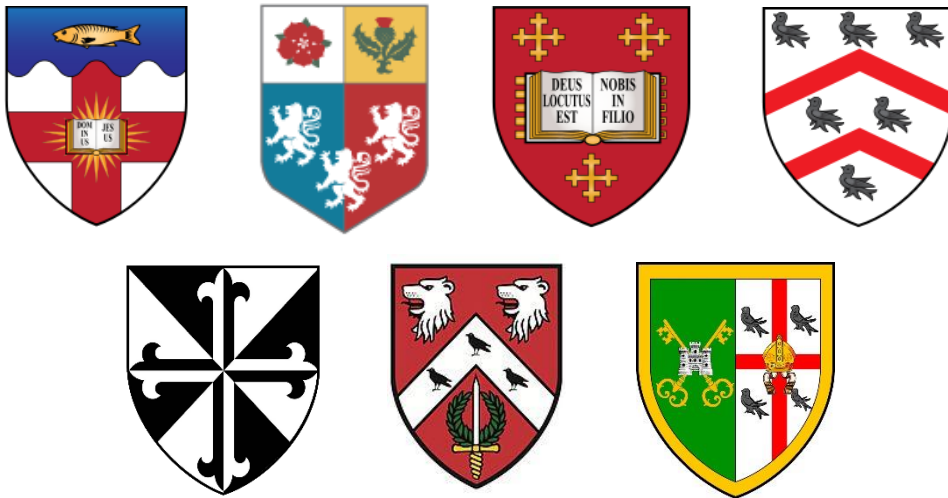


Oxford Prospects and Global Development Institute Visiting Student Programme 2020-2021



About Oxford

The University of Oxford is one of the most prestigious universities in the world, founded in 1250 with some colleges' histories stretching back even further. It is also a member of the prestigious Russell Group in the United Kingdom (similar to the Ivy League in America). The University of Oxford enjoys a well-deserved reputation for world-class teaching, research and facilities. Oxford students benefit from centrally organised lectures, seminars and lab time, and from the collegiate system of small-group teaching (called a tutorial) that takes place in the colleges. This approach provides individual support and guidance, enabling students to thrive academically whilst offering countless opportunities to become involved with extra-curricular activities. The Colleges are the focus of both the student's academics and social life.

About the Programme

The Visiting Student Programme is open to select Chinese partner universities through the Oxford Prospects Programme. The Visiting Student Programme offers suitably qualified students the opportunity to come to Oxford as Registered Visiting Students of the University of Oxford and as



members of one of the partner colleges: Regent's Park, Mansfield, Pembroke, Worcester, Blackfriars, St. Anne's and St. Peter's. Visiting Students are to study for the whole or part of one academic year. They will be on courses taken by full-time undergraduate students and study alongside them in tutorials and lectures.

Our aim is to give Visiting Students the chance to experience the unique opportunities provided by study at Oxford while earning credit for their home institutions. Visiting Students have access to all academic and social facilities, such as a wide range of University facilities including the Bodleian Library, faculty (subject) libraries, the Oxford University Computing Services, and the great wealth of lectures organized by the University throughout the academic year. Visiting Students automatically become life-time members of the Oxford College.

The Academic Year

	Term	From	To
2020- 2021	Michaelmas 2020	Sunday, 11 October	Saturday, 5 December
	Hilary 2021	Sunday, 17 January	Saturday, 13 March
	Trinity 2021	Sunday, 25 April	Saturday, 19 June

Each of the three terms in Oxford is organized into eight teaching weeks. Terms are intense with an impressive amount of academic, sporting, and other social activities packed into each term. The intensity of term time means that it is not advisable to leave Oxford during these eight weeks, although many Visiting Students take the opportunity to travel between terms.

Requirements

- **GPA of 3.7** (minimum, using a 4.0 GPA system).
- **Photocopy of IELTS certificate:** IELTS overall score of 7.0 (with at least 7.0 in each). IELTS is the preferred certificate. If you do not have IELTS but a TOEFL this may be considered. For TOEFL the required score is minimum 110, with component scores of at least: Listening 22, Reading 24, Speaking 25, and Writing 24.
- **A personal statement:** you should provide a brief account of your studies to date and an explanation of how a year at Oxford would fit into your educational plans (including the main subjects you would like to study in relation to courses you have completed at your home university). This will be assessed for your reasons for applying to this particular course of study; evidence of motivation for and understanding of the proposed area of study; the ability to present a reasoned case in English; the academic attributes that you will bring to the programme; the skills that you hope to gain; commitment to the subject; and the relevance of this year of study to your future career/academic development plans. It is recommended for your personal statement to be up to 500 words.
- **Two samples of recently completed written work** (marked if possible) preferably in subjects for which you are applying.
- **Two academic references** (from someone who can comment on your academic achievement and on the type of learner you are). This needs to be on official headed paper, signed by referee and to include referee contact details.
- **An up-to-date academic transcript in English**
- **Application form**
- **A recent passport-style photo photograph**
- **Photocopy of passport**

Please consult with and send application materials to your home university. For enquiries, you may also contact OPGDI's liaison officer: Dr Jason Lu at vsp@oxford-prospects.com

Teaching and Tutorial System

Tutorial learning and teaching is unique to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and it is important to understand what is to be expected and experienced as a Visiting Student. Tutorials foster a close relationship between the tutor and the student thanks to the individual attention that students receive.



Tutorials are particularly beneficial for developing skills of critical analysis, often requiring students to critique primary and secondary literature and test the boundaries of their understanding.

What is a tutorial?

Tutorials are at the heart of your learning experience at Oxford. They are usually weekly or fortnightly (every two weeks) meetings with an academic who specialises in the studied subject. Tutorials may be either one-on-one or shared with one or two other students, lasting around an hour.

The tutorial will be spent discussing previously prepared essays of usually around 2000 words with the tutor and any fellow students. Sometimes – for example in some economics tutorials – the essay component might be substituted in favour of a problem set. Tutorial discussions provide for in-depth exploration of topics from different perspectives. Each student is expected to analyse critically their own work and any relevant scholarship. Students are expected to formulate their own ideas and express them eloquently in discussion, including questions.

What is typical tutorial course load?

Each Oxford degree course is divided into *papers* – in another university these might be called modules or classes. Most undergraduates at Oxford usually study 1.5 papers each term: one for 8 weeks and one for 4 weeks. As the majority of visiting students understand the American university system, these papers can be seen as major (the 8-week paper) and minor (the 4-week paper) tutorials. By fulfilling these course requirements each Visiting Student will be doing the same as all full-time Oxford students.

This may not sound like a full course load compared to more standard conceptions of a full-time student schedule. However, it is expected that each student will study independently to prepare for each tutorial a minimum recommended minimum of 40 hours per week. An average term's work will consist of 12x2000-word essays.

For these reasons, we strongly advise against working on any academic projects from home universities, such as a dissertation while at Oxford. Students who have attempted to do this in the past have put themselves under unnecessary amounts of pressure. Students are required to be in Oxford from Week 0 to Week 8 of every term (see term dates on the brochure). If the student must miss a day due to special circumstances, they must let their tutors know in advance and get permission to do.



How is my work assessed?

Tutors normally read each essay and provide written feedback. Some tutors may ask students to read out their essays in the tutorial, although this is much less common than previously. More typically, tutors ask students to submit their essays before the tutorial – this may be on the evening before the tutorial. Most tutors do not provide numerical or letter grade for individual essays. Instead they concentrate on formative assessment: commenting, advising, asking follow-up questions.

At the end of each term, tutors write reports on individual learning and progress and award an overall numerical grade based on criteria that are similar to those by which full-time students are assessed. This final grade will reflect what achievements have been made in the essays plus an assessment of how each person performed in tutorials. There is normally no requirement for Visiting Students to sit any examinations.

What about lectures?

It is highly encouraged to attend lectures, if lectures are provided that match research interests. For some subjects such as English Literature lectures are not compulsory, but for others, such as Mathematics, they may be. Each tutor will normally offer guidance and advice about which lectures suit research needs.

Will there be any classes?

If the tutorial undertaken normally includes classes, then these should also be attended.

Deadlines and Procedures

Applicants are required to prepare for and take the English Language Tests IELTS ahead of time, preferably between the first and second year of university.

Mid-September: Application open.

Friday January 3rd, 2020: Application deadline.

End of March to end of April: Expect to hear back regarding the status of your application and receive offers.

April – July: confirm your place, complete required procedures and receive CAS information to apply for your visa.

September-October: Arrive in Oxford as a Registered Visiting Student at University of Oxford.



About the Colleges

Oxford University is made up of 44 colleges and halls. Colleges are academic communities, where students usually have their tutorials. Each one has its own dining hall, bar, common room and library, and lots of college groups and societies. All undergraduate students at Oxford become both members of a particular college and of the University. Colleges offer most courses and excel in all the subjects that they teach. Each student receives a very similar Oxford experience regardless of the college.

Visiting Students generally find that they do not have significant expenses beyond their tuition fee and living costs to cover while they are in Oxford. The accommodation that we provide is self-catering, but students also have the option of eating in the College Dining Hall, where meal costs are subsidised.



Mansfield College

Mansfield College prioritises full year applications for study but does consider applications for two terms of study (January – June) on a case by case basis.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: *English, Economics (includes Finance), Geography, History, Human Sciences, Management, Oriental Studies, Philosophy, Politics, Statistics, Theology and Religion, History of Art.*

Costs (based on 2019-20 year, subject to inflation)

Full Year (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term) tuition fees: £26,503.

Accommodation: £5,587 Total: £32,090.

Two-terms: (Hilary term + Trinity term) tuition: £19,555 Accommodation: £4,118

Total: £23,673



Pembroke College

Pembroke only admits Visiting Students for the full Academic Year. It is not possible to study for just one or two Oxford terms because the college believes it is much more beneficial to Visiting Students to have time to adapt to the Oxford system and integrate into the social life of the college.



Academic Subjects

Courses include: Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Economics, English, English & Modern Languages, History, History & Economics, History & English, History & Modern Languages, History & Politics, Law, Mathematics, Maths & Philosophy, Modern Languages, Oriental Studies (Arabic, Islamic Studies, Japanese, Chinese), Philosophy, Philosophy & Modern Languages, Politics, Politics Philosophy & Economics (PPE), Philosophy Psychology Linguistics (PPL), Psychology, Theology.

Costs (based on 2019-20 year, subject to inflation)

Tuition: £31,747 per student for 2019-20. Accommodation (38 week contract, standard basin room, including utilities and meal plan): £5,929.92.



Regent's Park College



Regent's Park College prefers applications for a full year of study but will also consider applications for two terms (January-June). Regent's specialises in the teaching of subjects in the Arts and Humanities. Regent's Park provides single-occupancy rooms with self-catering facilities and students have the option of eating in the College Dining Hall.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: English, Classics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Theology and Religion, Politics, International Relations, Economics, History of Art, Mathematics, Politics Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

Costs (based on 2019-20 year, subject to inflation)

Full Year: (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term): £28,140

Two terms: (Hilary Term + Trinity Term): £18,760 + £400 administration fee per term.



Worcester College



The study terms available at Worcester College are September seminar + Michaelmas and Hilary + Trinity. For the first option, it is possible for the student to come for Michaelmas alone, but they strongly recommend arriving early for the September seminar as well. Rooms are single occupancy, with shared kitchens.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: Economics and Business, Philosophy, Maths, Physics, Politics, English, Classics, Geography, Computer Science, and British history



Costs (based on 2019-20 year, subject to inflation)

Worcester's fees for 2019/20 are £10545 per term, and the September Seminar is £1800. Typical options are September + Michaelmas OR Hilary + Trinity.



Blackfriars Hall



Blackfriars Hall generally accommodates visiting students in nearby houses equipped for self-catering, but many eat their meals at a nearby Hall of the University.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: English Literature, Classics, British History, Philosophy, Psychology and Theology.

Costs (based on 2018-19 year, subject to inflation)



Hall Fee: £12,035

University fee: £8115 (for most Humanities subjects)

Accommodation: Twin room £5505 or Single room £6430 (if available)

Total: £26,580



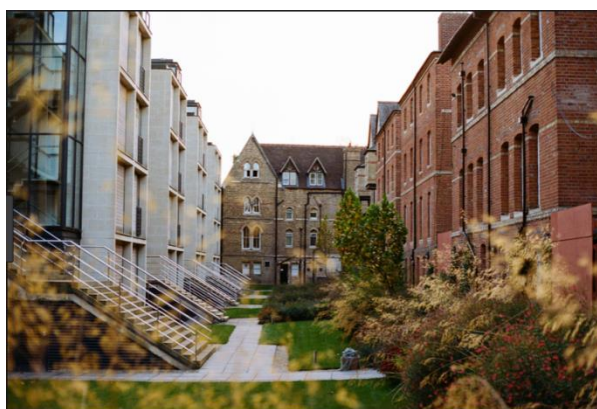
St. Anne's College



The study terms available for St. Anne's College are September seminar + Michaelmas, Hilary + Trinity, and for the full academic year Michaelmas + Hilary + Trinity.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: Archaeology and Anthropology, Biochemistry, Classics, Comparative Literature, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, English, Engineering, Experimental Psychology, Geography, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Music, Oriental Studies, Philosophy, Politics, Pre-medicine, Physics, Law



Costs (based on 2019-20 year, subject to inflation)

Standard tuition fee £ 26, 870. Accommodation fee £6155 and refundable meal card £ 375. Total: £ 33 400.



St. Peter's College



St. Peter's College believes a full academic year is the minimum amount of time needed to benefit fully from the tutorial system, therefore it is generally not possible to apply for only one or two terms.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: Archaeology and Anthropology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, Engineering, English Language & Literature, Geography, History, Management, Mathematics and Statistics, Modern Languages, Neuroscience, Physics, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Theology.



Costs (based on 2019-20 year, subject to inflation)

University fee: £ 24,930 (for most Arts/Humanities subjects, more for Science subjects). Accommodation: £ 6,123 (for a 38-week lease), Total: £31,053 approx.