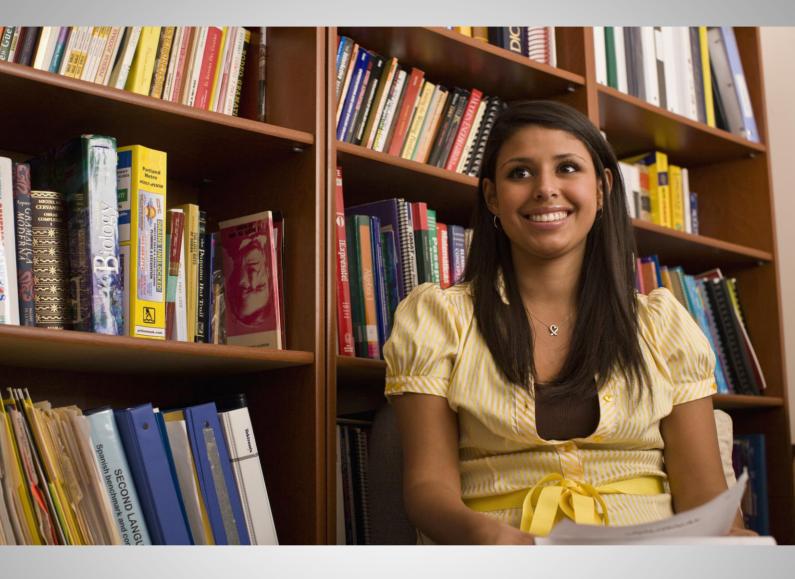
# INOMICS



How to apply to a Master's Programme in the UK:

Law and Political Science

## What is INOMICS? A foreword

<u>INOMICS</u> has been offering students and professionals a comprehensive online resource for their academic and career choices since 1998.

In the more than 15 years that we have been online, we have succeeded in accumulating high-quality content for our users interested in accessing postgraduate education. We know how important is for you to have centralised access to information about the wide range of <u>educational opportunities</u> around the world in order to make smart and informed choices. In order to help you in this endeavour, we have developed a complete report with key pieces of information to help you finding and applying to the right Master's programme for you.



Our first destination for postgraduate studies is the UK. High quality of education and worldwide recognition of British universities by employers and academia make this an ideal destination. Statistics about application requirements, acceptance rates, and required entrance exams are all part of the final product of our research.

We hope that the information presented here will support you in making informed career decisions. If you have any suggestions or comments about this report, please feel free to get in touch with the INOMICS team and we will be happy to assist you with any queries.

Kind regards, Andreas Hoffmann, CEO. INOMICS GmbH

## Introduction

After checking general requirements and information to <u>apply to UK universities</u> it is time to focus on specific requirements of the discipline you are interested in.

This report contains key information about <u>application requirements</u>, acceptance rates, <u>English</u> Proficiency tests and tuition fees to get accepted to the programme of your preference.

We hope this information will complement the general <u>advice</u> given in our guide on applying to master's programmes in the UK, and will help you to make the right choices for your further career development.



To download the report about Applying to Master's Programmes in the UK or reports for other disciplines, please visit this page.

# **English Proficiency**

A mandatory requirement to study in the UK is a very <u>good level of English</u> and actually has the way to prove it. UK universities offer different options to students like you to show their English dominance:

- You are from a majority English speaking country
- Your previous education was in a majority English speaking country
- You have an accepted test in English language (not older than 2 years) at a level specified for your future university
- You take an English language pre-sessional course at your future university
- You have worked a minimum of eighteen months in a majority English speaking country

Most international students require including in their <u>application documents</u> results from an official English proficiency test. Along with it comes the normal stress for preparation previous to the test and of course the anxiety about results matching with university demands. If you are interested in getting an overview of expected scores per test modules please visit <u>our report</u> about general information to apply to a master's programmes in the UK.

Due to the communication skills and language dominance required in law and political sciences subjects the English requirements for this type of programmes are different and sometimes higher than other master's. Thinking about your potential concerns regarding scoring enough to match the application requirements of your preferred programme, we have prepared the following table with an overview of the typical minimum scores accepted by universities offering programmes on your discipline. Not all universities accept all tests; therefore it is always advisable to visit the website of the university for detailed information.

#### Typical Language Requirements for Master's in Law and Political Science

English Test	Law and Political Science		
TOEFL	100		
IELTS (Academic option)	6.5 to 7		
Pearson PET (Academic option)	61 to 69		
Certificate in Advanced English CAE	A		
CPE	A - C		

# **Application Overview**

It is always important to have in mind all the documents required for your application. Only if you know what is required you can plan ahead the collection of certificates, test results, letters, etc without missing the deadline. The following list is just an overview; for specific programmes we recommend you check the requirements of individual institutions.

#### **General documents:**

- An academic transcript
- References
- A personal statement
- A certificate of English language proficiency

#### Additionally you need for:

#### Law:

- An honours degree or its equivalent
- Grading system equivalencies for law marks
- Undergraduate degree in Law or related subject with relevant law content
- Relevant working experience for the programme.

#### **Political Science:**

- A CV showing relevant work experience
- Clear mathematical training and statistical background during undergraduate studies
- Writing sample to show analytical skills
- GRE Test

#### Application requirements by discipline

	Application Requirements									
Disciplines	Degree in related discipline	Langu age Certific ate	Reference Letters	CV	Motivation letter	Transcript of records	Working Exp.	Grading system equiva lencies	Writing Sampl.	GRE
Law	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Political Science	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		✓	

GRE: Graduate Record Examination
GMAT: Graduate Management Admission Test

Working Exp: Working Experience

Remember that this table is simply an overview of general application requirements. Carefully check each admissions page prior to applying to a course in any of these disciplines.

## **Tuition Fees Overview**

<u>Universities in the UK</u> get popularity not only due to the high education standards but also because of the high tuition fees charged to national and international students. Moreover the number of applicants to each programme makes more difficult the obtaining of <u>financial help</u> despite the multiple opportunities in universities, private and public institutions.

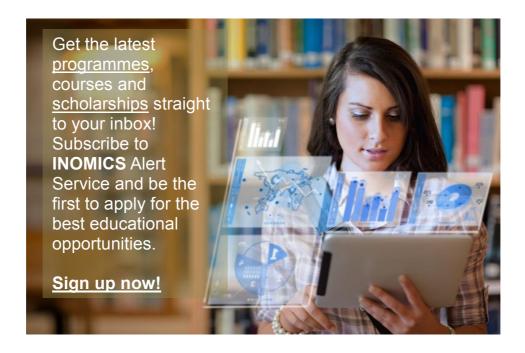
Money becomes a crucial factor for students to measure while choosing the programme they want to apply for. Independently from the amount of budget you have, further considerations about tuitions fees are useful to plan your future life in college.

We have prepared an overview of tuition fees charged per discipline. We hope it helps you to plan easier your budget and to target those options that are perfect for you.

#### **Overview of Tuition Fees per Discipline**

	Law	Political Science		
Most expensive	From £12000 to £19000	From £13000 to £22000		
Average Price	From £7000 to £11000	From £7000 to £1200		
Affordable	From £3500 to £6000	From £4000 to £6000		

The table above must serve only as guidance. We recommend you to browse individual webpages to get exact information.



# Methodology

This Report has been produced using an analysis of the application requirements for programmes at 30 popular universities from across the UK.

We analysed what documents are required for applications, the profiles explicitly desired of applicants and secondary data that indicates the profiles of accepted students. Moreover, we have collected and analysed application deadlines, acceptance rates and expected scores for English proficiency certificates to identify trends and standards for UK university applications.

We hope this report helps you with the process of applying to UK universities and in making the best choice for the next step on your career path.



## **Useful Sources of Information**

Of course, not all of this information can be found on university websites. For this reason, you should also interact with the universities you are interested in – contact them directly to ask about key information that may help you make your decision. Depending who you talk to, you might also get points in your favour by making yourself known to a member of staff responsible for admissions.

If you are interested in getting advice about how to prepare your CV, cover letter and how to prepare to English exams, we invite you to visit our:

#### **Advice Section**

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