



Magdalen College

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Immersive. Homely. Community. Enriching. Deer!

Magdalen has a very warm, welcoming and supportive community, which makes me feel very much at home
Ipek, 2nd year Engineering Science Student

I love that Magdalen is one of the larger colleges...with such a diverse community with people from all walks of life.
Erica, 2nd year Chemist



Number of undergraduates: approx. 400

Location: Magdalen is located on the High Street, a street full of cafes, shops and bars that runs through the centre of Oxford. Magdalen is just a 10-minute walk from the city centre and is also one of the river colleges, providing lovely views, a river walk (past our Deer Park!) within the grounds and easy access to boats that students use in summer. The college is a few minutes' walk from the Exam Schools where most humanities lectures and exams happen, and a short bike ride from many of the science labs. Magdalen is in the heart of busy Oxford, but with vast green grounds behind its walls.

Accommodation: We guarantee all undergraduates College accommodation throughout their degree. First year undergraduates are accommodated either in the Waynflete Building or in High Street and Longwall Street properties, just outside the College walls, about a 5-minute walk from the College. Second and third years mainly reside 'inside-walls', in Grove Buildings, New Building, Cloisters Attic, St Swithun's Quad, Longwall Quad and Chaplain's Quad. Lots of these rooms have absolutely stunning views - check out @magdalenjcr on Instagram to see some photos! Magdalen charges a flat daily rate for all undergraduate rooms, which for 2021-22 is £23.20. The cost per term works out at £1,368.80. The charge for College accommodation includes weekly cleaning, heating, electricity, bed linen (changed weekly), telephone port, and Ethernet connection and Wifi, and represents great value for money.





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Accessibility:

The college site at ground level has no stairs and is therefore all wheelchair accessible. Inside the buildings, the Longwall Library and Hall have lifts. The Old Kitchen Bar (OKB) and some adapted accommodation are located on the ground floor, some with adapted en-suites. If you have any specialised requirements, or are concerned about anything, please do get in touch with the Home Bursar or Admissions Officer before making an application to discuss possible provision.

Information about catering:

Three hot meals a day are served in Hall, from Monday – Saturday (Sundays are dinner only). We also have the Old Kitchen Bar (OKB), which does a wide range of snacks so that students can choose whatever baguettes, salads, soup, jacket potatoes or cakes appeal. They also do pizza for dinner Monday to Sunday. Vegetarian options are available at all three meals a day. Catering staff will always endeavour to cater to dietary requirements if made aware in advance. Vegan, Halal and Kosher are available on request at Formals. Formals are 4 nights a week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday). All students will have access to a kitchen for all years of their degree, so students can be a combination of catered and self-catered. Magdalen College hosts the Oscar Wilde Dinner every year, run by the LGBTQ+ society. The average cost of a full meal (main course and 2 sides of veg and potato and pudding) is £4 to £5 (OKB meals are usually cheaper). There is also a termly fixed charge for catering. The 2020-21 rate for students living in College accommodation is £74.85 per term.

College societies:

Magdalen is about far more than academia and there are lots of college societies to be involved in! Here are just a few: Magdalen Film Society: Regular film screenings in college including outdoor viewings in summer terms; Florio Society: A group who submit poems and meet up to discuss them; Macintyre Society: A history society who book many high-profile speakers; Magdalen Players: A drama group who put on a garden play every summer. We have loads more including lots of music societies, sports clubs for novices and experienced players.





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Other college facilities

Sports Clubs:

Magdalen has teams for most sports including football, rowing, hockey and even ice hockey. As well as playing other colleges, once a year teams play competitively against Magdalene College Cambridge in a big sporting event. We have sports grounds with a cricket, rugby and football pitch as well as an Astro turf, tennis and squash courts. In summer term's 'coppers', students take up sports they might not have tried before like touch rugby or ballroom dancing.

Other rooms:

We have a Multi Faith Room, a Music Practice room, a large auditorium that can be used for performances and many other rooms available for booking for various purposes. The Junior Common Room (JCR), open 24/7 for students, has a games room with air hockey, pool, darts, table tennis and a football table as well as a lounge area with a flat screen TV decked out with Nintendo, Xbox-related consoles, sofas and board games.

Libraries:

The college's recently renovated and largest library, the Longwall Library, is open 24/7. We also have a Law Library, the Old Library (with lots of first editions!), the Daubeny Library (books on science history and research), and the MacFarlane library (medieval history books).

College based welfare:

On site we have a college nurse, a college counsellor, a college mentor and very active JCR Welfare team who run welfare teas, dog walking, free yoga etc. You can also book to walk the president's dog, Scrumpy.

Gym Membership:

All Magdalen college students get free membership to the University Gym on Iffley Road, a 10-minute walk away.

