



Orientation Programme 2017 For Graduate European and International students

(for students taking postgraduate taught or research degrees
in the Social Sciences Division)



Thursday 28 September 2017
Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford

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WELCOME TO OXFORD

The Orientation Programme for European and International Students is designed to help you settle into the University and to give you assistance and advice about various practical aspects of living in the United Kingdom and Oxford.

If you have any questions during the programme, please talk to the University staff or student helpers, who will be wearing name badges for identification.

There will also be an enquiries desk where staff will be available throughout the programme. Any further enquiries after the Orientation Programme may be directed to Student Information, which is based in the Examination Schools, High Street.

About Student Information

Student Information co-ordinate orientation events and is made up of two teams:

- Student Information team
- Student Immigration team

Student Information supports on-course students during their time at Oxford providing a signposting service as well as general support and guidance. Included within this are the orientation events (termly for new students), registration and student surveys as well as the helpdesk that is

staffed from Monday to Friday 8.30–5pm (except for Bank Holidays and exceptional circumstances). You can contact the team by phone, email or in person.

Examination Schools, 75–81 High Street,
Oxford, OX1 4BG

 student.information@admin.ox.ac.uk

 01865 276903

 www.ox.ac.uk/students

Student Immigration is responsible for providing advice about issues affecting European and International students, including immigration questions, and assisting students needing to extend their visas. They arranges workshops and presentations during term time, and provides general support and guidance for students during their time at Oxford. Please **always email in the first instance** and we'll then follow up with you – please remember to quote your student number in all correspondence.

 student.immigration@admin.ox.ac.uk

 www.ox.ac.uk/students/international_students

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue for the programme

The programme will take place at the Examination Schools, High Street (see the map on page 13 for directions). When you enter the building, follow the signs to the right and upstairs as you walk in the main entrance. For disabled access, use the dedicated entrance just beyond the main doors on the High Street; all floors are accessible via lifts in the building.

Timings of the talks

You are **not** required to attend all the talks of the Orientation Programme and may choose which talks to attend depending on your interests.

The starting times for individual sessions are listed in the timetable. Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time **before** the talks that you wish to attend start. Latecomers will not be allowed in once an individual session has begun. If you miss a talk and would like to read the slides prepared for the session these will be available to download a week after the programme has finished at www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/orientation

Social hour

There will be a social hour from 4–5pm, which will give you the opportunity to meet other new students and some 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 European and International students. The advisors from the Information Fair (see below) will also be available for consultation until 5pm.

Internet café

An internet café will be available on Thursday 28 September from 10.00am to 5.00pm for you to use one of the laptops available. Ask at the enquiries desk for details.

Information Fair and individual consultations

An Information Fair will run alongside the afternoon talks on Thursday 28 September. At the fair you will be able to find out information from and consult with a number of advisors who can help you with:

- Opening a bank account
- Libraries
- Careers advice
- Visa and Immigration advice
- Language Centre
- Oxford University Student Union
- Oxford University Sport
- Setting up WiFi
- Oxford University Sustainability Team
- Oxford International Friends

On Friday 29 September you are welcome to return to Examination Schools to visit the Information Fair again from 12.00pm, though we cannot admit anybody after 3pm on this day.

Bank accounts

Open your account at the Orientation Programme

Representatives from the main banks (Lloyds, Barclays, HSBC, NatWest, TSB and Santander) in Oxford will be present at the Information Fair to answer questions about opening bank accounts. The banks will be able to open accounts or arrange an appointment to do so later in the week.

A guide about banking is available on line here www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/international (we will make a number of printed copies which will be available at the help desk during Orientation).

To open an account you will need your passport or EU identity card and the Oxford student enrolment certificate stamped and signed by your college.

Refreshments and lunch

Coffee, tea, fruit juice and biscuits will be provided free of charge during the morning and afternoon breaks. Lunch is not provided but there are sandwich shops and cafes on the High Street and numerous cafes and restaurants along Cornmarket Street.

Other information

National and international newspapers will be available for you to read during the day. Literature about the arts in Oxford and advice on practical topics such as insurance, mobile phones and travel will also be available in the North School.

Late arrivals

If you are arriving in Oxford late and are not able to attend the graduate programme then you are welcome to attend the Information Fair at the undergraduate programme on Monday 2 October from 10am–1pm 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.

There will also be late drop-in sessions at the Examination Schools on two days. You can drop in to collect a welcome pack between 3–5pm and ask any questions you may have on the following dates:

- Friday 13 October
- Friday 20 October

QUICK PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Thursday 28 September

This is a quick summary to help you plan for the day. Further information about rooms and contents of the talks is on the following pages.

9.30–9.45am	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION			
10–10.45am	THE ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS			
10.45–11.15am	<i>Break for refreshments</i>			
11.15am–12pm	THE SOCIAL ESSENTIALS			
12–1.30pm	<i>Break for lunch (not provided)</i> <i>Students who hold a student visa must attend the session at 12pm listed below</i>			12–5pm INFORMATION FAIR <i>See listings on page 10</i>
12–12.30pm	VISAS AND IMMIGRATION			
1.30–2pm	CAREERS ADVICE FOR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDENTS	COMPUTING SERVICES FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS		
2–2.30pm	COMPUTING SERVICES FOR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDENTS	CAREERS ADVICE FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS		
2.30–3pm	<i>Break for refreshments</i>			
3–3.30pm	VOLUNTEER OXFORD	LANGUAGE CENTRE	WOMEN & THE GRADUATE WORLD	
3.30–4pm	STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	SPORT AT OXFORD	YOU, SUSTAINABILITY & OXFORD	
4–5pm	SOCIAL HOUR			

FULL PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

Thursday 28 September

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
9.30–9.45am	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Professor Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor	South School
10–10.45am	<p>THE ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS</p> <p><i>This talk will be divided into three groups as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research students: DPhil, MSc(Res) degrees and recognised students • Taught students: BPhil, MBA, MFE, MLitt, MPhil, MPP, MSt, MSc • Taught students in Law: BCL, MJur, MSc <p>These sessions are intended as an introductory session for students who have been accepted to read for taught or research graduate degrees of the University. The talks 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.</p>	<p>Research Students in All Social Sciences: Room 6, Ground Floor</p> <p>Taught Students in All other Social Sciences: South School</p> <p>Taught Students in the Law Faculty: East School</p>
10.45–11.15am	<i>Break for refreshments</i>	
11.15am–12pm	<p>SOCIAL ESSENTIALS</p> <p>Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) ousu.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The second part of this session will give an introduction to OUSU 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.</p>	<p>Sessions in both the South and East School <i>(same content but different speakers)</i></p>
12–12.30pm	<p><i>Break for lunch [lunch is not provided]</i></p> <p>Note: all students who hold a student visa must attend the session from 12–12.30pm listed on the next page.</p>	

12–12.30pm	<p>IMMIGRATION AND VISA ADVICE <i>(all students who hold a student visa must attend this session)</i></p> <p>Sue Castle-Miller and Jo Aldhouse, Student Immigration www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>South School Compulsory for all students who hold a student visa</p>
From 12–5pm	<p>INFORMATION FAIR OPENS* <i>(see page 10 for list of current exhibitors)</i></p>		<p>North School</p>
1.30–2pm	<p>COMPUTING SERVICES FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS East School www.it.ox.ac.uk</p> <p>Information about how Oxford IT Services support students with services such as email, web, news, backup servers, security, anti-virus support and over 100 courses per term through the IT Learning Programme (ITLP). Courses are free apart from a small charge for documentation.</p>	<p>CAREERS SERVICE ADVICE FOR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDENTS South School www.careers.ox.ac.uk</p> <p>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 on how best to make use of the available resources.</p>	
<p><i>Stay in the same room – the speakers will swap rooms for the next session.</i></p>			
2–2.30pm	<p>CAREERS SERVICE ADVICE FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS East School</p>	<p>COMPUTING SERVICES FOR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDENTS South School</p>	
2.30–3pm	<p><i>Break</i></p>		

PICK AND MIX SESSIONS

Choose which session is of most interest and turn up to that room
(please note that Room 6 is only able to accommodate the first 70 people that arrive for that session)

3–3.30pm	<p>VOLUNTEER OXFORD East School www.oxfordhub.org https://ousu.org/contact/</p> <p>Join the Oxford University Student Union and the Oxford Hub to discuss all the ways that you can get involved in the student clubs dedicated to charitable aims, and assist them with fundraising, resourcing and operational issues. If you want to volunteer or need to do voluntary work as a condition of your funding package this talk will help you to get involved and most importantly, help you to help others.</p>	<p>LANGUAGE CENTRE South School www.lang.ox.ac.uk</p> <p>The University's Language Centre 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.</p>	<p>WOMEN & THE GRADUATE WORLD Room 6, Ground Floor – limited to 70 people https://ousu.org/contact/</p> <p>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 aim of the session is to understand the problems and solutions, identify areas where women can become involved, and encourage women to lead.</p>
3.30–4pm	<p>STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES East School www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare</p> <p>Discover the range of support services available to students. You will be given information about student health and welfare provision, specialist services such as the Disability Advisory Service, the Counselling Service, what the Proctors do and how the University demonstrates its commitment to equality and diversity.</p> <p>Student Welfare & Support will explain how:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to access these services ● how they might be of use to you ● how to make complaints (we hope you have few) ● how to make suggestions (we hope you have many) 	<p>OXFORD UNIVERSITY SPORT South School www.sport.ox.ac.uk</p> <p>The opportunities for sporting involvement at Oxford are immense: from world class athleticism such as the Boat Race to casual team games and keeping fit. You can do almost any sport at Oxford: football, rugby, ultimate frisbee, Quidditch, martial arts (medieval or modern!)...Find out about routes to involvement and competition and ways to access funding for your sporting pursuits.</p>	<p>YOU, SUSTAINABILITY & OXFORD Room 6, Ground Floor – limited to 70 people www.admin.ox.ac.uk/estates</p> <p>Concerned about environmental issues and wanting to do your part for the planet? Find out how Oxford can help you to live and study sustainably.</p>

<p>4–5pm</p>	<p>SOCIAL HOUR</p> <p>This hour will give you the opportunity to meet many new and current students. Staff from Student Information and Student Visa and Immigration will also be present so feel free to ask any questions you might have. The advisors from the Information Fair will also still be around for the duration of the hour.</p>	<p>North School</p>
<p>*From 12–5pm</p>	<p>INFORMATION FAIR AND INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bank accounts: Santander, Lloyds, HSBC, Barclays, TSB, NatWest ● Broken Spikes (information about bikes and fixing them) ● Careers information ● Language Centre ● Libraries ● Oxford Friends International ● Oxford University Student Union ● Sports ● Sustainability Team ● Travel & sustainable travel ● Visas and immigration queries ● WiFi set-up 	<p>North School <i>(and open during Social Hour)</i></p>



EXTRA EVENTS

If you can't make the 28 September event please feel free to read through the list of other activities happening for new European and International Students.

Friday 29 September

European and International Students (different subject areas)

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
12pm–3pm	INFORMATION FAIR If you missed the programme on 28 September you may attend the Information Fair on Friday to meet the banks and other stall holders.	Examination Schools

Monday 2 October

International and European **undergraduate and visiting** students

10am–1pm	INFORMATION FAIR If you missed the programme on 28 or 29 September you may attend the Information Fair on Monday to meet the banks and other stall holders.	Examination Schools
10am–1pm	SPOUSES AND PARTNERS EVENT <i>(optional)</i> If you are in Oxford with a spouse or partner come along to this event at the Examination 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 if you or your partner would like to attend.	Examination Schools

Friday 13 October and Friday 20 October

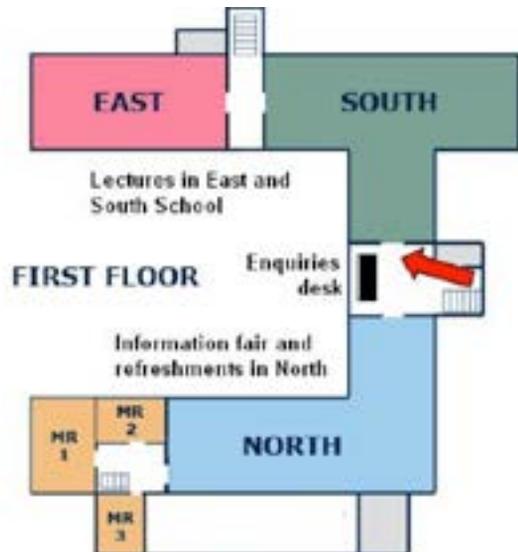
3–5pm	LATE ARRIVALS DROP IN SESSIONS Did you miss the programmes on the 28/29 September and the 2 October? Then drop in to the Examination Schools and pick up a welcome pack and ask any questions you may have about university facilities and services. Otherwise check out the student section of the website www.ox.ac.uk/students	Examination Schools
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MAP OF THE EXAMINATION SCHOOLS

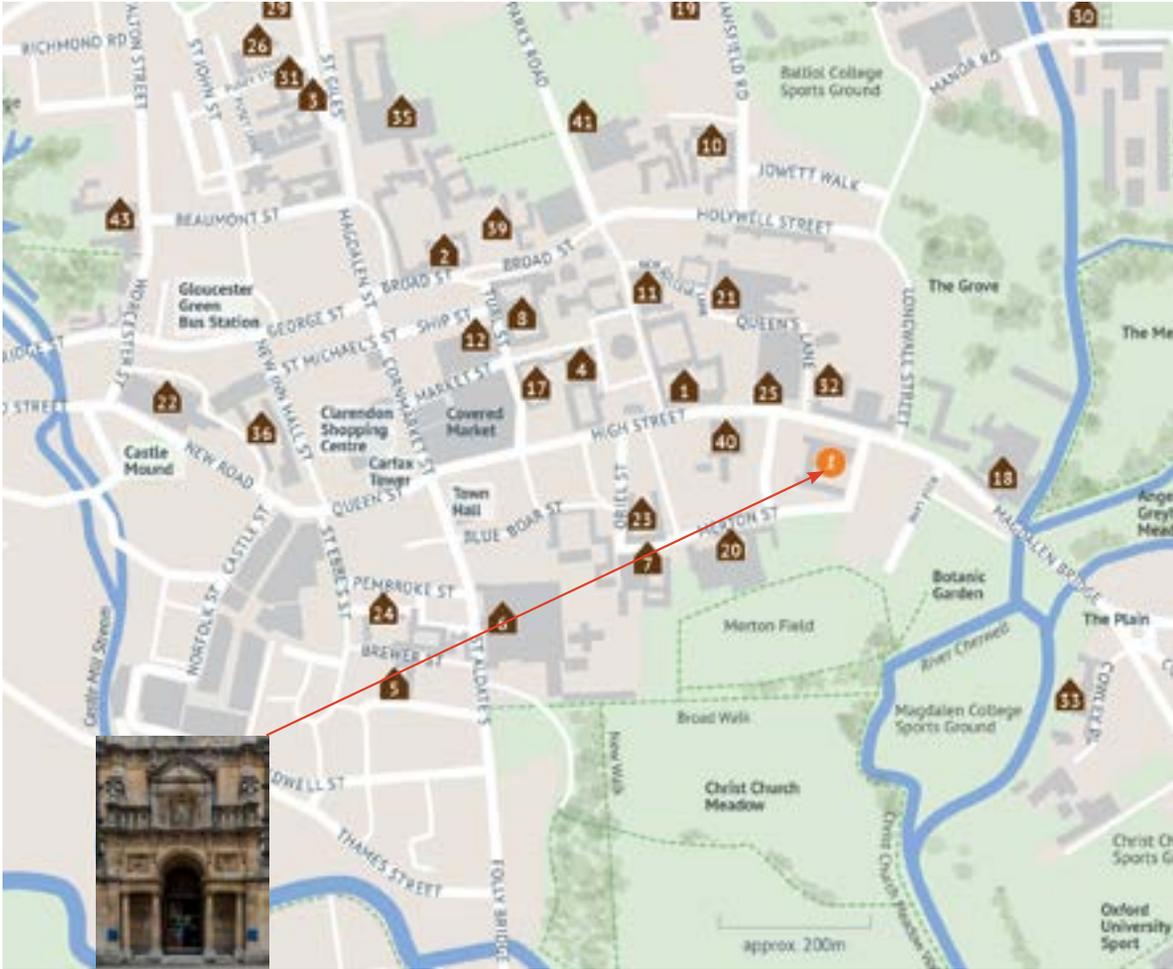
The Information Fair will be held in the North School and refreshments will also be served here in the morning and afternoon break. Lectures will take place in the South and East Schools upstairs and in room 6 and 7 downstairs. The East School can be reached by the second set of stairs at the back of the Examination Schools or via the South School upstairs. Toilets for men are located half way up the main staircases and for women at the

bottom of each staircase. There are also further toilets in the basement to the left of the main entrance on the ground floor as you enter the building.

The lift for disabled access is located to the right of room 6 and will take you to the entrance to the North School, the main entrance has steps and the disabled entrance is to the left which will bring you into the building near room 5 on the ground floor.



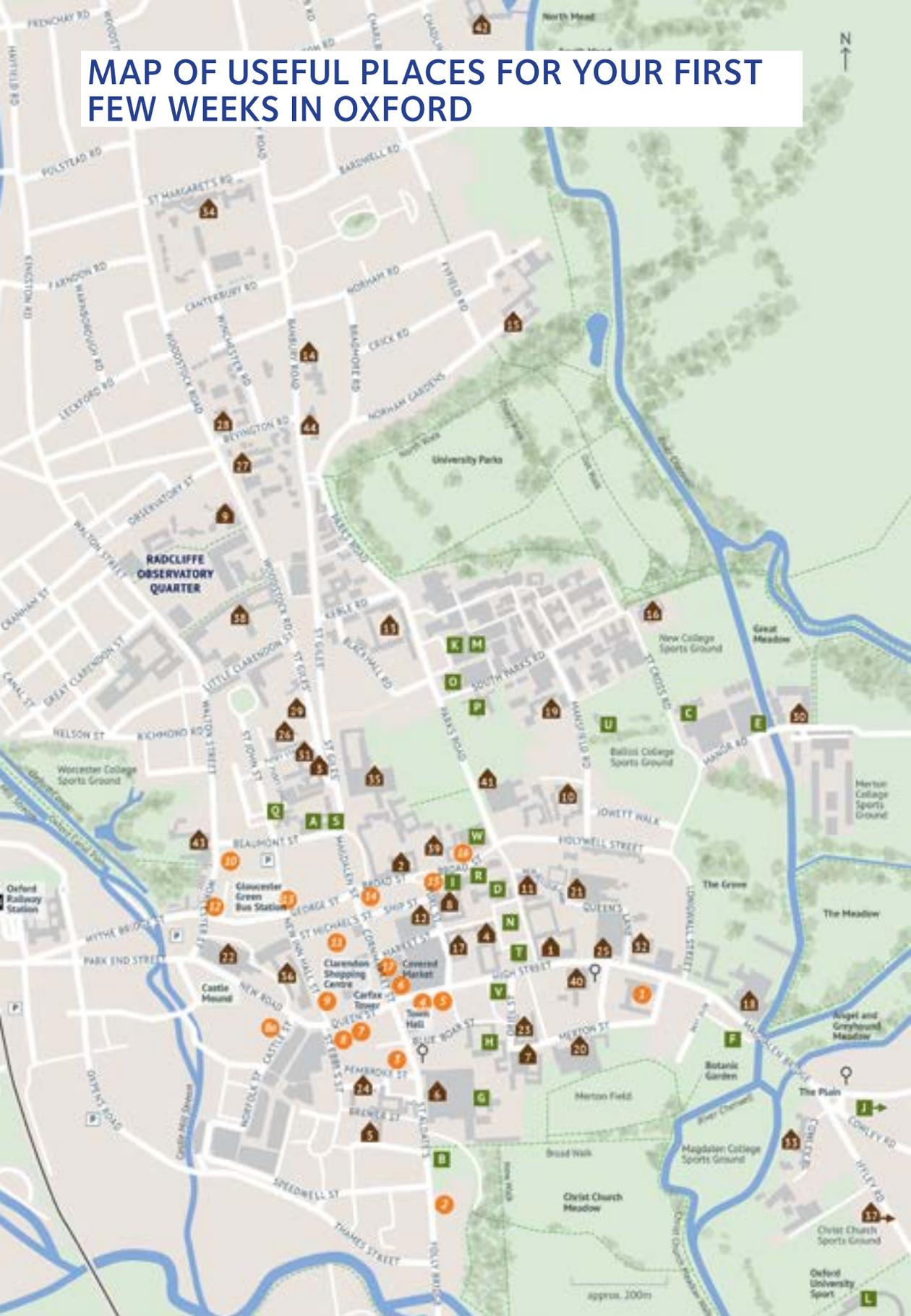
MAP OF OXFORD AND PROGRAMME VENUE



Entrance to the Examination Schools is via the High street.
Please see map on next page for key and places of interest.



MAP OF USEFUL PLACES FOR YOUR FIRST FEW WEEKS IN OXFORD



Colleges and Halls

- 1 **All Souls (Research)**
High Street
- 2 **Balliol**
Broad Street
- 3 **Blackfriars***
St Giles'
- 4 **Brasenose**
Radcliffe Square
- 5 **Campion Hall***
Brewer Street
- 6 **Christ Church**
St Aldate's
- 7 **Corpus Christi**
Merton Street
- 8 **Exeter**
Turl Street
- 9 **Green Templeton****
Woodstock Road
- 10 **Harris Manchester**
Mansfield Road
- 11 **Hertford**
Catte Street
- 12 **Jesus College**
Turl Street
- 13 **Keble**
Parks Road
- 14 **Kellogg****
62 Banbury Road
- 15 **Lady Margaret Hall**
Norham Gardens
- 16 **Linacre****
St Cross Road
- 17 **Lincoln**
Turl Street
- 18 **Magdalen**
High Street
- 19 **Mansfield**
Mansfield Road
- 20 **Merton**
Merton Street
- 21 **New College**
Holywell Street
- 22 **Nuffield****
New Road
- 23 **Oriel**
Oriel Square
- 24 **Pembroke**
St Aldate's
- 25 **Queen's College (The)**
High Street D6
- 26 **Regent's Park***
Pusey Street
- 27 **St Anne's**
Woodstock Road
- 28 **St Antony's****
Woodstock Road
- 29 **St Benet's Hall***
St Giles'
- 30 **St Catherine's**
Manor Road
- 31 **St Cross****
St Giles'
- 32 **St Edmund Hall**
Queen's Lane
- 33 **St Hilda's**
Cowley Place
- 34 **St Hugh's**
St Margaret's Road
- 35 **St John's**
St Giles'
- 36 **St Peter's**
New Inn Hall Street

- 37 **St Stephen's House***
16 Marston Street [off map]
- 38 **Somerville**
Woodstock Road
- 39 **Trinity**
Broad Street
- 40 **University College**
High Street D6
- 41 **Wadham**
Parks Road C5
- 42 **Wolfson****
Linton Road C1
- 43 **Worcester**
Walton Street B5
- 44 **Wycliffe Hall***
54 Banbury Road B3

Museums, Libraries and other places of interest

- A **Ashmolean Museum of Art & Archaeology**
Beaumont Street
- B **Bate Collection of Musical Instruments**
St Aldate's
- C **Bodleian Law Library**
St Cross Building, Manor Road
- D **Bodleian Library**
Broad Street
- E **Bodleian Social Science Library**
Manor Road Building,
Manor Road
- F **Botanic Garden**
Rose Lane
- G **Christ Church Cathedral**
St Aldate's
- H **Christ Church Picture Gallery**
Oriel Square
- I **Museum of the History of Science**
Broad Street
- J **Old Road Campus & Hospital Sites**
Headington [off map]
- K **Oxford University Museum of Natural History***
Parks Road
- L **Oxford University Sport**
Jackdaw Lane, Iffley Road
- M **Pitt Rivers Museum***
South Parks Road
- N **Radcliffe Camera (Bodleian)**
Radcliffe Square
- O **Radcliffe Science Library***
Parks Road
- P **Rhodes House**
South Parks Road
- Q **Sackler Library**
1 St John Street
- R **Sheldonian Theatre**
Broad Street
- S **Taylor Institution Library**
St Giles'
- T **University Church, St Mary's**
High Street C6
- U **University Club**
11 Mansfield Road
- V **University of Oxford Shop**
106 High Street
- W **Weston Library**
Broad Street

Useful places for your first few weeks

- 1 **Examination School**
- 2 **Police registration**
some nationalities need to register with the police. This will be marked on your visa and you must do this within 7 days of arriving.
- 3 **Main Post office**
postal services and also issue TV licences, travel insurance, etc
- 4 **University shop**
for official merchandise
- 5 **Gowns shop**
for hire or purchase of academic gowns
- 6 **Covered market**
cafes, delicatessens and shops
- 7 **Marks and Spencers department store**
food, clothes and foreign exchange section upstairs
- 8 **Oxford County Public Library**
(under renovation, temporary location at 8a)
- 9 **Argos store**
cheap household and electrical goods
- 10 **OUSU**
Oxford University Student Union
- 11 **Oxford Union**
debating society
- 12 **Job Centre Plus**
if you get a job you will need to get a National Insurance (NI) number here
- 13 **STA Travel**
discount student travel and International Student Identity cards
- 14 **Boswells department store**
household goods in basement
- 15 **Tourist Information and foreign exchange**
- 16 **Blackwells Books**
largest bookshop in Oxford
- 17 **Boots**
Pharmacy/chemist also have photographic facilities upstairs

Opening hours

- Sainsbury's Supermarket** (Magdalen Street)
7am–11pm Mon–Sat and 11am–5pm Sunday
- Sainsbury's Supermarket**(Westgate centre)
7am–8pm Monday to Saturday and 11am–5pm Sunday
- Tesco Supermarket** (Magdalen Street)
7am–11pm Mon–Sat and 11am–5pm Sunday
- Blackwells Books**
9am–6pm Monday to Saturday and 11am–5pm Sunday
- Post Office**
9am–5.30pm Monday to Saturday, closed Sunday
- Banks**
usually 9am–5pm Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings

ABOUT EXAMINATION SCHOOLS

The historic Oxford University Examination Schools are located on the High Street in the heart of the medieval city centre of Oxford. The building, commonly known as the 'Schools' by the thousands of undergraduates who have sat for exams in traditional sub-fusc (black and white attire still required to be worn) was designed and built by Thomas Jackson as the University examination centre, between 1876 and 1881.

The Examination Schools building was built in 1882 specifically for the holding of examinations and lectures. The architect was Sir Thomas Jackson Bart. R.A. This building, considered by many to be his masterpiece, brought him from obscurity to prominence in architecture. During the two World Wars the Examination Schools was used as a military hospital.

During term University lectures are held here with over a thousand students coming and going every hour. Examinations are also held here at various times throughout the year. These are mainly for the degree of B.A., but also include degrees of Master of Philosophy; Master of Science; Master of Studies; Bachelor of Civil Law, and a number of other Diplomas and Certificates and also oral examinations for Doctorates. During the peak period in June almost twelve hundred students are seated every day for written examinations. They are all required to attend in sub-fusc clothing (black and white), an Oxford tradition which is still rigidly enforced.



A guide about the Examination Schools is available to all new students attending Orientation for the special price of £4 – available from the Enquiries desk between

the North and South School or from the Student Information desk in the Main Hall

The Examination Schools has proved invaluable to the University for over one hundred years. Many thousands of students have passed through the building in that time, doubtless with feelings of considerable nervous tension on entering, but with great elation on leaving.



USEFUL WEBSITES FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

University websites

www.ox.ac.uk/students/international_students	Student Information
www.ousu.org	Oxford University Student Union
www.lang.ox.ac.uk	Language Centre
www.it.ox.ac.uk	IT Services
www.ox.ac.uk/research/libraries	University Libraries
www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/history/oxford-glossary	Guide to Oxford University terminology
http://researchtraining.socsci.ox.ac.uk	Social Sciences Division Research Skills

Travel

www.nationalrail.co.uk	Train timetables and information
www.nationalexpress.com	UK coach timetables and information
www.oxfordbus.co.uk	Bus information and timetables, including buses to London (Oxford Express)
www.stagecoachbus.com/oxfordshire	Bus information and timetables, including buses to London (Oxford Tube)
www.oxfordbus.co.uk (click on 'the airline')	Bus to Heathrow and Gatwick airports
www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/tube/	London Underground information
www.streetmap.co.uk	Find UK addresses
www.easyjet.co.uk	Cheap flights to Europe
www.ryanair.co.uk	Cheap flights to Europe

Oxford Information

www.dailyinfo.co.uk	Useful guide to living in Oxford
www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk	Oxford news and classified adverts
www.oxford.gov.uk	Oxford City Council

Immigration Advice

www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa	Home Office
www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa	Student Immigration
www.ukcisa.org.uk	UKCISA (Council for International Student Affairs)

Other Information

www.ukcisa.org.uk	Useful advice for International Students (Council for International Student Affairs)
www.hostuk.org	Welcome scheme for International Students
www.yell.co.uk	UK telephone directory
www.educationuk.org/global/articles/safety	Safety guide for International Students

CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO DO IN YOUR FIRST MONTH

This is not a complete list of things to do. Your college and department may have other suggestions.

Immigration Matters

- If you have a Tier 4 student visa, your college will ask to scan your passport and visa in the first few weeks – this must include your BRP card, not just the visa stamp in your passport.
- You must register with the police within seven days if the stamp in your passport says this is necessary. See the notes in the Oxford Essentials guide. This is a legal requirement and is treated very seriously by the police.
- Make a note in your diary now to make preparations for renewing your visa two months before it expires. It is a criminal offence to stay in the UK after your visa has expired and is treated very seriously. You may be removed from the UK if you overstay and it may make further applications more difficult.
- If you are planning to travel to Europe and need a Schengen visa, plan this at least three months before you need it (or even further ahead at Christmas time and Easter).
- Make a photocopy of the identification page of your passport and the UK visa stamp in case you lose your passport.
- Ensure you understand how many hours you can work a week if you have a Tier 4 student visa – you must never exceed this limit as it is a breach of your visa conditions and your employer could be fined.

Academic Matters

- Complete the online registration procedure at www.ox.ac.uk/students/registration_self_service
- Attend Library, Language Centre and Computer Centre induction programmes.
- Book early at the Language Centre to learn a new language or to brush up on your English.
- Meet your supervisor to discuss your research and a schedule for meetings.

Finance

- Find out about the easiest and most convenient way to transfer money to the UK.
- Plan your budget for the next 12 months, remembering to prepare for currency fluctuations.
- Buy a TV licence if you are going to use a television in your accommodation.

Health and Safety

- Register with the college doctor.
- Find out about insurance for your belongings (see Oxford Essentials booklet) and insurance for travelling outside the UK.
- Be especially careful about pickpockets and thieves in the first few months you are in Oxford, as there are some opportunistic thieves aware that many students have just started at the University.
- Make a list of emergency contact numbers (police, doctor, college contact, etc).



