



Law Admissions Feedback 2021-22

Summary

		Law ¹	Law with Law Studies in Europe
Applications		1724	329
Shortlisted		510	94
Offers	2022 entry	189 ² [inc. 8 open offers]	34 [inc. 1 open offers]
	2023 entry	5 ²	0

Mansfield made seven offers for Law and one for Law with Law Studies in Europe for 2022 entry, including one open offer. One offer for 2022 entry was also made in a previous cycle, and one offer for 2023 entry was made in this cycle.

Shortlisting

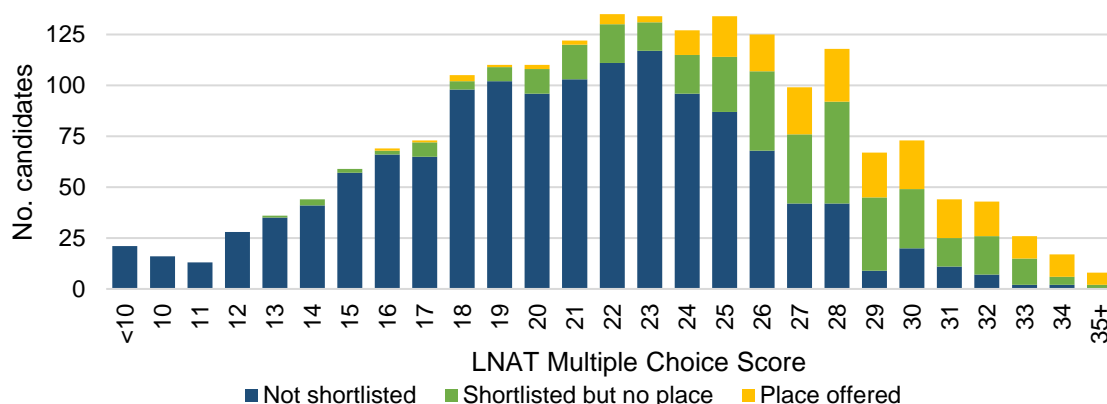
Candidates were shortlisted using their UCAS applications and their scores on the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT). Approximately 2.6 candidates were shortlisted per place. All figures below include applicants for both Law and Law with Law Studies in Europe.

LNAT

The LNAT is a 2h15 test which assesses some of the verbal reasoning skills required to study Law, including comprehension, interpretation, analysis, synthesis, induction, and deduction.

The test is in two parts: the first part is a computer-based multiple-choice exam where candidates read passages of text and answer questions testing their comprehension of them; for the second part candidates write one essay from a list of three questions, which assesses their ability to construct a compelling argument and reach a conclusion.

The mean LNAT Multiple Choice score for all Law and LSE applicants (excluding those who did not sit the test) was 22.6 out of 42. The mean score for shortlisted applicants was 27.0, and 28.3 for those who went on to receive an offer. The distribution of marks was as follows:

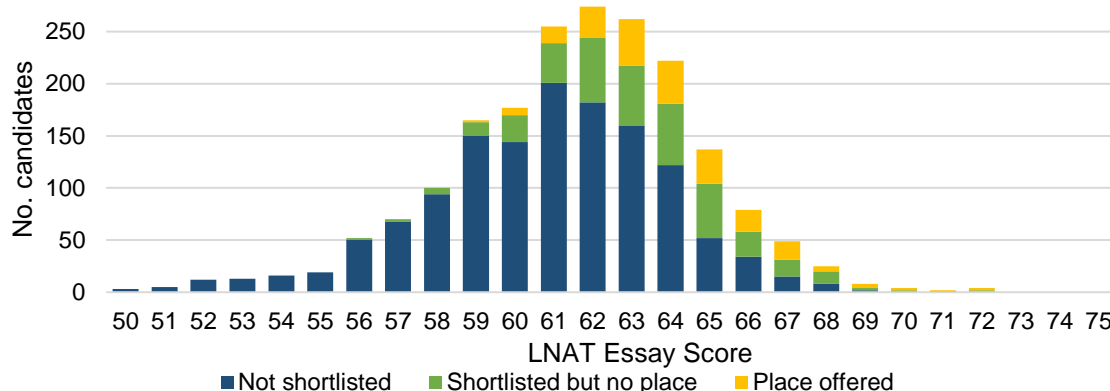


Note: graph excludes candidates who did not sit the LNAT (n=94).

¹ Excludes applicants for Senior Status Law.

² Includes applicants for Law with Law Studies in Europe who were made an offer for Law.

The mean LNAT essay score for all applicants (excluding those who did not sit the test) was 61.6. The mean score for shortlisted applicants was 63.5, and 64.1 for those who went on to receive an offer. The distribution of marks was as follows:



UCAS Application

Tutors assessed candidates on the basis of their qualifications and predicted grades, personal statement and reference. Tutors looked for: high marks or predictions at GCSE (A*/9/8s) and A level (AAA+) or equivalent; a reference recommending the applicant as outstanding among their peers; a personal statement suggesting strong evidence of interest and enthusiasm for their current studies or activities, extending beyond what they had done at school. Each candidate's individual circumstances were considered when assessing their application.

LNAT scores and contextualised GCSE information (for candidates who had sat GCSEs) was combined to create an initial ranking. The ranking was then used to help shortlist candidates, with those who came higher in the ranking more likely to be shortlisted for interview, and those lower in the ranking less likely to be shortlisted unless mitigating circumstances or contextual information suggested that their scores might not be an accurate reflection of their potential. All candidates were reviewed by a faculty selection panel.

A number of candidates were reallocated to a different college at this point, to ensure that the ratio of shortlisted applicants per place was approximately the same at each college.

Interview

All candidates shortlisted by Mansfield were asked to attend two interviews online of around 25 minutes with Mansfield tutors. Candidates were asked to look at a short case document prior to each interview which was then discussed in the interview.

In the interviews tutors looked for: concentration and enthusiasm; ability to make a sustained and cogent argument; ability to distinguish relevant from irrelevant; ability to identify and explain weaknesses in argument; creativity, flexibility of thought, lateral thinking; ability to give clear and articulated responses.

A number of candidates were also interviewed at a second college. Approximately 190 additional interviews took place. These interviews were carried out as part of the movement of candidates between colleges, from oversubscribed to undersubscribed colleges.

Candidates for Law with Law Studies in France, Germany, Italy or Spain were also asked to attend a short language test, which assessed their oral ability in the language they had chosen.

Offers

Offers were made to candidates who demonstrated the most potential to perform well on the course on the basis of their UCAS form, performance in the LNAT, interview performance and

any other relevant contextual information. Candidates for Law with Law Studies in Europe were also assessed on their language test performance.

41.7% of candidates who were made offers received their offer from a college other than their first-choice college. Most candidates were made a conditional offer; for details of the standard offer please see [here](#).