

The Oriel Summer Institute



The Oriel Summer Institute

Over the last 700 years, some of the brightest minds from across the globe have passed through the quads of Oriel College, University of Oxford, to participate in our rich tradition of learning and academic excellence. We now warmly invite you to join this tradition as a student of the Oriel Summer Institute.

The Oriel Summer Institute offers a unique opportunity to engage with world-class academics and immerse yourself in life at the University of Oxford, one of the world's top universities.

Intensive Learning, Intimate Groups

In a group of no more than 30 students, our expert Tutors will guide you through a deep exploration of your chosen subject area – whether this be Law, Philosophy, Economics, STEM or British Literature. Across the two-week course, you will be intellectually challenged in a way that will build your understanding, stretch your perspectives and grow your academic capabilities.

Explore and Discover

With a thoughtfully balanced schedule, you'll attend classes either in the morning or the afternoon, providing space in your day to explore everything

that Oxford has to offer. In the evenings, you will have the opportunity to attend evening talks by leading thinkers in a range of academic disciplines. During the weekend, you will also be able to venture beyond Oxford to visit a different parts of the UK, such as London, Bath or the Cotswolds.

Over the last 20 years, the Oriel Summer Institute has been attended by over 5,000 students who have found our programme to be inspiring, challenging and enriching. We're excited to welcome you in 2025 and are confident that your time with us will be transformative.

WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER TWO TWO-WEEK SESSIONS IN 2025:

Session One Sunday, 20 July –
Saturday, 2 August

Session Two Sunday, 3 August –
Saturday, 16 August



Our Academic Programme

We offer 16 different courses across five different streams (areas of study), namely International & European Law, Economics, Philosophy, British Literature and STEM.

Each of the streams is led by a senior academic of Oriel College who sits on the Institute's Academic Advisory Panel (see page 6). They work with the Tutors to ensure that the learning experience delivered is truly world-class and meets the highest of academic standards, while remaining accessible.

The Tutors who teach at the Summer Institute are drawn either directly from Oriel or from the wider University. Some of the Advisory Panel members will also teach on the programme. This ensures

that the quality of the programme, both in terms of content and teaching, is maintained at the highest level.

Each student may take one course per session but must select up to three preferences in order of priority. While we will do our best to place you in your first-choice programme, limited spaces mean this cannot always be guaranteed. To increase your chances of securing a place, we recommend that you submit your application as early as possible.



Course Offerings in 2025

Each course taught in our Summer Institute has been specifically designed for our programme, with the intention of providing a learning experience like no other.

The papers we are offering in 2025 include:

STREAM	SESSION	COURSE
International & European Law	1	International Dispute Resolution
		EU Market Law
	2	International Business Tax Law
		European Contract Law
Economics	1	Microeconomics & Game Theory
		Monetary Policy & Central Banking
	2	Economics & Public Policy
		Finance
Philosophy	1	Philosophy & AI
	2	Philosophical Classics – Plato & Descartes
British Literature	1	Shakespeare
	2	Novel Fictions - Defoe to Austin
STEM	1	Symbolic Methods in AI
		Quantum Computing
	2	Foundations & Algorithms of AI
		Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

The course offerings for 2025 are subject to change. The up-to-date course offering and a description of each course is available on the programme's website.

Recognising your Learning

The Summer Institute is first and foremost an academic programme. While we promise to provide outstanding teaching, we expect our students to engage fully, work hard and make the most of the experience.

Both during the course and at the end of the second week, your tutor will assess your understanding of the course's content. The specific mode of assessment will depend on the course you are undertaking, but might include group presentations, essays, multiple choice tests, seminar feedback.

Each delegate who has successfully completed the programme will receive a Certificate of Achievement from Oriel College, as well as an Official Academic Transcript.

The Certificate of Achievement will be signed by the Senior Tutor and Senior Dean of Oriel College, and the transcript will set out how you performed in your learning and participation in the programme.

Some universities will accept this course as credit towards your degree – please check with your home university when you apply. For reference, this programme includes approximately 36 hours of teaching - this is typically considered to be 2 US credit hours/4 ECTS credits.

The Academic Advisory Panel

To ensure the quality of our academic programme, the Summer Institute is overseen by an Advisory Panel composed of a number of the College's Fellows (including the Senior Tutor and Senior Dean).

Their role is to ensure that the programme curriculum, assessment approach and Tutors meet the highest of academic standards. Panel members include:

Mrs. Juliane Kerkhecker

Senior Dean, Fellow & Tutor in Classics, Oriel College

Professor Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereya

Philosophy Stream Lead
Senior Tutor, Colin Prestige Fellow & Tutor in Philosophy, Oriel College

Dr Paul Yowell

Law Stream Lead
Ben Fellow & Tutor in Law, Oriel College

Dr Nicholas Gaskill

British Literature Stream Lead
Fellow & Tutor in American Literature, Oriel College

Dr Christopher Bowdler

Economics Stream Lead
Macpherson Fellow & Tutor in Economics, Oriel College

Dr Kobi Kremnitzer

STEM Stream Lead
Fellow & Tutor in Mathematics, Oriel College

The Student Experience

The programme is not just about academics. We want to make sure that your time at Oriel is a fun, comfortable and memorable experience.

Unforgettable Experiences

A range of activities are arranged over the course of the programme to provide an opportunity to explore the culture and history of Oxford. These might include trips to local museums, punting in the River Thames, taking a tour of the famous Bodleian Libraries or joining a walking tour of the city.

In the weekend that falls in the middle of the programme, you are invited to take

a day trip to another iconic destination in England. Previous excursions have included London, Bath and the picturesque Cotswolds.

A highlight of our programme is the Welcome Reception when you arrive, as well as our farewell Formal Hall, a characteristic Oxford dining experience. The formal hall experience at Oriel is a timeless tradition, combining conversation, elegant dining and a sense of community in a historic setting.





Accommodation & Food

Whilst at Oriel, you will be accommodated in our student lodgings, either on the main college site or at our graduate campus, just a ten-minute walk from the heart of Oxford. Immersed in our beautiful surroundings, you will have the opportunity to stay, learn, and dine as our own students do, experiencing first hand the unique atmosphere of studying at Oxford.

Our chefs will prepare a delicious and nutritious meals for you during your stay. From Monday to Friday, this will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In the weekends, we provide breakfast only, as many students choose to spend the day and evening away from the College.

Support

From the moment you arrive to the moment you leave; our Delegate Advisors are here to support your visit. Our Delegate Advisors are students at Oriel College or another college of the University, so offer a rich and authentic perspective during your stay. They support your welcome and arrival, the activities and excursions and make sure that your day-to-day experience at the College is as smooth as possible.

Additionally, our Porters in the Oriel Lodge are here to help 24/7. They will be a friendly face at the front gate every time you come into college and are well equipped to help should you need any support.

Our 2025 Programme

We are excited to welcome a cohort of talented and engaged students to the 2025 Summer Institute.

Key Dates

- Session One** Sunday, 20 July -
Saturday, 2 August
- Session Two** Sunday, 3 August -
Saturday, 16 August

Students can choose to attend one or both programmes.

Fees

Two-Week Session	5,580 GBP
Additional Two-Week Session	5,190 GBP

Our standard fee package includes:

- **Application fee:** A 500 GBP non-refundable application fee

- **Tuition:** for the duration of your programme, including all course teaching, evening lectures and assessments
- **Activities:** Transport to weekend excursions and various activities in Oxford city
- **Accommodation:** Pricing is based on single ensuite rooms. Dependent on availability, discounts can be provided for single standard and twin shared room options
- **Food:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays. Breakfast only on weekends. Welcome reception and Farewell Formal Hall meal.





Discounts

We are pleased to offer a range of discounts to make the Summer Institute more accessible to our students.

Early Bird Discount (100 GBP) is available for those who complete their applications and payments earlier than 1 Mar 2025.

Students applying from non-partner universities are eligible for one of the following discounts:

- **Word of Mouth Discount (200 GBP)** is available for those who are recommended by previous participants of the Summer Institute.
- **Group Discount (200 GBP)** is available for students enrolling in groups of three or more, making it an excellent choice for friends or classmates to join together.

Partner Universities

Over the past decades, Oriel College has established meaningful partnerships with some of the most prestigious universities across the globe, with a particular emphasis on institutions in the Far East. These collaborations have fostered a rich exchange of knowledge, culture and academic excellence, strengthening Oriel's reputation as a globally connected college. From joint research initiatives to student and faculty exchanges, these partnerships have enabled Oriel to engage with diverse perspectives and promote cross-cultural understanding, reinforcing its commitment to advancing education on an international scale.

All students from our partner universities are eligible for a **Partnership Scholarship (300 GBP)**, reflecting our commitment to strengthen these valued academic collaborations. Our Early Bird discount also applies for these students.

For more information, please contact your international/study abroad office.

How to apply

The Summer Institute warmly welcomes applications from talented and ambitious students (aged 18 or above) from universities and colleges anywhere in the world. Working professionals seeking further education are also welcome to apply.

We run a rolling admissions process, meaning that we assess and admit candidates as applications are received. We have a strictly limited number of places for each course, so you are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible. We encourage students to submit their application no later than 1 April, although we may still accept applications past this date.

Our application link is available at our website: summerinstitute.oriel.ox.ac.uk. Once your application is submitted, you will receive an outcome within 5 working days.

Language requirements

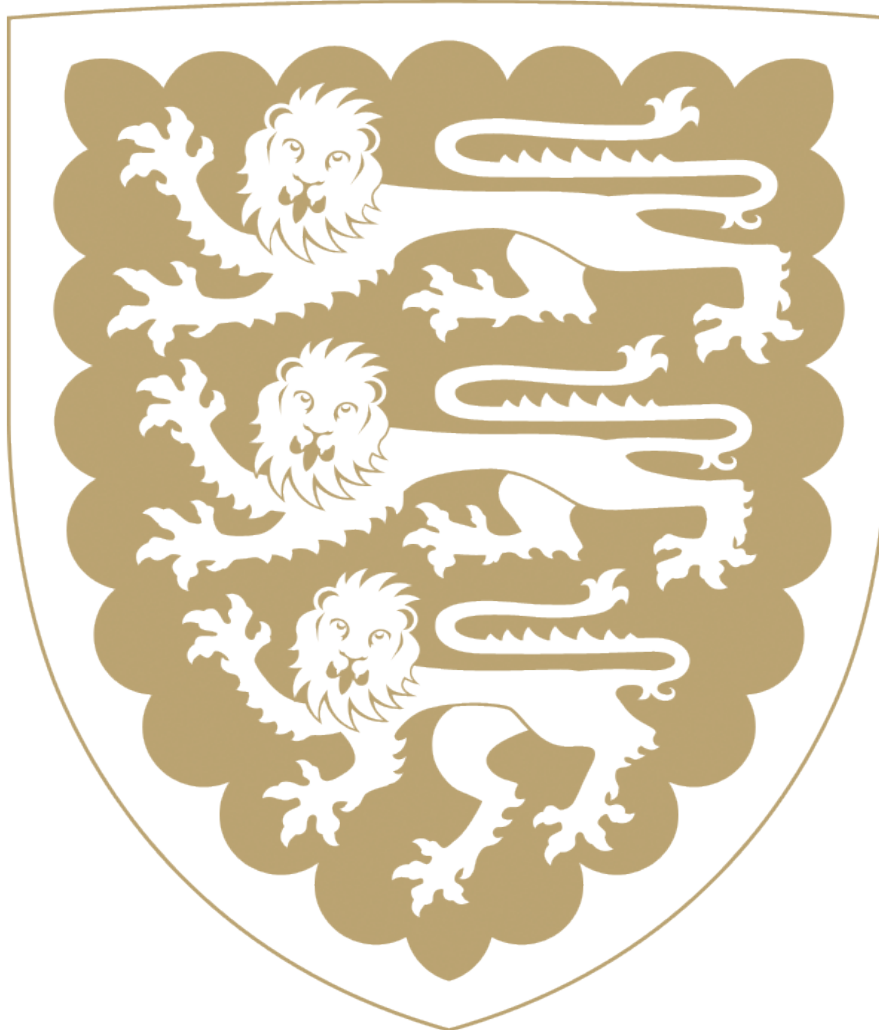
To ensure participants can fully engage with the academic and cultural

experience, the Summer Institute requires a strong level of English language proficiency. Applicants should demonstrate their proficiency with a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 90 or equivalent.

These standards ensure that students can actively participate in lectures, discussions and workshops, while also fully enjoying the immersive environment of studying at Oriel College, University of Oxford. If you meet these language requirements, you will be well-prepared to thrive in this intellectually stimulating programme.

If you do not have a language test score, please contact the College at: summerinstitute@oriel.ox.ac.uk





Website: summerinstitute.oriel.ox.ac.uk

Email: summerinstitute@oriel.ox.ac.uk