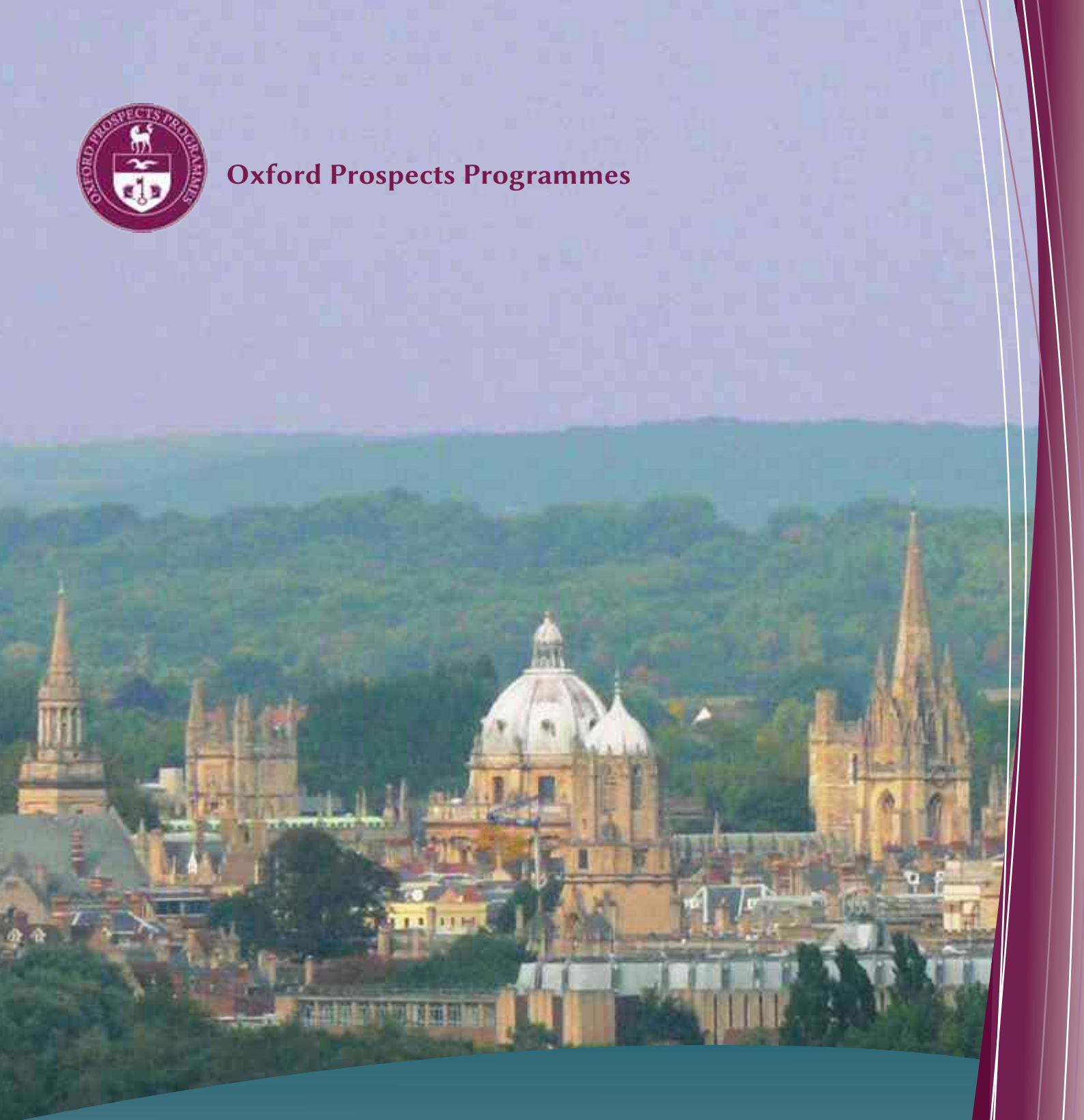




**Oxford Prospects Programmes**



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Short Courses for University Students**





# Join us in Oxford

## Oxford International Youth Academy

Oxford International Youth Academy is a two-week summer and winter programme for academically gifted university students from overseas. Our talks, activities and trips introduce students to life in the UK as well as the opportunities available for postgraduate study and careers in Oxford and elsewhere.

The programmes are held in Oxford University colleges and run by Oxford Prospects Programmes, a group of academics whose lives have been greatly enriched by their time studying and working at Oxford University. We are recognised and accredited as a short course provider by the British Accreditation Council.

During your time here you will experience a taste of student life in the UK, including:

- being taught at a high level by Oxford University lecturers and other outstanding speakers
- living, eating and studying in the beautiful surroundings of Oxford colleges
- visiting London and other cultural sites
- practising your English and your presentation skills
- interacting with other university students from your home country and the UK.

## Course aims

Oxford Prospects programmes will:

- select excellent students and provide a high standard of teaching by Oxford academics and others
- increase your confidence in speaking English, and expect you to give a presentation in English at the end of the programme
- take you to visit some of the UK's principal tourist sites and high-profile employers
- give you opportunities to socialise with Oxford-based students and teachers, and encourage you to make friends from among your classmates.

## Course objectives

After attending an Oxford Prospects programme, you will be able to:

- use English with greater confidence and fluency, including in public speaking
- speak knowledgeably in English about an aspect of life in the UK
- compare and contrast the history, culture, politics and educational methods of the UK with those at home, using examples to support your arguments.

## Our programme and activities

Oxford Prospects programmes are designed to provide an unrivalled educational, cultural and social experience. Our Academic Director has extensive experience working as a tutor, lecturer and educational advisor at Oxford University.





Activities are selected for each course and are not exactly the same on every programme. As a guide, our summer and winter programmes generally include:

- lectures in economics, finance, politics, culture, art, etc. from academics
- English classes oriented specifically to the needs of high-achieving university students: IELTS, business communication, presentation skills, etc. Every student gives a presentation at the end of the programme
- a panel where students can discuss life in the UK with invited local politicians representing various political parties
- a careers workshop
- a workshop about our tailored postgraduate applications service to UK universities



- guided visits to Oxford's historical and industrial centres including University buildings, the Ashmolean Museum and the Mini factory



- a visit to London's cultural highlights, including Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and Trafalgar Square.
- visits to leading employers such as the Bank of England, the BBC and ACCA
- a day trip to a cultural centre outside London such as Blenheim Palace, Bath, Stonehenge or Cambridge
- fun and social activities such as a film workshop, a party with UK students, a film evening, a concert, communal dinners, etc.

### Sample timetable (from summer 2015)

Mon 3 Aug	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14
College breakfast											
Induction Wolfson College	Intro to British etiquette Wolfson College	Finance Wolfson College	LONDON CAREERS DAY Talk by a British entrepreneur, London Business School, BBC visit		Free day	Group meeting	LONDON CULTURE DAY Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, British Museum, River Cruise (Amstelveen)	Introduction to British politics Wolfson College		Further economics Wolfson College	Student presentations Wolfson College
Group meetings Wolfson College	English pronunciation and intonation Wolfson College	English careers		English IELTS interview practice		English presentation skills		Film workshop Wolfson College		Political panel With invited politicians	
College lunch	College lunch	College lunch		College lunch		College lunch		College lunch		Lunch (voucher)	College lunch
Oxford tour	Entrepreneurship Wolfson College	Economics and behaviour Wolfson College		Painting		Presentation preparation		Future technology Wolfson College	WINDSOR CASTLE Home of the Queen. The largest and oldest inhabited castle in the world.	Downing Abbey (博群主宮) Wolfson College	Bicester Village
	CV and interview workshop Wolfson College	Mini factory tour		My 50 years at Oxford The Queen's College		Course concert		Postgraduate applications workshop The Queen's College		Sport Oxford University Parks	
Welcome dinner Wolfson College	Supper (voucher)	Supper (voucher)	Supper (voucher)	Supper (voucher)		Party with Oxford students		Hog roast Oxford University Members' Club	Traditional pub dinner	Supper (voucher)	Gala dinner The Queen's College
		Group meeting				Film screening					



Oxford Prospects takes the academic standard of its programmes very seriously. Our courses are taught by Oxford University academics and other outstanding lecturers.

Speakers are specially selected for each course, and will not be exactly the same for every programme. Speakers on previous programmes have included among others:

- **Dr Lawrence Goldman**, MA, PhD, FRHistS. In April 2014 Dr Goldman was appointed as Director of the Institute of Historical Research in



London. Before that he was University Lecturer in History and Vice Master of St Peter's College, Oxford University.

- **Professor Peter Oppenheimer**. Economist at Christ Church, Oxford University, and former director of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. During his time at Christ Church, he was given leave for two years to become Chief Economist of Shell.
- **Professor George Bitsakakis**. Fellow of Pembroke College and member of the Department of Economics, Oxford University. He was formerly a Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford



University, and before that he taught at the LSE. He has broad research interests in both economics and philosophy.

- **Professor Michael Yudkin**, DSc. Professor of Biochemistry and Emeritus Fellow of Kellogg College, Oxford University. Professor Yudkin studied at Cambridge and Harvard before being elected to a fellowship at Oxford in 1965. In 2004 he was appointed Scientific Advisor to the UK House of Lords.
- **Dr Matthew Williams**. Lecturer in Politics at Wadham College, Oxford University. He has also taught at St Hilda's, University, Worcester and Pembroke Colleges. His research focuses on the relationship between judges and politicians, where the rule of law meets the power of politics.





- **Professor Richard Beresford.** Director of the Centre for Creativity and Enterprise Development (CrED) at Oxford Brookes University. He joined the business school in 2000 to set up the Enterprise Centre, which was established to develop academic links and opportunities for local and regional businesses.



- **Dr Yan Huang.** Senior Lecturer in Finance in the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, Oxford Brookes University. She is an expert on abnormal or suspicious performance in the stock market.
- **Dr David Tolley.** Lecturer and tutor in English Literature at Hertford College, member of the English Faculty and tutor at the Ruskin School of Art, Oxford University. He is a specialist in drama and the interplay between art, literature and film.
- **Dr Stuart Armstrong.** James Martin Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute, University of Oxford. He took his doctorate in parabolic geometry at the University of Oxford, and now specialises in researching the risks and possibilities of Artificial Intelligence.
- **Dr Justin Coombes.** Artist, photographer and lecturer and tutor in art and art history. He took



his PhD at the Royal College of Art, and is a tutor at the Ruskin School of Art, Oxford University. His art work focuses on the connections between the mental and physical landscapes of his real and imagined characters.

- **Ian Barker.** Head of English. Director of Studies at Homelinguia, with over 20 years' experience of teaching English as a foreign language. He has taught children, undergraduates and adults at all levels, as well as training other language teachers. He has designed an English curriculum and series of lessons specifically for Oxford International Youth Academy students.
- **Emma Kuhles.** Senior Tutor in English. She holds an MA in English Language Teaching, and has worked for many years as a teacher of English as a foreign language and a developer



of teaching materials, including at Oxford University Language Centre and Oxford University Press.

- **Councillor Bob Price.** Leader of Oxford City Council and Leader of the Labour Group. Educated at the Universities of Cambridge and Warwick. He has recently retired from his post as Human Resources Director at Oxford Brookes University. His special interests include finance, governance and cultural services.
- **Councillor Jean Fooks.** Leader of the Oxford City Council Liberal Democrat Group. She is an Oxford University physics graduate who has worked in space research, teaching, computing and health service research. She has been a City Councillor since 1992 and a County Councillor since 2001.



# The experience

## Accommodation and food

Our students stay in the same college accommodation used by Oxford University students. The rooms are all of a high standard. They vary a lot depending on the age and history of the college –



some are hundreds of years old while others are modern. The colleges are in central Oxford or within walking distance. Rooms are typically single or twin, often with their own bathroom.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of the programme is that you will make new friends from different universities. To help with this, we disperse students from each home university into different Oxford colleges. College allocation is random and we cannot guarantee that you will be in a particular college or with students you already know.



Students have breakfast in their own college. Teaching takes place in the students' own college or in a nearby college or University department. Lunch is generally taken in a traditional college dining hall.

For dinner, we generally provide vouchers for local restaurants, so that students can sample the many different styles of food available in Oxford.



## Completion ceremony and final dinner

One of the highlights of our student experience is the completion ceremony and final dinner.

Students who have attended lectures and other activities receive two certificates: a completion certificate from Oxford Prospects Programmes, formally admitting them to membership of Oxford International Youth Academy, and an attendance letter from the host college in Oxford.





We hold our gala dinners in some of the most beautiful college dining halls in Oxford, where students are served at candlelit tables.



## Selection criteria

Candidates for Oxford Prospects programmes must:

- be aged 18 or over on the first day of the course

- demonstrate an adequate level of spoken English
- have high academic standards
- have good social and teamwork skills.

## Application process and fees

Applications are handled directly by our overseas partner universities. Please contact your university for all details. The course fee includes:

- travel to and from the airport in the UK
- meals
- lectures and other teaching activities
- tours, trips and other activities in and outside Oxford, including any travel and entry fees.

## Course director's welcome

Oxford's history is long and distinguished. The University is the oldest in the English-speaking world, while the city has been home to kings and parliaments since the Middle Ages.

We invite you to join us in this unique city for an unforgettable educational, cultural and social experience. Make new friends, share experiences with Oxford students and faculty, and discover a wealth of opportunities for further study and careers.

We look forward to seeing you in Oxford!

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Academic Director, Oxford Prospects Programmes





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