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Recognition Guide (for 2016 entry)

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Realising Opportunities

We hope you enjoy taking part in Realising Opportunities (RO) and are able to make the most of the opportunities it provides for you to develop skills that will be beneficial during your current studies and at university.

For successfully completing the RO Programme you will also benefit by receiving additional consideration from the RO universities when you apply to them. This guide explains how each RO university will consider your application.

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RO has given me an insight into life at university. It has made me consider applying to universities that I would not have initially thought of.

Realising Opportunities Student

Recognition From RO Universities

RO universities recognise your successful completion of the RO Programme through their admissions processes.

For successfully completing the RO Programme, all RO universities will give your application additional consideration when you apply to them through UCAS. They may also give an alternative offer that may be lower than the standard offer they would normally give. However, it is important to note that **each university offers different recognition** so you should carefully read each of the university statements on the following pages so you can understand what this means for you.

I thought having lower grade boundaries would give me the confidence to put some of the top universities down as my university choices.

Realising Opportunities Student



University of Birmingham



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Birmingham through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria which can include subject-specific requirements such as LNAT for Law applicants, interview performance, work experience and GCSE grades.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will also receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of the RO Programme. This is equivalent to up to 40 UCAS tariff points and equates to an entry requirement reduction of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or
- Up to 4 International Baccalaureate points (subject to a 28 point minimum) or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade or
- A reduced number of distinctions required for an Access to HE course.

Medicine

For Medicine the alternative offer will be 3 A level grades lower than the standard requirement (i.e. ABB), plus successful completion of the RO Programme.

An aptitude test (UKCAT) will be introduced for those applying in the academic year 2015-16.



Dentistry

For Dentistry, the alternative offer will be 2 A level grades lower than the standard requirement (i.e. ABB), plus successful completion of the RO Programme.

An aptitude test (UKCAT) will be introduced for those applying in the academic year 2015-16.

Other recognition

For Medicine and Dentistry applicants the selection process also includes special consideration over GCSE achievement.

Medicine: GCSEs: a minimum of 8 GCSEs with at least 3 at grade A, including 2 As from Maths, English or Science, with a minimum of a grade B in these subjects.

Dentistry: GCSEs: minimum grades of AABB (Chemistry, Biology, English Language and Maths in any order).

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Birmingham where an offer is made.

Other information

RO applicants for Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing and Physiotherapy will be invited to attend an interview workshop and an induction day with Access to Birmingham students.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.birmingham.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of Bristol



Additional consideration

As an RO student your application will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Bristol, through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

For the majority of courses RO students will receive a 'guaranteed offer'. This means RO students with predicted grades up to 2 A level grades lower than the standard course requirements will be guaranteed an offer, as long as they meet all other admissions criteria (see the University of Bristol prospectus for further details).

Any specific grade requirements for A level subjects must be met (at the level required for the 'contextual offer' as seen in the prospectus). For language courses, at least a B grade at A level is needed for the required languages specified in the prospectus.

If you receive an offer from the University of Bristol, you will receive a dual offer consisting of:

 A standard offer for the course for which you are applying. (This may be Bristol's 'contextual offer', which is usually one A level grade lower than the standard offer, given to students from 'low performing' schools/colleges – see prospectus for further details).



AND

- An RO offer of
 - up to 2 A level grades lower than the standard offer.
 - up to 4 IB points below the standard offer for those taking the International Baccalaureate.
 - if an RO offer for BTEC National Diploma students is made, it will be for 1 grade reduction in 1 area.

The RO offer will only be valid upon successful completion of the RO Programme.

Although RO applicants for the Medicine (A100), Dentistry (A206) and Veterinary Science (D100) courses are eligible for additional consideration and the 2 grade lower RO offer; they will not be guaranteed an interview. All offers for these courses will require an A grade in A level Chemistry.

Course exemptions

Applicants for Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science (DC37) are eligible for a quaranteed offer, but there is no grade reduction.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.bristol.ac.uk/study** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of Exeter



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Exeter through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria

Alternative offers

If you receive an offer from the University of Exeter it will be an RO dual offer which will consist of the following:

- A standard offer for the course to which you are applying.
- An RO alternative offer of up to 2 A level grades or equivalent below the standard entry offer, valid only upon successful completion of the RO Programme.

Offers will be made subject to applicants fulfilling any subject specific entry requirements and completing any required admissions tests or interviews.



Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Exeter where an offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.exeter.ac.uk or email Melissa Ruddock at realisingopportunities@exeter.ac.uk emember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Goldsmiths, University of London



Additional consideration

If you successfully complete the RO Programme your application will receive additional consideration when you apply to Goldsmiths, University of London through UCAS. You will still need to meet our general admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If your application is favourably considered then you will receive an alternative offer recognising your successful completion of RO. This means that, in addition to the standard offer (which will be in accordance with our published entry criteria) you will also receive an alternative RO offer of:

 Up to 2 A level grades (or 40 UCAS tariff points) lower than the standard offer for entry to that programme.

Whilst this alternative offer will apply for the academic entry criteria (A level or equivalent grades) many of our programmes will also ask for supplementary evidence of your readiness to study at Goldsmiths. This may include portfolios of art or design based work, or examples of your written work or projects. For many practice based subjects including art, design, music and drama you may also be expected to attend an interview and talk about your work and, in some cases, take part in a performance piece. You will need to successfully complete this process in order to be made an offer.



Other recognition

Your offer may also include:

 Extended Project Qualification or Academic Assignment accepted in lieu of a fourth subject at AS level.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at Goldsmiths where an offer is made.

For more information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.gold.ac.uk/ug** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the programme you are interested in and what this means for you.

King's College London



Additional consideration

Your application will receive additional consideration when you apply to King's College London through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you receive an offer from King's College London it will be a King's Realising Opportunities dual offer that will consist of the following:

- A standard offer for the programme to which you are applying.
- An RO alternative offer of 2 A level grades (or equivalent) below the standard entry offer.

For some degree programmes certain essential subjects within the offer will be required at the standard level. You should check any such requirements carefully. The RO offer will only be valid upon successful completion of the RO Programme.

Extended Medical Degree Programme - EMDP

EMDP (A101) admits up to 50 students a year from eligible non-selective state schools in Greater London, but will offer up to 5 of these places each year to RO candidates from any RO school or college in the UK, who meet the selection criteria and are successful at interview.



Enhanced Support Dentistry Programme - ESDP

ESDP (A206)* admits up to 10 students a year from eligible non-selective state schools in Greater London, but will offer up to 2 of these places each year to RO candidates from any RO school or college in the UK, who meet the selection criteria and are successful at interview.

Alternative RO offers will be given for the EMDP and ESDP courses as described above.

Course exemptions

Alternative RO offers will not be made for Medicine (A100), Dentistry (A205)*.

Further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.kcl.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

* The College reserves the right to move students between A205 and A206 to ensure that applications are considered in the most appropriate context. There is therefore no advantage gained by students applying to both courses in either of these pairings.

University of Leeds



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Leeds through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a standard offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

 2 A level grades or 40 UCAS points below the standard offer.



Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Leeds where an offer is made.

Further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.leeds.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of Leicester



Additional consideration

If you successfully complete the RO Programme your application will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Leicester through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria such as GCSE requirements, subject-specific requirements or a successful interview where applicable.

Alternative offer

If you receive an offer from the University of Leicester it will be a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive our standard offer for the course you are applying to as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or equivalent below our standard offer or
- Up to 4 International Baccalaureate points below our standard offer (subject to a 28 point minimum) or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade below our standard offer



Other recognition

If you are applying for Medicine and are predicted AAB or above (with an A in chemistry), you will be given additional academic credit by selectors at the point of shortlisting for interview. If successful at the interview stage you will be made a dual offer which will recognise your successful completion of RO.

For a full overview of our Medicine course admissions criteria and selection procedure, please visit our website at www2.le.ac.uk/departments/msce/undergraduate/medicine/mbchb5yr

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Leicester where an offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and our typical entry requirements please visit **www.le.ac.uk/study**. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of Liverpool



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply through UCAS to the University of Liverpool. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria (for example, interview performance, subject-specific requirements and GCSE grades).

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive an alternative offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or 40 UCAS tariff points.
- For students taking the International Baccalaureate (IB) – up to 2 IB points or 40 UCAS tariff points. Students must also successfully pass the IB Diploma as a whole.
- For students taking a BTEC Extended Diploma

 up to 1 grade or 40 UCAS tariff points, for example, where the standard offer is DDD the student must achieve DDM overall in the BTEC Extended Diploma with 100 out of 180 credits at Distinction.



Other recognition

RO students applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool may not be required to meet the strict GCSE entry requirements outlined in the University's guidelines. Applicants should check the GCSE requirements with the relevant department.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Liverpool where an offer is made.

Further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.liv.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of Manchester



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Manchester through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria such as GCSE requirements, predicted grades, subject-specific requirements and where required, work experience and criteria assessed through admissions tests and interviews.

Alternative offers

If you receive an offer from the University of Manchester it will be an RO dual offer which will consist of the following:

- a standard offer for the course to which you are applying
- an RO alternative offer of up to 2 A level grades or equivalent (40 UCAS tariff points) below the standard entry offer, valid only upon successful completion of the RO Programme.



You may be required to meet the subject-specific requirements. How the RO alternative offer is applied is at the discretion of the admissions selectors.

BTEC National Diploma and IB applicants are advised to contact the RO Team at Manchester directly as the recognition may vary for specific programmes at the University.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Manchester where an offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/courses**Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

Newcastle University



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to Newcastle University through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

 Up to 2 A level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer for all courses at Newcastle University.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at Newcastle University where an offer is made.



Other information

For courses that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.ncl.ac.uk** Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



University of Sheffield



Additional consideration

If you successfully complete the RO Programme your application will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Sheffield through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades below the standard offer or
- Up to 3 International Baccalaureate points (subject to a 29 point minimum) below the standard offer or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade below the standard offer



Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Sheffield where an offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.sheffield.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

For further information about the University of Sheffield's contribution to the Realising Opportunities Programme, contact Denise Brooks. d.m.brooks@sheffield.ac.uk

University of Sussex



Additional consideration

If you successfully complete the RO Programme your application will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Sussex through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you receive an offer from the University of Sussex, it will be a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

 Up to 2 A level grades lower than the standard A level offer (subject to successful completion of the RO Programme).



Course exemptions

Alternative RO offers will not be made for the degree in Medicine at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.sussex.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University College London (UCL)



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the UCL through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other selection criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

Up to 2 A level grades below the standard offer

Course exemptions

Alternative offers will not be made for:

- Medicine MBBS
- BA Education Studies

For the following programmes, only a one-grade reduction will be offered:

- BSc Project Management for Construction
- BSc Urban Planning, Design and Management
- BSc Urban Studies
- BA Hebrew and Jewish Studies
- BA Scandinavian Studies
- BA Icelandic
- BA Viking and Old Norse Studies
- BA Dutch
- BA Jewish History
- BA History (Central and East European) and Jewish Studies
- BA Fine Art
- BA Jewish Studies



Other information

Some programmes ask for specific grade requirements for A level subjects. These must be met at the level required in our standard offer.

For programmes that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of degree programmes available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.ucl.ac.uk/study** Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the programme you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of Warwick



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Warwick through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If your application is favourably considered then you will receive an alternative offer recognising your successful completion of RO. This means that, in addition to the standard offer (which will be in accordance with our published entry criteria) you will also receive an alternative RO offer of:

 Up to 2 A Level grades (or 40 UCAS tariff points) or up to 4 IB points lower than the standard offer for entry to that programme.

Exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Warwick where an offer is made.



Other information

Whilst it is important that you meet the admissions criteria for your chosen course (these are available via the University's prospectus or online), Warwick pays particular attention to an applicant's personal statement in the admissions process. It is therefore advisable that your statement draws upon your experience on the RO Programme, what you have learnt on the programme and how this applies to your chosen course.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.warwick.ac.uk/study**. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

University of York



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of York through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria (for example subject-specific requirements or a successful interview where applicable).

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then this will be a dual offer. You will receive the typical offer for the programme to which you are applying as well as an alternative RO offer which recognises your successful completion of the RO Programme. The alternative offer will be reduced, as appropriate, by:

- Up to 2 A level grades (for example an AAB offer may be made at ABB or BBB) or
- Up to 2 points in the International Baccalaureate (for example a 36 point offer may be made at 35 or 34 points) or
- 1 grade in a BTEC National Diploma offer (for example a DDD offer may be made at DDM).



Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all courses at the University of York where an offer is made.

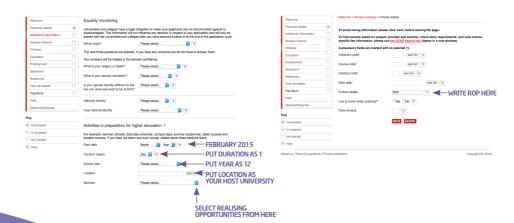
For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit **www.york.ac.uk** Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

Making Sure You Get The Recognition

Important information

In order to receive recognition for successful completion of the Programme from RO universities you should apply through UCAS using the online *Apply* system in the normal way. The online *Apply* system allows you to identify yourself as an RO student. The RO *Applying to Higher Education* guide tells you how to do this. This is available on our website at www.realisingopportunities.ac.uk



Key Contacts

Realising Opportunities Central Team

The Realising Opportunities Central Team, based at Newcastle University, lead the Programme on behalf of the RO universities

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Realising Opportunities Universities

Each of the RO Universities has a key contact for RO and you may wish to get in touch with them if you have a question about recognition or admissions through UCAS.

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