TRAVEL
You should carry with you a copy of your acceptance letter as proof to Immigration that you are attending an academic program. United States citizens will not need visas if staying in the UK for less than six months.

London’s Heathrow Airport is roughly an hour from Oxford by public transportation, the smaller Gatwick Airport roughly two hours by bus. The Stansted Airport is located approximately 40 miles northeast of London and two hours from Oxford.

To Oxford by bus
A “period return” ticket is a better deal than two one-way tickets or a round-trip (“return”) ticket and will get you back to the airport at the end of the session. Be sure to specify a period return ticket, good for three months, and not a return ticket, which is only good for 24 hours. The driver will want to be paid in cash when you get on. Luggage allowance is two suitcases per person in the hold and a small piece of hand luggage inside the coach.

It’s about a ten-minute walk from the Gloucester (pronounced "Gloss-ter") Green bus terminal in Oxford to Lincoln College, but if you're loaded down and weary you may wish to take a taxi (tip 10%). If you are walking, Lincoln College is located on Turl Street, between Broad and High Streets. From Gloucester Green (Gloucester Street) take a left to George Street. In about a block George Street will turn into Broad Street. Walk one block on Broad and turn right on Turl. You will pass Ship Street and Market Street on your right; the entrance to Lincoln College will be on your left. (If you’re already familiar with Oxford, you could disembark from the bus at Queen’s College, walk up the High Street to Turl Street, take a right on the Turl, and arrive at Lincoln College, on your right.) Please see the attached google map of the Oxford University area.

From the airports:
London Heathrow International Airport and Gatwick Airport are linked to Oxford by The Airline bus service (http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/main.php?page_id=23), which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Heathrow is the closest international airport to Oxford. Stansted Airport is linked to Oxford by the National Express 757, which runs approximately every two hours.

Airline buses leave Heathrow approximately every 30 minutes, and Gatwick every hour, and are large, comfortable coaches that allow you to sit back, relax, and view the countryside. From Heathrow, a period return ticket costs approximately £27 and takes approximately 80 minutes from terminals 1, 2, and 3, and 100 minutes from terminal 5 (for terminal 4 you will need to take the free inter-terminal train to either terminal 5 or the central bus station). From Gatwick, a return ticket costs approximately £37 and takes approximately 120 minutes. The buses make a few stops once they reach Oxford, and if you're looking to get off at the main bus station, tell the driver you want to go to Gloucester Green – this is the last stop.

From Victoria Station:
The Oxford Tube (http://www.oxfordtube.com/) and the X90 Oxford-London (http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/main.php?page_id=261) both leave London's Victoria Station every 20-30 minutes, making stops at Marble Arch, Baker Street, and Hillingdon before heading to Oxford's Gloucester Green. Tickets cost £16 if you're returning the next day, or £20 if you're returning within three months. Travel time is approximately 100 minutes during off-peak times.
Oxford Tube: 01865-772250; Oxford X90: 01865-785400
By Taxi:
Though we don't recommend it, it is possible to take a standard taxi from the airport to Oxford (or, of course, from Oxford to the airport). It costs approximately £65-80 to/from Heathrow, and £110-120 to/from Gatwick, not including the tip.

By Car:
There are several companies that offer car services (with drivers) with fixed rates to get you to and from the airport; rates are similar to taxi fares. Click on the names of the companies to visit their website and book a car.

- Airport Direct – 0208-6489999
- CCB Airport Cars – 01865-876699 (from UK) or 775-400-5644 (from US)
- Oxicars – 01865-875900
- Oxfordshire Chauffeurs – 01235-520201

If you are driving yourself, take the M25 to the M40. Get off at the A40 towards Oxford. Follow signs to the ring road. At the third roundabout, take your first left onto Woodstock Road (towards the city center). We strongly advise using the Park and Ride system as parking in Oxford is difficult and expensive and Lincoln College does not have any parking available.

By train:
Trains from London leave Paddington every half hour, costing around £22 for a single trip, and takes approximately one hour. For national rail inquiries, call 08457-484950 or visit their website (http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/). Inexpensive tickets can be purchased in advance for as little as £10 return.