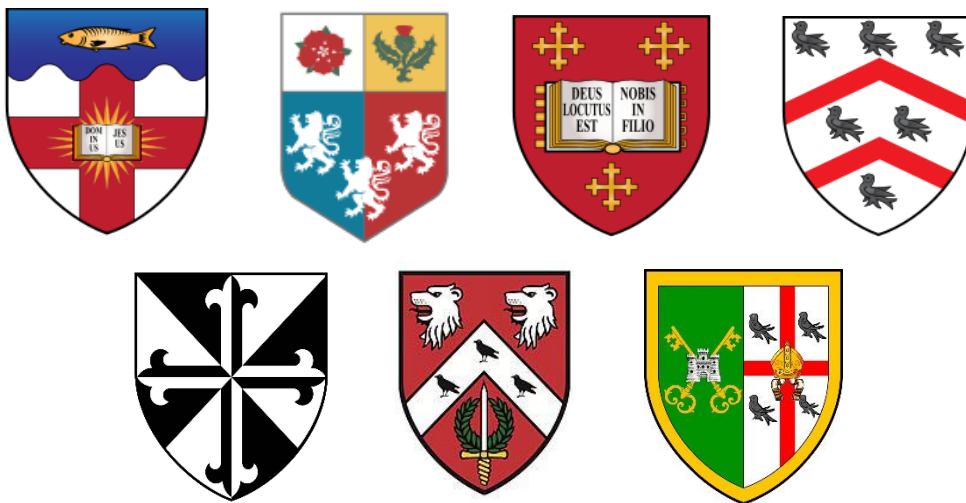


# *Oxford Prospects and Global Development Centre*

## **Visiting Student Programme**

### **2019-2020**



### **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 to even further. It is also a member of the prestigious Russell Group of major research universities in the United Kingdom (similar to the Ivy League). The University of Oxford enjoys a well-deserved reputation for world-class teaching, research and facilities. Our 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 get involved with extra-curricular activities. Your College will be your home during term-time and will be the focus of both your academic progress and your social life.

## About the Programme

The Visiting Student Programme is open to eight to ten Chinese partner universities through the Oxford Prospects Programmes. 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 seven partner colleges: Regent's Park, Mansfield, Pembroke, Worcester, Blackfriar's, St. Anne's, 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. If you thrive on intellectual stimulation, particularly in your favourite subjects, then you are likely to find the Oxford system thoroughly fulfilling. As a Visiting Student, you will automatically become a life-time member of the Oxford College and will receive details of future events.

## The Academic Year

	Term	From	To
2019-20	Michaelmas 2019	Sunday, 13 October	Saturday, 7 December
	Hilary 2020	Sunday, 19 January	Saturday, 14 March
	Trinity 2020	Sunday, 26 April	Saturday, 20 June

Each of the three terms in Oxford is organized into eight teaching weeks. Terms are intensive and you will be amazed at how much academic, sporting, and other social activities can be packed into such a short period of time. The intensity of term time means that it is not possible 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 or TOEFL certificate:** IELTS overall score of 7.0 (with at least 7.0 in each), or TOEFL overall score of 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.
- **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)
- **An up-to-date academic transcript**
- **Application form**
- **A recent photograph**

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

## Teaching and Tutorial System

Tutorial learning and teaching is unique to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and understanding what you will be experiencing and what is expected of you as a student are key to your success as a Registered Visiting Student at University of Oxford. Tutorials foster a close relationship between the tutor and the student, and are particularly beneficial for developing skills of critical analysis. Tutorials often require students to critique primary and secondary literature and defend an argument. Tutors know that students will not always have the answer, but the tutorial allows students to test the boundaries of their understanding. A great advantage of the tutorial system is the individual attention that students receive.



### 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 specializes in the subject you're studying. You may be the only student in the tutorial or you may share it with one or two other students – either way you will be studying and learning in a much smaller group than you're used to. A tutorial lasts for around an hour – some may be a bit longer.

The tutorial will be spent discussing the work that you have prepared in advance with your tutor and your fellow students. For most humanities and social science subjects that work will usually be an essay of about 2000 words on a topic that you have previously agreed with your tutor. Sometimes – for example in some economics tutorials – you might be asked to look at a problem set. The discussion allows you to explore that topic in even greater depth and from different perspectives. You will be expected to analyse critically your own work and any scholarship you have read. You will be expected to formulate your own ideas and express them in discussion. You will also be able to ask questions – although your tutor's answer may come in the form of another question!

### What is typical tutorial course load?

Oxford degree courses are 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, for ease we call these your 'major and 'minor' tutorials. By fulfilling these course requirements you will be doing exactly the same as all full-time Oxford students. This may not sound a lot if you're used to carrying a course load of more modules/classes – it works out to around 2hrs of 'contact time' per week. However, you are expected to study independently to prepare for your tutorials and we recommend a minimum of 40 hours per week in order to do this. An average term's work will consist of 12x2000-word essays. You will study subjects to a much greater depth than you may be used to and are often asked to cover a greater range of material as well.

For these reasons, we strongly advise against you working on academic projects from your home university - for example, a dissertation – during your time 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?

Your tutor will normally read each of your essays and give you written feedback on them. Some tutors may ask you to read out your essay in the tutorial, although this is much less common than it used to be. More typically, tutors ask you to submit your essay before the tutorial – this is often the evening before your tutorial is due. Most tutors won't give you numerical or letter grade for



individual essays. Instead they concentrate on your formative assessment: commenting, advising, asking follow-up questions.

At the end of each term, your tutors will write a report on your learning and your 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 you have achieved in your essays plus an assessment of how you've performed in tutorials.

There is normally no requirement for Visiting Students to sit any examinations.



What about lectures?

You are encouraged to attend lectures, if suitable ones are provided during the time you're studying here. For some subjects – for example, English Literature – lectures aren't compulsory, for others-such as Mathematics - they may be. Your tutor will normally offer guidance and advice about which lectures you should attend.

Will there be any classes?

If the tutorial course you are studying normally includes classes, then you will usually attend these as well. Once again, classes may well be smaller than you're used to.

## **Deadlines and Procedures**

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for and take the English Language Tests IELTS or TOEFL ahead of time.

**Mid-September:** Application open.

**Friday January 4th, 2019:** 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 members of a particular college, and of the whole University. Colleges offer most courses and excel in all the subjects that they teach. You will receive a very similar Oxford experience regardless of which college you are in.



### 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 2017-18 year, subject to inflation)

Full Year (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term)

Tuition: £23,768 Accommodation: £5,007

Total: £28,775

Two-terms: (Hilary term + Trinity term)

Tuition: £17,553 Accommodation: £3,697

Total: £21,250



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.



## 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

Visiting Students are welcomed in all the degree subjects that are available within Pembroke. There are, however, differences from what you will experience at your home university, most particularly in the extent to which you specialise and study courses in depth, exploring ideas intensively- often providing a strong foundation for an Honor's Thesis. Visiting Students all enjoy the genuine Oxford undergraduate experience of devoting their academic studies to one degree course. Some of these degree courses combine more than one subject area (such as PPE - Philosophy, Politics and Economics).

**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), Oriental Studies (Japanese, Chinese), Philosophy, Philosophy & Modern Languages, Politics, Politics Philosophy & Economics (PPE), Philosophy Psychology Linguistics (PPL), Psychology, Theology.*

### Costs

Tuition: £27,747 per student for 2016-17 (fees subject to a ~3% increase annually). Accommodation will depend on the room type. Based on the costs for 2015-16 a basic basin room cost £3966 per year and an en-suite room was £5301. Cost of utilities for 2015-16 was £348 (subject to slight inflation).





## 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 specializes in the teaching of subjects in the Arts and Humanities. We provide single-occupancy rooms with self-catering facilities and students have the option of eating in the College Dining Hall. For you to make the most of your time you will need to plan your courses of study carefully in consultation with faculty members in your home institution and at Regent's.

### 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 2017-18 year, subject to inflation)

Full Year: (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term): £24,000

Two terms: (Hilary Term + Trinity Term: £16,200 + £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, and shared kitchens are nearby. Students can choose to take meals in hall (these meals are priced at competitive rates), cook for themselves in their kitchens, or eat out at one of Oxford's many restaurants. Four times a week, students have the option of dining in College at formal hall, where smart attire and academic gowns are worn, and catering and services are a bit more elaborate.

### Academic Subjects

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



### Costs (based on 2017-18 year, subject to inflation)

Michaelmas £11,240. Hilary plus Trinity £19,301. The first fee includes accommodation for Michaelmas Term but not for September. The second fee includes accommodation for Hilary and Trinity but not for the Easter holiday in between. Extra accommodation in September or in the Easter vacation is about £20/night.



## Blackfriars Hall



Every year we welcome registered visiting students to Blackfriars Hall, in the University of Oxford, for a unique life and learning experience.

We have a highly experienced staff dedicated to making your transition to study in Oxford as successful as possible. Our visiting students are normally accommodated in nearby houses equipped for self-catering, but eat many of their meals at a nearby Hall of the University.

The motto Veritas ('truth'), encompasses the pursuit of truth about human life and dignity. If you desire 'to make sense of it all', Blackfriars may be right for you.

### 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)

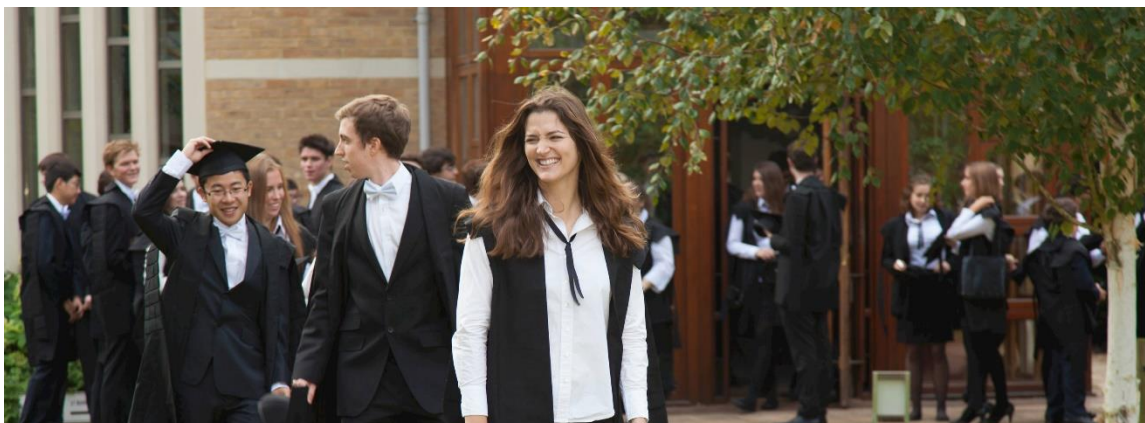
Total: £26,580







## St. Anne's College



St Anne's is a down-to-earth, friendly and independent-minded college that takes people for what they are. It is modern in its outlook and architecture and open to the world, informal and yet academically demanding. Our Visiting Students integrate fully into the St Anne's community, getting involved with college clubs and sports teams and making friends with our students. Like our full-degree course undergraduates, most Visiting Students will study one subject at their time at St Anne's. Depth of study is a particular strength of the Oxford system, so we encourage students to focus on one subject in most instances. The study terms available are September seminar + Michaelmas, Hilary + Trinity, and for the full academic year Michaelmas + Hilary + Trinity.

### Academic Subjects

**Courses include:** *Archaeology, 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 to be released soon and will be roughly the same as other colleges)



## St. Peter's College



Visiting Students participate actively and successfully in both the academic and social life of the College, and many former Visiting Students return to do their graduate work at St Peter's and at Oxford. We believe 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. At Oxford, you grow and develop your knowledge of the subject through your continuous interaction with your tutors; this is a fantastic way of learning, but it requires time.

### 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 2016-17 year, subject to inflation)

College Fee: £14,500

University fee: £7,880 (for most Arts/Humanities subjects, more for Science subjects)

Accommodation: £5513

Total: £27,893 approx.