



OXFORD SUMMER COURSES

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## OUR STORY

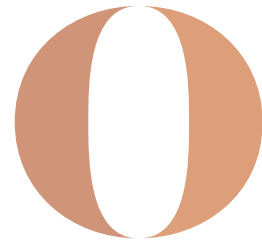
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When two school friends – Harry and Rob – graduated from the University of Oxford, they had an idea: how about sharing their remarkable experience with the world? And so, in 2010, Oxford Summer Courses was born.

The founding principles were straightforward: to provide an honest and authentic glimpse into what it is like to study in the historic city of Oxford. All of this would be made possible by knowledgeable insiders who had experienced it first-hand.









## WHY OXFORD SUMMER COURSES?

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We share exceptional, authentic education with the world (not just the privileged few).

We work closely with the greatest academic institutions and world-class tutors.

We believe educational experiences and cultural experiences go hand in hand.

We honour our surroundings and our partners.

We help students build friendships, communities and networks that last a lifetime.

**And we want you to be part of the magic...**





## HOW WE DO THINGS

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### WE DO GOOD

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It's more than being carbon neutral (although we are).  
It's more than starting a charity (although we did). It's  
hardwiring our conscience into all aspects of our business.  
Every action, every interaction.

Our **office staff** have the resources and support for true  
work-life balance. And they're the champions of respect  
and inclusivity. In fact, there's only one thing they won't  
tolerate: intolerance.

Our **on-course team** is carefully selected, well trained and  
given 24/7 support.

They never turn a blind eye if a student's struggling,  
however hard the conversation.

Our **tutors** play their part in student welfare, too,  
understanding that success means more than just marks.  
And they support each other by helping foster our lively  
tutor network.

Our **hosts** can see the respect and consideration we show  
their people and their property, and they approve of how  
we do business. No wonder they want us to come back.

Our **students** feel empowered to come as they are –  
regardless of gender, background and beliefs – and they  
pay each other the same respect. We're only happy when  
they're happy.

### WE DO BETTER

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Some people call it a growth mindset; we call it second  
nature. Never rushing to judge, never fearing to fail – and  
always, always thinking up ways to improve.

Our **office staff** have to be willing to take a risk and  
then make sure they learn from it, whatever the outcome.  
Talking of learning: they're always finding ways to develop  
their skills.

Our **on-course team** never play the blame game. They  
have the courage to suggest better ways of doing things  
and, in turn, they get the feedback they need to help them  
grow.

Our **tutors** receive all the training and support they  
need, as well as plenty of feedback. And they've got the  
confidence and compassion to learn from their students  
along the way.

Our **hosts** can expect their relationship with us to keep  
improving. It's a trust thing. We want them to tell us ways  
we can improve (and we hope they feel the same, too).

Our students have an underlying passion for their subject  
based on an honest, genuine desire to grow. The result?  
The next generation of curious, independent and analytical  
thinkers.







## WE DO MORE

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We're only here today because, from the start, we've been restless. Seeking new opportunities at every turn, constantly pushing in new directions. So... where next?

Our **office staff** are an ideas engine, always proposing new things and spotting the potential in what others suggest. When they're on to something promising, they're empowered to make it happen.

Our **on-course team** make the very most of their time with us, equipping themselves with skills for their future. By sticking with us, they could even travel the world and grow into a full-time role.

Our **tutors** have real room for progression, too. Some travel the world to teach with us. Others help develop new subjects and courses. All of them gain invaluable experience for their future.

Our **hosts** want us to come back the following year, usually with many more students. We recognise them as separate entities, of course, but we're fully invested in their success.

Our **students** want to continue their learning journey with us. And whether it's new countries, new online communities or new age groups, we're reaching more and more people each year.

## WE DO IT PROPERLY

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We're committed to enhancing people's lives through education. But it's bigger than that: we recognise that all of our actions, whatever the context, have an impact.

Our **office staff** make sure they can stand by everything they say, and they're not afraid to hold each other to account. There's no nonsense here. Just real people determined to make a real difference.

Our **on-course team** appreciate the smallest interaction with students can have the largest significance. They relish their role as role models and take time to build relationships.

Our **tutors** understand the most meaningful teaching doesn't happen in a vacuum. They have the courage to run with their students' interests and enquiries, tailoring their approach accordingly.

Our **hosts** don't see their relationship with us as transactional. They take pride in the details, making sure everything is as it should be, and they can see how much we value that.

Our **students** are our measure of success. If they're enriched academically, socially and culturally – with increased confidence – we're on track.





## JUNIOR ACADEMIC COURSES | 9-12 YEAR-OLDS

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### IMMERSIVE LEARNING

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We offer young learners the opportunity to achieve more. Our courses are varied, fun and unique – challenging the way students see the world around them and helping them realise where their passions and academic skills lie.

The teaching they receive comes from leading teachers who tailor their teaching methods to each age group. These methods involve an exciting combination of study groups and interactive lessons, as students make new friends from all around the world. They also take part in exciting trips exploring the UK. Recent trips have included Harry Potter Studios, Warwick Castle, and Bristol.

### SAFETY AND CARE

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As our students' enthusiasm and excitement takes off, we ensure they're supervised and safe at all times. Our 24-hour supervision and ratio of one staff member to every five students means our world-class teaching methods are always supported by a protective and caring environment where young learners can flourish.

Our on-course team of experienced, caring and highly trained staff who live on site oversee excellent activities, study time and excursions, and provide support to all in their care.

Our courses for juniors centre on immersive, interactive learning, led by our experienced teachers. They are dedicated to helping children develop subject knowledge through a mix of multimedia presentations, group work, games, problem-solving and interactive projects, all whilst using real-life examples to get students excited and inspire a lifelong love of learning.

### JUNIOR ACADEMIC COURSES

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ENTERPRISE EXPLORERS    HISTORY EXPLORERS    LAW EXPLORERS    MATHS EXPLORERS  
MEDICINE EXPLORERS    SCIENCE EXPLORERS    STORY EXPLORERS    TECHNOLOGY EXPLORERS









We are profoundly grateful to you for running such a rich and innovative course for our daughter. The academic experience inspired her and studying in such an international environment was instrumental in giving her a new perspective and igniting a passion for her subject.

We wanted to let you know that our daughter has now been accepted to the 1st year of study at the faculty of International Affairs at her first-choice university.

Congratulations on the quality of the courses and the tutors and for their inspirational effect on our daughter.

Gabriela and Dan, Romania





## ACADEMIC SUMMER COURSES | 13-15 YEAR-OLDS

CAMBRIDGE | OXFORD

### AN AUTHENTIC ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

We connect the great minds of our tutors with enthusiastic students to create an exciting mix of academic excellence, fantastic fun and lasting friendships. Choose from a range of fascinating subjects to develop confidence, explore each subject closely and gain the confidence to pursue a greater understanding of the topic in the future.

### ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Love sport? There's plenty of opportunity to let off some steam in the beautiful University Parks. Rather relax? How does a day punting down the River Isis or River Cam sound? We even venture further afield for day trips to Windsor Castle and the world-renowned sights of London. We guarantee there's plenty for everyone to enjoy.

### OUTSTANDING TUTORS

The best tutors don't just teach brilliantly, they inspire. Our highly experienced and dedicated tutors help every student develop their ambition and drive to succeed. Indeed, every tutor has spent years developing their academic skills as undergraduate or postgraduate students at top universities, so they're perfectly placed to help students navigate their own exciting academic journey from day one.

### WORLD-CLASS LESSONS

We like to think big but keep our classes small. So daily lessons only ever contain up to eight students, while personal tutorials are always one-to-one. This ensures every student gets the maximum benefit of their tutor's expertise, and has the opportunity to receive a solid grounding in their chosen subject. They learn new ways of thinking and gathering evidence, and are supported to learn at their own pace.

### ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

ARCHITECTURE	ARTS AND HUMANITIES	BIOLOGY	BIOTECHNOLOGY AND GENETICS	BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP			
CHEMISTRY	COMPUTER SCIENCE	ECONOMICS	ENGINEERING	ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING			
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS	LAW	LEADERSHIP			
MATHEMATICS	MEDIA STUDIES	MEDICINE	NATURAL SCIENCES	NEUROSCIENCE	PHILOSOPHY	PHYSICS	PSYCHOLOGY







“This made me more passionate about the subject I studied, made lifelong friends, and more independent which has impacted my life positively.”

ZAARA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

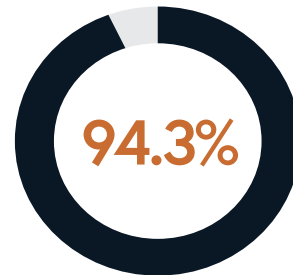
“My tutor was absolutely lovely. She was always so cheerful and her classes were diligent, creative and informative. She taught us new perspectives of art history we hadn’t considered before.”

LILLIAN, US





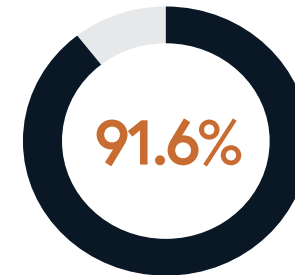
How do our students rate us:



agreed their interest  
in their chosen  
subject increased



average rating for  
class enjoyment



agreed that their  
understanding of their chosen  
subject has improved



average rating for high-  
quality on-course staff





#### ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

ARCHITECTURE   ART HISTORY   BIOLOGY   BIOTECHNOLOGY AND GENETICS   BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
CHEMISTRY   CLASSICAL CIVILISATION   COMPUTER SCIENCE   CREATIVE WRITING   ECONOMICS  
ENGLISH LITERATURE   ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE   HISTORY   INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY





# ACADEMIC SUMMER COURSES | 16-17 YEAR-OLDS

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

For our 16-17 year-old students, Oxford Summer Courses offers an authentic taste of university life. Our courses are carefully designed to immerse every student in their chosen city, whether Cambridge or Oxford. Whatever their aspirations, they receive all the academic support they need to achieve their goals.

Our challenging curriculum helps students excel in an increasingly academic world, providing them with the necessary tools to secure entry to top academic institutions and kick-start a successful career.

## EXPLORE NEW CITIES

Our pastoral staff are happy to let students do their own thing, but they're also here to help when needed. They'll reveal some of the best spots in the city while ensuring everyone is kept happy, busy, and above all, safe.

They also provide a detailed study timetable, so all students know what they're doing, where and when. We also take care of airport transfers to ensure everyone has an easy and stress-free arrival.

## WORLD-CLASS TUTORS

Oxford and Cambridge teaching staff have first-rate minds, excellent research credentials and many years of academic experience. They teach through a highly effective combination of small seminars, tutorials and practical workshops. Perfect for gaining valuable insight into what Oxford-style learning is all about.

Our tutors are here to help each student navigate their intellectual journey and achieve their very best. To do this they set intriguing readings lists, pose challenging essay questions and encourage debate on the answers to every question.

## ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	LAW	LEADERSHIP	MATHEMATICS
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	MEDICINE	NATURAL SCIENCES	NEUROSCIENCE	PHILOSOPHY
PHYSICS	POLITICS	PSYCHOLOGY	SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY	SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING



#### ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

ARCHITECTURE   ART HISTORY   BIOLOGY   BIOTECHNOLOGY AND GENETICS   BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
CHEMISTRY   CLASSICAL CIVILISATION   COMPUTER SCIENCE   CREATIVE WRITING  
ECONOMICS   ENGLISH LITERATURE   ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



## ACADEMIC SUMMER COURSES | 18-24 YEAR-OLDS

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### UNIVERSITY INSPIRED LEARNING

Students have the opportunity to make friends from around the world, and improve their study skills to suit their academic or career goals.

To master their subject, they learn through seminars and tutorials to explore different approaches in their area of study, and gain valuable insight into the most up-to-date research and teachings. Each tutor challenges them to broaden their thinking and justify their conclusions. They're also taught how to critique and support their argument while learning at their own pace.

These opportunities shape students' thinking forever, preparing them for future academic pursuits and professional careers.

### BALANCE YOUR STUDIES

Our courses are designed to offer an insight into the daily life of a university student. So everyone has the opportunity to experience workshops as well as social activities, such as film nights and sports days.

There are also chances to explore surrounding areas of beauty, such as Blenheim Palace and Windsor Castle, or take a trip to London to discover some of its hidden wonders. Or why not take a break from essay writing by escaping to a pub garden in the sunshine? However students want to spend their free time, the options are endless.

Whether preparing for university or already studying there, our world-class tutors offer plenty of inspiration.







## PRICING

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### STUDENTS AGED 13-24

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#### 2 weeks

<b>Deposit:</b>	<b>£995</b>
Standard room (2 to a room, shared hallway bathroom):	<b>£6,395</b>
Ensuite room (private bathroom):	<b>£7,495</b>

### JUNIORS (AGED 9-12)

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#### 1 week

<b>Deposit:</b>	<b>£395</b>
1 week in a top UK boarding school, Standard Room*	<b>£2,165</b>

\*Will have a shared bathroom

All students can choose to purchase multiple consecutive courses and extend their stay, with the option for older students to include a course in both Oxford and Cambridge. The price will remain the same per course, however, there will be an additional excursion on the weekend between their first course finishing and their second course beginning at no extra cost.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

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- Day trips across the country
- Formal college dinners
- Graduation ceremony at the end of the course
- Focussed seminars and tutorials with expert tutors
- Scheduled extra-curricular activities
- Free time to explore the city (for 16-24 age group)









THE QUEEN'S AWARDS  
FOR ENTERPRISE:  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
2020



OXFORD SUMMER COURSES





## WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED

In short: not enough. We won't rest until... well, we probably won't rest. We're too busy broadening our reach, widening access, and improving educational experiences and opportunities for everyone.

Having said that, we're delighted to have won recognition for our work so far. With awards for our company growth, our business performance, our values and our impact on society, we seem to be doing something right. Now we just need to do more of it, and better.

### Awards Received

We are the fastest growing education company in the UK.

2020	<b>The Queens Award winner for Enterprise: International Trade</b>
2019	Financial Times 1000 - ranked 191st fastest growing company in Europe (4th for education) Sunday Times
2019	SME Export Track 100 - ranked 31st SME exporter
2018	Sunday Times Fast Track 100 - ranked 20th fastest growing company in UK (1st for education) Real
2018	Business & Breathe HR - Top 25 SME Culture Leaders 2018 - ranked 2nd
2018	Mishcon The Leap Future 100 - award for creating positive social impact
2013	Accredited by the British Accreditation Council for short courses. Accreditation re-awarded in 2017







## OXFORD SUMMER COURSES


OXFORD SUMMER COURSES OFFERS YOU REMARKABLE, EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES,  
EXPERIENCED TUTORS AND EXCEPTIONAL LOCATIONS.

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