

Undergraduate Prospectus 2018



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OXFORD OPEN DAYS

28 AND 29 JUNE AND 15 SEPTEMBER 2017



Open days are the best time to explore student life at Oxford – visit places not normally open to the public – and talk to current students and tutors. You can just turn up to most events but some require booking, so check first and plan your day at ox.ac.uk/opendays.



After feeling the atmosphere and exploring the city on an open day I knew I wanted to spend the next few years of my life in Oxford.

Sam

The tutors and Students I spoke to on the open day were all incredibly encouraging and welcoming and I loved the thought of studying in such a unique community of passionate and friendly students.

Francesca

If you can't make one of these days, please see page 188 or ox.ac.uk/ugvisit.

Have a look at our virtual college tours at ox.ac.uk/ugcolls.

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who volunteered to appear
in the prospectus.

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Why Oxford?

THE FIRST UK
UNIVERSITY TO BE **NO. 1** IN THE WORLD*

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016–17

Oxford is a fantastic university, renowned for academic excellence – the teaching is world class, and being taught by experts in my subject area in this way really appealed to me. Also, Oxford is a really great city, so this factored into my decision too.

Megan



Though the academic reputation was definitely a factor, I was really attracted by the collegiate structure. Everything works on a smaller scale with concentrated resources, a close-knit community and highly individual teaching with tutors who take a real interest in you.

Archie



Funnily enough, Oxford was also actually the cheapest place for me to go to university. Even before I was aware of the Moritz-Heyman Scholarship, the Oxford Bursaries scheme is the most comprehensive one at the time of my application.

Bertrand

NO.1 IN THE WORLD FOR RESEARCH QUALITY**

**Most recent UK Research Excellence Framework (2014)

There are constantly career-related events at Oxford. If you know what you want to do, this place provides amazing networking opportunities. If you don't know quite what you're doing, the Careers Service is always putting on talks, workshops, 1:1 sessions and fairs. They are really helpful and a great source of ideas. There is also a lot of information on further study including exciting opportunities abroad.

Lilian

I'd never thought about applying to somewhere so prestigious, but I was lucky enough to be encouraged by a fantastic maths teacher. Both the academic reputation and the beautiful city were enough to win me over, and since applying I have never looked back.

Ian



Oxford is known all over the world for academic excellence and I think the unique collegiate system plays a huge part in that. I chose Oxford because I thought it would be an unbelievable opportunity for me if I was fortunate enough to be successful in my application.

Naveed

How Oxford works

As an Oxford undergraduate you'll be part of one or more departments, depending on the course you're studying. You'll also be a member of a college – a community of students and academics from many different subject areas.

Whichever college you go to, you will be studying for the same degree.

When you accept your offer of a place at Oxford you will enter into two separate contracts: one with the University and one with your college. These contracts are inter-linked: as an undergraduate you cannot be a member of the University without being a member of a college and vice versa. While you are admitted by your college, you are awarded your degree by the University. See more information about this at ox.ac.uk/oxforddegree.

I think the teaching is outstanding. The quality of the lectures, tutorials and practicals is incomparable. I have really benefited from the attention and challenges of small group tutorial learning which has driven me to work harder and learn more than I thought I could and still enjoy it.
Joe

NEARLY
250
COURSES

FROM OVER
30
FACULTIES AND
DEPARTMENTS

IN GROUPS OF
2 OR 3
FOR SPECIALISED
TUTORIAL TEACHING

COURSE

Each course has a compulsory core (usually in your first year), plus a broad range of options which allows you to tailor your studies to your personal interests. These aspects of the course are organised by the departments of the University.

For more on courses see page 38.

Lectures

All students in a particular subject will come together for lectures. These provide core information that may be useful for tutorials, essays or exams. Lectures also give you an opportunity to meet students from other colleges doing your course.

Practicals

All students of science-based subjects work together for lab work and/or fieldwork – typically for at least two half days a week.

Assessment

Oxford courses have two stages. There are exams at the end of the first stage (usually at the end of your first year) that you must pass, but they don't count towards your final degree grade. However, your tutors will need to be happy with your work for you to progress throughout the course.

After this, assessment depends on the course you are studying. You might sit your Finals (written exams on which your final grade is based) at the end of each remaining year or just at the end of your last year. Some exams may be replaced by a project, extended essay or dissertation, or there might be an oral exam.

COLLEGES
ARE NOT JUST
WHERE YOU LIVE
– IN MOST CASES
THEY ARE A BASE
FOR TUTORIAL
TEACHING.

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UNDERGRADUATE
COLLEGES AND HALLS



COLLEGE

Oxford is made up of undergraduate colleges and halls spread across the city of Oxford. There is no central university campus. Whatever course you are studying you will become a member of one of these small academic communities. It is here that college tutors will oversee your studies and normally arrange your tutorial teaching. All colleges provide somewhere for their students to live during the first year and often for the duration of their course.

For more on colleges see page 144.

Tutorials

These usually take place twice a week in your first year, though this may vary later depending on the options you choose. It's up to you to research and

prepare for tutorials, often by writing an essay or solutions to set problems. You meet your tutor, usually with one or two other students, to discuss your work in the tutorials. The aim is to review your answers or theories and explore ideas that arise in discussion.

A tutorial relies on the exchange of ideas so you don't need to be experienced in debating – just ready to present and defend your opinions, accept constructive criticism and listen to others. Tutorials develop your ability to think for yourself – an essential skill for academic success and something that the best employers expect from Oxford graduates. As well as overseeing your studies, college staff are responsible for your welfare.

Read more about the breadth of support on offer at Oxford on page 25.

Your college is so much more than just buildings, it's your home (not just for three years either... I never want to leave!). It's where you live, work, sleep and eat. It's where you're going to develop into an adult, make memories and create friendships that last for a long time... this is very cheesy – but I genuinely couldn't imagine myself anywhere else.

Jane

Is Oxford for me?

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- Would you love to talk about what you learn?
- Do you love to study and thrive on hard work?
- Do you like the idea of being taught in very small, interactive groups?
- Do you want lots of opportunities – to explore new interests as well as enjoying old ones?
- Do you want to meet more people like you – and people who aren't like you?

And...

- Is there a course here you really want to study?
- Are you on target to meet our entrance requirements?

If the answers are YES then Oxford may be for you.

Oxford students come from all over the world and from all kinds of backgrounds. We offer an intellectually stimulating environment, with expert tutors and fantastic resources to support your studies. Oxford offers you amazing opportunities to pursue all kinds of interests.

If you like the sound of all this – then please apply!

You don't have to be perfect, you just have to be yourself.

Holly

We are committed to ensuring that Oxford provides a safe and inclusive community for all its students, in which they are able to thrive and feel supported.

Don't be afraid to have a try.

Jack



OXFORD BURSARIES

HELP ELIGIBLE STUDENTS FROM LOWER-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO MEET THEIR LIVING COSTS - SEE PAGES 18-19



The bursary has offered me the financial security I've needed to be able to focus on the academic and social sides of my degree without fear of becoming overdrawn or needing to seek employment during term time.

Matthew



Most importantly I think the bursary has allowed me to enjoy myself more, as I am not constantly worrying about whether I have enough money to do something or not. The generosity of the support has also given me the motivation to work as hard as I can, because I want to know that I deserve it.

Seamus



Oxford has the most generous bursary package I've come across. I keep track of what I'm spending week by week but haven't found myself stretched.

Elizabeth



My time at Oxford has been absolutely incredible so far, and that would not have been possible without the bursary support I have received. It has allowed me to purchase essential things such as textbooks and meet daily living costs, without having the constant worry of money hanging over my head. It has also allowed me to engage in social activities with my friends which I never even thought I would be able to afford or consider. It really has been life-changing.

Amy



Read more about fees and funding on page 18 or visit ox.ac.uk/funding.

At Oxford, how do you...

FIND OUT MORE

Read our student diaries:
[apply.ousu.org/
student-life](http://apply.ousu.org/student-life)

...RELAX?

It can be difficult to switch off after a day in the library, so exercise is a really important part of the week - I run near my house and go to the gym occasionally. I still find time just to watch bad TV with my friends though.

Noni

Ultimate Frisbee is the best (temporary) cure for every essay crisis, no matter how severe.

Noémi

I go to university society events - I'm quite involved in LGBTQ stuff, so I'll go to a drinks event in the evening, the LGBTQ Campaign open meeting or a board game social.

Anna

Play a bit of hockey, or just lie down and watch some iPlayer or something. Pubs and the college bar are great as well, just to hang out with friends and 'forget' about work for an evening.

Callum

If clubbing is your thing, there's plenty of that; if not, there is a load of stuff to get involved in, from societies to people just getting together for a bit of midnight ice skating.

Jack

I sing in my college choir and play in an orchestra which are always nice ways to unwind just before or after dinner.

Hannah

...MANAGE YOUR WORKLOAD?

Working in the library is a very good way of staying focused and being as productive as possible.

Sam

Managing your workload is about being honest with what you can and can't achieve.

Jane

I know that I'm no good at working in the evenings so I tend to get up fairly early to work in the mornings instead.

Sarah

Somehow it gets done. It does take time to figure out how to work well, and what that means for you. Once you've got it sussed, you can get down to it and find an enjoyable rhythm to it. Don't forget that your workload is on a topic you chose, so whilst it is a lot - and it is, to be honest - it's a lot of really interesting stuff.

Lilian



Realise that it is okay to say 'No' to something if you have too much work to do, but also realise that if you're not getting anywhere, sometimes a social/ 'me-time' break might be just what you need.

Susanna

...AFFORD EVERYTHING?

Once you've paid your fees it's useful to work out a weekly budget for the rest of term. I keep a notebook with all my expenditure in it so I can work out how much I'm spending per week.

Lizzie

In term time budgeting is key. Hall food can be great value but it is often cheaper to cook for yourself, and that often fits better into your timetable.

Nicola

Eating in college is really cheap, and you rarely have to buy books because Oxford has everything.

Maeve

...GET HELP?

When I had a family bereavement last year, my friends were my main support network, but I also got support from my college chaplain (even though I'm not religious - they function in a non-religious capacity as a welfare officer) and my tutors were also very understanding in reducing my workload for that week.

Sarah

I have a couple of close friends I can turn to. The welfare reps at my college are amazing. And the counselling service is there too. There's support in every direction - it's brilliant. The welfare service was one of the things that I was most impressed with - as was my mum - it definitely put her at ease!

Isla

There are at least ten people to go to for any problem I have whatsoever, domestic, ie broken window latch, or personal. The most useful people are the porters; they know almost everything about Oxford, and if they don't, they know people who do. Very useful indeed!

Jack

...MAKE FRIENDS?

I know everyone says it, but there is honestly no need to worry about making friends. Everyone is so friendly, and college puts on loads of activities to get you meeting new people.

Georgina

There is such a diverse range of people here with so many interests that you will definitely find someone you have something in common with. You might not meet them on the first day, but stay patient and keep going to events and societies that interest you.

Izzy

Everyone is in the same situation! I just found that engaging people in conversation and being as confident (or brave!) as possible worked.

Marcus



Joining societies is a good way of meeting like-minded people from many different colleges and subjects. During the first week of your first term there will be plenty of structured events to make friends with other people in your college.

Sam



INTERNATIONAL STUDY & RESEARCH

While at Oxford there are lots of opportunities for you to gain international experience to further your academic, career and personal development. These include studying, working or undertaking research abroad. Organised and funded by the University and its colleges, examples include:

Over 650 college travel grants

More than 500 summer internships

Funded summer schools at universities abroad

Student exchanges with the US, Asia and Europe

A year abroad for most students of Modern Languages, Oriental Studies and Law with Law Studies in Europe

ox.ac.uk/students/goabroad



Erasmus+

Erasmus study exchanges let students spend up to 12 months at one of our partner universities. Modern Languages students also have the option of an Erasmus traineeship during their year abroad. Erasmus is supported by the European Commission, and includes a monthly living expenses allowance. Please note that the Erasmus programme may not be available after the 2017-18 academic year. Read the latest at: ox.ac.uk/erasmus

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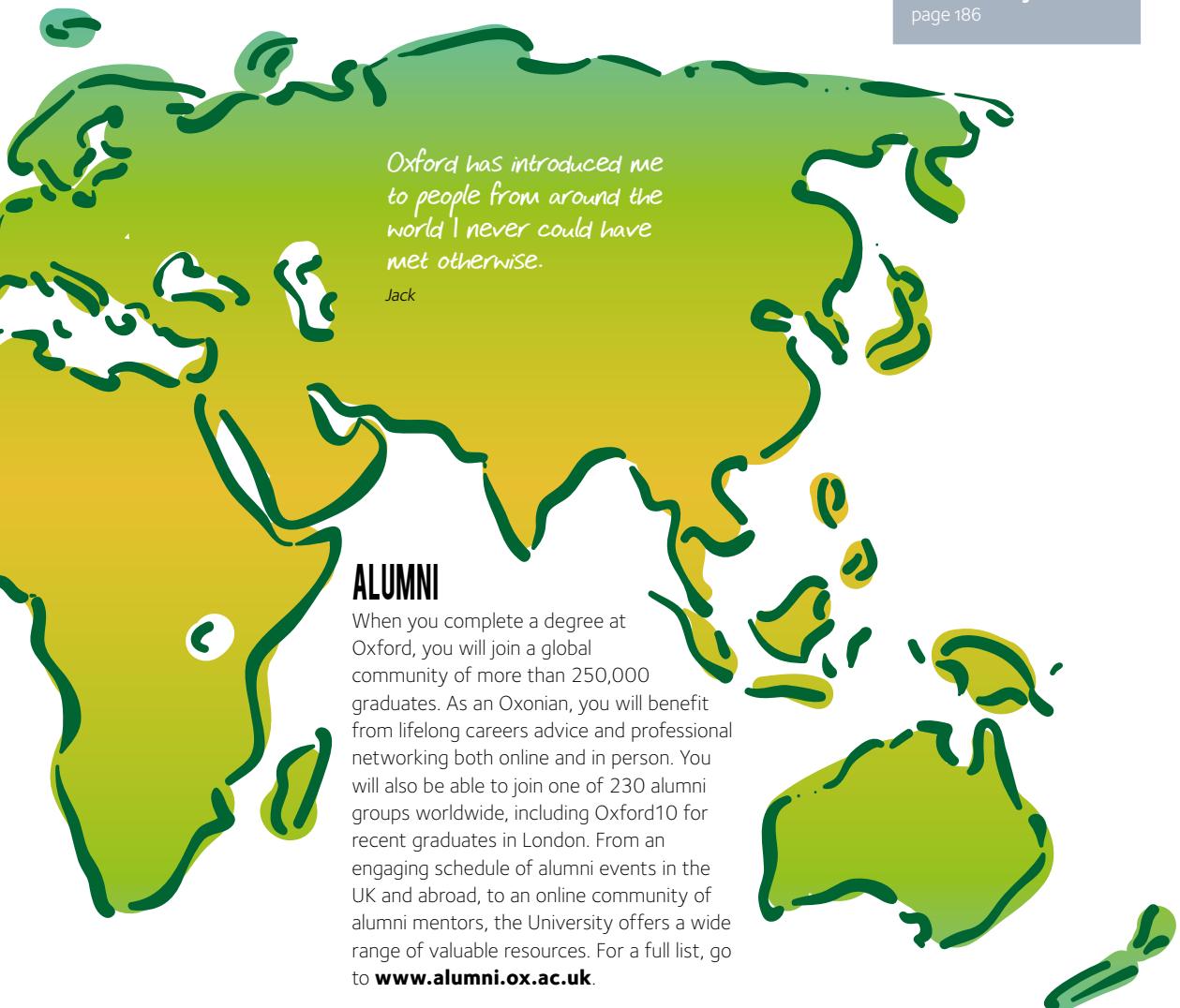
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ALUMNI

When you complete a degree at Oxford, you will join a global community of more than 250,000 graduates. As an Oxonian, you will benefit from lifelong careers advice and professional networking both online and in person. You will also be able to join one of 230 alumni groups worldwide, including Oxford10 for recent graduates in London. From an engaging schedule of alumni events in the UK and abroad, to an online community of alumni mentors, the University offers a wide range of valuable resources. For a full list, go to www.alumni.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford: a great group of interesting people who come from all across the world and yet can relate to each other so easily.

Mathew

OXFORD STUDENTS

26 Nobel Prize winners

27 UK prime ministers

International leaders including Aung San Suu Kyi, Indira Gandhi and Malcolm Turnbull

Scientists like Ben Goldacre, Stephen Hawking, Susan Greenfield and Tim Berners-Lee

Writers and poets including Vikram Seth, William Boyd, Jeanette Winterson, Monica Ali and Wendy Cope

Actors and filmmakers including Felicity Jones, Hugh Grant and Ken Loach

How to apply

To apply to begin studying at Oxford in 2018, you must submit a UCAS online form **and** register for our admissions tests anytime **from mid-September to 15 October 2017**. We recommend that you do this as soon as possible. The final deadline for all applicants is **Sunday 15 October 2017**.

OCTOBER 2017

UCAS APPLICATION

You can start working on your online UCAS form **anytime from June**. You will need to provide information about yourself, including a **personal statement** where you explain your interest in your chosen course. A teacher or advisor needs to add a written **reference**: their account of your academic potential and suitability to study here.

Most people apply to Oxford before they have finished school or college, in which case your referee will need to provide **predicted grades**: what they expect you to achieve in your A-levels (or equivalent). No transcripts are required unless you have already completed your first degree.

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Start work on your UCAS form early and submit it **before the deadline**, especially as it falls on a Sunday this year.

Submit by 6pm UK time on Sunday 15 October 2017 at www.ucas.com

ADMISSIONS TESTS

For most courses, you are **required to take a test**, normally at your school or college: check your course page and see ox.ac.uk/tests for the **test date**.

Registration is a two-stage process:

1. Your school or college must be registered as a **test centre – so check with your exams officer**. (Many UK schools are already registered.) If your school cannot do this, you may take the test at an **open centre**.
2. You need to be **registered as a candidate**. Please ask the exams officer at your school or college to register you, or contact an open centre.

See: ox.ac.uk/tests

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Make sure you register in plenty of time before the **final registration deadline**:

Register by 6pm UK time on Sunday 15 October 2017.

All **Law** applicants must take the LNAT (the National Admissions Test for Law) between **1 September and 20 October 2017**. To guarantee a test slot you will need to **register by 5 October 2017 at www.lnat.ac.uk**.

*The application process is the same for everyone but please see our additional guidance if you are: an **international student** (page 14), a **mature student** (page 15) or a **disabled student** (page 16)*



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Oxford is very competitive and many successful applicants actually exceed our entrance requirements. Unfortunately, every year there are far more excellent candidates than there are places available.

NOVEMBER 2017 WRITTEN WORK

For some courses, you need to send in written work as part of your application: check the page for your course. For exact requirements for each subject, and to download a cover sheet, please visit ox.ac.uk/writwork.

Seriously, relax during the interview. Rushing off the first thought that comes to mind will very likely end in a wrong answer. Although getting an answer wrong doesn't mean that you will fail – if you have fun learning from the interview – chances are that you'll do just fine.

Yedam

DECEMBER 2017 INTERVIEWS

Tutors review each UCAS application, along with any test or written work, and decide on a shortlist of candidates to interview. You will find out whether or not you have been shortlisted in late November or early December.

If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to come to a college in December. The college will provide free accommodation and food while you are here. You will be interviewed by tutors at that college, and possibly by tutors at other colleges as well.

If you live outside the EU, and are unable to travel to Oxford for interview, then you may be offered an interview by Skype. (Medicine is an exception – all shortlisted candidates must come to Oxford.)

There are lots of myths about interviews at Oxford, but really they're just conversations about your chosen subject. For more information visit ox.ac.uk/interviews.

Download Your guide to Oxford interviews at ox.ac.uk/interviews

JANUARY 2018 DECISIONS

You will hear on Wednesday 10 January 2018 whether or not your application has been successful.

If you have not yet completed the necessary qualifications, then any offer made will be a conditional offer. **You will have until August 2018 to achieve the required grades.**

SPRING 2018 FINANCE

Student finance applications open from early 2018. For fees, funding, grants and bursaries information see page 18 or visit ox.ac.uk/funding.

OCTOBER 2018 START YOUR COURSE?



International students

We encourage applications from academically strong students from around the world, and welcome the diversity international students contribute to the University.

Over a third of our students (including 17% of undergraduates) are international citizens, and come from over 140 countries. Student societies represent most countries in the world.

In a survey of international students at 49 UK universities, Oxford was rated for satisfaction:

Good place to be	97%
Expert lecturers	96%
Online library	95%
Physical library	93%
Research	92%
Course content	90%

Source: International Student Barometer, IGI Services Ltd (2015)

Entrance requirements

You do not have to take British A-levels to apply to Oxford – we accept school-leaving qualifications and test scores from many countries: see the list at [ox.ac.uk/intquals](#). Sometimes, if your school-leaving qualifications aren't sufficient, you might need to undertake further study before applying.

English language

Teaching at Oxford is all in English (apart from some language-specific courses) so to study here you must have sufficient fluency in written and spoken English. If you are not a native speaker you may be asked to take an English test to prove your fluency. See the list at [ox.ac.uk/enlang](#).

Coming to Oxford

Our Student Information and Immigration team offers:

- an International Student Orientation Programme
- immigration and visa advice.

[ox.ac.uk/students/new/international](#)

If you are offered a place to study at Oxford and you are not an EEA or Swiss national, you must apply for a visa in your home country/country of residence before you enter the UK.

[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](#)
[www.ukcisa.org.uk](#)

The number of international fee status medical students at each medical school in the UK is subject to a government quota: currently for Oxford this is 14.

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Mature students

21 or over at the start of October in your first year

FIND OUT MORE

See
ox.ac.uk/mature

Oxford is looking for the best and brightest candidates, irrespective of their age or background. Just like everyone else who applies, mature students need to demonstrate academic ability and commitment to study.

Which college?

As a mature student, you can apply to any college. One college (Harris Manchester) and three of the Permanent Private Halls (Blackfriars, St Stephen's House and Wycliffe Hall) take only mature students. An environment specifically catering for mature students can provide excellent peer support in which to enjoy the varied and fast-paced life of Oxford.

Accommodation

All undergraduate degrees at Oxford involve intense study and high levels of commitment. Undergraduate students are required to be resident in the city during term time: either in college, in other accommodation within 6 miles of the city centre, or within 25 miles if at your family home.

Qualifications and study skills

Tutors will take your work experience and life skills into account, but it's essential that you have also undertaken formal academic qualifications within the three years before you apply. We need to be sure that you will be able to cope with the demands of academic study at Oxford. Many different academic qualifications could be acceptable: see ox.ac.uk/enreqs.

Department for Continuing Education

Those with less recent academic experience or with work or family commitments may be interested in the part-time Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas we offer in many subjects through the Department for Continuing Education. Some courses may be studied online, and all earn nationally recognised credits. Students from the Foundation Certificates in English and History can apply to join the second year of our full-time English or History degree course.

conted.ox.ac.uk

Second undergraduate degrees

Studying for a second undergraduate degree is a common route for students who decide to change direction in their education or to pursue a new area of study. The application procedure and entrance requirements are exactly the same, except that you will be expected to have a good academic record from your first degree (usually at least a 2:1). You may apply for Senior Status, which gives direct entry to the second year of the course: **ox.ac.uk/sud**.

Studying for a second undergraduate degree will have funding implications: see **ox.ac.uk/elq**.

I'd always had an interest in attending university; poor performance in secondary schooling and then the fulfilment of parental responsibilities precluded an orthodox route to higher education for me, however. Much later in life I returned to education, studying part time in the evenings or at weekends whilst still working. Having completed a two-year course, I then applied for a full-time BA at Oxford and am now living in Harris Manchester College in the early stages of my first year and, it must be said, feeling very much at home already.

Martin



Disabled students

The University welcomes applications from disabled students, and is committed to making reasonable adjustments to facilitate access to courses.

The Disability Advisory Service

(DAS) provides information, advice and assistance with coordinating practical study support arrangements, and works with both prospective and current students.

The DAS will arrange support in line with your individual circumstances. This might include, for example, access to support workers, help with travel costs, provision of specialist equipment, or alternative examination arrangements such as extra time. The University can also supply materials in alternative formats: see www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/services/disability/aracu.

The unimaginable has happened – I have been awarded a degree with distinction and a prize for best dissertation. I was able to do an amazing amount of work and edit my dissertation very fast with the assistive technology you recommended and put in place. For once I was able to do a vast amount of work without it impacting on my health.

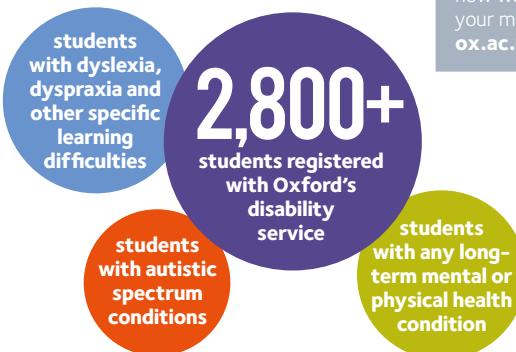
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Hear about disabled students' experiences:
ox.ac.uk/swd
Read more about how we can support your move:
ox.ac.uk/swd



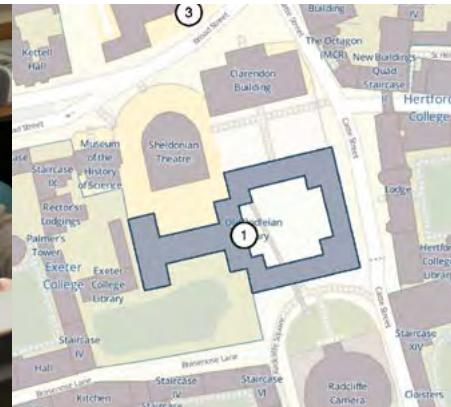
UK students are encouraged to apply for the **Disabled Students Allowance** (DSA) as soon as possible and our **Assessment Centre** can offer the study needs assessments to support your application.

If you are disabled, and thinking of applying to Oxford, we'd advise you to:

- consider the requirements of your chosen course before applying
- identify any elements that might present particular barriers
- talk to or visit your college and department of choice, to explore facilities and discuss any specific disability-related issues.

It is essential to contact the DAS as early as possible in the application process so that any necessary arrangements can be made for a possible visit or interview and well in advance of the start of your course. Find out more by visiting: ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability.

Plan your way around the city using our interactive map at ox.ac.uk/maps and have a look at our **access guide** at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/access



Equality for all

Our students and staff all contribute to making Oxford an inclusive community where we feel safe, respected and valued.

Join us and you will have the chance to make a unique contribution. Here you will have the opportunity to study and socialise with talented people from a wide range of backgrounds, and with a huge variety of interests and passions. We make admissions decisions solely on the individual merits of each candidate using selection criteria appropriate to the course of study.

Being a bisexual woman has lots of negative consequences in a patriarchal queerphobic society. Thankfully in Oxford, fortnightly bisexual events and campaigns like 'Bye Bi Prejudice' all lead to a super supportive community, and the LGBTQ community here really thrives.

Sandy, OUSU Vice-President for Welfare and Equal Opportunities

FIND OUT MORE

See

www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop

Oxford students come from over

140
countries.

Academic and research staff come from nearly 100.

11%
of all our undergraduate students are disabled

26%
of all our students identify as black or minority ethnic

Equality-focused activities include:

- **Gender:** the Women's Campaign within Oxford University Student Union (OUSU)
ousu.org
- **Ethnicity:** CRAE (the OUSU Campaign for Racial Awareness and Equality)
ousu.org
- **LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer):**
OUSU LGBTQ Campaign
ousu.org
LGBTQ Society
oulgbtsoc.org.uk
- **Religion and belief:** worship facilities for a wide variety of faiths
ox.ac.uk/religionandbelief
- **Disability:** support for disabled students
ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability
- **Care leavers and looked-after children:** one-on-one meetings at open days and support throughout your time here. Contact:
james.slattery@admin.ox.ac.uk
or **01865 270543**

Having a mental illness has always made me doubt the prospects of my university success, academically or otherwise. Thankfully, my tutors and fellow students make me feel valued and respected, which allows me to truly flourish in Oxford.

Anna



Fees and funding

FIND OUT MORE

Visit ox.ac.uk/funding
for the latest information

Oxford is committed to providing generous financial support to eligible students from lower-income households to ensure that those with the academic ability to achieve a place here are not held back by their financial circumstances.

WHAT IT COSTS

Fees

What you pay each year is determined by your fee status (based on your nationality and where you usually live). The categorisations for 2017–18 are Home (UK), EU (rest of European Union), Islands (Channel Islands or Isle of Man) or Overseas (outside EU). For the latest categorisations, see:

ox.ac.uk/ugfeestatus.

Living costs

Your living costs will vary depending on your lifestyle. In 2017–18 living costs at Oxford are estimated to be between c£1,000 and £1,470 a month for essentials like accommodation and food. Budget over nine months to cover the full academic year (c£9,020 to £13,235). There may also be additional costs associated with your course, such as field trips or consumables; more information can be found on your course page (pages 40–143).

CHANGES TO FEES

The University caps the amount by which it can increase fees annually. More information about the amount of the cap and how the increase is calculated is available at

ox.ac.uk/ffchanges-fees

In 2017–18, for Home/EU undergraduate students, tuition fees are also subject to a governmental fee cap and will not increase above the level of the fee cap, which is subject to annual review. For 2017–18, University policy is to charge fees at the level of the cap set by the government.

FEES FOR 2018–19

The fees for all undergraduate students in 2018–19 will be confirmed in September 2017 at ox.ac.uk/ugfees.

Home/EU fees:

As a guide the 2017–18 tuition fee for Home/EU students is £9,250 and will usually increase annually. Home students can receive a loan to cover their fees and do not have to pay this cost upfront. Fee rates and support for EU students starting a course in academic year 2018–19 are currently unknown.

Islands fees:

Islands students currently pay the same tuition fee as Home students*.

Overseas fees:

Overseas students pay a higher rate of tuition fee, which varies according to subject (up to £23,190* in 2017–18) plus an annual college fee (£7,350 in 2017–18).

*with the exception of Clinical Medicine, where the fee is significantly higher



FIND OUT MORE

Check the costs of studying and support available using the Fees, Funding and Scholarship Search:
ox.ac.uk/ffsearch

WHAT YOU GET – HOME AND EU STUDENTS

From the UK government

Home students:

A loan to cover **all your fees**

Home students:

A maintenance loan to cover some of your living costs

Home students from lower-income households:

Additional maintenance support to cover more of your living costs

UK government loan repayments are combined into a single amount which only becomes repayable once you have left your course.

UK government support for EU students starting a course in 2018–19 is currently unknown. Latest eligibility details: www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance.

Student finance applications open from early 2018; you should apply as early as possible. To be considered for additional maintenance support and bursaries, you must have your household income assessed by your funding agency. Where to apply depends on whether you are from:

England:

www.gov.uk/student-finance

Northern Ireland:

www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Scotland:

www.saas.gov.uk

Wales:

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

MORITZ-HEYMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Each year, up to 175 eligible UK first-year students from households with an income of £16,000 or less are invited to become Moritz-Heyman scholars. This generous scholarship programme provides funding, opportunities for volunteering, and access to internships during the summer vacations.

ox.ac.uk/mh

PREVIOUS STUDY

If you have previously completed a course at undergraduate level, you will be classed as an Equivalent or Lower Qualification (ELQ) student and won't receive funding for your course. If you began but did not complete a degree, you might not get funding for the full length of your course.

ox.ac.uk/elq

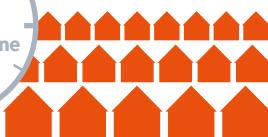


Libraries

Oxford meets the needs of its students, academics and the international research community with a wide range of services provided by the largest academic library system in the UK.



100+
libraries



80,000
e-journals



READ KEY TEXTS

Whether you're writing an essay or preparing for an experiment, you'll be given a reading list to start from. You can find the books you will need in your college or department, or both.

College libraries are open to everyone in your college. They stock the core materials for your course, and have generous lending arrangements. They are often open 24 hours a day, providing quiet, convenient places to study. The college librarian can help you to find what you need, and in many cases will order books in specially.

Sitting in the Bodleian Library at the same desk that might once have been occupied by John Locke and Robert Hooke, I feel part of the University's rich history.

Olinga

RESEARCH A TOPIC IN DEPTH

When you find something really interesting, Oxford makes it easy to go beyond your reading list and find out more. Many courses offer a chance to write a dissertation or carry out a research project.

Subject librarians are your guides to Oxford's world-class research collections. They can advise on the latest publications in your field, or on the best databases to search. They often run classes to help you make the most of what they can offer.

The Bodleian Libraries form the UK's largest academic library service with combined collections of over 12 million items. The Bodleian Library is a legal deposit library, meaning it can claim a copy of any book or journal published in the UK or Ireland. All Oxford students are entitled to use the Bod for their research.

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk



FIND OUT MORE

Visit

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

12 MILLION^{*}+

printed items

400 KM
of shelving

STUDY ONLINE

Oxford has an extensive online collection, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This includes databases, books, reference materials and an excellent online journal collection. These are available to members of the University from anywhere with an internet connection.

SOLO (Search Oxford Libraries Online) lists books and journals, print and online:
solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

OxLIP+ lists databases, electronic reference works and e-journals:
oxlip-plus.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Research assistance, subject guides and how the Oxford library system works:
libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

*held by the Bodleian Libraries

READING ROOMS

Oxford has a mix of old and new libraries, which offer a fantastic range of places to study. Choose from Duke Humfrey's (built in 1488, and used as the Hogwarts library in some of the Harry Potter films), the elegant circular Radcliffe Camera, the bright modern Social Science Library, and many more.

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

I think the big realisation for me was that you actually don't need to buy that much. So much is provided for you; for example, as a History student I've never ever had to buy a book or course materials. Everything I need is in a library, somewhere!

Chloe

WESTON LIBRARY

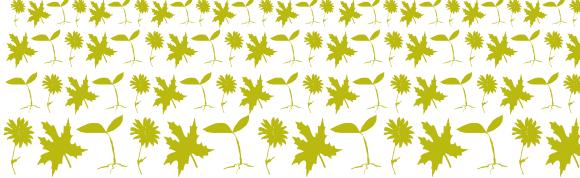
Opened to readers in September 2014 with three refurbished reading rooms as well as exhibition spaces, shop and café.



Museums and collections

6,000+
species of plants

Oxford has collections of international importance – databanks for research, teaching and study – full of wonderful treasures that anyone can enjoy.



ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

Opened in 1683, the Ashmolean is the oldest public museum in the world. Its rich and incredibly diverse collections range from artefacts of the world's great ancient civilisations to modern art, telling human stories across cultures and across time. The Ashmolean hosts major international exhibitions which will be of interest to many students, and of particular use to students in Ancient and Modern History, Fine Art, History of Art, Archaeology, Classics, and Anthropology.

www.ashmolean.org

OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The spectacular neo-Gothic architecture of a Grade I-listed building houses the University's geological and zoological specimens. Among its most famous are the only soft tissue remains of a dodo, the first dinosaur to be scientifically identified, and the swifts in the tower. The Archaeology, Biological and Earth Sciences courses make use of its staff expertise and collections.

www.oum.ox.ac.uk

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

The world's oldest surviving purpose-built museum building houses an unrivalled collection of scientific instruments from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. Astrolabes, sundials, quadrants, mathematical and optical instruments, and apparatus associated with chemistry, natural philosophy and medicine are displayed, alongside temporary exhibitions. The collections are used in teaching History of Science and History of Art.

www.mhs.ox.ac.uk



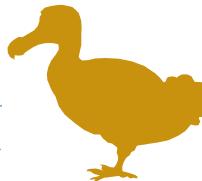
FIND OUT MORE

Visit

www.museums.ox.ac.uk

2,000+
musical instruments

1
dodo



PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

The Pitt Rivers is a museum of ethnography and world archaeology, celebrated for its period feel and the density of its displays. Courses that use the museum's resources include Human Sciences, Archaeology and Anthropology, Geography, Classics, History of Art and Fine Art. In addition to a collection which now numbers over half a million objects, there are extensive photographic and sound archives.

www.prm.ox.ac.uk

BATE COLLECTION

One of the most magnificent collections of musical instruments in the world, the Bate has more than 2,000 instruments from the Renaissance, through the baroque, classical and romantic periods, up to modern times. More than a thousand instruments are on display, by the most important makers and from pre-eminent collectors. Music and History of Art undergraduates make use of the collection.

www.bate.ox.ac.uk

BOTANIC GARDEN & HARCOURT ARBORETUM

Oxford is unusual among UK universities having both a Botanic Garden and an extensive Arboretum, with over 6,000 species of plants from all over the world. The collection includes unique specimens not in cultivation anywhere else. The gardens and glasshouses at the Botanic Garden, and the exotic collection, meadows and native woodland at the Arboretum, are perfect for visiting any time of the year.

These collections are particularly used by students in Biological Sciences.

www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk
www.harcourt-arboretum.ox.ac.uk



BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

Treasures include rare books, maps and manuscripts, such as Shakespeare's First Folio and the Magna Carta.

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Supporting your studies

FIND OUT MORE

Visit

www.lang.ox.ac.uk

courses.it.ox.ac.uk

IT SERVICES

The University Wi-Fi network covers much of central Oxford, the museums and the libraries. Eduroam is also available in many NHS sites and doctors' surgeries.

114TB a day network traffic
(that's over 24,000 DVDs)



Mobile Oxford: whether you need maps, library books, the next bus, or even collection times at the nearest postbox, Mobile Oxford is here to help.
m.ox.ac.uk

Podcasts and iTunes U: public lectures, teaching material, interviews with leading academics – all available to download for free, and watch and listen to on the move.
podcasts.ox.ac.uk
itunes.ox.ac.uk



WebLearn: course materials and recorded lectures for your studies, and tools – eg for plagiarism awareness – for use on your mobile device.
weblearn.ox.ac.uk

lynda: free 24/7 access to high-quality online courses for business, creative, and technology skills in your own time.

courses.it.ox.ac.uk/lynda

IT Learning Centre: wide range of free/low-cost workshops and courses to support your studies, both teacher-led and online.

courses.it.ox.ac.uk

Getting started: what to bring with you to Oxford, and how to get started or find help if you need it.

welcometoit.ox.ac.uk

LANGUAGE CENTRE

The Language Centre's term-time programmes of study offer students a chance to learn a new language or keep up an old one, whatever their degree.

The Language Library has a range of multimedia facilities including text and audio-visual material in over 190 languages.

190+ languages



Language classes are provided from day to evening. They are offered at different levels of proficiency and intensity, and some offer a certificate. You can learn languages for study and research, to support your career ambitions and for cultural and recreational purposes.

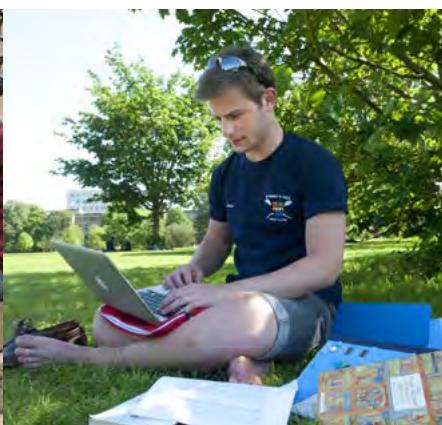
Tailored courses are provided for students from certain departments.

Courses in academic English are available for international students who would like to improve their English for study purposes while they are here.

Intensive week-long courses are run out of term time in some of the most popular languages.

More about the Language Centre, courses, and fees:

www.lang.ox.ac.uk



Supporting you

FIND OUT MORE

Visit

[ox.ac.uk/students/
welfare](http://ox.ac.uk/students/welfare)

YOUR SUPPORT NETWORK

College welfare contacts

Colleges are a great source of personal support. Those who are available to help include your subject tutor, student peer supporters, people in designated welfare roles, NHS doctors and college nurses.

350 students across the University are trained peer supporters, supervised by the Counselling Service.

ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/peer

I am one of six trained peer supporters in my college. Our photos and phone numbers are up around college for people to get in touch if they want to. As college LGB TQ rep*, I organise things like LGB TQ teas and dinners out with nearby colleges. Oxford is an incredibly welcoming and supportive environment, and my job is to make it even more so.

Daniel

Student Counselling Service

The counselling service, staffed by counsellors, psychologists and psychotherapists, is available to help you address personal or emotional problems that affect your experience at Oxford. Its aim is to help you realise your full academic potential and develop greater ability to take decisions for yourself that effect real change. Alongside individual and group sessions there are workshops and self-help materials available.

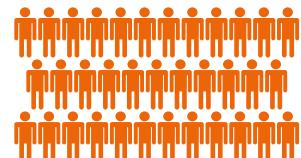
**[ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/
counselling](http://ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/counselling)**

Childcare

Extensive childcare provision for student parents is available. University Childcare Services manage multisite nursery provision within Oxford. Four colleges operate independent nurseries.

www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare

350 students are trained
Peer Supporters



Oxford Nightline

Nightline is a confidential listening, information and support service run by students, for students. It is open 8pm–8am, every night in term time.

oxfordnightline.org

Harassment

The University is committed to maintaining an environment in which the rights and dignity of all members of the University community are respected. There is a network of harassment advisors and a dedicated harassment line.

**[ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/
harassment](http://ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/harassment)**

I was convinced somebody had made a mistake letting me into Oxford. I got to the point where I started to think I should leave before they told me to. My counsellor helped me to understand why I felt a fraud and we worked on how I could change the way I thought about myself. I got a first in Finals!

Zara

Student Advice Service

The Student Advice Service is the independent advice, information and advocacy service exclusively available to Oxford University students. Independent of colleges and the University, they can provide information and support to students facing any difficult situation.

ousu.org
ousu.org/advice

*see page 17



Sport

FIND OUT MORE

Visit [ousu.org/
get-involved/
clubs-societies](http://ousu.org/get-involved/clubs-societies)
to explore over 400
clubs and societies

It isn't all rowing and rugby at Oxford. You can play for fun, try a new sport or just get fit. But if you want to represent the University, you have the chance to join a rich tradition and some very competitive teams.

Oxford is currently ranked among the top British universities for sport thanks to our talented students. As well as the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) championships and other tournaments, there are inter-university competitions and college leagues.

You have the use of some of the best sporting facilities of any university on three main sites: the Iffley Road sports complex, the University Parks sports grounds and the Marston Road sports ground. Iffley Road is where many clubs train and compete; it boasts a fitness gym, an all-weather running track, an Olympic-standard hockey pitch, a 25-metre swimming pool, rowing tank, cricket school, sports hall and dojo, along with provision for association football, lawn tennis and rugby.

Cricketers play on the picturesque University Parks – the only place in Britain where spectators can watch first-class cricket for free.

Most of the colleges have facilities of their own, from squash courts and fitness suites to boathouses, cricket pitches and lively clubhouses.

The University's Sports Federation helps to run more than 80 clubs – including traditional sports, new and esoteric activities, and everything in between – for anyone from the interested beginner to the international athlete. Whether you want to play in a serious team or a college kickabout, or you just enjoy running, swimming or cycling, you will find what you are looking for here.

The University's top athletes gain the status of Blue – an accolade that stems from the first boat race in 1829, when Cambridge tied light blue ribbons to their boat and Oxford adopted Christ Church's dark blue.

www.sport.ox.ac.uk







Music

FIND OUT MORE

Visit ousu.org/get-involved/clubs-societies
to explore over 400 clubs and societies

From classical to jazz through indie, rock, folk and electronic, all the styles of music you could dream of (and then some) are represented at Oxford. Whether you want to sing, perform, DJ or just listen, you will find what you are looking for here.

For live music, the city's big venues (O2 Academy, New Theatre) regularly draw national and international acts.

Many smaller venues host local unsigned acts, as well as regular jam sessions and open mic nights. RockSoc, the rock music society, spawns many student bands and organises group trips to gigs. If you prefer classical music, you'll enjoy Oxford's wealth of lunchtime and evening concerts, often taking place in spectacular settings such as the Sheldonian Theatre or the Holywell Music Room.

If you're looking to practise an instrument or form a band, then check out your college's music room – they're often well equipped with piano, amps and drums. College parties are a great place to try DJing, and many colleges have their own choirs, orchestras and bands.

The Oxford University Music Society (OUMS) runs four orchestras, a wind orchestra, a big band, a brass band, a string ensemble and the University chorus.

Singers can choose from traditional college choirs, Glee-style a cappella groups and non-auditioned vocal ensembles.

oums.org

Choral and organ awards

Oxford's chapel music environment is extremely lively, offering scope for outstanding work in liturgical music and also experience in concert performance, touring and recording. Whatever subject you're planning to apply for, you can audition for a choral or organ award in September. For details see:

ox.ac.uk/choralorganawards

Choral scholars gain invaluable performance experience and training at a high level through membership of a college chapel choir. Many of today's leading singers, such as Toby Spence, Emma Kirkby and Robin Blaze, were choral scholars.

Organ scholars play a crucial part in Oxford music. In some colleges they direct the music in chapel; in others they assist professional directors of music. The role develops skills in choral accompanying, direction and administration. Many Oxford organ scholars have gone on to become celebrated musicians while others have attained distinction beyond music, including a prime minister and a Hollywood actor.

University is a great chance to pick up something new, make a difference, and learn new skills that are not taught in your degree.

Jacob

CHORAL AND ORGAN AWARDS OPEN DAY

An open day on Saturday 22 April 2017 provides workshops and the opportunity to join a college choir for Evensong.
www.music.ox.ac.uk/apply/undergraduate/choral-and-organ-awards



Drama

FIND OUT MORE

Visit
ouds.org

for more about Oxford University Drama

Oxford University has one of the largest and most vibrant drama scenes in the country with around 30 shows performed each term. These range from new writing, modern drama and classical plays to musical theatre.

There is a huge choice of theatre spaces, from the 50-seater Burton Taylor Studio to the professional 600+ -seater Oxford Playhouse which hosts two student productions a term. Many colleges have their own theatres and student producers also put on summer shows in the gardens, or take over a chapel, bar or nightclub.

Oxford University Dramatic Society (OUDS) is one of many drama societies here that nurtures new talent and encourages involvement. OUDS tour internationally with a Shakespearean production every summer, working in major professional venues and living as part of a touring company.

ouds.org

Tabs Are For Flying (TAFF) is for those who work on the technical side of theatre and theatre design, including stage and production management, lighting, sound, props, and costume and set design.

tabsareforflying.co.uk

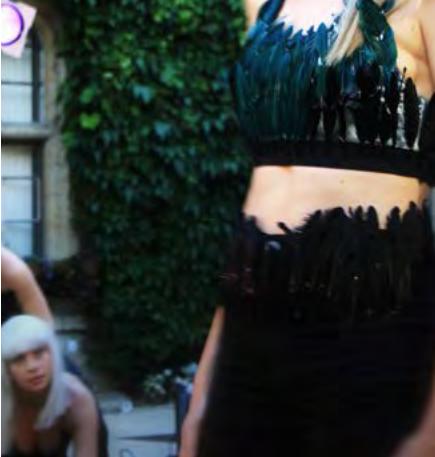
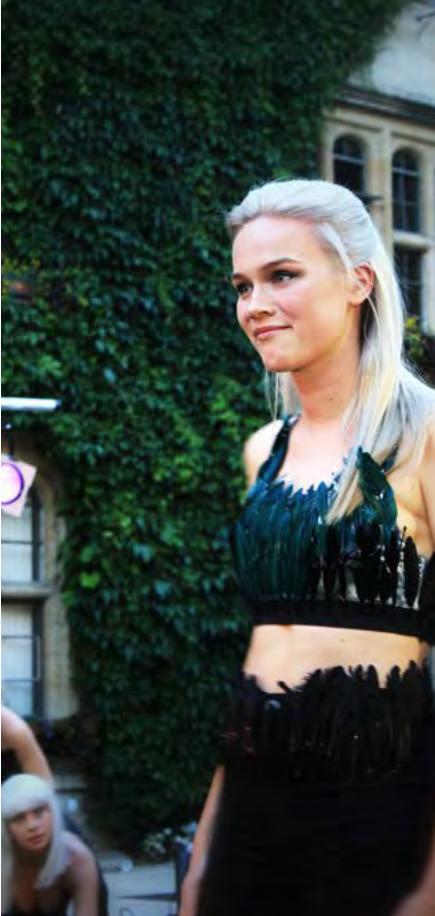
The **Oxford Imps** are a mixture of Oxford students and locals who stage improvised comedy every term-time Monday in a local pub. They are regulars at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where they perform daily.

oxfordimps.com

If you are interested in writing and performing sketches and stand-up then the **Oxford Revue** may be for you. This comedy community has spawned some of Britain's best loved writers and comedians, from Alan Bennett and Rowan Atkinson to Stewart Lee and Katy Brand.

Hosted by St Catherine's College, the **Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor** promotes contemporary theatre. Previous appointments include Meera Syal, Thelma Holt, Diana Rigg, Sir Ian McKellen, Arthur Miller, Kevin Spacey and Stephen Fry.







Oxford University Students' Union and more

FIND OUT MORE

Visit ousu.org/get-involved/clubs-societies
to explore over 400 clubs and societies

YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

When you come to the University of Oxford, you automatically become a member of Oxford University Students' Union (OUSU), existing to make your journey as an Oxford student the best it can be. By offering a diverse range of help, advice, support, events, activities and campaigns your students' union ensures you get the very best from your university experience.

OUSU is run by a team of officers, elected annually by the whole student body, who work hard to ensure that Oxford's 22,000-strong student community is represented – whether you're an international or home student, undergraduate or postgraduate – OUSU is here to ensure every student voice is heard. OUSU provides an opportunity for you to get involved in anything and everything – so whether you want to get stuck into our LGBTQ+ campaign (page 17), broadcast your favourite tunes across the airwaves or raise money for charity – your Students' Union has something for everyone.

ousu.org

OUSU's Raise and Give (RAG) organises fun fundraising activities, all in aid of four charities elected by you, each year, through a University-wide ballot. Each term sees a fantastic series of events, from the RAG Ball to trips up Kilimanjaro, not to mention Jailbreak to Blind Dates. Find out more at:

ousu.org

CHARITY

Oxford offers a wealth of opportunities for volunteering, many of which can be found through the Oxford Hub.

oxfordhub.org

MEDIA

Oxide is a student-run radio station combining a diverse playlist with talk shows and interviews.

oxideradio.co.uk

The *Cherwell* and *Oxford Student* newspapers publish everything from restaurant reviews and crosswords to investigative journalism and sports reports.

cherwell.org

oxfordstudent.com

Isis Magazine is Britain's oldest student publication.

isismagazine.org.uk

THE OXFORD UNION SOCIETY*

Established in 1823, the world's most famous debating society aims to promote debate and discussion not just in the University, but across the globe. The Union is also a social centre and there are frequent lectures by all kinds of figures, from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama and Tanni Grey-Thompson to Johnny Depp, Stephen Hawking, Tracy Emin and Shakira.

www.oxford-union.org

Whatever your level of expertise, you can become involved in any club or society that interests you.

OUSU's Freshers' Fair

at the start of your first term can help you find out what is available – and if a society or team doesn't exist, it's easy to set one up.

READ THE ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

at **apply.ousu.org**

FIND OUT MORE

See videos of speakers at [youtube.com/oxfordunion](https://www.youtube.com/oxfordunion)

*Not to be confused with the Oxford University Students' Union (OUSU).

The screenshot shows the OUSU website with a dark blue header featuring the OUSU logo and navigation links: YOUR UNION, REPRESENTING YOU, HELP & ADVICE, GET INVOLVED, WHAT'S ON & NEWS, SHOPPING, and CONTACT US. Below the header is a large photo of five smiling students. At the bottom of the page are two red bars: 'STUDENT ADVICE SERVICE' and 'YOUR SABB TEAM 2016-2017'. A 'What's On' section is visible at the bottom right.



Your career after Oxford

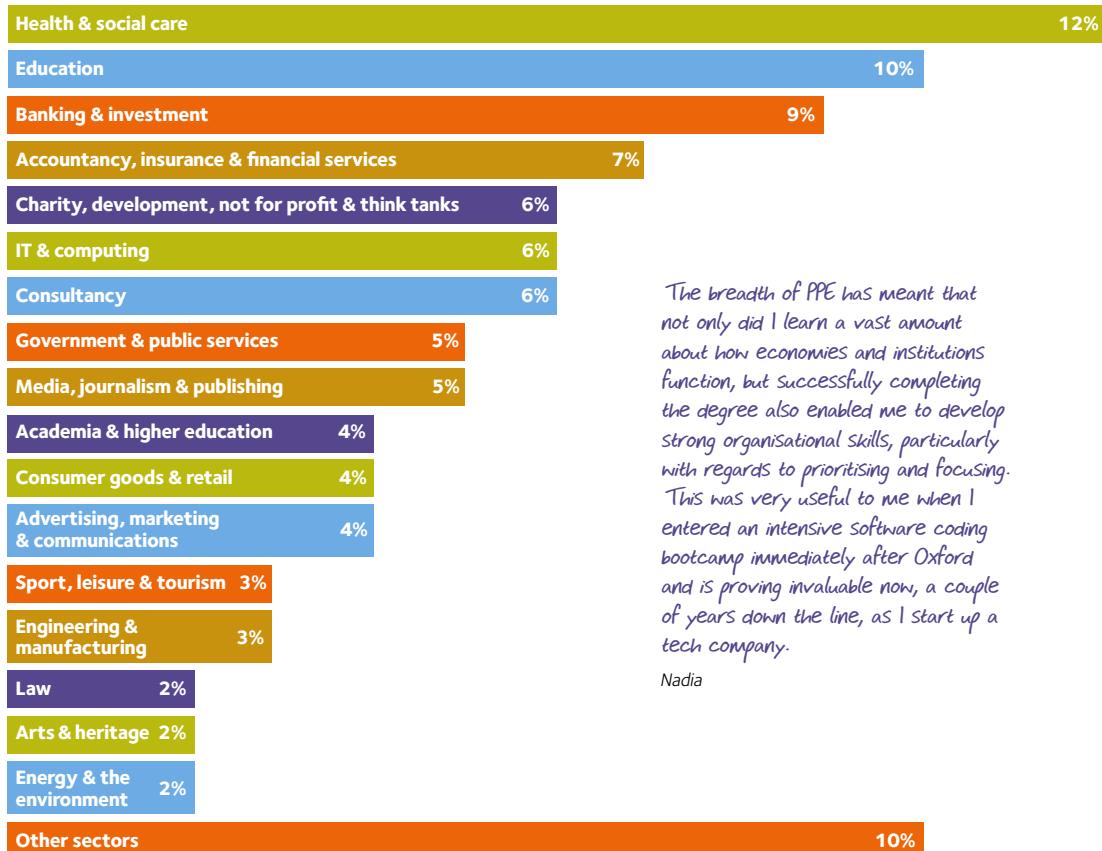
Whatever subject you choose, studying at Oxford prepares you for a very broad range of careers. Our Careers Service can help you make the right choice.

Six months after leaving, the majority of our graduates are in employment or in further study. 7% were doing something else such as taking time out to travel and only 5% were looking for work.

£27,000

is the average
annual starting salary
of our recent
graduates

And of those in work:



The breadth of PPE has meant that not only did I learn a vast amount about how economies and institutions function, but successfully completing the degree also enabled me to develop strong organisational skills, particularly with regards to prioritising and focusing. This was very useful to me when I entered an intensive software coding bootcamp immediately after Oxford and is proving invaluable now, a couple of years down the line, as I start up a tech company.

Nadia



OXFORD UNIVERSITY CAREERS SERVICE

– committed to helping all students find the next best step.

14
annual careers fairs
so you can explore
your options and
meet employers

520
workshops run
by our Careers
Advisers and visiting
recruiters each year

4,700
one-to-one
careers advice
appointments
available to
students each
year

7,050
opportunities
advertised over the
past year on our
website

1,800
students take
part in our
employability
programmes
each year

The Careers Service really is great. They're so helpful and have some amazing resources.

Anna

DEVELOPING SKILLS OUTSIDE YOUR COURSE

Employers are also keen to see what you do outside of your studies, so getting involved in the numerous extra-curricular activities available here at Oxford can help improve your job prospects.

Join societies

There are over 500 societies or sports teams you can join and taking part in a club or society can help you demonstrate teamwork, time management and leadership skills.

Do an internship

In addition to over a thousand internships advertised by employers on our website, our Internship Office sources hundreds of local and global placements exclusively for Oxford students, lasting from 1 to 12 weeks. In the past our students have had varied internships such as working at a stately

home in Warwickshire, updating systems in a hospital in Malawi and working at the CERN laboratory in Switzerland.

Get business experience

Our unique programmes such as the Student Consultancy and Insight into Business can help you to develop commercial awareness and experience working with Oxfordshire organisations. If you're interested in starting your own business, we also offer free business mentoring, helping to turn your business idea into reality.

Gain confidence

Springboard is an award-winning programme for professional women. The Oxford version provides female students with the tools to boost their confidence and reach their aspirations across many areas of life.

Do lots of extra-curricular activities! Something that I have been told several times by different managers at work is that they were impressed with the extra-curricular activities I was involved with whilst at Oxford. Whether it's rowing, debating or a faith-based society, employers like to see what your interests are.

Risham



In and around Oxford

There are around 40,000 students at Oxford's two universities (Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University). They make up a big part of the city's 150,000 population. The city is youthful and cosmopolitan, with plenty to see and do.

Oxford is a wonderful city to spend time in. I love walking or running in the University Parks and around the meadows with friends, followed by coffee in one of the many lovely coffee shops!

Rebecca

COWLEY ROAD

The area around the Cowley Road is vibrant and diverse. Its restaurants cater to all tastes – Jamaican, Thai, Polish, Kurdish, Italian, Lebanese and more. It is also home to lots of pubs and live music venues, including the O2 Academy which attracts many high-profile acts.

IFFLEY ROAD

Parallel to Cowley Road, home to the University Sports Centre and a lot of students living out of their college, this part of town has a community feel.

The best thing about Oxford as a city is Iffley in all its glory.

George

RIVER THAMES

Summer Eights, the colleges' rowing competition, takes place every June and attracts large numbers of students supporting their college from the river bank. Whether you are sporty or not, you can enjoy the buzz and party atmosphere at the event, which lasts several days.

In summer a great thing to do is get a group of friends together and cycle up the river for a pub lunch.

Jacob

GREEN SPACES

The green spaces around Oxford are beautiful. It's a bustling city but it also has gardens and parks with rivers, cows (!) and lovely views of the dreaming spires.

Ella

The Botanic Garden is my hidey hole, it's a haven of tranquillity.

Emily



LIVING OUT

All students live in college accommodation in their first and usually last year, so there's no need to look for accommodation before you arrive. In many colleges, you can live in for your whole course. If you do have to live out of college (or you prefer to) you can share a house with friends or rent a room in a family home. Most students who live out do so in the area around the Cowley and Iffley Roads, or in Jericho. See ox.ac.uk/ugcols.

CITY CENTRE

You will find the usual high street stores, as well as smaller independent retailers. The famous Covered Market has everything from quirky fashion boutiques to pie shops and a brand new shopping centre is due to open in the autumn in the Westgate area. Many student club nights are held in the city.

The city centre is so alive with people and music and colour.

Louise

ARTS AND THEATRE

Modern Art Oxford is one of the UK's most exciting and influential contemporary art spaces, with an international reputation for ambitious and innovative projects.

The Oxford Playhouse is one of Britain's leading theatres, with regular high-profile productions. The New Theatre stages a variety of touring shows, including West End musicals and famous comedians.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer events include **Cowley Road Carnival**, the **Jericho Street Fair** and **Oxford Pride**. Historic events include **May Morning**, where crowds gather at sunrise on 1 May to hear choristers sing an invocation to summer from the top of Magdalen College tower.

My best Oxford memory (so far) is spending May Morning with friends, watching Magdalen Choir sing at sunrise.

Ben

MUSEUMS

I've only visited the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers, and I still haven't been able to fully explore them. The special events are really enjoyable – Northern Lights at the Pitt Rivers had a beautiful atmosphere to it, and the Ashmolean's Egyptomania-themed 'LiveFriday' was right up my street.

Jordan

JERICHO

Just north-west of the centre, the part of town known as Jericho is famous for its arthouse cinema, cocktail bars and high-end restaurants. Pepper's burgers are also legendary. From here you can also take picturesque walks across Port Meadow: a large area of common land mentioned in the Domesday Book.

