

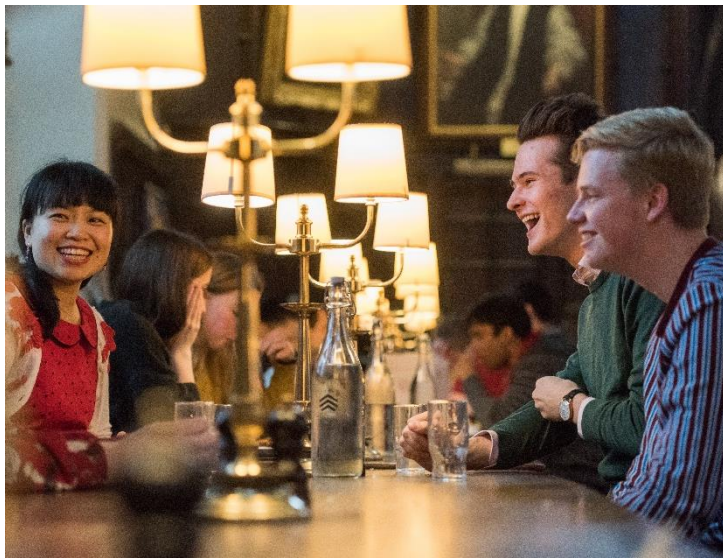


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Academically inspiring. Student-centred. Inclusive. Supportive

Merton is...an inclusive community with the perfect balance of fun and academia...such a mix of people from different backgrounds and who have different interests... you will find people who are like you.



Number of undergraduates: 92 students admitted each year, with over 70% from State Schools

Location

Merton was founded in 1264 and is recognized as a stunningly beautiful college. Nestled in a quiet location, it has gorgeous gardens and meadow views, is a short walk from the river, but is very close to city centre amenities, libraries, and university departments.

Accommodation,

Merton guarantees accommodation for all undergraduates for the whole of their degrees, on the main site, adjacent to it, or a 10-minute walk away. Accommodation is reasonably priced, currently £3,879 for a single room or £4,110 for en-suite. Rent is paid for 25 weeks per year, with options to stay outside of term for academic reasons. Rooms vary in style with their age and location, but all have free WiFi, regular cleaning and communal laundries.





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Accessibility: Support for students with a wide range of disabilities or chronic health conditions is managed by the College's Disability Coordinator, who works closely with individuals, the University Disability Advisory Service, and academic and non-academic staff. Provision may include allocation of suitable accommodation, assisting with course-related needs, and making alternative assessment arrangements. There is step-free access to many areas on the main site and the college has accessible ground-floor rooms. There are a number of fixed induction loop systems in the College.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/life-merton-disability>.

Information about catering: Breakfast (Monday to Saturday), Brunch (Sunday) - served in place of breakfast and lunch. Lunch (Monday to Saturday), Evening meal- choice of two-course, Early Supper (Monday to Saturday) or three-course Formal Hall (Sunday to Friday). Vegetarian, vegan, Halal, Kosher options available. Formals are 6 days per week. Students have access to communal kitchen facilities, including a large shared JCR kitchen on the main site. Merton holds a range of dinners throughout the year to celebrate everything from academic progress, cultural festivals, and contributions to the College's outreach and access work.

Average meal cost for each meal (breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner): Breakfast £1.98, Lunch £3.60, Early Supper / Formal Hall £4.44. Merton has a reputation for excellent, low cost meals, which are paid for only as taken.

College societies: Undergraduates take part in a wide range of social and extra-curricular activities, which are shaped by the interests of our students. Current clubs and societies cover drama, debating, poetry, art, politics and current affairs, and literature. There are also subject societies and academic events throughout the year. The Music Society supports a non-auditioned choir and a non-auditioned orchestra, and promotes weekly recitals and concerts. Merton's auditioned Choir is one of Oxford's leading mixed-voice choirs and sings chapel services in term as well as touring, making recordings, and performing regularly. There are 3 ensemble rooms and 2 music rooms for practice, all with pianos. For further information please see: Life at Merton: Undergraduates take part in a wide range of social and extra-curricular activities, which are shaped by the interests of our students. Current clubs and societies cover drama, debating, poetry, art, politics and current affairs, and literature. There are also subject societies and academic events throughout the year. The Music Society supports a non-auditioned choir and a non-auditioned orchestra, and promotes weekly recitals and concerts. Merton's auditioned Choir is one of Oxford's leading mixed-voice choirs and sings chapel services in term as well as touring, making recordings, and performing regularly. There are 3 ensemble rooms and 2 music rooms for practice, all with pianos. For further information please see: <https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/life-merton-social-life>.



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Other college facilities:

Social – Students have a large common room, TV room and games room with free pool, air hockey, table football, and darts. The College Bar offers reasonably priced drinks and hosts regular quiz nights and themed events. The College theatre is used for performances and other activities. **Sport** is supported at all levels, whether competitive or for fun and fitness. Students benefit from use of extensive sports grounds (a 10 minute walk from Merton) with pitches, tennis and squash courts, and a pavilion that's also used for social events. There is a well-equipped gym on the main site and a boathouse offering kayaks and punts. All facilities are free for student use. **Libraries** – There are two student libraries, open in term 7.30 am - 2.00 am. The main library for subject collections is in the Old Warden's Lodgings. Additional collections and study spaces are available in the Lower Library in Mob Quad. Both libraries have excellent WiFi and multi-function machines for free printing, photocopying, and scanning. The medieval Upper Library houses items from the College's historic collections, such as medieval manuscripts. **Study Support** – All students have a Director of Studies, who is responsible for oversight of teaching and progress. Study skills sessions are provided, including to help with the transition to university. Postgraduate mentors are available to give individual supplementary support to any student in areas such as essay planning and writing, using lecture materials and reading lists, and exam revision and techniques. **Financial Support** – Over £100,000 each year is provided to undergraduates to help with book purchases (all students are entitled to £100 per year for this), language learning, travel, year abroad costs, sports/musical activities, and in recognition of academic achievements. **Wellbeing and Welfare Support** – A dedicated team co-ordinate wellbeing activities including yoga, teas, mindfulness training, pizza nights, recreational sports and environmental projects. Members of the welfare team are available to meet students on a one-to-one basis at any time to discuss personal, financial or other concerns. Undergraduate Welfare Reps and trained Peer Supporters assist students in identifying appropriate sources of help. The peer supporters typically include the Access and Equality Rep, the Ethnic Minorities Rep, the Gender Equality Rep, the LGBTQ+ Rep and the Disabilities Rep. **Pets** – The Warden's golden retriever, Geoffrey Biscuit, makes regular appearances around college and takes part in student welfare walks. You can follow him on Twitter at @TheNotoriousGB1. **Environment** – Merton takes its environmental and sustainability responsibilities very seriously. Steps to increase recycling and reduce energy consumption and waste are taken by catering, housekeeping, and gardening teams. Everyone is encouraged to consider their own energy use and practices. Areas of the gardens and college's land have been re-wilded and bird and hedgehog boxes, as well as bug hotels, are provided.