

2025 SUMMER SCHOOL



AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD,
UNITED KINGDOM

28 JUNE - 02 AUGUST 2025
OXFORD UNIVERSITY



ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

The Summer School is held at Magdalen College (founded in 1458), Oxford University, running for five weeks from July into August and are designed to offer students from North America and elsewhere, direct experience of Oxford's traditional approach to university education. Academic Courses are designed and taught by Fellows and Lecturers of the University and their associates with overseas students in mind. Applicants must be registered for undergraduate or graduate degrees at their home university or college.

The programmes build on more than four decades of strong links with partner universities, maintained by regular direct contact with faculty and international offices in the USA. Our undergraduate courses cover English Literature, Environmental Studies and Medieval Studies. We also facilitate Professional Courses, developed in jointly-taught partnerships.

COURSES

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
MEDIEVAL STUDIES
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Tutorials

Academic Courses are taught through an integrated programme of tutorials, seminars and lectures in combinations, varying from option to option. The weekly tutorial is at the heart of every course, with a small group of 1-5 students discussing papers, written by them in advance, with their tutor. Seminars bring together a larger group of perhaps 8-10 students.

Keynote Lectures & Seminars

While the tutorial stimulates exploration of subjects in detail and depth, seminars provide opportunities to broaden the debate and widen understanding of the issues involved. Keynote lectures are used to provide a foundation to each option. Tutorials and seminars, usually of 1.5 – 2 hours duration, involve intensive preparation and writing of essays by the students, through guided but independent reading. Students are registered as readers with the world famous Bodleian Library, with incomparable holdings and stately reading rooms, as well as the College library and other appropriate university and department libraries.

Interdisciplinary Lectures

Beyond coursework, students from Academic and Professional Courses attend weekly evening interdisciplinary lectures on current affairs, cultural, political, historical, literary, environmental and other issues of topical and general interest. Given by distinguished speakers from the University and wider world, they range from the serious to the light-hearted, set in a social context of receptions and weekly banquet dinners.



*Magdalen College Tower of 1509.
The College was founded in 1458,
where you will both study and live
during your time with us.*



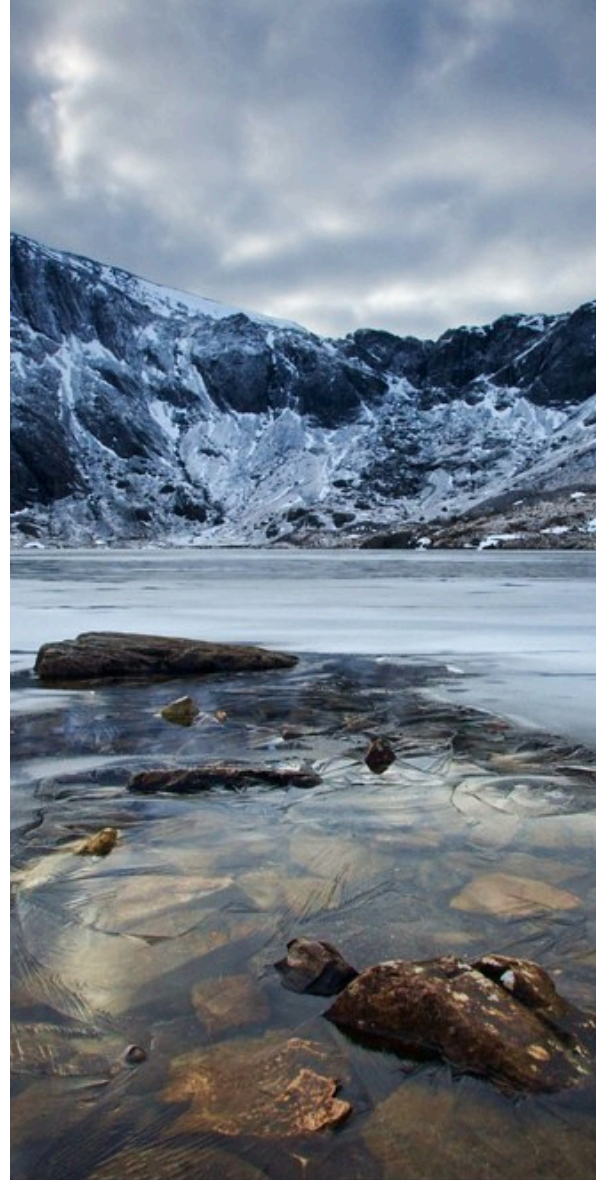
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FIELD & INSTITUTIONAL STUDY VISITS

Britain's small size is misleading and the country is quite unlike many land areas of similar size. Amongst those forces which have created some of Earth's richest and most diverse landscapes, we can list geology, climate, the long time span of human occupancy and the wealth of cultural influences which, in various historical periods, have been imposed imperiously or diffused peacefully into the lives of its inhabitants.

The Summer Schools take full advantage of these richly varied landscapes and their aid to study through integrated day field visits and a four-day Residential Excursion to nearby Wales. Stratford-upon-Avon and a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company are also included. Commerce, industry and city institutions host visits for the Professional Programmes and most Academic programme options have their own specific site and institutional visits, referred to in their option descriptions.

We also find that our participating students relish the short distances to a veritable feast of interesting places during free weekends ! All of England and Wales – and Dublin, Edinburgh, Paris, Rome, Amsterdam, Budapest and Berlin – lie within only a few hours of Oxford by road or rail, ferry or air. Scotland lies not much further afield and Ireland can be reached in half this time by air. Your weekends are free, except for the Residential Excursion, for you to make travel plans with old and new friends! Explore!



LEISURE & RECREATION

Beyond their commitment to academic work, Summer School students are free to organise leisure time and take advantage of the many cultural and social facilities which Oxford is able to offer. London, with its splendid political, architectural, and historical heritage, theatres and concert halls is little more than an hour away for a few GBP £ sterling by coach or train.

In Oxford, evening open-air theatre in College gardens, concerts and recitals galore in the Sheldonian Theatre and medieval College Chapels, afternoons punting on the Rivers Cherwell and Isis (Thames) and evenings of conversation in one of Oxford's myriad pubs – these are the delicious ingredients of summer in one of Europe's loveliest cities.



COURSE SELECTION REGISTRATION & FEES

COURSE SELECTION

Students should select the Academic Course which they intend to study and then express an order of preference for its various options (only one option will be studied). Students will nearly always be allocated to their first choice option but applications are made on the understanding that the need to ensure small tutorial groups may make acceptance of a second choice necessary

REGISTRATION

Most of our partner universities assist in the selection, application and registration of students and also the transfer of funds to Oxford on their behalf. Your professor or university Study Abroad / International Office encouraging your application will advise you. You can also apply directly online via our website www.oxsummerschools.co.uk

FEES: £7,750 GBP

Fees for the Summer School in 2025 are £7,750 (GBP sterling) to include meals and accommodation at Magdalen College; all tuition, library registration, organised excursions and field trips etc. and includes the 4-Day Residential Field Excursion in Wales. This Excursion is integral to the Summer School. Participants are expected to be self-funding but are encouraged to approach their home institutions and sponsors for support.

ACADEMIC CREDIT & TRANSCRIPTS

Successful completion of the 5-week Academic programme leads to the award of 6 credit hours (8 for the environmental studies applicants), subject to regulations of the student's home institution and the Course studied. An additional 2 credits is available to other courses on completion of an optional essay following the Wales field excursion. Partner universities automatically receive certificated tutorial reports. Evaluation of student performance, based on Oxford criteria but with American grading systems in mind, is the responsibility of Course Tutors who will make a written and graded Assessment. Two certificated tutorial reports of a student's performance are provided.

JOIN US:

The academic programme in Oxford is a life changing, once in a lifetime opportunity, check out our website for student testimonies and feedback from our 2024 cohort! We can't wait to meet you.

For a full 2025 Brochure & Fees visit:

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ACCOMMODATION & COLLEGE LIFE



Oxford Colleges usually house an atmospheric Dining Hall, Chapel, tutors' studies, specialist teaching, library and IT facilities, public rooms and administrative offices, located alongside central but often older student study bedrooms– all reflecting the medieval origins of Oxford's collegiate system.

Summer School students are housed in their own individual study-bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities with a small number of other students. All rooms have internet access and also normally share additional kitchen and common room (lounge) facilities with a number of other students.

Summer School Programme fees are comprehensive, covering **all costs** of tuition, library access, residential accommodation, all weekday meals and banquets, more limited weekend meals service, and bag lunches for excursions, receptions and field visits.

A student's only other expenditure is for personal purchases and activities outside the programme.

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