



# PREPARING FOR OXFORD

## SEPTEMBER



## #WelcometoOxford - Your final checklist...

We're looking forward to seeing you in Oxford. Hopefully you have been finding our newsletter updates useful. We'll be back in touch again in October, bringing you bi-weekly updates when you've started your course. Until then, don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

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## #WelcometoOxford (and win a hoodie)

It's less than one month to go before you join us. On arrival, remember to use the **#WelcometoOxford** hashtag to connect with other new students online. We'll be monitoring the hashtag throughout Freshers' Week and capturing some of the best bits in a blog. We also have five University hoodies up for grabs. All you need to do is follow us on either [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#), post a photo that best represents your first week at Oxford, then tag @OxUniStudents. The five best photos will win an official University of Oxford hoodie. Good luck!



## Things to check before arriving

Starting a new course can feel like stepping into the unknown, but there is no need to worry. We have created a [helpful checklist](#) for you, to ensure that your arrival at Oxford goes smoothly. You can also find further information



## Please share your views

This newsletter marks the final 'Preparing for Oxford' e-newsletter. We'd love to know what you liked best about the communications you've been receiving, and what you think we can improve on for future students. Please

about your first few weeks on the [official Oxford Students site](#).

share your views with us and [complete this short survey](#).



## Freshers' Fair 2019

Freshers' Fair is the biggest event of the term; packed with stalls promoting the best aspects of Oxford's student life. There will be hundreds of club and society stalls offering memberships, external companies advertising their services, and commercial outlets giving away more freebies than you could carry. Oxford SU will also be there to show you what they can offer you during your time as a student. While you're there, don't forget to use the #WelcometoOxford hashtag to share the fun you're having at the Fair. To find out when your college will be attending, [visit the Oxford SU website](#).

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## Academic dress

All students must wear academic dress (sub fusc) at formal University ceremonies, including matriculation (the ceremony that marks your formal admission to Oxford). You can find out more about academic dress at Oxford by visiting the [Oxford Students website](#). If you have a dark suit, skirt or trousers, black shoes, and a plain white shirt or blouse, we recommend that you bring those with you. You can buy the gown and hat from shops in Oxford when you arrive. Some sellers also offer [environmentally friendly sub fusc](#) made out of 18 recycled plastic bottles, or discounted rates on ex-hire gowns.

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## Oxford SU Facebook group

Join the official [Oxford SU Student Facebook Group](#) for Oxford postgraduate freshers. This



## Know Your Oxford

Know Your Oxford is a free audio tour for your smartphone. It gives you an insiders' view to



group will give you the opportunity to share information with other incoming students, and network. The Oxford SU social media team is also on hand to answer your questions between 9am-5pm every week day.

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student life in central Oxford – hearing first-hand from those who know what it's like being a student here. Find out more about how you can download it by visiting the [Oxford Students website](#).

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## Your University card, IT set-up and Registration

After you've met the conditions of your offer, you will receive important information from your college, including a University card form. Make sure you complete it and send it back to the address given as soon as you can. We will then be able to create your University card (student ID) and your Single Sign-On (SSO) account. This will give you one username and password to access many services at Oxford, including your email account, the student self-service portal and virtual learning environments. After we process your card form, your username and activation code will be sent to you by email. You will be able to complete the set-up of your SSO account and remote access before you arrive at Oxford, so you are ready to go from day one.

For more information and step-by-step guidance to set up your essential IT accounts visit our [Getting Started web pages](#). The next step in September will be to complete online registration.

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## International Students



## Brexit advice for EU, EEA and Swiss students

There has been ongoing media covering about the UK's exit from the EU in recent weeks. We would like to reassure you that all EU nationals who are living in the UK before 31 October 2019 will be able to remain here, and will retain access to the same levels of services such as the NHS. We would encourage you to [apply for the EU settlement scheme](#) as soon as possible, and before the deadline of 31 December 2020. The application is free, and means you have evidence of your status.

We regularly update information on the [Oxford and the EU page](#) on the University website, and encourage you to check regularly in case of any changes. We also have a number of events and updates planned over the next six months, and more details will follow in the near future. Whatever the outcome of the UK's exit from the EU, the University of Oxford is, and intends to remain, a thriving, cosmopolitan community of scholars and students united in our commitment to education and research.

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## Orientation podcasts for you

Want to get an insight into life at Oxford? We have created two new podcasts just for you. The first podcast talks you through [academic essentials](#) - explaining what you can expect from your studies at Oxford. The second gives you an overview of [the social life at Oxford](#) - including what you can get involved in.

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## A guide for new students

Our latest [Orientation Booklet](#) includes key information for new international students coming to Oxford. We want you to feel settled when you join us, so we've included details about everything from lectures and seminars, to libraries, college life, social activities, and more. You can find the booklet on the Oxford Students website

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## Opening a bank account

UK banks are keen to open accounts for European and International Students. However, as they need to collect certain information from you to meet UK government financial rules, please follow these three steps to make the process easier:

- Gather the documents you need: your passport and enrolment certificate stamped and signed by your college
- Complete registration early so you can obtain this enrolment certificate (see page 3 of bank guide below)
- Go to the bank early – try to avoid busy periods during lunchtimes

Read the [Oxford guide to opening a bank account](#) for a summary of what the banks in Oxford provide.

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