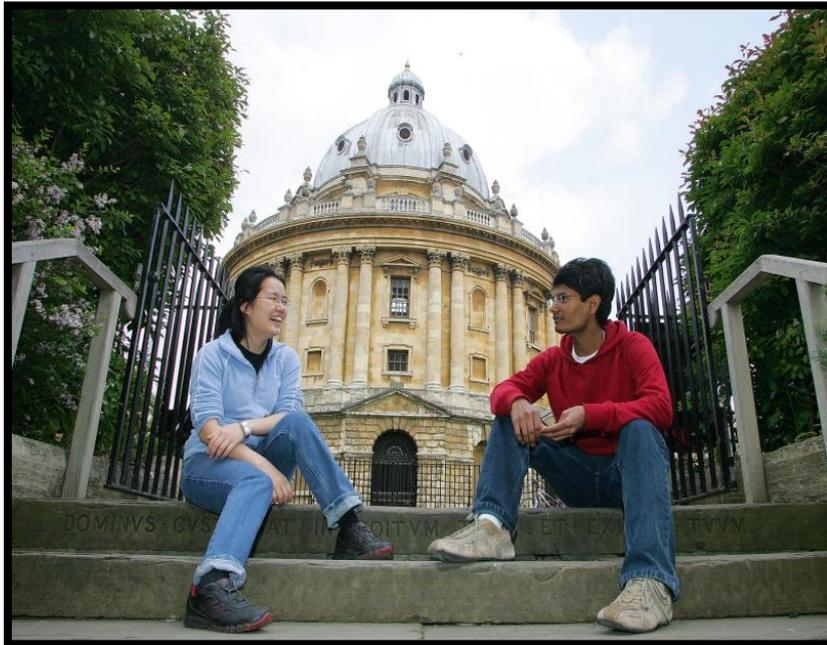




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## **Graduate Student Orientation Programme for European and International Students (for students taking a postgraduate course)**

DRAFT VERSION

**Thursday 27 September and Friday 28 September 2012**

### **Draft orientation timetable**

This is a draft timetable so you can begin to plan your first week at Oxford, although times are unlikely to change significantly before the programme. A final timetable will be sent to you by email a few weeks before the programme starts and will be available online to download. You will also be given a hard copy of the timetable and programme booklet on the day of the programme.

In order to attend the Orientation Programme you need to have registered online, and your college at Oxford will send you the code to register. You must discuss with your college before you register to check that accommodation is available for the additional days.

The Programme is intended to address the requirements of non-UK students who may have different needs e.g. visa requirements, adjusting to life in Oxford or the UK etc. You will have separate and further detailed inductions in your college and department about academic and social matters for all students.

You do not have to attend all talks you may pick and choose and drop into the Information fair in the North School as you choose. The Programme is held in the Examination Schools, High Street and more information is available on the university website:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/orientation/>

*Arriving in Oxford late?* See the last page of this document for additional drop-in sessions.

**Thursday 27th September**

**\* Note: The first session (Welcome and Introduction) will be busy but after this you will be separated into groups according to your degree)**

**09.30 – 09.45 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  
**Professor Andrew Hamilton Vice Chancellor**  
(held in the South School)

**10.00 – 10.45 THE ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS**

*This talk will be divided into four groups as follows:*

*# Research students: DPhil, MSc(Res) degrees and recognised students*

*\* Taught students: BCL, BPhil, MBA, MFE, MJur, MLitt, MPhil, MPP, MSt, MSc, visiting students and all other degrees*

*Research Students in the Social Science & Humanities: **Room 7, ground floor***

*Taught Students in the Social Science & Humanities: **South School***

*Research Students in Maths, Physical & Life Sciences and Medical Sciences: **East School***

*Taught Students in the Maths, Physical & Life Sciences and Medical Sciences: **Room 6, ground floor***

*This session is intended as an introductory session for students who have been accepted to read for taught or research graduate degrees of the University. The talk will describe the administrative framework of a graduate degree, some of the potential opportunities and problems of a graduate course in Oxford, and the many sources of advice and support available for graduate students.*

**10.45 – 11.15** *Break for refreshments*

**11.15 – 12.00 SOCIAL ESSENTIALS**  
**Mr Christopher Gray & Mr Yulin Zhang and Mr David J Townsend & Ms Suzanne Holsomback**  
**Oxford University Student Union**

*Sessions in both the South and East School (same content but different speakers)  
This session will cover travel and transport in Oxford and the UK, telephone and mail services, entertainment, sports and shopping. It will also discuss academic and social life from the perspective of an international student and offer advice on how to make the most of your opportunities at Oxford.*

*The second part of this session will give an introduction to OUSU (Oxford University Student Union) covering what it exists for, how it interacts with the College Common Rooms, what services and events it provides for students and how people can get involved. There will also be an outline of the myriad campaigns that OUSU coordinate, including amongst others pressure groups on the Environment, Anti-Racism, LGBT Rights, Women's Campaign and the International Students Committee.*

*In addition there will be an introduction to the Student Advice Service which can advise students confidentially on any issue from academic concerns, disciplinary procedures, welfare problems, and harassment and discrimination of all types.*

**12.00 – 13.30** *Break for lunch [lunch is not provided]*

**Note:** *all students who are required to have a student visa should attend the session from 12.00-12.30 listed below.*

**12.00 – 12.30 IMMIGRATION AND VISA ADVICE:**

*(all students who are required to have a student visa should attend this session)*

**Mrs Sue Castle-Miller and Ms Jo Aldhouse**

**Student Information and Advisory Service**

South School

[www.ox.ac.uk/students/international\\_students/](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/international_students/)

*Sue and Jo are here to help you with visa and immigration matters during your time at Oxford. In this session we will show you how to check your visa is correct and talk to you about how immigration regulations affect you, including your permission to work and whether you need to register with the police. We will cover what you will need to do to renew your visa before it expires and the help available. If you are thinking of staying on in the UK to work after your studies, we can advise you on the different immigration applications when the time comes.*

#### **AFTERNOON PICK AND MIX SESSION**

**In the afternoon you may choose from any of the sessions listed below in any combination.**

<b>13.30 – 14.00</b>	<b>COMPUTING SERVICES</b> <b>Mrs Denise Cattell</b> Oxford University Computing Services (East School) <a href="http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk">www.oucs.ox.ac.uk</a> <i>Information about how Oxford University Computing Services (OUCS) supports the University's primary computing infrastructure through services such as email, web, news, backup servers, security, anti-virus support and over 100 courses per term through the IT Learning Programme (ITLP). This programme offers an extensive series of practical IT courses, covering introductory and specialized uses of computers, common systems, and packages. Courses are free apart from a small charge for documentation. All courses are taught in the modern lecture suite, equipped with some of the latest computers and teaching facilities.</i>	<b>CAREERS ADVICE FOR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDENTS</b> <b>Ms Tracey Wells</b> Careers Service (South School) <a href="http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk">www.careers.ox.ac.uk</a> <i>Oxford University Careers Service is one of the best resourced and most used career services in the country. The Careers Service offers objective information and guidance about a full range of careers and works proactively to advertise vacancies in all sectors. This talk provides an introduction to the University's Careers Service and how best to make use of it</i>	<b>INFORMATION FAIR AND INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS</b> (North School) <b>Opening a bank account:</b> Santander, LloydsTSB, HSBC, Barclays, Nat West <b>12.00pm-5.00pm</b> <b>Language Centre</b> <b>3.30pm-5.00pm</b> <b>How to hire academic gowns</b> <b>2.00pm-5.00pm</b> <b>Visas and immigration queries</b> <b>12.30pm-5.00pm</b> <b>Careers information</b> <b>1.00pm-5.00pm</b> <b>US loans</b> <b>3.30pm-5.00pm</b> <b>Libraries</b> <b>1.00pm-5.00pm</b>
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14.00 – 14.30	<p><b>CAREERS ADVICE FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS</b> <b>Ms Tracey Wells</b> Careers Service (East School) <a href="http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk">www.careers.ox.ac.uk</a> (see description above)</p>	<p><b>COMPUTING SERVICES</b> <b>Mrs Denise Cattell</b> Oxford University Computing Services (South School) repeated session <a href="http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk">www.oucs.ox.ac.uk</a> (see description above)</p>	
14.30-15.00	<i>Break for refreshments</i>		<p><b>INFORMATION FAIR AND INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS</b> (North School)</p> <p>Opening a bank account: Santander, LloydsTSB, HSBC, Barclays, Nat West 12.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Language Centre 3.30pm-5.00pm</p> <p>How to hire academic gowns 2.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Visas and immigration queries 12.30pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Careers information 1.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>US loans 3.30pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Libraries 1.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Oxford University Student Union 1.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Student Union (debating society)</p>
15.00-15.30	<p><b>LANGUAGE CENTRE</b> <b>Dr Robert Vanderplank</b> Language Centre (East School) <a href="http://www.lang.ox.ac.uk">www.lang.ox.ac.uk</a> <i>The University's Language Centre is among the best equipped in the UK and is open to all members of the University. This talk provides an introduction to the courses and services offered by the Language Centre and will include information on English language courses for academic purposes as well as on foreign language courses and our extensive independent language study resources.</i></p>	<p><b>STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b> <b>Ms Elsa Bell</b> Counselling Service (South School) <i>This session will cover the range of support services available to enable students to make the best of their time at Oxford University. You will be given information about student health and welfare provision, the Student Information and Advisory Service and about specialist services such as the Disability Advisory Service and the Counselling Service, what the Proctors do and how the University demonstrates its commitment to equality and diversity. We will explain how to access these services and how they might be of use to you or your colleagues. We will even tell you how to make complaints (we hope you have few) or suggestions (we hope you have many) so that the University can continue to improve its provision for its much valued students.</i></p>	

			<b>1.00pm-5.00pm</b>
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	<b>STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b> repeated session (East School) (see description above)	<b>SAFETY AND SECURITY</b>  Thames Valley Crime Reduction Office (South School) <i>This session will provide advice about your safety and security in Oxford. It will also highlight safety and security issues you need to be aware of, such as looking after your belongings, safety on the streets, laws in the UK, etc.</i>	
<b>16.00 - 17.00</b>	<b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> (North School) <i>This hour will give you the opportunity to meet many new students and current students. You will also be able to meet staff from Student Information to ask any questions you may have about immigration/visa matters or other issues affecting international students. The advisors from the information fair will also be available for consultation.</i>		

**Friday 28th September**

**9.00 – 17.00**

**POLICE REGISTRATION**

*For students who need to register with the police (if stamped on your visa sticker) you will be able to do this on Friday 28 September or Friday 5 October at the Exam Schools between 9am and 5pm. For details of what documents are required see the visa and immigration pages. A sign up form will be available at the orientation programmes. If you cannot make these dates, you will need to go to the Police Station in person.*

**10.00 – 11.00**

**WALKING TOURS (optional one hour tours)**

**10.30 – 11.30**

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*Student helpers will take small groups of students on walking tours around Oxford for approximately one hour to show some practical sights such as the Bodleian Library, shops, markets, restaurants and entertainment venues. They will also cover some basic historical facts about Oxford and notable buildings Please sign up for the walking tours in the North School on Thursday and meet in the main entrance of the Exam Schools on Friday morning for the tours to depart.*

**10.00-11.30 or  
11.30-13.00 or  
14.00-15.30**

**CULTURAL AWARENESS WORKSHOPS (optional)**

*Please sign up for this workshop in the North School on Thursday. The workshop will give you a chance to discuss any anxieties you may have about living and studying in a new country and will be an interactive session.*

**1230-1330**

**WOMEN AND THE GRADUATE WORLD**

*The Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) will hold a session for all those who identify as women about women in leadership in the graduate world of Oxford. The session will discuss barriers and solutions for women in leadership, then explore leadership opportunities in academia, common rooms, the University, sports, OUSU, and Springboard. The aim of the session is to understand the problems and solutions, identify areas where women can become involved, and encourage women to lead.*

**14.00-17.00**

**SPOUSES AND PARTNERS EVENT (optional)**

*If you are in Oxford with a spouse or partner come along to this event at the Exam Schools. The event will cover topics such as childcare, working and employment, visa and immigration matters and the chance to meet other students. Please email [student.information@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:student.information@admin.ox.ac.uk) if you would like to attend.*

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**10.00-13.00**

**LATE ARRIVALS (optional)**

*Did you miss the programme yesterday? Then drop in to Room 7 and pick up a welcome pack and ask any questions you may have about university facilities and services. You may also attend the information fair at the undergraduate programme on Monday 1st October from 10.00 to 14.00 at the Exam Schools which will allow you to meet representatives from the banks, libraries, careers service, student union, visa advisors etc. If space permits, you may be allowed to join some of the talks but priority will be given to undergraduate students first.*

*A few students are occasionally delayed due to visa or personal emergencies. If you are arriving very late in Oxford drop in sessions will also be held on Friday 12th October and Friday 19th October from 15.00-17.00 at the Exam Schools. Drop in to ask questions about University facilities and services and collect a welcome pack.*