



Lincoln College
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

VISITING STUDENT PROGRAMME



Welcome to Lincoln College, Oxford

Lincoln College invites applications from its partner colleges for the Visiting Student programmes offered as described in the following pages.

Lincoln is one of the oldest Colleges in Oxford, founded in 1427 right in the centre of the City. Students still make daily use of its ancient buildings in the front quadrangle, especially the wonderful medieval dining hall, a focus of student life. Visiting students are housed in the old quadrangles on the central College site, with easy access to all the College's academic and social facilities and to the libraries and lecture halls of the University.

All our Visiting Student programmes last for one academic year and are designed to provide an intensive course of study with a distinct subject focus. Our Visiting Students become full members of the College. They live, work, and study alongside Lincoln College undergraduates and participate with them in the small-group tutorials (2-3 students) that form the heart of the Oxford educational system, supplemented by lectures and seminars.

The College Fellows who lead the tutorial teams act as directors of studies for our visitors. A Visiting Student at Lincoln thus enjoys complete immersion in the Oxford undergraduate experience and thereafter, as an alumnus, retains a lifelong relationship with the College.

Full details on the College, its Faculty, its facilities and its history can be found at www.lincoln.ox.ac.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lydia Matthews', written in a cursive style.

Dr Lydia Matthews
Senior Tutor



Programmes of Study for Visiting Students

All programmes run from October to June, for a full Oxford academic year. The year is divided into three terms, October to December (Michaelmas), January to March (Hilary) and April to June (Trinity).

The following Programmes are available in 2025-26, and are described in more detail below

English Language and Literature
History, or History and Politics
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
Chemistry
Biochemistry

1. English Language and Literature.

Our visiting students follow a series of courses drawn from the first and second years of the Oxford 3-year Bachelor's degree programme in English. A typical programme might be as follows:

Term 1

Two of:
Literature in English 1830-1910
Literature in English 1550-1660
Early Medieval Literature 650-1350

Term 2

Two of:
Literature in English 1910 to the Present Day
Early Medieval Literature 650-1350, Part II
Literature in English 1660 -1760

Term 3

Two of:
Shakespeare
Literature in English 1760-1830
Independent Special Subject

College Faculty: Professor Peter McCullough, Dr Timothy Michael, and Dr Rebecca Menmuir. Please visit www.english.ox.ac.uk for more information on English at Oxford.

2. History

Visiting Students follow the same integrated programme of study as Lincoln College's first-year undergraduates. They are taught as far as possible 'in house', by Lincoln's own Fellows, except for the medieval options which are taught by a Fellow of another Oxford College who is a medieval specialist.

Term 1

Historiography: Tacitus to Weber (part 1)
AND
History of the British Isles – choose one from
paper IV (1500-1700),
paper V (1688-1848),
paper VI (1830-1951)

Term 2

Historiography: Tacitus to Weber (part 2)
AND
European and World History – choose one from
General History III: Renaissance, Recovery and Reform 1400-1650
General History IV: Society, Nation and Empire 1815-1914

Term 3

Option Course: Choose one from:
Theories of the State: Aristotle, Hobbes, Rousseau, Marx
Early Gothic France 1100-1150
Witchcraft and Witch-Hunting in Early Modern Europe
Haiti and Louisiana

College Faculty: Dr Lucy Wooding, Dr Perry Gauci, and Dr Aled Davies. Please visit www.history.ox.ac.uk for more information on History at Oxford.

3. Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)

Our visiting students follow a series of courses drawn from the first, second, and third years of the Oxford 3-year Bachelor's degree programme and choose from the courses available in at least two of the three subject areas of the PPE programme. Students without the appropriate level of prior experience in a chosen area will be directed to the relevant core courses before taking specialised options.

Tutorials are normally paired, although they may be smaller or larger, depending on the subject. In particular, in the case of Economics, there might be groups of 3 or 4. Students normally undertake two courses per term in each of the three terms.

There are more than 50 courses available in any given year. Below is a sample of some of the Core courses and Options available in each area:

Philosophy:

Knowledge and Reality
Early Modern Philosophy
Ethics
Logic
Philosophy of Social Science (Option)

Economics:

Microeconomics (Term 1)
Macroeconomics (Term 2)
One Economics Option chosen from the range available

Politics:

Theory of Politics
Comparative Government
International Relations
Politics in Russia and the former Soviet Union (Option)

The full range of core and optional courses on offer are available at
<https://www.ppe.ox.ac.uk/course-structure>

College Faculty: Dr Jody LaPorte, Dr Alexei Parakhonyak and Dr Alex Prescott-Couch.

Please visit www.ppe.ox.ac.uk for more information on PPE at Oxford.

Just for fun, you might like to try out the test taken in the final year at High School by students applying to take the full undergraduate programme at Oxford:
www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/thinking-skills-assessment/tsa-oxford/about-tsa-oxford/

4. History and Politics

It is possible to combine elements of the History and Politics programmes. Students are guided in course selection by the tutors. A sample programme could be:

Historiography I
History of the British Isles VI: 1830-1951
Historiography II
Comparative Government
Politics in the Middle East
Theories of the State

5. Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

Oxford has one of the largest concentrations of Classical archaeologists of any University in the world. The Bachelor's programme in Classical Archaeology and Ancient History draws on this exceptional resource. It comprises the study of the societies and cultures of the ancient Mediterranean world through material, visual, and written evidence and has at its centre the cultures of Greece and Rome. It is not necessary to have studied Latin or Greek language in order to follow the programme.

Visiting students choose six courses from a wide range of options drawn from the 1st and 2nd year of the Oxford Bachelor degree programme. Teaching is by a mixture of lectures, classes and tutorials.

Typical options might include:

- Homeric Archaeology and Early Greece from 1550 to 700 BC
- Greek Vases
- Greek Sculpture, c.600 - 300 BC
- Roman Architecture
- Thucydides and the West
- Aristophanes' Political Comedy
- Cicero and Catiline
- Tacitus and Tiberius
- Etruscan Italy 900-300 BC
- Greek and Roman Coins
- Sexuality and Gender in Greece and Rome
- The Archaeology of Minoan Crete
- Religions in the Greek and Roman World, c.31 BC-AD 312

Students may choose to take a beginners' course in Ancient Greek or Latin in place of one of these courses. More advanced courses in these languages are available.

Please visit www.classics.ox.ac.uk/classical-archaeology-and-ancient-history.html for more information on classics, ancient history and archaeology at Oxford.

College Faculty: Prof. Maria Stamatopoulou and Dr Roel Konijnendijk.

6. Chemistry

Visiting students normally follow courses in the three divisions of Chemistry: Inorganic, Organic and Physical Chemistry. Where appropriate, visitors will follow the complete second year of the Oxford undergraduate programme, but students can also follow the first-year programme, or, if necessary, a mix of courses from each year, according to their level of prior experience in each of the three divisions. There will be practical classes and lectures as well as weekly tutorials.

Full details of the course components are given at <https://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/course-structure>

College Faculty: Professor Michael Willis and Dr Alice Thorneywork.

7. Biochemistry

We recommend that visiting students follow the second-year programme of Biochemistry, with modifications tailored to their credit requirements and prior experience. It is possible, for example, to combine elements from the first, second, and third years of the programme if this would be more appropriate. There will be practical laboratories and lectures, as well as small-group tutorials.

A second-year programme might include some of the following topics, taken from major themes of the course.

Biochemistry Toolboxes:

- How do I isolate and characterize a gene?
- How do I make and use a protein?
- How do I understand protein dynamics?
- How do I get a protein structure?
- How do I visualize events in a cell?
- How do I understand protein interactions?

Molecular Processes in the Cell:

- How do cells respond to signalling?
- How do chemicals move across membranes?
- How are macromolecules moved around cells?
- How do cells communicate in populations?
- How are proteins processed?

Cellular Chemistry:

- How do cells do chemistry?
- How do cells make PMF?
- How do cells use PMF?
- Life without light and Oxygen
- How do prokaryotes contribute to health, disease and the environment?

The Cell in Space and Time:

- How does the immune system work?

Information Transfer:

- How is DNA packaged in the cell?
- How is DNA replicated?
- How are genes expressed?
- How does RNA function?
- How do cells divide?

Further details can be found on the Biochemistry website: <https://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/our-courses>

College Faculty: Dr Peter Sarkies, Dr Anthony Roberts and Dr Mark Roberts



Programme Costs

The programme costs for 2025-26 are still being finalised. In 2024-25 the cost for Humanities programmes £56,832. These sums include all tuition fees, accommodation in college for all three 8-week terms of the course, and some meals.

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted through the Study Abroad Director of your School, no later than 1 December 2024. Applications will be considered by the Lincoln College Faculty who will be teaching the course(s) for which students have applied. In assessing applications, they will consider letters of recommendation, personal statements, writing samples, preparedness for the course of study applied for, and past and current academic record. A cumulative GPA of 3.7 or more would be the normal requirement. Candidates will be notified of the result of their application, through their Study Abroad Director, in late January 2025.

For further information about the Visiting Student Programme at Lincoln College please contact

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Visiting Student Application Form (2025 entry)

Please return to Study Abroad Director by **1 December 2024**

Programme applied for (please tick one box)			
English Language & Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Classical Archaeology and Ancient History	<input type="checkbox"/>
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/>
History and Politics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biochemistry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

1. FAMILY NAME	2. FORENAME(S)	3. GENDER
5. DATE OF BIRTH (dd/mm/yyyy)	6. NATIONALITY	7. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
8. ADDRESS <i>for correspondence</i>		9. ADDRESS <i>permanent, if different from 8</i>
10. E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>Please write your address clearly</i>		11. TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>Please include the international dialling code (where applicable)</i>

12. EDUCATION HISTORY: <i>Please provide details of all your previous and current Higher Education.</i>			
Institutions(s) of Higher Education which you are currently attending or have attended	Date entered	Date left	Subjects studied, including class or grade or GPA, if available
13. Academic Transcripts: Applicants should include an official transcript of their university-level academic history up to the present, including courses taken and standards achieved. Transcripts of pre-university qualifications are not required.			
14. AWARDS, HONORS AND PRIZES RECEIVED <i>Please answer on a separate sheet and attach to your application.</i>			
15. PERSONAL STATEMENT: ACADEMIC What field of study interests you and why? How did your interests develop and what do you hope to derive from your proposed programme of study at Oxford. <i>Please answer on a separate sheet and attach to your application.</i>			
16. ACADEMIC WRITING SAMPLE A recent example of your academic work in an area relevant to the course you intend to follow at Lincoln. It should be signed and dated by a tutor. <i>Please attach to your application.</i>			
17. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES List your most important extra-curricular activities and outside interests, including work experience.			

18. **REFERENCES:** Please give the names and institutional addresses of your two referees. At least one of these should be familiar with your current academic work. Please ask your referees to write to the Senior Tutor, Lincoln College and to send their letters of recommendation directly to your Study Abroad Director.

	Referee 1	Referee 2
Name		
Position		
Address		
email		
telephone		

Please forward your completed form and attachments directly to your Study Abroad Director by **1 December 2024**.

Study Abroad Directors: Please check that your candidates have completed all relevant sections of the application form and that you have attached the following supplementary materials:

	Enclosed
Two academic references	☐
Transcript or other detailed record of education	☐
One sample of written work	☐
Personal statement	☐

The completed form and application materials should be returned by **1 December 2024** to:

Visiting Student Applications
Admissions Office
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