historical work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to show your comprehension of the arguments and ideas in the extract</li><li>• to show your capacity to apply those ideas to historical situations you know about</li><li>• to show your ability to think about and assess the extract as a piece of historical writing.</li></ul>
A primary source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to offer thoughtful interpretation of the content</li></ul>

The HAT is a test of 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?

You need to register by 15 October 2014, 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 5 November 2014.

### Where do I take the test?

You can take the test at your own school or college, if it's registered as an authorised test centre. If you are not attending school/college, you can find a list of Admissions Testing Service authorised test centres around the world. Find your nearest centre at: [www.admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre)

### What if my school is not an authorised test centre?

You can ask your school or college to apply to become an authorised test centre at: [www.admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre)

First, they will need to register as an authorised test centre, then register you as a test candidate separately.

### 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.

### How do I prepare for the HAT?

The best way to prepare for the HAT is to do a practice test in timed conditions. You can find a specimen paper, plus past papers and marking schemes, on the Faculty of History's website: [www.history.ox.ac.uk](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk)



### Key dates for the HAT 2014

#### Registration opens:

1 September

#### Modified paper requests (e.g. Braille, enlarged):

By 30 September

#### Registration deadline:

15 October by 17.00 BST

*This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline*

#### Test date:

5 November