

OXFORD ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE & ST EDMUND HALL
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
UNITED KINGDOM

04 JULY - 08 AUGUST 2026



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The Oxford Academic Summer School programme has been running since 1978 and is located at Magdalen College (**founded in 1458**), Oxford University and students are housed both here and at adjacent St Edmund Hall (**founded 1278**), run by OASST and partnered with your institution as a study abroad programme.

The programme runs for five weeks from July into August and is designed to offer students from North America, direct experience of Oxford's traditional approach to university education. Academic Courses are designed and taught by Faculty Members, Lecturers & Fellow 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.

COURSES

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Oxford Tutorial System

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, with their tutor. Seminars bring together a larger group of perhaps 8-10 students.

Keynote Lectures & Seminars

Keynote lectures are be 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 resources and stately reading rooms, as well as the College library and other appropriate university and department libraries.

Interdisciplinary Lectures & Speakers

Beyond coursework, students from Academic and Professional Courses attend weekly evening interdisciplinary keynote 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 . The College was founded in 1458, where you will study, dine and live during your time with us, we all house students at adjacent St Edmund Hall below.



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FIELD & INSTITUTIONAL STUDY VISITS

Britain's 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 to Roman Bath, ancient Ruins, a four-day Residential Excursion to nearby Wales, Stratford-upon-Avon and a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company are also included in our rich itinerary.

EXPLORE IN FREE TIME

We 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 where possible.

APPLY TO STUDY ABROAD

Most of our partner universities assist in the selection, application and registration of students so make sure you inform them. Your professor or university Study Abroad / International Office will advise you. You can also apply directly online via our website if you wish here:

www.oxsummerschools.co.uk/apply-here

2026 FEES: £8,255 GBP

Fees for the Summer School in 2026 are £8,255 (GBP sterling) payable via BACS/Credit/Debit Card and includes all accommodation at either Magdalen College or St Edmund Hall College; all meals, all tuition, library registration, organised excursions and field trips etc. and includes your 4-Day Residential Field Excursion in Wales. Participants are expected to be self-funding but are encouraged to approach their home institutions and sponsors for support.

Financial Aid : Whilst we don't offer scholarships directly, we are happy to support your application if you are using financial aid to work out an agreed payment schedule, aiming to be as flexible as possible around your needs.

ACADEMIC CREDIT & TRANSCRIPTS

Successful completion of the 5-week Academic programme leads to the award of **6 credit hours for English Lit and Medieval Studies and 8 credits for the Environmental Studies applicants**. (The additional 2 credits are available to English Literature and Medieval Studies applicants 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. A signed & certificated tutorial report of a student's performance is provided on completion of study.

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 2025 cohort on our website! We can't wait to meet you.

ACCOMMODATION & COLLEGE LIFE



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.

You will be housed either within Magdalen College or St Edmund Hall (2 minute apart), both are beautiful medieval Colleges.

ONE ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE: £8,255 GBP

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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For a full 2026 Brochure & Fees visit:

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