



OXFORD SUMMER COURSES



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Independent thought through exceptional education



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About Us




Oxford Summer Courses was launched in 2010 by two school friends, Harry and Rob, who had a vision to support more young people to discover and develop their own ideas in inspiring locations, free from the term-time pressure of exams and mandated syllabuses. As Oxford University graduates, they understand the important role education has in forming the ability to think critically. All Oxford Summer Courses have been designed with this in mind, mirroring the Oxford teaching methodology with its unparalleled reputation for rapid development.

Joining Oxford Summer Courses enables you to become part of a growing and diverse community of young people from more than 120 different countries. Our courses aim to celebrate individuality and inclusivity - promoting academic free thinking within a respectful and safe environment. Your experience at Oxford Summer Courses will feature structured learning alongside unstructured socialising - connecting you with a diverse, international community of bright and brilliant young minds, who will challenge your thinking and provide you with fresh perspectives.

Our primary aim is to support you to gain a better understanding of where you want to go in the future and a greater sense of independence to start that onward journey. We have more than 40 subjects available for students aged 9-24. Each course is split by age group to ensure age appropriate learning methodologies led by experienced tutors. Each course is carefully crafted to inspire, engage and fuel academic passion. Read on through this brochure to learn more about how we achieve this and the options available.

Our Locations

-  Harrow School (9-12)
-  Eton College (12)
-  St John's Beaumont (9-12)
-  Oxford
(some University of Oxford colleges)
-  Cambridge
(some University of Cambridge colleges)



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“My daughter Erica enjoyed the summer camp so much. She has new friends, enlarges her learning scope, and most important, she knows clearly what her goal is. This is a summer camp beyond my expectation.”

YAN LISA ZHOU, CANADA, 2023



“The first year (2021) I deposited a little boy at the science program. Came out after two week a young adult. The second year his experience was even better and was motivated to explore more subjects. Besides the enrichment of the studies themselves, it offer the student to explore various subjects before committing to what they want to pursue later in life. Well worth the investment. Five minutes after he left the program he asked if it would be fine to go back the following year.”

LORD PIETTE, MALAYSIA, 2022



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Why Us?

Tailored learning journeys

Our unique courses allow tutors to tailor classes around your interests, delving into questions raised and topics that engage in a natural, free-flowing way that supports you to explore subjects you love free from a set syllabus or the pressure of exams. This builds passion, critical thinking and inspires more effective learning.

Global community and connections

Join a diverse community hosting more than 2,000 students from 100+ countries each year. Build lasting connections with fellow students, expert tutors, and on-course staff, extending your network globally and building connections that last a lifetime.

Expert tutors

At Oxford Summer Courses, our tutors bring a wealth of academic expertise and teaching experience from institutions like Oxford and Cambridge. What sets our summer courses apart is the unique advantage of learning from experts well-versed in the seminar and tutorial methods and for younger students substantial skills or experience teaching relevant age groups. We are committed to ensuring our tutors not only excel in their subject matter, but also possess the skills to engage, motivate, and lead students effectively. Your educational journey with us is enriched by the expertise and dedication of our exceptional tutors, creating an environment where learning thrives at every level.





“I met amazing people from there from all over the world and all I hope is to meet them again someday. The course was amazing, and the fact that the tutors explained the future aspects of the topics that I have studied was extremely helpful. I am looking forward to next year’s summer course and I hope to see every people that I miss right now. not only the students but the tutors and the coordinators and other directors were also friendly and provided memorable memories.”

SOPHIE, KOREA, 2023

Exceptional teaching methodologies

Delve into education beyond the ordinary. Our courses mirror methodologies used by Oxford University, renowned for fostering rapid development, helping you to develop your independent and critical thinking within an inclusive community.

Small class sizes

Benefit from small classes capped at a maximum of 8 students (aged 13+) or 15 students (aged 9-12). Tutorials are also part of the offering to students aged 16+ and are two students to one tutor. This approach means that you get ample time with the expert tutor for immediate feedback to help with your development. Small classes also enable the use of optimal learning methodologies with a great

deal of in-depth debate and discussion or detailed analysis, as appropriate to the subject, to better engage with the topic and fully understand a range of perspectives.

Inspiring academic locations

Older students can choose between two of the UK's best university cities, Oxford and Cambridge. Younger students are housed in eminent boarding schools, including Harrow, Eton and St John's Beaumont. Immerse yourself in inspiring, historic academic locations and engage in a lively social programme filled with activities cherished by term-time students. Conclude your experience with a traditional formal dinner and graduation ceremony, celebrating your achievements with your new life-long friends.

Explore passions and challenge perspectives

Break free from restrictive curricula and delve into your academic passions. Our expert tutors will guide you in refining your ideas and thinking, leading debates and discussions to help you gain a new perspective.

International exposure

Immerse yourself in a truly global academic experience by studying in a multicultural environment with Oxford Summer Courses. Gain exposure to diverse perspectives, cultures, and academic approaches as you collaborate with fellow students from over 100 countries. This international setting not only enriches your learning but also prepares you for the interconnected world, fostering a global outlook that goes beyond borders.

“Phenomenal Experience! Oxford Summer Courses was a phenomenal experience. I especially gained from the tutorial style seminars, as opposed to a lecture seminar. We were expected to learn all of the material prior to the course, and then have a three hour discussion in class, based off of what we read/learned prior. This experience opened my eyes to what learning can be. This style of learning is far more engaging, and likely effective than the mere expectation of hearing material in class and then consuming the information for later regurgitation. This setting fostered critical thinking and emulated a peer-review experience, that is expected in higher academia. I also appreciated and enjoyed being able to engage with my tutor during class, having the time to ask questions and delve into answers. The small class setting made this possible. Lastly, Oxford Summer Courses was a great environment to make friends and acquaintances from different walks of life, with the opportunity to learn about different cultures.”

MEGAN KLEE, USA, TRUSTPILOT, AUGUST 2023



“The courses and the day to day activities are one of a kind but it’s also the people you meet. In less than 2 weeks, I’ve met people from all over the world, learned so much about them and their cultures, and they are now my friends for life. Moreover, the city of Oxford in itself is incredibly beautiful and full of charm and a must to visit for its architecture, historic sites, all the beautiful colleges, libraries, museums, restaurants and so on. I can say without a doubt that this has been an amazing and unforgettable experience. Two days in, and I did not want to leave. I miss every part of it, every single day, so I would definitely recommend it. :)”

ALESSANDRA, LEBANON, 2023



“This is the 4th Summer Camp for our daughter and the 1st time with Oxford Summer Courses and by far the best! She was positively gushing over the phone every two days what a great time she was having! Her Chemistry tutor was excellent and she is even more encouraged that this her subject of choice for studying at Uni. She had a good time in class but also had fun with all the organised activities and trips. She particularly enjoyed the day trip to London and the outdoor Shakespeare theatre evening! Highly recommend!”

JULIE, SWITZERLAND, JULY 2023

“My daughter attended Oxford Summer Courses and loved it! From the academics to the excursions to the connections she developed with people from around the world, she considered this a once in a lifetime experience. She was literally crying when we picked her up - she didn’t want to leave, and she had made many best friends for life. I highly recommend this program for any young person looking to expand her mind intellectually, socially, and culturally.”

SCOTT, US, TRUSTPILOT, 2023





Academic Overview

The course is an intensive learning experience, focused on giving you the opportunity to examine your subject deeply and to explore your own ideas in a supportive small-class environment.



13-15

Four days per week you will have a subject lesson with your tutor. This is a taught session in a small group and it will be very interactive. It will last three hours, with a short break around half way through.

Your tutor will want to hear what you think about the topics being discussed, and to get the most out of these sessions you should come ready to express your ideas and take part in discussions. There are no wrong answers and no stupid questions.

Your tutor will set you work to do on your own

between subject lessons. This may include completing some set reading, answering a set of problems, or producing a piece of written work. To get the most out of the course, you must be prepared to put in as much effort outside the classroom as you do in it.

There will be one masterclass each week led by the course staff, with students from all different subject areas. These are an opportunity to learn about and practise personal skills like resilience, problem solving, and communication that will help you in your academic journey.



Course Lists

We have a variety of subjects running in 2025.
Book early to avoid disappointment as courses fill up fast.

13-15 COURSES

OXFORD

- Architecture
- Biology
- Leadership
- Philosophy
- Environmental Science
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- English Literature and Creative Writing
- International Relations and Politics
- Law
- Mathematics
- Medicine





Course Lists

13-15 COURSES

CAMBRIDGE

- Biotechnology and Genetics
- Media Studies
- Natural Sciences
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Psychology
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- English Literature and Creative Writing
- International Relations and Politics
- Law
- Mathematics
- Medicine



Pricing

	PLUS Oxford & Cambridge	SUPERIOR Oxford
PRICE	£6,995	£7,595
DEPOSIT	£1,295	£1,295
AVAILABILITY	22nd June to 17th August 2025	22nd June to 17th August 2025
ROOM	Select Single or Twin Room	Guaranteed Ensuite
AIRPORT TRANSFER	 (Standard hours)	 (Standard hours)
INSURANCE	 (Standard)	 (Enhanced)
FLEXIBILITY	 (One year deferral - admin costs apply)	 (One year free deferral)
CUSTOMER SERVICE	 (Standard)	 (Standard)
CERTIFICATE	Digital	Digital & Paper
CAREERS CONSULTATION		 (Included, 1 session)
MERCH	Bottle, notepad, pen	Bottle, notepad, pen
ADDED EXTRAS		



Premier Oxford

PRICE **£8,595**

DEPOSIT **£1,495**

AVAILABILITY 22nd June to 17th August 2025

ROOM Appointment with Named Personal OxSC Adviser to help you select from all available options

AIRPORT TRANSFER  (Out of hours personal executive transfer included)

INSURANCE  (Tailored to your needs)

FLEXIBILITY  (One year free deferral)

CUSTOMER SERVICE  (Named Personal OxSC Adviser)

CERTIFICATE Framed Certificate

CAREERS CONSULTATION  (Enhanced, 2 sessions)

MERCH Bottle, notepad, pen, backpack, coffee cup

ADDED EXTRAS



Call with Named Personal OxSC Adviser to discuss options to tailor your stay in the UK:

1. Travel & Support:
 - Out of hours private airport transfers
 - Support booking flights
2. Enhanced flexibility
 - Cancellations/deferrals/change of subject
 - Extra nights pre/post course
3. Added extras
 - Profs tutoring
 - Peak experience during course

ACCOMMODATION



Ages 13-15

The University of Oxford is a world-leading centre of learning, teaching and research and the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

The University of Cambridge has a lot of exciting and interesting history to offer, particularly in an academic context. There have been 121 Nobel Prize affiliates from the University of Cambridge.

Whether you choose Oxford or Cambridge, you will have the opportunity to study in a variety of classrooms where the undergraduate and postgraduate students research, hypothesise and learn each year. These may be in an old part of the college, dating back to the 16th century, or in a modern part of the college with slightly more up to date features. Either way, you will be learning in a truly academically inclined environment with expert tutors.



13-15 OXFORD

During your course you will stay at either Lady Margaret Hall or Gradel Quad in New College, both beautiful and historic University of Oxford locations.





Lady Margaret Hall

Located in leafy north Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall, or 'LMH' as it is often known, was founded in 1878 as one of the first women's colleges in the university.

New College

Contrary to its name it is one of the oldest colleges in Oxford. Innovative in its design it boasted the first enclosed quadrangle completed in 1386. You will live, eat and study in the newly refurbished Gradel Quad.

13-15 CAMBRIDGE

During your course you will stay at Fitzwilliam College.

Fitzwilliam College

One of the University of Cambridge's most dynamic and international colleges. Located north-west of Cambridge, Fitzwilliam, or 'Fitz' as it is often known, was founded in 1869 and is a forward-looking college that has won many awards for its fantastic buildings. At Fitzwilliam you will use the university classrooms and stay in student accommodation.




Airport Transfers

Arrival and Departure


We provide complimentary transfers for students arriving at London Heathrow Airport on the course start date (Sunday) within the specified times below. If you prefer to arrange your own transportation to the course location, please inform us on your Travel Form. Additionally, we offer a complimentary transfer from your course location to London Heathrow Airport for flights departing between 8am and 4pm BST on the Saturday following the conclusion of your course.



ARRIVE
at **HEATHROW**
AIRPORT between
8am and 3pm.




Follow the airport signs through to the arrivals hall. An Oxford Summer Courses team member will be there to greet you from 8am - 3.45pm BST. If you arrive before 8am, you may need to wait in arrivals.



Our team will transfer you to Terminal 2.



Board a transfer to your college or school. Transfers leave every hour on the hour from 9am-4pm BST.




Arrive at your college or school and sign in with a member of staff to receive your room information and student gifts.

Enjoy your Oxford Summer Courses adventure.




DEPARTURE
Board a transfer to the airport as directed by Oxford Summer Courses staff. The last transfer is at 12pm BST, arriving at 1pm.




If you need assistance, team members will be available at the airport.

Follow usual instructions through to departure at the airport.



We aim to have you arrive at London Heathrow 3 hours before your scheduled take off time. You may be booked onto a transfer with other students departing at similar times. A team member may not accompany you on the transfer.



We wish you a safe trip home and hope to see you again next year.





Airport Travel and Transfers

Once you have confirmed your place, you will be asked to complete a travel form advising us of your plans for arrival and departure. This will be your opportunity to book your complimentary transfer. If you prefer to make your own arrangements, this is absolutely fine.

Travelling as an unaccompanied minor

We offer an unaccompanied minor service for students registered as an unaccompanied minor with the airline. This service is complimentary for arrivals and costs £145 for departures. When arriving as a registered unaccompanied minor, students will be escorted through the airport by the airlines' staff before being collected by our team in the arrivals hall. For departures, students will travel to the airport and be met by the 'unaccompanied minors' supervisor who will help students with the check in process, and ensure they are safely handed over to the care of the airline's designated staff member.

Please contact the airline directly to confirm whether the unaccompanied minor service is necessary for your journey. Keep in mind that each airline may have different age requirements for this service. Most airlines will charge a fee for the unaccompanied minor service. All airlines require the details of who will be collecting and dropping off students, to be shared with them ahead of time. We will provide this information to you no later than 4 weeks prior to your course start date. You can only book our unaccompanied minor service on the Travel Form.

If you have any further questions regarding arrivals, departures or airport transfers, please check our dedicated FAQs: www.oxfordsummercourses.com/faqs/





Applying for a Visa

Please note that Oxford Summer Courses are unable to assist in the application process for visas, however we will support you with information and a supporting document.

To check if you need a visa, follow the steps below.



STEP 01

Head to the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) and British Government website

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration



STEP 02

Enter your nationality as per your passport



STEP 03

Select your reason for coming to the UK as 'Study'



STEP 04

Select 6 months or less for the duration of your stay in the UK (as our courses run for less than 6 months)

You will then be told if you require a visa. You can apply for your visa no sooner than 3 months before your entry to the UK (your course start date). It typically takes around 3 weeks for you to hear back from UKVI regarding your application, we advise applying as soon as you can!

You will need to prove the following in your visa application

- That you'll leave the UK at the end of your visit.
- That you'll not live in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits, or make the UK your main home.
- That you're able to support yourself during your trip (or have funding from someone else to support you) - please see Proof of Funds section.
- That you're able to pay for your return or onward journey (or have funding from someone else to pay for the journey).
- You have proof of any business or other activities you want to do in the UK, as allowed by the Visitor Rules (included in this is study under 6 months).

Oxford Summer Courses will provide you with

- A Visa Support Letter to say you've been accepted onto a course of no more than 6 months provided by an accredited UK institution.

Additionally, if you're aged 9-17 you'll need to provide the following

- You must have written consent from your parent or guardian to travel to the UK and written consent from your parent/guardian for you to stay with Oxford Summer Courses while you're in the UK.

If you're aged 9-17 Oxford Summer Courses will provide you with the following required information

- Provide proof that you have somewhere suitable to live during your stay in the UK, including the name and date of birth of the person that they will be staying with (Course Director or Oxford Summer Courses Head Office team member).
- An Offer Letter.
- The address where you will be living.
- Details of our relationship to the person who'll be looking after you.

Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW)

If you are from the following countries, you may wish to apply for an Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW):

- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates

EVW's are easier to apply for, cheaper and normally returned quicker than a Standard Visitor Visa.

You can apply online from 3 months before the start of your course for you EVW: **if you change course dates you must apply for a new EVW.**



Documentation for arriving in the UK

You're required to carry certain documents with you when you travel to the UK, and you could be required to present these at immigration. These documents are required whether you're visa exempt, on a short term visitor visa or an EVW.

You will need to provide evidence of

- Proof of funds to support yourself whilst staying in the UK.
- Proof of intent to leave the country (e.g. your flight ticket home).
- Oxford Summer Courses will provide you with the evidence of the address of where you'll be staying in the UK.
- Your course acceptance letter.
- If you're under 18 and traveling alone you will need to provide evidence of written consent from your parent allowing you to travel alone, including your parent's contact details and home address.
- The address and person who will be looking after you during your stay (we will provide this) and written parental permission for this person to look after you.

It is a requirement by law that you don't use the e-passport gates: you must get a stamp in your passport

Proof of funds

In accordance with government guidelines, you must be able to prove that you can support yourself financially during your stay in the UK. This includes:

- You must be able to maintain and accommodate yourself adequately without receiving public funds.
- You must have purchased a return journey or have proof of funds to pay for a return journey.
- Your full course fees must have been paid in full, OR, the student must have proof of funds to cover the remaining course fees.

As you can only apply for your visa from 3 months before your arrival date (course start date) and our balance deadline is due 90 days before the course start date, we advise waiting until your balance has been paid before you apply for your visa. Our Visa Support Letter is timed to be sent out once the balance has been paid and the balance deadline has passed. This ensures the letter shows you have paid for the course in full, and therefore strengthens your visa application!

What happens if your visa is rejected?

Please note that as explained and agreed to in our terms and conditions, it is the student's (and/or parent's or guardian's) responsibility to successfully apply for and secure a visa in order to attend your course with us. Therefore, if your visa is rejected you're not eligible for a refund, as agreed to in our terms and conditions. The insurance included in your course does not cover visa rejections.

We will discuss your case with you at the time as to how we can plan the next steps.



Provisional 2025 Timetable for Students Aged 13-15



OXFORD SUMMER COURSES

Week 1

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
07:30		BREAKFAST					BREAKFAST	
08:00		Morning sign in					Morning sign in	
08:30				Break				BREAKFAST
09:00		Lesson	Lesson	Excursion	Lesson	Lesson	Excursion	
09:30		Break	Break		Break	Break		
10:00		Lesson	Lesson		Lesson	Lesson		Activity
10:30		LUNCH						LUNCH
11:00		Goal setting	Masterclass	Excursion	Activity	Activity		
11:30		City tour and orientation			Break	Break		Break
12:00			Directed study		Directed study	Directed study		
12:30			Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Break		
13:00		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
13:30		DINNER						Celebratory dinner
14:00	Arrivals							
14:30								
15:00								
15:30								
16:00								
16:30								
17:00	Welcome talk							
17:30								
18:00								
18:30	DINNER							
19:00								
19:30	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Bop	Activity	
20:00								
20:30								
21:00								
21:30								

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07:30	BREAKFAST					BREAKFAST
08:00	Morning sign in					
08:30			Break			Departures
09:00	Masterclass	Activity	Excursion	Explore	Activity / Explore	
09:30	Break	Break		Break	Break	
10:00	Directed study	Directed study		Directed study	Directed study	
10:30	LUNCH					
11:00			Excursion			
11:30	Lesson	Lesson		Lesson	Lesson	
12:00	Break	Break		Break	Break	
12:30			Excursion			
13:00	Lesson	Lesson		Lesson	Lesson	
13:30	Break	Break		Break	Break	
14:00	Lesson	Lesson		Lesson	Lesson	
14:30	Reflection	Reflection		Reflection		
15:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
15:30						
16:00						
16:30						
17:00						
17:30						
18:00	DINNER				Graduation	
18:30						
19:00						
19:30	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Formal	
20:00						
20:30						
21:00						
21:30					Bop	



Timetable Definitions 2025

Academic Contact Time

Lesson

Four days per week, you will have two lessons with your tutor in your chosen subject. They will help you to explore your subject in an interactive way, with up to 7 other students.

Other Academic Time

Directed Study

You will have a set time to work on the homework set in your lessons. Our on course staff will be on hand to answer any general questions you may have.

Curriculum Enrichment

Masterclass

Learn life skills such as teamwork, debating, and collaboration from your on course staff team in an interactive workshop.

Goal Setting

Our course staff will support you in thinking about what you would like to get out of your time with Oxford Summer Courses and your future aspirations, so that you can set yourself stretching goals.

Reflection

Time to reflect on the goals you set at the start of the course and what you have learnt so far on your course, facilitated by our course staff.

Social and Cultural Time

Punting

An amazing experience boating down the river, which is popular in key British University towns.

Ashmolean Museum

University of Oxford's museum of art and archaeology. A contemporary art to ancient treasures. Exhibitions and interactive sessions to explore.

Uncomfortable Oxford

Knowledgeable tour company guide explains the history of iconic landmarks.

St Mary's Tower Oxford

Visit University Church of St Mary the Virgin- from 1280. Ascend 127 steps to a breath taking view of Oxford.

Oxford Covered Market

Explore Oxford Covered Market that has an interesting trade history. Chance to buy souvenirs to take back home.

Bodleian Library

Visit Bodleian Library the largest university library in the UK.

G&D's Ice Cream/George and Davis

Local ice cream shop with interesting flavours to sample.

Thirsty Meeples

Board games cafe to relax socialise and get have fun playing board games.

Quiz Night

Fun facts, picture rounds and local knowledge put to the test in these friendly team quizzes.

Movie Night

Students can unwind and relax watching a movie and socialising with their new friends.

Taskmaster

Students work in groups to complete set challenges with points for creativity, design and teamwork.

Dragons Den

Students create a pitch for a new product/business idea and are assessed by the staff based on set criteria.

Scavenger Hunt

A group task where students work together either across the city or in the college grounds to find key items or landmarks.

OSC Olympics

Individual and group activities to encourage fun and camaraderie, examples include egg and spoon, 3 legged race, hula hoop chain.

Formal

A more formal dinner in your college or school, with table service and three courses of food. Many students choose to dress more smartly for this meal.

Graduation

An opportunity to celebrate your achievements on the course with your classmates and formally finish your time with Oxford Summer Courses.

Bop

The Oxford and Cambridge name for a party or disco!

Practicalities

Arrivals

You'll arrive at your college during this time. Our course staff will be available to greet you and show you to your room.

Welcome Talk

Meet the Oxford Summer Courses staff who will be looking after you during your stay with us and hear the essential information about your course.

Meals and Breaks

Meals

All our 13-15 sites are full-board, meaning you will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided by the college. Colleges will provide a packed lunch on excursion days. There may be some unique dining experiences such as a BBQ or external restaurant meal depending on the site.

Break

A scheduled break between lessons or other activities. All students on your course will have a break at the same time.



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