

Opportunity Oxford Student Code of Conduct

Introduction

As a collegiate University, Oxford is committed to fostering an inclusive culture which promotes equality, values diversity and maintains a working, learning and social environment in which the rights and dignity of all its students and staff are respected.¹

The purpose of the Opportunity Oxford Code of Conduct is to secure everyone's agreement to protect ourselves, each other and the community. It is an affirmation of shared values – community, consideration for others, respect and tolerance, and inclusion. It supplements students' existing responsibilities under university and college policies.

Opportunity Oxford does not tolerate any form of harassment or victimisation and expects all members of the Opportunity Oxford community (including staff and students) to treat each other with respect, courtesy and consideration.

The Opportunity Oxford Student Code of Conduct makes clear that students are expected to behave in accordance with the University's rules and regulations, in particular in respect of residences, health and safety and equal opportunities. In addition, students are expected to respect the needs of the community and the right of other students to live and study without undue disturbance. These principles apply to all elements of the Opportunity Oxford programme, including any related activity conducted online during the Opportunity Oxford Welcome Events and Opportunity Oxford Digital online course. For further guidance around behavioural expectations specifically relating to online engagement, please see the following link:

[Oxford University Netiquette - Guidelines on participation and interacting with others in an online course environment²](#)

Opportunity Oxford aims to:

- Promote a positive online and in person environment in which people are treated fairly and with respect
- Make it clear that harassment is unacceptable and that all members have a role to play in creating an environment free from harassment
- Provide a framework of support for staff and students who feel they have been subject to harassment
- Provide a mechanism by which complaints can wherever possible be addressed in a timely way. Complaints to be directed to Opportunity Oxford Coordinator, Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach Department, University Offices, Oxford, OX1 2JD or email opportunityoxford@admin.ox.ac.uk

¹ University of Oxford Equality Policy: <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

² Oxford University Department for Continuing Education www.conted.ox.ac.uk/about/netiquette-guidelines

Student Conduct Expectations

All participants of the Opportunity Oxford programme have the right to expect courteous behaviour from others, and have corresponding responsibility to behave courteously towards others. All participants are expected to:

- Take part in the programme to the best of your ability.
- Treat others with dignity and respect
- Respect individuals of all races, cultures, religions, genders, sexual orientations, disabilities, and national origins on all parts of the programme.
- Behave in a friendly, cooperative, polite, and responsible manner towards all staff and students on the programme.
- Behave with good sense, behave with consideration towards others and respect their differences and take care in the use of the facilities or services.
- Discourage any form of harassment.
- Follow University³ and Government⁴ guidance on health during any in-person events, and to be considerate in reducing the risk of spreading infection.
- Support any Opportunity Oxford participant who feel they have been subject to harassment, including supporting them to make a formal complaint if appropriate.
- Inform Opportunity Oxford staff of misconduct as to ensure the safety and protection of all involved with the programme.

Agreement to this Code of Conduct

Participation on Opportunity Oxford shows that you acknowledge and agree to all the points outlined in this document, and that any inappropriate behaviour and misconduct on the Opportunity Oxford programme may result in appropriate action being taken. Any alleged conduct that constitutes a criminal offence may be reported to the police. University Disciplinary Action may also follow.

Contact Information

You can contact the Opportunity Oxford Team at opportunityoxford@admin.ox.ac.uk

³ University of Oxford Coronavirus Health Guidance: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): advice for applicants and offer holders | University of Oxford](#)

⁴ Government Coronavirus Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>