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Student News



Week 0 - Hilary term 2016

Student News is emailed to you fortnightly during term from Week 0 and contains key information, including deadlines, reminders and events from the central University. Further information is available from the [Oxford Students website](#).

University registration open for Hilary term

If you are starting a new course this term or began your current course during a previous Hilary term you will need to register in [Student Self Service](#). The process is quick and simple and you are encouraged to complete it as soon as possible; the deadline is 16:00, Friday of Week 1. Completing University registration ensures that you gain/maintain access to University facilities and services and remain on the Council Tax exemption list. If you are required to register in Hilary term 2016 you will have received an email with instructions.

Are you in your final year?

As a final year undergraduate student you are invited to have your say on what you have and haven't liked about your time at Oxford by taking part in the [2016 National Student Survey \(NSS\)](#). Results from the survey will be used to inform improvements across the collegiate University, and will help prospective students to select the right course and university for them. Improvements made as a result of past student surveys can be found on the [Oxford Students website](#). Completing the survey will give

you the opportunity to win one of three £100 prizes. You will need your University card number to log in to the survey.

Applying for alternative examination arrangements

The deadline for applying for alternative arrangements for examinations taking place in Trinity term 2016 is **Friday of Week 4, Hilary term 2016**. Applications must be submitted through your college with whom you should discuss your requirements. It is particularly important to ensure your college is aware of any adjustments made to your examination sittings at the Examination Schools and any changes in your circumstances. Alternative arrangements for reasons of disability or medical condition include extra time, use of a computer, sitting examinations in college and adjustments to seats and desk location. For more information visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Mock examinations and examination orientation sessions

Registration is open for the Hilary and Trinity term mock examinations and examination orientation sessions. Sessions are taking place during Week 6 of Hilary term and Week 3 of Trinity term. The mock examinations are an opportunity to experience sitting a three-hour invigilated examination; you may bring along a past paper to complete or revision notes. The orientation sessions are a one-hour presentation designed to guide you through regulations and factors to consider when sitting examinations at the University, and are an opportunity to reduce some anxieties you may have about forthcoming examinations. Sessions are held at both the Examination Schools and Ewert House. For more information and to register to attend (via the WebLearn link on the web page) visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Examination preparation session

Are you sitting examinations this year? Do you want guidance on how best to prepare yourself for your finals? The examination preparation session is a 90-minute talk to help you prepare in the months and weeks before examinations, to ensure you are ready and confident. The session will consist of examination orientation and an introduction to the Disability Advisory Service, the Counselling Service as well as the Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) Student Advice Service and past students to equip you with the knowledge to plan your examination day effectively. The examination preparation session will take place at 10:00–11:30, Tuesday 16 February 2016 at the Examination Schools. For more information and to register to attend the session (via the WebLearn link on the web page) visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Book your degree ceremony for 2016/17

If you are due to complete your course in the current academic year, you can book

and amend your degree ceremony using Student Self Service until Sunday 31 January 2016. After this time you will be able to amend only your accessibility and college catering requirements (up to 30 days before the ceremony date). For more information visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Find and apply for a wide range of internships – in the UK and abroad

From Monday 18 January 2016, applications open for a broad range of exciting internship opportunities available through the Careers Service Internship Office's internship programmes. Opportunities are available in sectors including law, international development, research, publishing, education, arts and heritage and many more.

- [Oxford University Internship Programme \(OUIP\)](#) – four to 12 week placements during summer 2016, available in over 40 countries. The closing date for applications is 21 February 2016.
- [Micro-Internship Programme](#) – two to five day voluntary placements in Oxfordshire and London during Week 9, Hilary term 2016. The closing date for applications is 7 February 2016.

For more information visit the programme web pages; contact internships@careers.ox.ac.uk or micro-internships@careers.ox.ac.uk if you have any questions.

International Careers Day

The International Careers Day is one of the biggest careers fairs in Oxford with speakers and exhibitors covering international development, government, policy, law, academia, business, internships and more.

- 11:00–15:00, Saturday 23 January 2016, The Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road

For more information visit the [Careers Service website](#).

Apply now - graduate programme for university leadership

Final year students have the opportunity to take part in Ambitious Futures, a programme designed to discover the university leaders of tomorrow – those with the potential to reach senior positions in management and administration. University administration can be a varied and rewarding career and this is a great way to start. For more information and to apply before Monday 25 January 2016 visit the [Ambitious Futures website](#).

Tsinghua University - scholarships to study in China

Tsinghua University is offering Oxford students full scholarships for graduate study. The scholarships cover tuition, accommodation, living allowance and medical insurance. For admission in 2016 apply through [Tsinghua's website](#) by Friday 15 January 2016. If you have any queries about this scholarship contact grad@tsinghua.edu.cn.

International Alliance of Research Universities Summer Programme

Applications are open for the 2016 International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) Global Summer Programme. The programme offers students the opportunity to study key contemporary issues from a global perspective at an IARU member university. Applications close on Monday 7 March 2016. For more information visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Having trouble sleeping? Take part in the Oxford Sleep Study

The Oxford Access for Students Improving Sleep (OASIS) study is looking for student volunteers to take part in a six-week course that is part of a research study to find out if improving students' sleep also improves emotional wellbeing. The course is delivered online and via mobile phone, and includes keeping a sleep diary and completing online assessments. There are no face to face appointments. To find out if you are eligible to take part, register your interest on the [OASIS website](#). The study is run by Oxford University's Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute (SCNi).

Race and the Curriculum in Oxford lecture

Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, will deliver the inaugural Race and the Curriculum in Oxford lecture:

- Britain's Black Debt: Reparatory Justice and the Restoration of 'moral nation status', 17:00, 26 January 2016, Oxford Martin School, Broad Street

The lecture is free and open to all students, but booking is essential. For more information and to book visit the [event web page](#).

24-hour IT support available

24-hour IT assistance is now available to all University students including at weekends, public holidays and University closures. The 24-hour service desk number

is 01865 (6)12345. There is a number of other ways to receive IT assistance: college or departmental IT support staff can provide on-the-spot help; you can submit the [IT Service Desk help online form](#), and you can check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page. Visit the [IT Services website](#) for information on IT courses or getting started with IT at Oxford.

Take part in clinical trials

The Jenner Institute, part of the University of Oxford, is looking for healthy volunteers to participate in clinical trials testing vaccines against diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and Ebola. If you are aged 18-50, in good health, and are interested in participating in research, get in touch to find out more. Email vaccinetrials@ndm.ox.ac.uk or visit the [Jenner Institute website](#).

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