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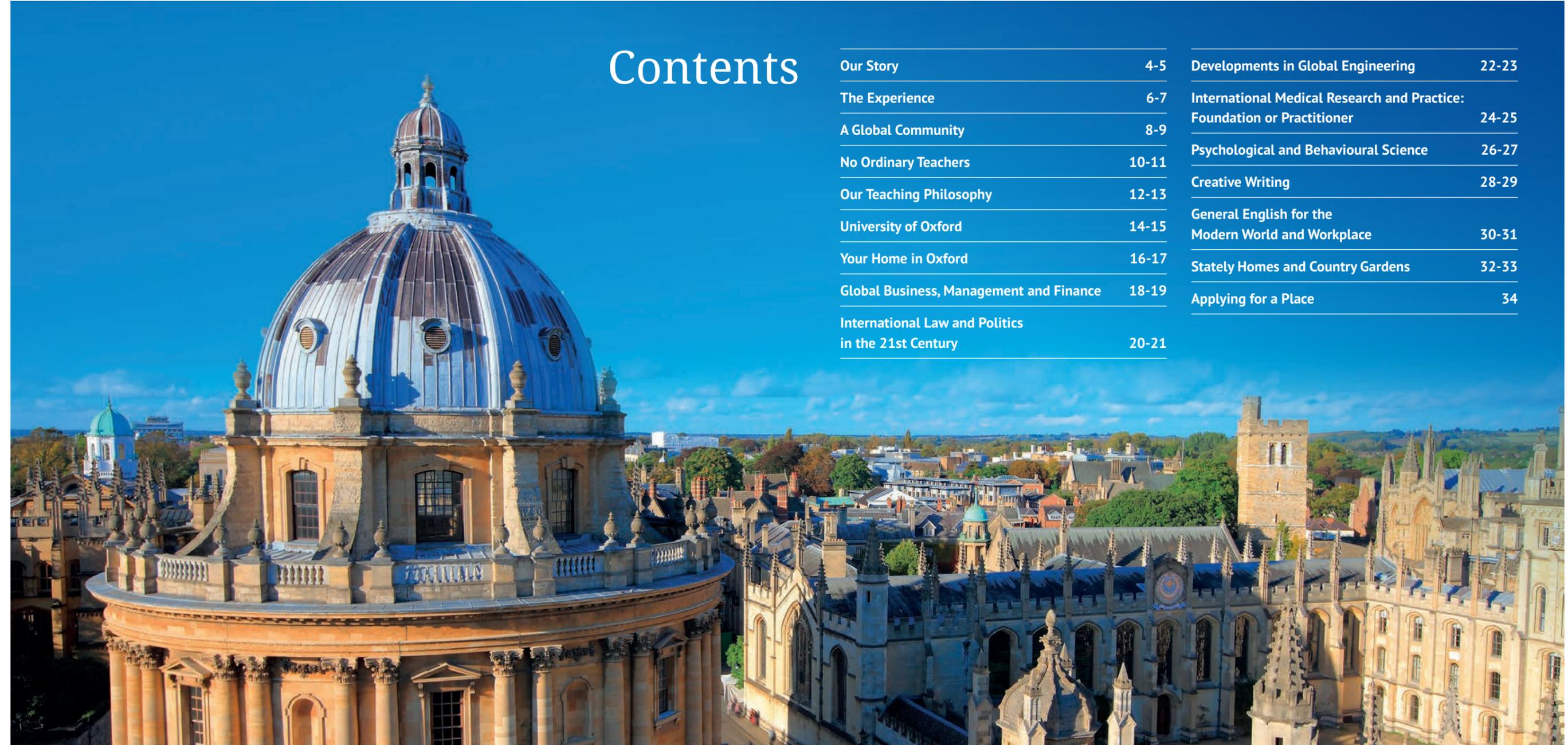
Oxford Royale Academy is a leading global provider of elite adult summer schools. Driven by a firm belief that education is about much more than a formal classroom, we offer unparalleled cultural and educational experiences, opening a window to a world of new opportunity.

Our unique educational model is all about partnership. Everyone has unique skills, strengths and dreams – our role is to mentor and guide, to introduce and explore new concepts, and to help everyone who joins us realise their true potential.

As we progress through life, we gain greater clarity around what inspires and drives us. Whether you are keen to explore your potential or reconsidering your career path after the pandemic, or whether you find yourself with more time, possibly after retiring or children leaving home, our summer courses can give you the knowledge, drive, skills and confidence to achieve more than you ever believed possible.

I am tremendously proud of our alumni who have gone on to achieve so much in both traditional and emerging industries. We would be delighted to welcome you to one of our courses in 2023, and to welcome you to the alumni family!

William Humphreys,
CEO & Founder,
Oxford Royale Academy (ORA)



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Our Story

Oxford Royale Academy was founded nearly 20 years ago, with a vision to offer broad, rich learning experiences, and to help people achieve success in paths that they may not even have considered. Since then, ORA has welcomed more than 25,000 students from over 170 nations, and has become a three-time winner of the Queen's Award for Enterprise, and a five-time winner of the BETA Award for best educational product.

We have built an outstanding, talented team of teachers, counsellors and operations managers, who all share our vision, to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds to reach their potential. Our experience has shown that by offering people a taste of life at the University of Oxford, whilst exploring new concepts, embracing new cultures and building new relationships, everyone can achieve great things.



Award-winning programmes

We're five-time winners of Best Educational Product (BETA), three-time winners of the Queen's Award, and RoSPA Bronze Award winners for health and safety practice.

A prestigious university venue

The University of Oxford is one of the world's most inspiring seats of learning, rich in culture and history, with a buzzing cosmopolitan feel.

Innovative learning

Our collaborative teaching methods, delivered by the most talented teachers, will help you to develop your skills and strengths and encourage you to explore new concepts – opening doors to a world of new opportunities.



The Experience

“I had come with high expectations but they had been exceeded in every way. I cannot recommend ORA highly enough for the time and effort they put into making sure that everyone, no matter which course you undertake, has a very positive experience of Oxford.”

3
Queen's
Awards

5
British Youth
Travel Awards

We live in a dynamic, and sometimes daunting, world, where concepts such as AI, blockchain and virtual services are now a reality. Technology has created a truly global population, presenting opportunities which, only 30 years ago, we would never have believed were possible. And, as industries reach across the globe, it is more important than ever to have a true appreciation of the diversity of global cultures.

As fields of study, research and industry emerge, we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to contribute to these cutting-edge disciplines – the fact that they did not exist when you were at school should be no barrier. Equally, many people have not previously had the opportunity to study more traditional fields, either through lack of time, money or awareness.

So, at Oxford Royale Academy, we have designed courses to give everyone the opportunity to learn and explore areas which truly inspire them, no matter what stage of life they may be at. We also offer a plethora of cultural and social experiences, and workshops to hone crucial life skills such as public speaking. No matter what your passion, our summer school for adults offers invaluable experiences to help you make informed decisions and to succeed on your chosen path.



A Global Community

In order to carve a truly strong and successful path in a highly competitive world, we believe that everyone now needs greater global awareness, more varied cultural experiences and broader global networks. Oxford Royale Academy's summer schools offer exactly this. All of our courses are designed to build confidence and experience, whilst proudly welcoming students to our global family.

People join Oxford Royale Academy from all corners of the globe – and during their time with us, they invariably embrace one another's cultures. These international relationships last well beyond the summer school, giving our alumni a tremendous springboard for their futures.


170+
nationalities
represented


25,000
alumni
community



With a focus on global awareness, time is set aside on every course for cultural enrichment. This takes many forms, from allowing students to learn informally from one another, to organised debates and practical activities to explore different cultures.

We are also keen to share the British culture with students when they join Oxford Royale Academy, through trips to historic sights and landmarks, and through organised activities to allow students to understand and experience our traditions.





The Oxford Royale teaching faculty includes an extraordinary range of first-class teachers, many of whom have studied or taught at some of the world’s leading universities.

We are very fortunate to have an extensive network of teachers who are world-experts and are passionate about sharing their knowledge.

Oxford Royale teachers are chosen for their ability to challenge, motivate and inspire.

Our teachers are all passionate about their subjects and seek to encourage and equip students using their own real-world experience and knowledge of their fields.



Learn from the world’s best minds

Our teaching faculty boasts an extraordinary range of talent that includes Oxbridge academics, Ivy League lecturers, neuroscientists, medical researchers, leading industry professionals in film and architecture, published authors, clinical psychologists and many more.

This unique and diverse faculty, assembled from all over the world, means that Oxford Royale students are learning from the very best.



Hear from eminent guest speakers

A unique and important element of Oxford Royale’s summer schools is our guest lectures. No matter which course you decide to join, you will also have the opportunity to hear from world-renowned guest speakers, who will inspire you to explore cutting-edge issues.

We are proud to welcome speakers including world-leading politicians, poets, philosophers, scientists, and business leaders, who lead us in debates covering subjects such as climate change and global security.

Our Teaching Philosophy

A truly talented teacher brings a subject to life, immersing their students in a new world, whilst also taking time to listen, mentor, guide and encourage.

Truly talented teachers are rare, but they can change the course of a person's life - and we make it a priority to find the best.

With small class sizes, lively debates and personal mentoring and support, our teaching methods are proven to bring out the very best in every individual

As well as interactive workshops and plenty of discussion, our programmes also include debates and visiting speakers, featuring world-leading politicians, poets, philosophers, scientists, and business leaders. We offer cultural enrichment activities, social events and UK-wide excursions outside the timetable, to ensure that every student has a holistic learning and development experience.



What you'll get:



An official ORA graduation certificate



A detailed report card



A formal graduation ceremony, dinner, and party

University of Oxford

Only an hour away from London, and dating back to 1096, the University of Oxford has been home to nearly half of Britain's 20th-century Prime Ministers, Nobel laureates, media barons, and leading physicists. Alumni include former US President Bill Clinton, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and *The Lord of the Rings* author, J.R.R. Tolkien.

The city offers a mix of cosmopolitan buzz alongside centuries of history and rich culture. Walk in the footprints of some of the world's greatest thinkers and visit sites such as the world-famous Bodleian Library, which is home to every book published in Britain, or the Sheldonian Theatre, scene of the graduation of 27 British prime ministers. Made famous around the globe by the Harry Potter films, everybody will recognise the beautiful Christ Church dining hall.



Ages
19+



Embrace this city of dreaming spires and explore the cosy pubs and coffee shops where great philosophical discussions have taken place. Marvel at the academic grandeur that permeates the city and visit the many first-class museums in the city, including the oldest museum in England, the Ashmolean Museum.



 **Location**
4 colleges

 **Courses**
10 study options

 **Duration**
2 or more weeks

 **Established**
1096

Your Home in Oxford

Join us this summer at our award-winning Oxford Summer School for Adults. Step into one of Oxford's world-famous colleges – your new home – and kickstart the summer of a lifetime. Together with students from all over the world you will sleep, dine and experience the life and culture at the University of Oxford, one of the world's most prestigious universities.

Every Oxford University college offers an inspiring opportunity to learn and grow. But, they all have their own focus, personality and history.



Balliol College

Live and dine in the seat of four UK prime ministers. Balliol is a progressive, politically active and high-performing college whose alumni include economist Adam Smith, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and novelist Graham Greene.

Balliol is less than five minutes from the Ashmolean Museum, Radcliffe Square, and the city's shopping districts.



Founded in
1263



Student ages
19+



Bathroom type
en-suite and shared
(single gender)



Bedroom type
single

St Hugh's College

St Hugh's was founded by Elizabeth Wordsworth (William's great niece), who wanted to open up an Oxford education to women.

Today, the college is open to all, but is proud of its history. Alumni include suffragette Emily Davison, former UK Prime Minister Theresa May, and the writer Joanna Trollope. St Hugh's sits close to the University Parks and the Pitt Rivers Museum.



Founded in
1886



Student ages
19+



Bathroom type
en-suite and shared
(single gender)



Bedroom type
single

St Catherine's College

Known affectionately as 'St Catz', this is Oxford's youngest college, founded in 1962 by Allan Bullock. Swathes of glass overlook the traditional quadrangle, and it is just a short walk from the city centre.

St Catherine's boasts its own impressive alumni, including Benazir Bhutto (late Prime Minister of Pakistan), oarsman Matthew Pinsent, and novelist Joseph Heller.



Founded in
1962



Student ages
19+



Bathroom type
en-suite and shared
(single gender)



Bedroom type
single

Merton College

Live the life of an undergraduate in one of Oxford's oldest colleges this summer. Merton was founded in 1264, and the college's Mob Quad and Library are respectively the oldest quadrangle and library in the University of Oxford.

Located right in the heart of Oxford city centre, just off the High Street, Merton is perfectly located for shopping, cafés and sightseeing.



Founded in
1264



Student ages
19+



Bathroom type
en-suite and shared
(single gender)



Bedroom type
single



Global Business, Management and Finance

Innovate the Global Markets of Tomorrow

Build the skills and expand the perspectives needed to emerge as a new generation of business leader driving innovation in a period of disruptive and profound global change. Through interactions with thought leaders and practitioners, you will reassess emerging trends in finance, operations, and marketing to build the sustainable global business of tomorrow.

Why Choose This Course?

- Engage with expert business futurists, venture capitalists, and executives driving innovation at the national and global level.
- Enhance your management competencies and become a more agile leader and thinker.
- Debate the global implications of innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability and social responsibility as you analyse emerging markets and industry leaders.
- Dissect the common traits, attitudes, and vision of current business managers that are leading effective and efficient change within organisations that are adapting to new economic realities.
- Assess existing and emerging business structures and strategy models to identify the new tools and leadership theories required to lead and manage the businesses of the future.
- Through case studies of leading organisations like Tesla, Amazon, and Airbus, you will evaluate traditional finance, marketing and operational models to innovate new models that will drive the next generation of public and private companies.
- Reside in the prestigious colleges of the University of Oxford and build a global network of peers to strengthen your career trajectory.



Key questions

- How will multi-national global companies organise and compete in the next ten years?
- Will traditional marketing strategies hold up in the emerging high-tech business environment?
- Is technology more important than globalisation?
- Is competition a destructive force or a shaper of value?

What You Will Learn

- Analyse emerging trends and themes in finance, marketing, operations and business strategy.
- Identify how the culture and structure of organisations empowers leadership.
- Evaluate critical business technical skills and general competencies required to be innovative, effective, efficient and successful.
- Conduct customer segmentation and market research to inform value proposition design.
- Debate the intersection of venture capital and idea innovation within the context of emerging, multi-national corporations.

Great For Students Thinking About

- The increasing role of technology in the success of business ventures.
- Strengthening their leadership and executive management skills.
- Driving innovation in existing businesses or launching new ventures.
- Pursuing careers in finance, marketing, operations and organisation leadership.



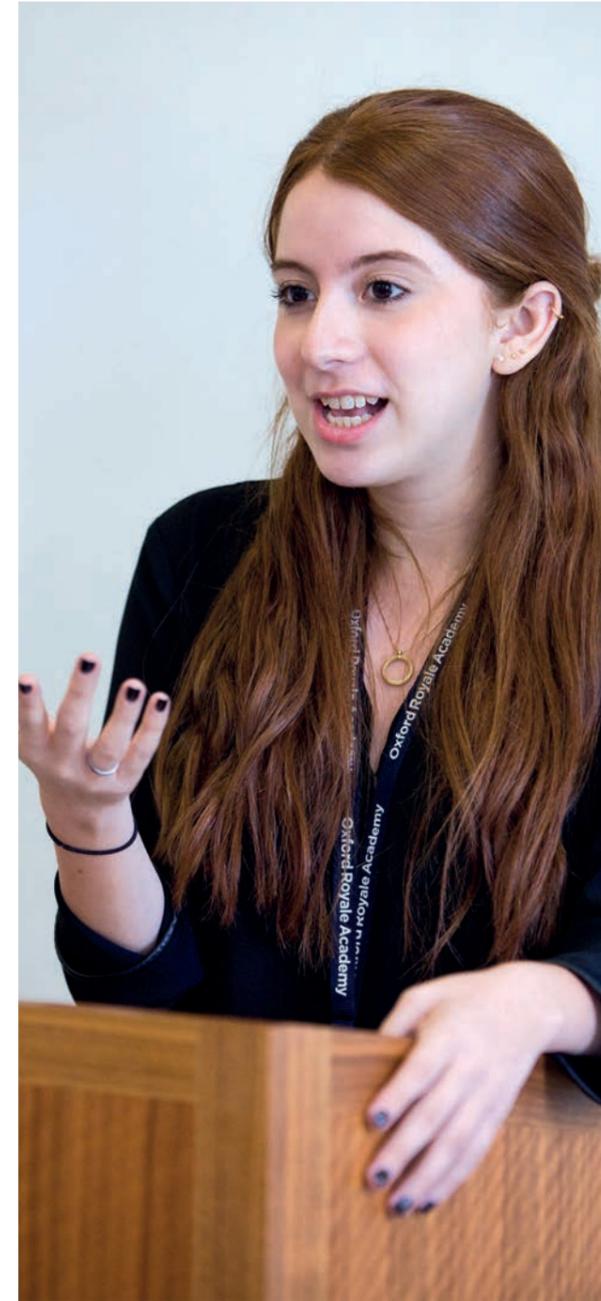
International Law and Politics in the 21st Century

Build Your Future; Change Your World.

Immerse yourself into the challenging and exciting world of international law and global governance as you develop the skills to lead meaningful change. Focused on how international politics impacts both nation-states and multi-national entities, this course provides an illuminating introduction to issues like human rights, armed conflict, resource access, the environment, and economic affairs.

Why Choose This Course?

- Identify the philosophical basis for international law and its expression through and interaction with international politics.
- Evaluate the historic logic and evidence of various theoretical frameworks used to construct international law.
- Engage with diplomats and leaders of NGOs as you immerse yourself in critical international issues gracing the headlines of daily newspapers around the globe.
- Explore the actors involved in international law as you debate political elements like “Compliance”, “Enforcement”, “Norms”, and “Treaties”.
- Analyse and debate the effectiveness, influence and authority of global institutions like the United Nations, the International Criminal Court and the World Bank.
- Conduct research and present your findings in the “International Law Debate”, where you will collaborate with colleagues to solve a contemporary issue in international law and politics.
- Reside in the prestigious colleges of the University of Oxford and build a global network of peers to strengthen your career trajectory.



Key Questions

- Why do national actors agree to limit their sovereignty via international agreements?
- Are nation states able and willing to reinvent themselves in the emerging international order?
- Can international law truly influence the strategic direction of nation states?
- Is international law solely about power and money?

What You Will Learn

- Identify the intersection of international law with international politics.
- Explore the philosophical basis for international law and politics with a focus on norms and legal theory.
- Strengthen your public speaking, debating and presenting skills.
- Practise critical competencies required of diplomats and international leaders like empathy, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.
- Develop technical research skills to engage in the study of international law and assess emerging international political issues.
- Gain insight into pressing modern issues like International Humanitarian Law and International Environmental Law.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Limitations and successes of the international and global governance system in place since the late 1940s.
- Disrupting, reforming, or innovating the current landscape of international agencies and global governance infrastructure.



Developments in Global Engineering

Engineer Your Future!

Explore emerging advances in the fields of mechanical, electrical, chemical, civil and structural engineering through an immersive and hands-on curriculum designed to jump-start your career in engineering. More than a technical course, you will practise innovation and creative methodologies that will enable you to create engineering solutions to solve real-world problems.

Why Choose This Course?

- Investigate emerging engineering innovations at a global level, alongside a peer network of future engineers from around the planet.
- Compare and contrast multiple fields and sub-fields of engineering that will better inform your future study choices within the broad discipline of engineering.
- Gain a strong foundation in engineering principles and apply those principles to solving real-world problems.
- Engage with engineering experts and professionals as you explore issues like urban infrastructure, sustainable transportation, renewable energy, and new medicines.
- Practise the “Design Thinking” methodology to strengthen your innovation and creativity skills.
- Sharpen your project management, collaboration, research and presentation skills through the course’s unique “Capstone Project Accelerator”.
- Reside in the prestigious colleges of the University of Oxford and build a global network of peers to strengthen your career trajectory.



Key Questions

- How do we innovate the current urban city to ensure its sustainability over the next 50 years?
- What new materials or fuels need to be engineered to take humanity to Mars?
- Will tomorrow’s engineers be able to advance carbon sequestration methods or restore balance to the nitrogen cycle?

What You Will Learn

- Gain unique insights into numerous engineering fields and sub-fields to better inform your academic and career pathway.
- Strengthen technical skills in project management, research, and presenting.
- Build important innovation and creativity competencies through the practice of the “Design Thinking” methodology.
- Identify emerging advances in sustainability within the discipline of engineering.
- Conduct, evaluate and present research on the emerging grand challenges facing the planet.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Developing greater project management and innovation capabilities.
- Strengthening their resume to apply for engineering internships, apprenticeships and co-ops.
- Applying for advanced engineering degrees with an emphasis on research, management, consulting and development.
- Pursuing careers in mechanical, electrical, chemical, civil or structural engineering.



International Medical Research and Practice: Foundation or Practitioner

Through these two immersive and hands-on courses, you will gain insights into cutting-edge medical research while practising clinical and lab skills through medical simulations. Evaluate and debate emerging trends in clinical research, medical ethics and biotechnology, and explore developments in artificial intelligence, robotic surgery and telemedicine as you prepare for the medical careers of tomorrow.

Why Choose the Foundation Course?

- Prepare for a successful application to Medical School
- Develop an in-depth knowledge of human anatomy and the cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems.
- Discuss emerging medical innovations with leading specialists, researchers and practitioners.
- Investigate the practice of both medicine and biomedical research through guest speakers and visits to university biomedical labs, simulation centers, and research facilities.

Why Choose the Practitioner Course?

- This course is specifically designed for the serious medical student.
- Discuss cutting-edge and emerging medical innovations with leading specialists, researchers and practitioners with insights into Pandemic Medicine, Genomic Medicine, and Medical Ethics.
- Investigate common central nervous system disorders such as ALS, motor neurone disease, meningitis, bipolar disorder and epilepsy, while evaluating emerging treatments.
- Take on the role of a medical professional in the "Clinical Skills Simulation"



International Medical Research and Practice I: Foundation

Key questions

- As populations age, how might technology fill the emerging medical professional shortage?
- Can laboratory-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off invading antigens open a new front for synthetic medicine?
- How will genetics and genomics change the future of medicine?
- Will we be able to identify and stop the next pandemic?

What You Will Learn

- Gain insights into the latest academic and practitioner research into core anatomical systems.
- Practise current clinical skills through dissections, case studies, and simulations like the Patient Interview and the Cardiovascular Clinical Challenge.
- Apply the basic principles of advanced life support (ALS) and integrate clinical anatomy and physiology to make healthcare decisions.
- Examine the pathophysiology of the influenza and COVID-19 viruses.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Building a broad set of clinical and patient engagement skills.
- Planning their pathway to Medical School.
- Pursuing a pre-medical or Medical degree at University.
- Becoming a Surgeon, Doctor, Nurse, or Allied Health Professional.

International Medical Research and Practice II: Practitioner

Key Questions

- Can mRNA vaccine technology accelerated by COVID-19 provide solutions for cancer, HIV, or malaria?
- How can wearable technology or telemedicine decrease costs and save lives?
- What are the potential ethical implications for gene therapy innovations to address genetic disorders?

What You Will Learn

- Debate current and emerging developments in medical research and practice with a focus on the increasing role of biotechnology and synthetic medicine.
- Identify how to design, administer, and evaluate diagnostic strategies and treatment plans.
- Expand the depth of your knowledge of the central nervous system, the gastrointestinal system, and genomic medicine.
- Gain insights into pathophysiology, aetiology and risk factors for myocardial infarction.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Developing strong medical team leadership skills.
- Emerging medical innovations and preventing the next pandemic.
- Improving their "bedside manner" and overall communication and empathy skills with patients.
- Selecting a field of medical specialization or a role in biotechnological research.
- Becoming a Surgeon, Doctor, Nurse, or Allied Health Professional.



Psychological and Behavioural Science

Unlock the Human Psyche

Find your career path in the exciting fields of psychology and behavioural science as you conduct original research, design investigations, debate ethical concerns, and explore emerging advances in social psychology.

Why Choose This Course?

- Identify your own career trajectory as you engage with leading academics and practitioners in the exciting world of psychology and behavioural science.
- Sharpen your communication, critical thinking, and public speaking skills as you present research and participate in critical ethical debates impacting the field of behavioural science.
- Build your qualitative and quantitative research skills and expand your personal portfolio of research.

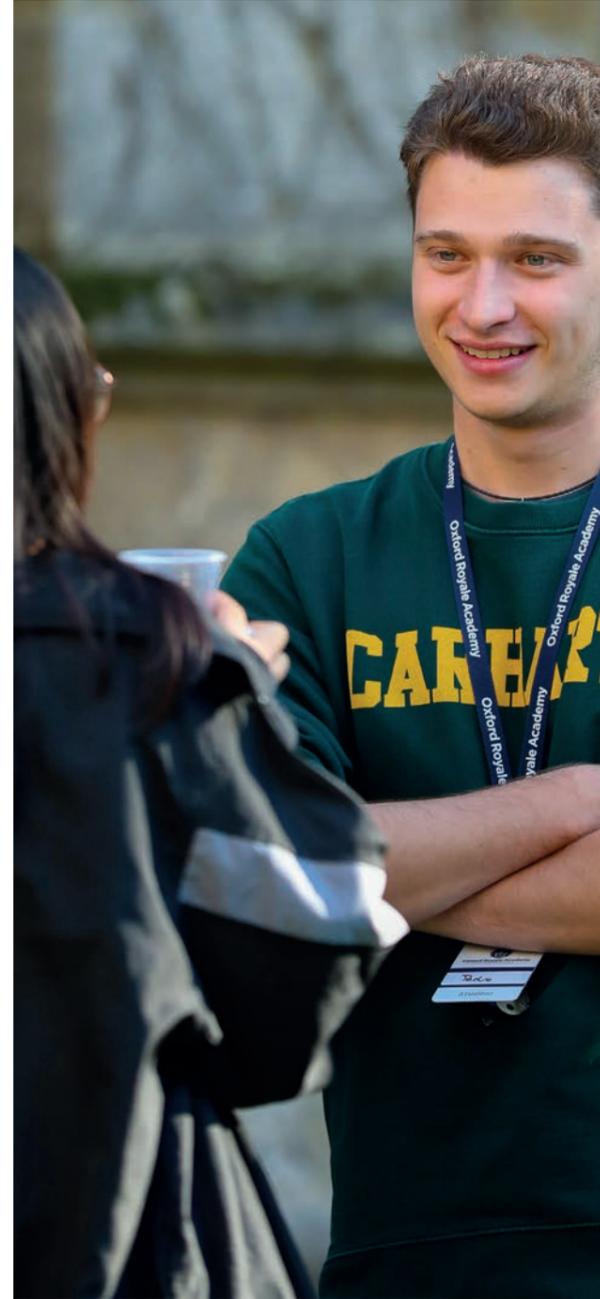
The “Psych Research Module” provides a comprehensive introduction to psychological and behavioural science research. You will:

- Discover the importance of SPSS as a tool in psychological research and practise its implementation.

- Design a qualitative experiment focused on Personality and develop supporting pilot questionnaires using tools like Qualtrics.

The “Cognition Module” explores contemporary issues in Psychology with an emphasis on memory and abnormal psychology. You will:

- Examine the structure and function of the human brain and discuss the risks and rewards of brain activity measurement techniques.
- Explore critical areas of emphasis like depression, schizophrenia and memory disorders and analyse the cognitive aspects of social psychology including prejudice, conformity, aggression, stereotypes, and interpersonal relationships.



Key Questions

- How might psychology predict and inform future human behaviour?
- Is “nature” or “nurture” more important for human development?
- Can motivational-based interventions drive long-lasting change?
- How should perpetrators of violent behaviour be rehabilitated?

What You Will Learn

- Gain insight into multiple fields and careers within psychology and behavioural science.
- Develop strong research, reporting, writing and presenting skills.
- Practise research in Cognitive Psychology and explore areas of investigation including developmental, social and abnormal psychology.
- Build a basis in theory and practice to design and deliver future experimental studies.

Great For Students Thinking About

- The uses of psychology for social development and clinical counselling.
- The complexity of the human brain and the role of “intelligence” in human development and flourishing.
- Applying for advanced psychology and behavioural science degrees with an emphasis in research, consulting and clinical work.
- Pursuing careers in teaching, counselling, clinical psychology, or research.



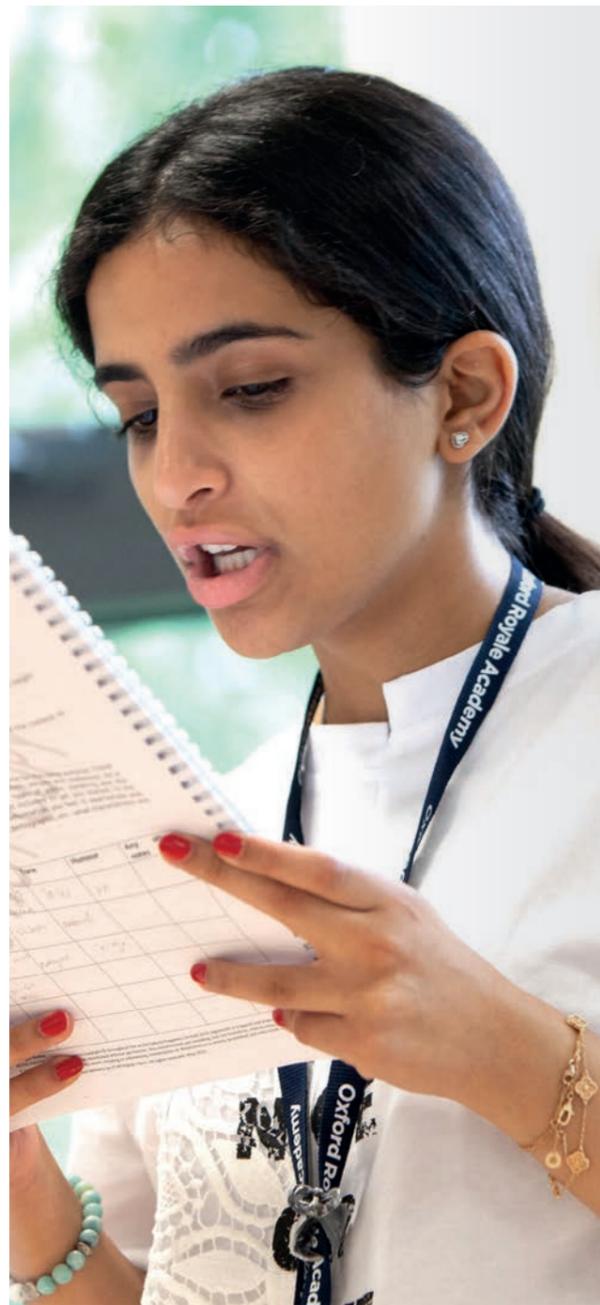
Creative Writing

Amplify Your Literary Voice to Influence Your Generation

Immerse yourself in the art of crafting compelling stories with an emphasis on novels, speculative fiction, drama and poetry. More than a mechanics course, “Creative Writing” will expand your creativity and confidence through exposure to the genres of modern dystopian novels, science-fiction, Shakespearean drama, and Romantic poets like Keats, Coleridge, and Shelley.

Why Choose This Course?

- Engage with leading faculty and professional writers as you explore how to apply your passion for storytelling to create characters and narrative for diverse media formats.
- Build transferable writing skills that can prepare you for success in careers like multi-channel marketing, film and animation, and scriptwriting and the entertainment industry.
- Enhance important professional skills like research, copy editing and proofreading while also strengthening mechanics like character development, plot design, narrative, and imagination.
- Learn how to apply strong creative structure to form your creative ideas into a novel, film script, or dramatic production.
- Seek inspiration from your stunning surroundings on the campus of the University of Oxford, known for nurturing famous writers such as T.S. Eliot, Lewis Carroll and Oscar Wilde.



Key questions

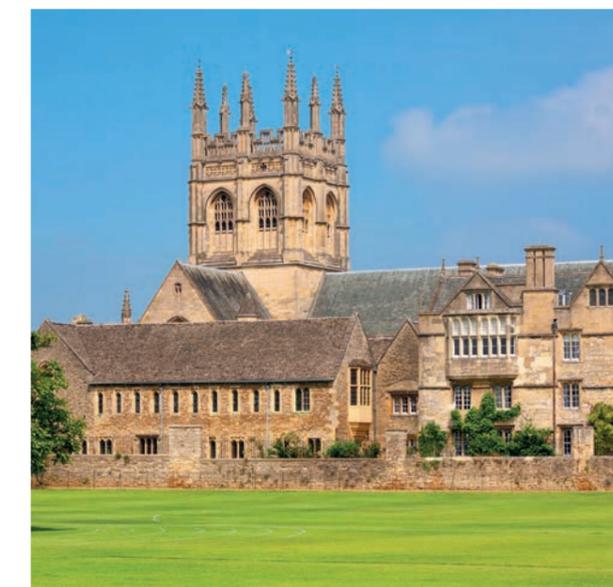
- Who will become the next J.K. Rowling or Margaret Atwood?
- How did “the writing” impact the success of the James Bond film enterprise?
- What is the next creative writing genre to rival or replace dystopian themes for the next generation?

What You Will Learn

- Identify and apply a wide range of creative writing genres and styles.
- Breathe life into your writing as you strengthen your writing techniques such as the use of anecdotes, simile, theme, and point of view.
- Constructively evaluate writing samples and analyse narrative structure.
- Apply literary devices like character creation and development, meaningful dialogue, and extended metaphors.
- Create, share, and evaluate your own short story masterpiece.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Improving their overall creative writing skills to succeed in academia or in a career.
- Strengthening their voice and skills for immediate application to courses at University.
- Publishing their first novel or collection of short stories or poetry.
- Exploring potential creative writing careers.
- Becoming a playwright, travel blogger, best-selling author, or journalist.



General English for the Modern World and Workplace

Prepare For Your Future at a Top English University or Get Ready For Your Next Career Opportunity

Develop strong skills in English grammar, syntax, pronunciation and colloquial usage in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Expand your vocabulary and build the foundation to support superior English reading and writing skills leading to a strong application to an English-speaking university or a career at an English-speaking company.

Why Choose This Course?

- Study the English language with experienced tutors qualified to British Council Accreditation standards, while practising your English with native speakers outside the classroom.
- Immerse yourself in the British culture, participating in exciting excursions to famous sites and places in the UK, all while living and studying in the legendary colleges of the University of Oxford.
- Designed for rapid improvement of English language skills within a fun and challenging environment, you will progress your knowledge and usage of English at breathtaking speeds.
- Specifically designed for English usage in both academic and corporate contexts, and delivered by expert faculty, this course accelerates your ability and confidence in the usage of English so that you are ready to excel.
- Draw inspiration for your English learning from a city which launched some of the greatest English novels – visit the Narnia door in St Mary's Passage which is said to have inspired C.S. Lewis, or relax in the Botanic Gardens on a sunny day like the characters in Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy.
- Reside in the prestigious colleges of the University of Oxford and build a global network of peers to strengthen your career trajectory.



Key benefits of this course

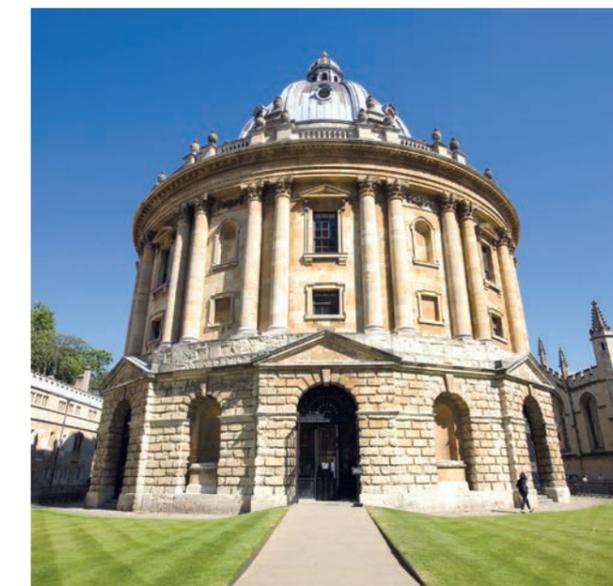
- Small seminar groups afford personal attention and accelerate language acquisition.
- Cutting-edge language development pedagogy and mentorship.
- Experiential and designed to transform language ability.

What You Will Learn

- Enhance your English in the core areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and colloquial usage.
- Accelerate your English language development through over 15 hours a week of intensive instruction and practice.
- Apply your developing English language skills with native speakers and in historic environments across the UK.
- Practise speaking English in multiple scenarios designed to reflect the workplace.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Accelerating their technical and colloquial English language abilities.
- Preparing for the TOEFL and IELTS exams.
- Strengthening their application to an English-speaking university.
- Gaining employment with companies or government agencies that require English.
- Enabling consideration for careers with global, multi-national companies.



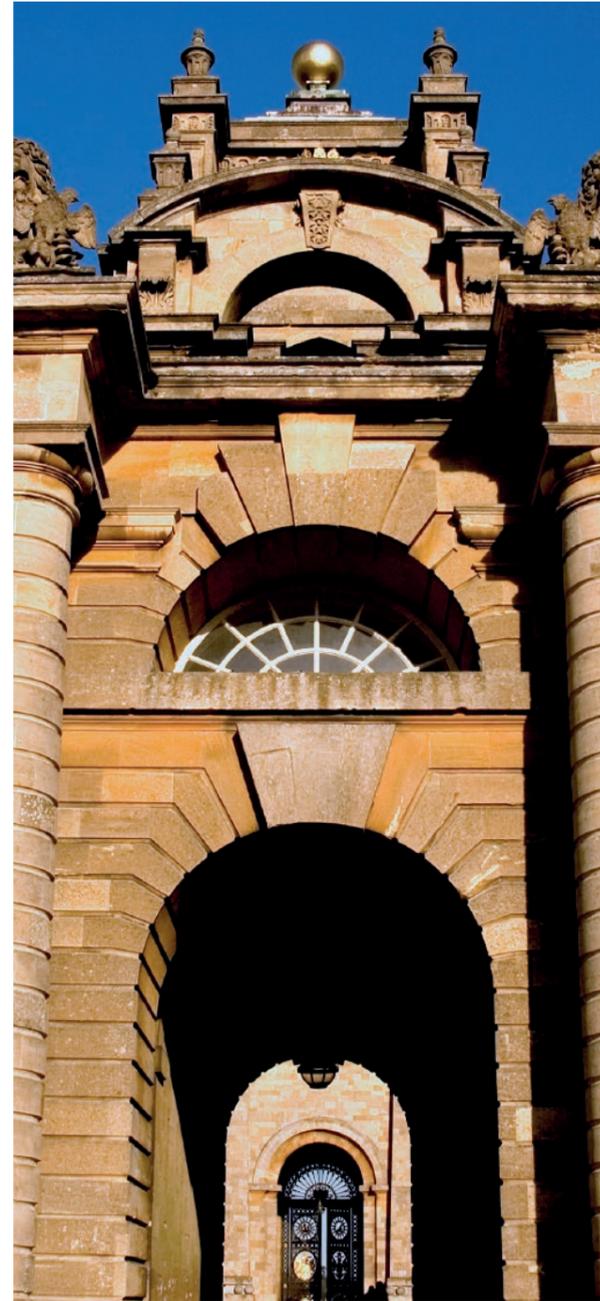
Stately Homes and Country Gardens

Explore the Culture and World of “Downton Abbey”

Step back in time and explore art, architecture, and gardens as you analyse the social, political, and economic contexts of the country house through over 500 years of English history and culture. With historic estates, homes and gardens as the classroom, you will complete your own research that investigates the multidisciplinary history of the country house.

Why Choose This Course?

- Learn how to analyse the social, political, and economic contexts of the English country house.
- Develop the knowledge and skills to conduct research and analysis situating country houses and country living within broader historical trends.
- Conduct field analysis and immerse yourself in five hundred years of history, art and culture as you visit Blenheim Palace, Broughton Castle, Syon Park, and landscape gardens in Stowe.
- Visit the Ashmolean Museum and explore the importance of “The Grand Tour” and debate the collection of artefacts and items of historical and cultural importance.
- Gain insight into the critical developments of the English country house over the past five hundred years and its role in shaping multidisciplinary histories.
- Evaluate the country house as a community institution as opposed to a strictly private residence.
- Gain a broad understanding of the fundamental elements of a classical building, while identifying innovations in both art and architecture.
- Design and present a research study focused on the social, political, and/or economic implications of the fieldwork and theory conducted during the course.



Key Questions

- Is every man’s house his castle?
- Does “Downton Abbey” realistically project the social, political, and economic dynamics of the country house?
- How does architecture convey power and status?

What You Will Learn

- Learn how to interpret the fundamental elements of a country house.
- Identify trends and innovations across five centuries of art, architecture, and landscape design.
- Investigate the connection between “housing” and “power”.
- Conduct research to investigate the social, political, economic, and artistic implications of the country house.
- Apply insights to modern social, political, and economic issues like gentrification, urban planning, and estate conservation.

Great For Students Thinking About

- Intersection between architecture and social history.
- Using fieldwork to design a research study.
- Modern issues of housing, gentrification, and class-based societies.
- Visiting several estates that represent over five hundred years of English history and culture.
- Pursuing careers in history, architecture, art, urban planning, and the humanities.



Applying for a Place

How to apply

The quickest and easiest way to enrol on one of our award-winning summer schools is via our secure booking system,

Our online application form takes a few moments of your time to complete. You'll need the name and details of the student enrolling as well as of the person paying the fees, if different. You'll be asked to choose your course and the dates you'd like to join.

Finally, you'll need to pay the relevant deposit payment by credit or debit card (if you'd like to use a different payment method for the deposit, our team would be delighted to help you with that - please contact us).

If there's a space on your chosen course, your place will be confirmed immediately on receipt of your deposit payment - you'll receive an email and an SMS message from us straightaway as confirmation.

You'll also receive login details for the Oxford Royale Portal, where you can manage your booking.

A Welcome Pack containing packing lists, travel advice and other useful information will be available in the Oxford Royale Portal in Spring 2022.



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