

New starter checklist

- Sign and return your University Student Contract:** when you satisfy all the conditions set by your department / college, you will be sent the University Student Contract to sign and return as a condition of your enrolment. Please sign and return promptly if you wish to take up study at Oxford.
- Confirm your accommodation:** all colleges provide rooms for first year undergraduates. Graduate students who will not be staying in college accommodation should contact the [University's Graduate Accommodation Office](#) as soon as their place is confirmed.
- Secure your student loan:** if you have not already done so, sign and return the declaration to the Student Loans Company, if you're taking out a student loan. Alternatively ensure that your sponsor is ready to transfer agreed funds after your University registration is complete.
- Start your University registration:** you will be sent your IT activation code and log-in details by email once you have returned your signed contract. Your password and login is called your Oxford Single Sign On. Your first IT task is to [register](#) for the forthcoming academic year using Student Self Service. You will be sent an email when registration opens. When you login to Student Self Service you will need to check your information and confirm that you wish to be enrolled at the University of Oxford.
- European and international student Orientation Programme:** to help you settle into life as an Oxford student, register for the [Orientation Programme](#).
- Organise your finances:** research student bank accounts and open/switch your account before you arrive if possible. Most banks offer student specific accounts, each offering different incentives. Prepare a budget, thinking about the costs that you will incur and decide how much money you will aim to spend each month. To help you budget, visit the [living costs page](#).
- Vaccinations and medical history:** students (aged under 25) are now recommended to have the Meningitis ACWY vaccine. Make an appointment with your local doctor/general practice to have this vaccine **before** coming to Oxford. If you have had ACWY vaccine in the last five years, you do not need another dose. The Health Protection Agency recommends that young adults are protected against mumps by receiving two doses of MMR vaccine. It is strongly recommended that you are immunised **before** coming to Oxford. MMR can be given at the same time as the Meningitis ACWY vaccine. Your college will have an arrangement with a local [doctor and nurse](#). You can choose to register with another local General Practitioner (GP) if you prefer on arrival in Oxford.
- Follow us on Twitter:** To get the latest student news directly to your mobile, sign up to the [@UniofOxfordSI](#) twitter account.
- Packing your bags:** As well as essentials, make sure you have at least two pieces of ID (such as your passport, driving licence or University acceptance letter), and enough money to last until you receive your student loan / funding. Some home comforts might also help you to settle in.
- So what is next:** To find out what to expect when you arrive in Oxford, visit [your first few weeks](#) on the Oxford Students website.