STUDY ABROAD IN OXFORD
WELCOME TO OXFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE

THE RADCLIFFE CAMERA
The most iconic landmark in Oxford. Designed by James Gibbs in a neoclassical style, it was built in 1737-49 to house the Radcliffe Science Library. Today it is home to reading rooms for the Bodleian Library, holding books from the English, History, and Theology collections.
WELCOME TO THE OXFORD ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAMME

STUDY ABROAD IN THE ‘CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES’.

The Oxford Advanced Studies Programme (OASP) is a tailored course for international students aged 16+ who would like to spend an enriching semester in Oxford while kick-starting their university careers.

The aim of the programme is to help students achieve their potential and progress to top universities worldwide. For over 25 years, the Oxford Advanced Studies Programme has allowed young people from all over the world the opportunity to design their own study-abroad course and enjoy a top-class university experience living in the historic city of Oxford.

Our students have also progressed to some of the top universities in the UK, such as Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College, University College London (UCL) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

BRASENOSE COLLEGE

People often wonder about the origin of the name ‘Brasenose’ and how to pronounce it. It’s pronounced just as it’s spelled - ‘Brase Nose’. The college, which dates from the 16th century, gets its name from the unusual bronze door knocker, shaped like an animal’s snout, which now hangs above the high table in the dining hall. The original door knocker dates back to the 11th century, but was stolen by students who took it to found a school in Lincolnshire in 1334. It was only returned to Brasenose in 1890 when the college bought the whole of the Lincolnshire school – to reacquire the door knocker.

‘CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES’

Oxford has become famous as the “city of dreaming spires”, a term used by poet Matthew Arnold to describe its historical architecture and inspiring educational environment.
ABOUT OXFORD

OXFORD'S REPUTATION AS A CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE HAS GROWN OVER MANY CENTURIES.

Teaching is recorded in the city as far back as 1096, which makes Oxford the first university in the English-speaking world. Monastic ‘halls’ were established from the twelfth century, so that students could be accommodated in safety, and these formed the basis of the medieval university’s colleges. Today, the university is made up of 38 colleges and many academic departments.

Oxford University is ranked among the best in the world, and was placed 6th globally by the QS World University Rankings® 2016-2017. In recent centuries, the University has educated 28 Nobel Prize winners, 27 Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, and notable writers such as C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

THE QUEEN’S COLLEGE

As part of the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II, a series of commemorative stamps were released featuring A-Z pictures of famous British landmarks. The Queen’s College’s front quad was used on the Q stamp.
I have gained a lot of knowledge. Living in Oxford – the city of education – was a huge influence, as well as studying in a nice and small college environment.

DOROTHEA, 19, FROM AUSTRIA
STUDIED: ECONOMICS, MEDICAL BIOLOGY, ACADEMIC WRITING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Oxford Tutorial College

STUDY IN ONE OF THE WORLD’S LEADING UNIVERSITY CITIES – AND GET AN INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE OF COLLEGE LIFE.

Our Academic Location
Oxford Tutorial College is located in the heart of the ancient university, just a few steps from the Bodleian Library and historic colleges such as Brasenose, Oriel, Corpus Christi and All Souls.

The College itself is housed in a row of handsome Victorian houses just a few yards from Oxford High Street. The centre of Oxford is small enough to explore on foot and within easy walking distance of the bus and rail stations. You can enjoy its bookshops, galleries and museums at your leisure – and even hire a punt or rowing boat on the river that flows through the city.

While Oxford provides rich opportunities for joining student clubs and societies, the academic life of the College is enhanced by a varied range of extra-curricular activities, including cultural visits, music and sports. And as an Oxford Advanced Studies Programme student, you will receive free membership of the world-renowned Oxford Union Society, bringing exclusive insight into life at one of the world’s top universities.
OXFORD ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAMME
WHY JOIN THE OXFORD ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAMME?

ACADEMIC LOCATION
You will have the opportunity to study in one of the world’s leading university cities and enjoy privileges usually only available to full-time Oxford University students – such as membership of the Oxford Union.

FLEXIBLE ENTRY DATES
There are 3 possible start dates per year:
• September
• January
• April

UNIVERSITY STYLE TEACHING
You will be taught in the same format as Oxford undergraduates – in small classes of up to 6 students, with weekly one-to-one tutorials.

OUR SUBJECTS
You can choose from over 40 academic subjects in the arts & humanities, sciences, business, social sciences and modern languages.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TUTORS
Our course tutors are highly experienced, with many having studied at Oxford or Cambridge. They also understand the needs of European, American and other international students.

AN ACADEMIC EDGE
You will have an advantage when applying to competitive academic institutions, as the work you undertake in the Oxford Advanced Studies Programme will demonstrate your ability to thrive in a challenging academic environment.

COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC REPORTS AND FEEDBACK
You can request a transcript at the end of the course, to be forwarded to schools or colleges. Detailed course descriptions are available for each subject, and we can liaise as necessary with a student’s school to ensure that the course material and delivery fit in with specific curriculum requirements.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME
You will have access to a rich activity programme of cultural visits, music and sports, shared with our full-time British and international students studying year-round at Oxford Tutorial College.

EXCELLENT PASTORAL CARE
Your physical and emotional wellbeing are of paramount importance to us, so we provide you with a Personal Tutor to help make the most of your time in Oxford and give any support needed.
THE PROGRAMME

A SEMESTER AT OXFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS. STUDENTS EXPERIENCE LIVING IN A WORLD-RENOWNED UNIVERSITY CITY AND ENJOY A UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMME SPECIALLY TAILORED TO THEIR INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS.

The Advanced Studies Programme is an opportunity for European, American and other international students to experience the tutorial method of instruction favoured by Oxford and Cambridge. Students are able to pursue their academic interests through meetings in small seminar groups, supported by weekly one-to-one tutorials.

The Advanced Studies Programme courses are primarily intended for:

- High School graduates taking a gap year.
- High School students taking a semester (or longer) in Oxford to pursue courses of particular interest, develop academic skills, and benefit from an insight into British culture.

For non-native speakers of English, the course also provides an opportunity to improve language skills through the study of academic subjects.

COURSES

Our students normally enrol for one, two or three terms: a term is typically three to four months long. Longer or shorter course lengths are also possible due to the flexibility of our tutorial format. You can take up to four classes from a wide choice of subjects.

All our courses are tailored to suit you: teaching is student-focused, while course material is designed to be stimulating and thought-provoking – not dry and laborious.

“The programme was a great help for me in planning my future and gave me a good feeling of what it is going to be like at Uni. You can choose which classes you are going to take and the teachers are nice and very helpful. Thanks to them, I never lost motivation.”

PAULINA, 18, FROM AUSTRIA

STUDIED: ART & ARCHITECTURE, PRACTICAL ART, BUSINESS, MEDIA STUDIES, ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT, IELTS
UNIVERSITY
STYLE TEACHING

AT OXFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE, YOU WILL BE TAUGHT IN THE SAME FORMAT AS OXFORD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS – IN SMALL CLASSES OF UP TO 6 STUDENTS, WITH WEEKLY ONE-TO-ONE TUTORIALS.

Students normally take between two and four classes, choosing from a wide range of options in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, mathematics and the sciences. Courses have an average of only 4 students per class, ensuring a high degree of personal attention for each student, as well as a close appraisal of their work and progress.

SEMINARS
Seminar classes, normally one hour in duration, are typically held 4 times a week for each course. These are not passive sessions where students sit and take notes; they are informal, interactive meetings to discuss ideas. The format encourages active involvement, and provides a natural forum for free and lively debate. Under the tutor’s guidance, course topics are presented, explained and discussed, while further reading and written work provides the basis for the individual discussions and thematic tangents that open up in tutorials.

“The programme has been an amazing experience for me. The college has helped me immensely with my essay-writing skills. Oxford Advanced Studies Programme is different as it allows you to live and study in such a unique and international environment which isn’t available elsewhere. The focus on individual lessons and attention from tutors is very helpful.”

REMY, 17, FROM UNITED STATES
STUDIED: BUSINESS DECISION-MAKING AND ETHICS, FILM STUDIES, THE DENIAL OF DEMOCRACY, MEDIA STUDIES, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, CREATIVE WRITING, MODERN NOVELS, WOMEN AND WORLD POLITICS IN THE 20TH CENTURY
TUTORIALS
Following the teaching style of top UK universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, you will meet one-to-one with each of your tutors once a week. During this one-hour session, issues that have arisen during the seminars are discussed in detail, essays are critiqued, and topics are set for the next meeting. Under the tutor’s guidance, you may explore topics and themes of particular interest to you, working at your own pace.

The informal setting of the tutorial allows you to express your ideas freely and enables you to develop as an independent learner. Many of our students have only ever experienced learning in large classes and lecture halls, and find that, under a tutor’s undivided attention and guidance, they not only enjoy studying more but also make much more progress. This way of learning prepares you well for the self-motivated approach required at college or graduate level.

“The classes are quite small, so the teacher has the opportunity to focus on just you. This is really helpful to bring you up to the next level in a short space of time. It also encourages you to think outside the box.”

SARAH, 18, FROM GERMANY
STUDIED: MEDICAL BIOLOGY, PRACTICAL ART, FILM STUDIES
## OUR SUBJECTS

**TAKE YOUR PICK FROM OVER 40 ACADEMIC SUBJECTS IN THE ARTS & HUMANITIES, SCIENCES, BUSINESS, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND MODERN LANGUAGES.**

The following are courses regularly offered at the College. For a full list of subjects, please visit our website: [www.oasp.ac.uk/academics/](http://www.oasp.ac.uk/academics/)

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HIGHLY QUALIFIED TUTORS

OUR COURSE TUTORS ARE ALL BRITISH UNIVERSITY GRADUATES – WITH MANY HAVING ATTENDED OXFORD OR CAMBRIDGE.

Our tutors are chosen for their communication skills and constructive approach to difficulties encountered by their students. Each is experienced in the tutorial teaching method, with its emphasis on student involvement, while their wide subject knowledge and academic background allow them to develop each student’s individual abilities. They are also familiar with the needs of international students and non-native English speakers, and take these into account in all their teaching.

PERSONAL TUTORS
As our approach places a great deal of emphasis on students’ personal study and self-motivation, we ensure that academic support and counselling is available by assigning each student to a Personal Tutor. This helps ensure a healthy work-life balance and a positive environment of organised personal study. One-hour meetings are held every week to review subject progress, discuss individual study needs, and assess whether the student is meeting their wider goals. Future educational plans are also covered in these meetings.

THINKING AND WRITING SKILLS
In addition to an academic overview provided by a Personal Tutor, students will receive a weekly seminar in thinking and writing skills. The objectives of the seminar are to enable students to express their ideas in a clear and effective manner, and to develop both creative and analytical thinking skills. The skills acquired will enhance performance in almost any subject being studied.
COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC REPORTS AND FEEDBACK

Tutors write an assessment of progress each half-term, offering practical suggestions on how to consolidate the work covered. Where requested, students receive a transcript at the end of the course to be forwarded to schools or colleges. Detailed course descriptions are available for each subject, and we liaise as necessary with a student’s school or college to ensure that the course material and delivery fit in with specific curriculum requirements of the home institution.

“Oxford Tutorial College reassured me of what I wanted to study next and I got to meet a lot of international students. The quality of the programme was very good, especially having one-on-one lessons once a week.”

MAURICIO, 19, FROM MEXICO
STUDIED: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, COSMOLOGY, SAT PREPARATION, MATHS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT
OXFORD UNION
All students enrolled are automatically given membership of the world-renowned Oxford Union Society for the duration of their stay.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

THE COLLEGE OFFERS A LIVELY PROGRAMME OF VISITS AND ACTIVITIES THAT COMPLEMENT THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM – FOR A GREAT CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AND MEMORIES OF OXFORD THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

VISITS & ACTIVITIES

The colleges of Oxford University date from as early as the thirteenth century, and each has its own kind of architectural beauty, art treasures, peaceful ambience and delightful gardens. To help our students get the most out of Oxford, we organise guided tours of the most picturesque and impressive colleges in the city’s centre.

We also arrange visits to Oxford’s many gardens, galleries and museums, including the Ashmolean, the Pitt Rivers, the University Museums and the Museum of Modern Art. Theatres and cinemas are both plentiful in the city, and visits are organised at least once each term. Destinations outside the city can include Blenheim Palace, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, Bath, Stonehenge and, of course, London.

OXFORD UNION

Located just 500 yards from the College, the Union is steeped in history and tradition, and has served as a training ground for many politicians. In addition to weekly student debates, there are regular guest speakers from the world of politics, entertainment, business and sport.

The Union is more than just a debating club, however: it also serves as an informal gathering place for student recreation and its buildings house a fine lending library, alongside a reading room, snooker room and a lively café and bar.

“The course has social and extra-curricular programmes embedded in the course, as well as a wide range of subjects. The college has a very personal approach to things such as staff care and one-to-one lessons. The most rewarding thing about the course was having an Oxford Union membership and meeting people from all over the world.”

GLORIA, 18, FROM UNITED STATES

STUDIED: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND RUSSIAN
ACCOMMODATION

OUR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IS LOCATED IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY OF OXFORD. STUDENTS CAN EITHER LIVE IN OUR VARIOUS COLLEGE RESIDENCES, OR WITH FRIENDLY LOCAL FAMILIES IN OXFORD.

Some students are ready for fully independent living – while some are looking for a university student experience, and others prefer to live in a family environment. It’s important that all students feel comfortable, happy and at home during their stay with us, so every effort is made to match each student to the right accommodation for them.

Depending upon the wishes of each student, our Student Services Director is available to help arrange suitable accommodation, to liaise between home-stay families and students, and to provide pastoral support should personal or domestic issues arise. All accommodation new to the College is carefully inspected and checked with the police before being recommended to students. Home-stays are usually a bus journey away on a direct route that should take no more than 20 minutes – a little longer at peak times.

INDEPENDENT RESIDENCE (FOR AGES 18+)

The College has its own self-catering residence near the centre of the city, comprising three connected town houses. The décor is high-quality throughout, with a boutique hotel feel. Some rooms have a shared bathroom (up to 3 students), while others have a private bathroom. There are also suites available – large and spacious rooms with a dressing area, private bathroom and study area included. There are 17 rooms available in total for both genders, with three large and well-equipped kitchen and lounge areas providing the students with a great communal social space. This residence has all the benefits of independent living with the reassurance of a residential warden, who ensures the students’ wellbeing and security. It’s a great stepping-stone between home and university.

HOST FAMILIES (FOR AGES 15+)

A student living with a family has a single study bedroom, with breakfast and evening meal provided. Some of these homes offer kitchen access for students who wish to make their own snacks. Close contact is maintained with host families, most of whom have been housing our students for a number of years. All
MANAGED RESIDENCE
(FOR AGES 15-17)
For our under-18s we offer a comfortable, well-equipped and spacious residence around 10 to 15 minutes’ walk from College. Each study room has a private bathroom, and there is a communal dining room and a separate living area with TV, together with kitchenettes throughout the residence. Laundry service, breakfast and an evening meal are provided 7 days a week. The residence has 24-hour staff cover by Residence Supervisors, who are available to give personal supervision and support at any time of the day or night. Rooms in our residences are normally taken for a full academic year.

PRIVATE RENTAL
(FOR AGES 18+)
Students who are 18 years or older may wish to rent a private property. Please note: we are unable to offer assistance in finding private flats/houses and suggest contacting local property agents. We recommend that contracts are checked carefully before signing and that insurance cover is taken out for personal belongings. Please ask for our list of suggestions of reputable landlords and places to search.

Students who are aged under 17 need to be in our accommodation, or with parental permission living with a suitable guardian.
PASTORAL CARE

YOUR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AT OXFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE.

Our Student Services Director is available to help with difficulties encountered by our students and to listen to any problems. Every student enrolled with us is also given an email address and has access to email facilities in the College IT suite.

Oxford has one of the best-equipped medical teaching centres in the country and any student requiring medical treatment can be assured of excellent care and facilities. Appointments with a local doctor can easily be arranged for more routine treatment. Independent professional counselling is also available to deal with emotional problems.

Please note that it is essential to take out Medical Insurance before leaving home to cover hospitalisation or return home in the event of accident or illness. This can normally be done by extending an existing policy.
**APPLICATION & ENROLMENT**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Entry Dates**

- 1, 2, or 3-term course starting September, January or April

**Entry Requirements**

- Students aged 16+ years old
- Level of English: B2 or above
- Minimum of 10 years education
- Good academic reports

Enrolment at the college is easy. Once the proposed course of study is determined, an application form is completed with personal and educational details. Final subject choices may be altered after consulting our admissions staff.

**APPLICATION**

Those who wish to enrol should complete and send in the application form, together with the registration fee and two recent passport-sized photographs. This can be done online (www.oasp.ac.uk/enrol/enrolment). Please also arrange for a transcript and counselor’s testimonial to be forwarded to us, as appropriate. Where necessary, the Admissions Tutor will request further information.

**ACCEPTANCE**

Enrolment is confirmed on receipt of all application documents, and students who have been accepted are issued with a Certificate of Studentship with which to obtain immigration clearance. Please note that students are solely responsible for ensuring that their visas to enter the UK are valid. If in doubt, please contact the nearest British Consulate. The Student Officer will make contact to assist with accommodation arrangements, where requested. Joining instructions are sent before the start of each course.

**TERM DATES & FEES**

A list of term dates and fees is included in the back of this prospectus and can also be obtained by contacting us or by visiting our website (www.oasp.ac.uk). However, it is possible to enrol at the College at any time. Students starting their courses after the beginning of term take individual tutorials before joining appropriate groups.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

More detailed course information is available on request and we are happy to answer any questions you may have. If a tailor-made course is required, please contact us to discuss this. A Level course information is available separately.
CONTACT US

We understand that the decision to study abroad is very important. Oxford Tutorial College is always here to help you and we are more than happy to answer any questions you may have about course details or any other matters.

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Oxford Tutorial College is ideally located in the heart of the ancient University precinct, only a few yards from Oxford High Street.
The Oxford Advanced Studies Program is organised in the UK by Oxford Tutorial College which is recognised as efficient by the British Accreditation Council for Independent, Further and Higher Education and is a Member of the Council for Independent Education.

www.oasp.ac.uk

OTHER COURSES AVAILABLE AT OXFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE ARE:

- GCSE Courses
- A Level Courses
- University Pathway Programme
- Academic Preparation Programme