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Oxford Summer Academy Programme

at Lincoln College

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Introduction

Immerse yourself in an authentic Oxford experience on the Oxford Summer Academy Programme housed in the beautiful grounds of Lincoln College, Oxford. Founded in 1427, Lincoln College stands proudly in history and is part of the historical heart of Oxford's academic and cultural life. Over two intensive weeks, you will:

- Live in historic on-site accommodation
- Dine in a 15th-century timber-framed College Hall
- Learn from Oxford-affiliated academics, in small-group tutorials and seminars
- Connect with an international cohort and embrace Oxford tradition
- Discover the remarkable heritage and community that define Oxford at its best.

The Venue at Lincoln College

Enter Lincoln College's medieval courtyard—few Oxford colleges can match its centuries-old stonework and tranquil atmosphere. Dine in our 15th-century timber-framed Hall and explore a beautifully appointed library that perfectly blends historic charm with modern study facilities. Embrace a close-knit community at the heart of Oxford's timeless heritage.

Programme highlights

1. Small-Group Teaching

Enjoy the Oxford tutorial model with small groups in each class, ensuring in-depth discussion and dedicated feedback.

2. World-Class Academics

All tutors are Oxford-affiliated or leading subject experts, bringing cutting-edge research into the classroom.

3. Outstanding students will have the opportunity to receive recommendation letters.

Students demonstrating exceptional performance may obtain personalised letters of recommendation from their tutors, providing valuable support for future academic applications, research opportunities, or career pursuits.

4. A Bodleian Library Reader's Card

Students will be issued with a Bodleian Library Reader's Card, granting access to an immense range of academic resources. Immerse yourself in the diligence and determination of Oxford's top scholars, experience the vibrant atmosphere of all-night study sessions, and become truly integrated into Oxford's rich academic tradition.

The Bodleian Library is the main research library of the University of Oxford. Founded in 1602 by Sir Thomas Bodley, it is one of the oldest libraries in Europe. With over 13 million printed items, it is

the second-largest library in Britain after the British Library.

5. Contemporary Global Focus

Choose from courses addressing AI, cybersecurity, Economics and more—all designed for 21st-century challenges.

6. Authentic Oxford Traditions & Social Scene

From formal dinners in College Hall to punting on the River Cherwell, you'll experience the true spirit of Oxford life.



Key information

What's included?



Accommodation

- Single en-suite accommodation (13 nights)
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on weekdays (weekend breakfast only)



Social Programme

- One traditional college formal dinner
- One full-day excursion to Cambridge
- One full-day excursion to London
- Two local Oxford excursions



Academic Programme

- Around 60 hours of tutorials, seminars, and workshops, independent study
- Guest speaker events & networking sessions
- Certificate & transcript



Exclusions

- Airfare, visas, international insurance
- Weekend lunches/dinners
- Airport transfers
- Optional extra trips



Session:
10–23 August 2025
Price:
£4599 per session

Who should apply and English entry requirements

The Oxford Summer Academy Programme is for anyone aged 18 or over who has a strong interest in furthering their academic horizons. You may be a current undergraduate or postgraduate student looking to broaden your intellectual horizons and build on your subject-specific expertise, or a professional who has already completed their studies and wishes to enhance their expertise in a specific area covered in our courses.

All students must have a good level of English to ensure they can get the most out of the programme. If you are not studying in the UK or in an English-speaking country, then we require evidence of one of the following:

- **IELTS - 6.5**
- **TOEFL - 90**
- **Duolingo - 120**
- **TOEIC - 750**
- **CET - 4 (China) 550+**
- **CET - 6 (China) 520+**

Or other agreed University or specific level, please contact us directly to discuss.

Certificate & Transcript

On completion of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance presented by By Oxford Summer Academy Programme and UK Schooling and a course transcript detailing your academic progress from Oxford Summer Academy Programme will be made available by your tutor. Oxford Summer Academy and UK Schooling do not award credits for the programme. The decision on whether your Oxford Summer Academy Programme can be validated for credit towards your degree rests entirely with your home institution and you should ensure that you have discussed and agreed upon any matters with them before enrolling on the Oxford Summer Academy Programme if you would like to claim credits from your University for the course. Institutions are welcome to contact the Oxford Summer Academy Programme with any questions about academic provision and suitability for the award of credit within their degree structure.

Course Design

The Oxford Summer Academy Programme, developed by the Oxford Summer Academy Programme and UK Schooling brings together distinguished academics from a diverse range of disciplines. UK Schooling has a long-standing tradition of delivering premium educational programmes and holds accreditation from the British Accreditation Council (BAC), guaranteeing adherence to the highest standards. Each component of the programme is thoughtfully crafted to deliver exceptional teaching quality and provide participants with a comprehensive and enriching experience that reflects the best the UK has to offer.



Residential life

The Venue – Lincoln College, Oxford

Lincoln College is a storied institution blending medieval courtyards, modern study resources, and a vibrant community that has nurtured alumni including Dr Seuss, John le Carré, and Rishi Sunak.

Accommodation

- **Single en-suite rooms** within the main site
- **Breakfast, lunch, and dinner** on weekdays in the College Hall
- **Weekend breakfast only**—explore local eateries at your leisure
- **Traditional College Formal Dinners** that capture Oxford's time-honoured dining culture



Courses

Select one course per two-week session, taught by Oxford-affiliated tutors in small-group tutorials and interactive seminars. The pages that follow are the approved, unaltered course text from our latest programme: (10-23 August 2025)

Business and Innovation in the Age of AI

This course explores the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI) in shaping strategy and entrepreneurship, providing students with insights into adopting and leveraging AI to drive innovation and build competitive advantages in Businesses. We will discuss the resources and capabilities needed for AI adoption and development, and will examine what challenges are faced by firms seeking to leverage the potentialities of AI.

The course begins with an Introduction to AI and Strategic Innovation, highlighting how AI technologies are reshaping industries by enabling automation, predictive analytics, and personalized customer experiences. Next, we delve into AI-Driven Strategic Decision-Making, where students learn how AI supports data-driven strategies through tools like machine learning and advanced analytics, using real-world examples. The course then shifts to an analysis of AI as an Innovation Catalyst, exploring how entrepreneurs use AI to identify market gaps, create disruptive business models, and scale operations efficiently. A dedicated section on the Ethical use of AI will examine issues such as bias, privacy, and regulatory compliance, emphasizing the importance of responsible AI practices. The course concludes with an analysis of Emerging Trends in AI and AI-based Strategy, discussing generative AI, autonomous systems, and their implications for businesses. Students will gain actionable insights, a better understanding of ethical frameworks, and a visionary perspective on integrating AI into entrepreneurial and strategic practices.

Who should apply:

The course is open to students in any area of study, but is particularly relevant to students currently enrolled in a degree programme in the areas of Business & Management, Economics, Data Science, Computer Science, or Philosophy, and those interested in corporate ethics, and in the impact of innovative digital technologies on the corporate world.

Tutor: Dr. Dize Dinckol

Dr. Dinckol was a Research Fellow at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford (2022-2024), where she received the Saïd Research Excellence Award in December 2024. She holds a PhD from Warwick Business School, an MSc in Political Economy from King's College London, and a BSc in Industrial Engineering from Bilkent University. Previously a Visiting Fellow at the Laboratory for Innovation Science at Harvard, her research focuses on strategy, entrepreneurship, and AI-driven business models in Open Banking, Fintech, and regulated industries. Dr Dinckol is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Birkbeck, University of London.



Cybersecurity in a Global Context: Technology, AI, and Governance

On this course you will learn to understand core principles of cybersecurity and their application in emerging technologies, including AI, blockchain, quantum computing, and post-quantum cryptography. We will analyse the role of cybersecurity in a global context, focusing on regulations and policies in the US, EU, China, India, and other regions. We will equally evaluate technological advancements and cybersecurity intersections, with emphasis on AI, quantum, and blockchain security. Students will develop foundational critical skills to consider the ethical and practical stakes and implications of cybersecurity, and will acquire practical skills through hands-on malware analysis in a virtual environment, accessible to all students.

Who should apply:

This course is open to students from any academic discipline, with no prerequisites. It provides a foundational understanding of cybersecurity, while exploring advanced topics in AI, blockchain, quantum security, and post-quantum cryptography, making it suitable for both technical and non-technical students. It is particularly relevant for students in Computer Science, Data Science, International Security & Defence Studies, Politics & International Relations, Business & Management, Economics.

Tutor: Dr. Petar Radanliev

Dr. Petar Radanliev is a Professional Masters Programme Project Supervisor at the Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford. His work spans artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, blockchain, and post-quantum cryptography. He completed his PhD in Information Engineering at the University of Wales, followed by postdoctoral research at Imperial College London, the University of Cambridge, and MIT. Prior to joining Oxford, he served as Cybersecurity Manager at RBS. His research focuses on AI-enhanced security frameworks, ethical challenges of real-world AI deployment, and the cybersecurity implications of emerging technologies, including blockchain, quantum cryptography, and extended reality environments.



Macroeconomics and Microeconomics in the Digital Age: Innovation, Regulation, and Policymaking

In this course you will be introduced to the ways in which digital forces are reshaping modern consumer markets, which behave very differently to the traditional markets studied in economics curricula. Some goods or services are offered at deep discounts or even for free, e.g. news websites do not charge readers or Facebook does not charge users of the platform. Supply for some goods is restricted even though they have zero costs, e.g. digital copies of movies, music, etc. Online retail is often dominated by few huge marketplaces, or platforms, like Amazon, eBay or Taobao. Consumer attention and consumer private information are the core elements of digital markets.

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the key economic research of internet markets developed in recent years, concerned with pricing on internet, two-sided platforms, search engines, targeted advertising and customer data.

The second week focuses on application of these concepts to digital and internet markets: building up and exploiting network effects, online price dispersion, price comparison websites, search engines and position auctions and product versioning.

Who should apply:

This course will require solid grounding in quantitative skills (statistics and mathematics), and is particularly suitable for students in Economics, Business, & Management.

Tutor: Dr. George Bitsakakis

Dr. George Bitsakakis is a Departmental Lecturer in Economics at the University of Oxford, where he also serves as a Tutor. He completed his doctoral studies at the University of Oxford and has broad research interests examining how policies affect economic outcomes in both developed and developing contexts. At Oxford, he teaches and advises students on a range of economics topics, drawing on his extensive research and teaching experience.



Oxford Architecture: A Social and Cultural History of the University through its buildings

The University of Oxford has changed and evolved dramatically since its foundation in the Middle Ages, reflecting the transformation of broader cultural attitudes to the University and the related ideas and definitions of learning and its place in society. In doing so, the University has evolved from an institution serving broadly religious purposes, to a playground for the wealthy and the privileged English ruling classes, to a career accelerator for students from a much more diverse and international background in recent years. Fortunately, the marks and traces of the history and evolution of the University and the ideas that underpinned it at any given time are still available to us in the form of architectural heritage. The buildings of the University, therefore, are much more than inert structures of stone, glass, and metal, and tell powerful, complex stories about the changing meaning of the 'idea' of Oxford throughout its history.

The course will examine a number of salient buildings that mark key stages in the history of the growth and transformation of the University, through a combination of cultural and historical contextualisation, site visits, and in-depth analysis of the cultural, intellectual, religious, and socio-economic pressures and priorities that have shaped the production of iconic buildings in the city. From the original 'dreaming spires that adorn the city, we will move to examine Cardinal Wolsey's foundation of Cardinal College (now Christ Church), the foundation of the Bodleian Library by Thomas Bodley, the edification of the Sheldonian Theatre by Christopher Wren. We will also consider more recent developments with the advent of 'University

Brutalism in the mid twentieth century, all the way into the present. We will examine the drive to promote sustainable architecture, the development of 'liberated architecture' with iconic buildings by international superstars like Zaha Hadid (Investcorp building), and projects such as the mathematically inspired Andrew Wiles Building. We will also examine how Oxford's built-up landscape is changing due to the interventions by wealthy and powerful donors, funding monumental projects such as the Blavatnik School of Government, the recently inaugurated Reuben College, or the Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities (to be inaugurated in 2025).

Who should apply:

This course is open to students in any discipline, but is particularly suitable for students in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and the History of Education, as well as students of Architecture or Civil Engineering with an interest in the social and cultural history of the University.

Tutor: Dr. Matthew Landrus

Dr. Matthew Landrus is a Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College. He is best known for his studies of Renaissance artist-engineers such as Leonardo da Vinci. His research also ranges across the material culture and architecture of Oxford and other European universities. Dr Matthew Landrus is a historian of art, science and technology whose work centres on how buildings embody the ideas and aspirations of the societies that create them. Drawing on early notebooks, manuscripts and the fabric of the city itself, Dr Landrus traces how Oxford's colleges, libraries and laboratories have been shaped by shifting patterns of power, learning and belief from the Middle Ages to the present day.



Sample timetable

	9-11am	11-3pm	3-5pm	Evening
Sun	After 2pm arrival and welcome			
Mon	Seminars	Lunch and Seminar	Exploring Oxford's history & architecture	Dinner in College and social activities
Tues		Lunch and Bodleian Library Induction	Workshop: Applying for Postgraduate Study in the UK	
Wed		Lunch and Preparation, projects, group work	Visits to Oxford Museums	
Thurs			Academic Workshop: How to write an outstanding dissertation	
Fri			Social activity-British Cultural Quiz	
Sat	Day trip to London			
Sun	Day trip to Cambridge			
Mon	Seminars	Lunch and Preparation, projects, group work	Free time studying	Dinner in College and social activities
Tues			Round Table Conference	
Wed			Punting on the River	
Thurs			Site visit: Oxford Science park	
Fri		Lunch and Skills Workshop: Design Thinking for Study, Work, and Life	Projects showcase fair and Certificate Ceremony	Traditional College Formal Dinner
Sat	Say goodbye to the college. Departure			

How to Apply

1. Complete an application <https://bit.ly/OxfordSAP2025>
2. Undergo review & pay fees
3. Receive your invitation letter (for visa applications, if needed)
4. Arrange your travel
5. Start your Oxford journey!





Excursions

Full-day excursion to London, Stratford-upon-Avon or Cambridge

No trip to the UK would be complete without a visit to England's fantastic capital city. The Oxford Summer Academy Programme includes **one full-day trip** to London including a visit to the **British Museum** and **Cultural Landmarks Tour**. Students also have the opportunity to visit Oxford's rival city, **Cambridge**.

Punting

The Oxford Summer Academy Programme is also a wonderful chance to experience a new culture and participate in **quintessential Oxford traditions**. Perhaps one of the most famous of these is punting, and there will be at least one excursion to Oxford's river for students to have a go at this unique activity.

Academic excursions

To make the most of Oxford's historical collections, some tutors will hold classes at venues such as the **Ashmolean Museum** where students will be able to see original paintings, objects and extensive exhibitions related to their subject. This is an outstanding chance not only to fully embrace an interdisciplinary approach to studies but also to **gain insight from collection specialists**.

Museum and University Discovery sessions

Whilst in Oxford, you will want to discover as much as possible about the university itself, experience its historic buildings and architecture and appreciate the wonderful museums the city offers. We have scheduled various college and museum discovery sessions where you'll be able to enjoy the grounds at **Magdalen College**, admire the collections at the Pitt Rivers Museum or even take a trip to **Oxford Botanic Gardens**.



More programme features

Guest lectures and academic skills workshops

The Oxford Summer Academy Programme is unique not only due to the fantastic range of highly-specialised courses taught by leading tutors which are on offer, but also for its impressive programme of guest lectures and workshops.

The aim of our guest lecture series and workshops is to provide students with **transferable skills** that will look great on job applications or applications for postgraduate study in the future. Students can expect to participate in: **masterclasses** on writing to persuade in English, student research **presentation evenings**, debating workshops and much more. On top of these, there will be a **guest lecture** on applying to Oxford for postgraduate study.

Social programme

After spending lots of time in tutorials, masterclasses, workshops, lectures and on excursions, you'll also want some time to relax and have fun. We've organised a **full social programme** of fun activities where you'll get to spend time with others and discover more about Oxford.

Our social programme includes university challenge evenings, games nights, team quizzes, workshops, scavenger hunts and much more. At the end of the week, you'll also attend a **graduation ceremony** where you'll be awarded your certificate and have the opportunity to say goodbye to your tutors and fellow students.



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We love talking about the superb range of subjects we have on offer at our Oxford Summer Academy Programme. If you would like to find out more about any aspect of the programme or want some help deciding on which subject is best suited to you, then feel free to get in touch with us today.

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