



Hertford College
OXFORD

Short-Term Study Programmes

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An aerial photograph of Oxford, England, showing the dense medieval architecture. The spires of a large cathedral are prominent on the left, and the large, ornate dome of a church is on the right. The city is filled with historic buildings and green spaces.

Oxford and Hertford College

THE CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES

For over 800 years, Oxford has been at the forefront of international education. Students come from all over the world to increase their knowledge and to experience life in the City of Dreaming Spires. The Medieval city centre is a compact, friendly and dynamic community. Beautiful old college and faculty buildings dominate the winding streets, complemented by charming shops and welcoming bars and restaurants. Oxford offers something for everyone!

Life inside an Oxford College provides a sharp contrast to the bustle and activity outside. Colleges offer a calm and relaxing atmosphere. Green lawns, spectacular buildings and a warm welcome enable students and visitors to feel at home and to appreciate the unique character of each college.

Hertford College prides itself on being one of the friendliest and most approachable colleges in Oxford. We are outward-looking and pride ourselves on the many strong international links we have made over the years. Linking the two main sites of the college, our Bridge of Sighs is one of Oxford's most instantly recognisable attractions. We are also perfectly situated in the historic heart of Oxford within easy walking distance of all the main sights.



Arrivals, Residential Advisers and Accommodation

LIFE AS AN OXFORD GRADUATE

On arrival at Heathrow airport, you will be met by a team of our own Hertford College undergraduate students. Their role is to act as RAs (Residential Advisers). They will live alongside you in our accommodation, accompany you throughout your stay as well as organising trips, activities and other social events. Your RAs will help you with your language skills whilst giving you a unique opportunity to learn about life as an Oxford undergraduate.

From the airport, they will accompany you on a private coach to Oxford. On arrival at College, they will lead an orientation session to ensure you settle into college life quickly and smoothly. The RAs understand the importance of communicating with everybody in the group. They are genuinely interested in you and your background and are eager to help you experience the best that Oxford has to offer! The RAs have been specially selected for their enthusiasm and helpfulness. Hertford College is keen for our undergraduates to form friendships with international students and thus to strengthen global ties and co-operation in the future.

Hertford College accommodation is spread across several sites in central Oxford. As well as the old College buildings in the main site in Catte St, there are sites near the River Thames and beautiful Christ Church Meadow. All accommodation is comfortable, secure and cleaned daily. The single bedrooms all have a washbasin, free Wi-Fi access and shared bathroom facilities.

Welcome Tea

IN OUR HISTORIC DINING HALL

A Welcome Tea is held in our historic Dining Hall shortly after your arrival. This is the ideal opportunity for students to meet everyone at Hertford College who is involved with the programme. Afternoon tea is an important part of British culture and is enjoyed by everyone. It is a chance to relax, chat and sample traditional delicacies such as scones with clotted cream and a variety of cakes.

Our Dining Hall is typical of those found in Oxford's older colleges. The wood panelling and portraits of famous alumni create a formal yet welcoming atmosphere unique to Oxford. Your teachers, lecturers and RAs will be keen to meet you and find out about your academic background and interests. We encourage you to participate fully in the Welcome Tea by speaking to everybody.

Before the tea begins, we take a formal group photograph in our beautiful quad. The Tea is followed by a more informal group photograph taken under our famous Bridge of Sighs.



Academic Programmes

INTENSIVE SHORT-TERM PROGRAMMES

For over 25 years we have been working with our partner universities and other institutions worldwide to enable students to experience Oxford by enrolling on our intensive short-term programmes.

We have a reputation for excellence and attention to detail which is reflected in the quality of our programmes and high levels of student satisfaction.

Our programmes typically consist of 20 hours in the classroom plus a full day study visit per week. The academic content includes lectures, workshops, discussions, research, project work and academic skills development.

Our teaching style is interactive, student-centred and encourages critical thinking. A full evening social programme run by the RAs is also included. We liaise closely with our partner universities to ensure the programmes closely match the students’ needs and are challenging, relevant and enjoyable. Programmes run from 1-4 weeks depending on the university. We also run open enrolment programmes which are suitable for individual applications.

Students are assessed on arrival and at the end of the programme. The intensive nature of the programmes means students make significant progress in a short space of time.



EXAMPLE OF FIRST WEEK	AM 9:00 - 12:30	PM 14:00 - 16:00	Evening (Cultural activities with RAs)
Sunday	Arrival day. Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. RAs meet you at the airport. Travel to Oxford by private coach. Arrive at Hertford College.	Welcome meal and orientation information from RAs.	
Monday	First day in class. Introduction to the programme, the schedule and your objectives.	Welcome Tea. Enjoy a traditional English tea in Hertford College's grand Dining Hall with tea and scones. Group photo under the famous Bridge of Sighs.	e.g. Quiz night
Tuesday	Morning class/lecture	Afternoon class/lecture	e.g. Punting
Wednesday	Morning class/lecture	Afternoon class/lecture	e.g. Open air theatre trip
Thursday	Morning class/lecture	Afternoon class/lecture	e.g. Riverside walk
Friday	Study tour (e.g. London, The Cotswolds etc.)		
Saturday	At the weekend you have free time to explore Oxford or other parts of the UK.		
Sunday	Free day. (as above)		
EXAMPLE OF FINAL WEEK	AM 9:00 - 12:30	PM 14:00 - 16:00	Evening (Cultural activities with RAs)
Monday	Morning class/lecture	Afternoon class/lecture	e.g. Film night
Tuesday	Morning class/lecture	Afternoon class/lecture	e.g. Visit a historic Oxford pub
Wednesday	Morning class/lecture	Afternoon class/lecture	e.g. Sports evening with students from other universities.
Thursday	Final presentations. Work in groups to give a presentation in English on a topic in front of an audience.	Feedback on presentations and end of course assessment	e.g. Karaoke evening
Friday	Free day. A last opportunity to visit your favourite places in Oxford.		Gala Dinner in the historic Dining Hall.
Saturday	Departure day, you will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.		



Gala Dinner and Certificate Ceremony

A THREE-COURSE CANDLELIT DINNER

At the end of your programme, we hold a Gala Dinner in your honour. This is our way of congratulating you on your achievements and wishing you all the best for the future. We ask that you bring formal clothes to wear on this occasion and of course your camera!

Before the dinner, we invite you to a drinks reception with your teachers, lecturers and RAs. This is held outside in the quad or inside one of our historic reception rooms depending on the weather. During the drinks, there will be short speeches thanking everybody involved in the organisation of the programme.

The three-course dinner is served in our candlelit Dining Hall. This occasion enables you to experience a formal dinner in an Oxford College. Before the dinner, you will be presented with your end of programme certificate.

Students who have participated in our programmes have told us how much they enjoyed their Gala Dinner and how many happy memories of this evening they have taken home.



Hertford College was founded in 1282. It is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 39 colleges.

Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

If you work for an overseas university and would like to discuss organising a programme for your students or teachers, please contact the Co-Directors of International Programmes at Hertford College:

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