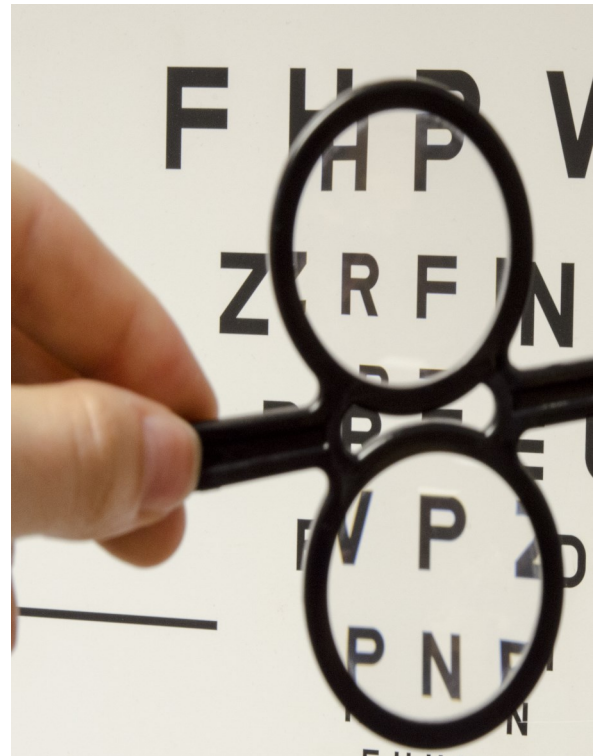
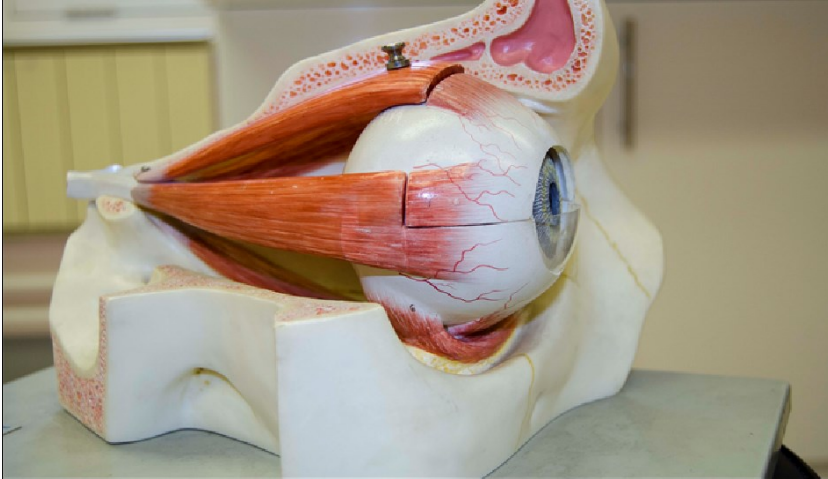




## BSc (Hons) Orthoptics



<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/orthoptics-bsc-hons/entry-requirements/>



Standards of medical fitness to train  
<http://www.heops.org.uk/Guide.php>



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## A Levels and Welsh Qualifications

Essential: **BBB**

Three A2 Levels or two A2 Levels and two AS Levels with potential higher grades required with **at least one of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology or Mathematics to full A-Level.**

**Note: General Studies is not accepted**

Higher grades may be required from resit students and Applied Science A2 Level must be accompanied by another Science A-Level, not applied.

5 GCSE subjects graded A\*-C, or grades 9-4. Subjects to include English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject. Science Dual Award is acceptable. Applied GCSEs will not be considered.

For Applicants from England: Where a science has been taken at A Level (Chemistry, Biology or Physics), a pass in the Science practical of each subject will be required.

**Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate:** Grade BB at A-Level ( which must include one of the following: Maths, Psychology Biology, Physics or Chemistry), plus the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate at Grade B.

## BTEC

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate:** Accepted at a minimum of **Distinction** accompanied by 2 A levels at grade B (A levels must include one of the following: Biology, Maths, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology).

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma** in either Health and Social Care or Applied Science at Grade DD, PLUS 1 additional A Level at a minimum of Grade B.

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care** will be considered at Grade **DDD**.

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science** will be considered at **DDD**.

The BTEC must be accompanied by 5 GCSE subjects graded A\*-C, or grades 9-4, as above. Science Dual Award is acceptable.

Core and Applied Science GCSEs will not be considered.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma

Essential: **30 points** to include 3 Higher Level subjects at a minimum of grade 5. **Biology must be offered at a minimum of a grade 6.**

## European Baccalaureate Diploma

Essential: **74%** overall with a minimum mark of **8 in Biology** and no subject mark below 6.

## CACHE Diploma

We accept the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma and NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care at grade A.

## Access to HE Diploma

Essential: **45 credits at Level 3 in Biological, Psychological, Mathematical, Healthcare or Physics based subjects. 30 credits passed at distinction (Must include a minimum of 15 credits in a Biological or Physiological Science) and the remaining 15 credits must be passed at merit or higher.**

**5 GCSE subjects graded A\*C (numerical 9-4)** and must include: English Language, Mathematics and Science.

## Scottish and Irish Qualifications

### Scottish Certificate of Education:

Highers: BBBB (Must include Biology, Physics, Maths, Chemistry or Psychology).

Combination of Advanced Highers and Highers will be considered. A mixed presentation must include Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths at a minimum grade B. Advanced Highers must be in different subjects to those of Highers.

### Irish Leaving Certificate

6 Higher Level subjects to include English and Mathematics and one of the following Science subjects: Biology, Physics or Chemistry. Two subjects should be graded at H2 or higher (this should include a Science subject) and the remaining four subjects should be graded at H3 or higher.

## Graduate Applicants

We welcome applications from graduates holding a minimum of a 2:2 classification. If your degree is not science related, contact the admissions tutor directly to discuss this further: A.Milling@liv.ac.uk. Experience in health care is also an advantage.

The degree qualification should be supported by a sound academic background, with a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades A\* - C, (numerical 9-4) which should include English Language, Mathematics and Science.

There are no shortened courses for graduates although some students may apply for Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) and therefore be exempt from some modules. Information about applying for APL is sent out with our offer letter.

## International & EU Applicants

Residents of 'European Union' countries, educated under a non-British system should present with qualifications which have a strong biological science component and which would admit them to a degree course at a University in their own country.

Translations of all educational certificates must be provided. Overseas applicants are advised to apply early to NARIC the National Agency responsible for providing information, advice and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional skills and qualifications from over 180 countries worldwide in order for educational qualifications to be verified.

Students whose native language is not English must show evidence of proficiency in English to a standard equivalent to average academic level 7 of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with no component lower than 6.5.

**NB: Please note that this degree may not be acceptable in other countries.**

## Important Note

The academic profile, reference and personal statement of each candidate are given equal consideration. Due to the large number of applications it is advised that candidates ensure that they present with the strongest possible application.

***For qualifications not listed in this document, please visit our web site or email the Admissions Team.***

# **Additional Essential Requirements for a successful UCAS application**

## **Essential Criteria**

### **Knowledge and understanding of the profession by:**

- Demonstrating an understanding of the role of an Orthoptist and the different professions within the eye health care.
- Have the ability to discuss in lay terms, the conditions/tests undertaken by an Orthoptist.

## **Desirable Skills/Attributes**

### **Evidence of Care/Compassion for others**

- Involvement in voluntary/paid experience in a health/well-being environment.
- Active involvement in school/college support systems such as peer mentoring etc.
- Using own time and effort to the benefit of others such as charity fund raising

### **Evidence of Teamwork and Personal Achievement**

- Hobbies and interests that demonstrate experience of team and small group work.
- Evidence of a leadership role.
- Evidence of personal achievement.

### **Evidence of Verbal and/or Written Communication Skills**

- The ability to express ideas clearly and logically and to listen to the point of view of others.
- Competent communicator with people of all ages and abilities

Meeting these minimum criteria does not automatically guarantee an interview, as competition for places is high.