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# Student News

Preparing for Oxford



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Congratulations on receiving an offer from the University of Oxford, whether unconditional or conditional at this stage. This newsletter provides information to help you to prepare for arriving and studying at Oxford.

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## Preparing to study

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In this edition of Student News we have outlined a range of resources which are available to assist you with your studies. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with this information before you arrive to help you study more effectively.

If you are required to do any specific preparation for your course before you arrive at the University, your college or department will send you details in due course using the contact details that you have provided.

## Online resources

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Interactive tools, such as [iTunesU](#), feature lectures, teaching material and interviews with leading academics. Online [study skills and training resources](#) are also available on subjects such as research and library skills, avoiding plagiarism, managing your time, reading, note taking, referencing and revision techniques. Advice specific for your discipline can be found in your 2015-16 subject handbook when available from your department, or from your course tutor or graduate supervisor.

For those undertaking research, the [Research Skills Toolkit](#) explores IT and library tools, tips and techniques, while the Researcher Training website, available to you when you commence your research, lists graduate and post-doctoral training opportunities.

## Academics and students showcase their work

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The Arts and Science blogs showcase the work being undertaken at the University by students and academics.

From information on the latest exhibitions at the Ashmolean Museum to using philosophy to solve real-world problems, the [Arts blog](#) covers the latest news and views in the arts, humanities and culture at the University of Oxford.

The [Oxford Science blog](#) provides the inside track on science at the University: the projects, the people, and what's happening behind the scenes.

## Workshops and courses

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The [Bodleian libraries iSkills workshops](#) focus on general skills which can be used across a wide range of disciplines, designed to help you to make effective use of scholarly materials. Subject based workshops and classes are also scheduled.

Over 200 different IT courses are available through the [IT Learning Programme](#) to help with your studies, research, administration and planning. The [Careers Service](#) regularly offers skills sessions on interview techniques, CV clinics, and networking, as well as internship and work experience opportunities both abroad and in the UK.

## Pre-sessional course in English

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There are resources available at the University Language Centre if your first language is not English. The [pre-sessional course in English](#) for academic purposes offers the opportunity to spend either four or eight weeks preparing for study. Courses begin on Monday 27 July 2015. The Language Centre also offers resources for independent study in the Language Centre library and online English teaching tools.

## Supporting your studies

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To help you build the necessary skills to respond to any challenges that you may face at university, a range of [self-help resources](#) are available on topics including: adjusting to life at university, enhancing your revision skills, overcoming panic, perfectionism and relaxation.

The Counselling Service provides a range of [workshops](#) similar to the topics described above to help you adjust to the demands of student life, as well as other topics including mindfulness and sleep difficulties.

## Mobile Oxford

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For a unique insight into the learning resources, library facilities, what's on and places of interest in Oxford, download the University's free web app: [Mobile Oxford](#). The app can help with day-to-day tasks, whether it's finding a library book, a building, today's news and events, checking the next bus or even finding what time post is collected.

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