

VISITING STUDENTS INFORMATION SHEET 2017-18

INSTITUTION

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APPLICATIONS

Deadline:	13 January 2017	
Admission requirements:	A GPA of at least 3.7, or within the top 10% of your cohort	
Language requirements:	All non-native speaking English applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:	
	• IELTS: overall score of 7.0 (with at least 7.0 in each of the four components)	
	 TOEFL (paper-based): overall score of 600 with a Test of Written English score of 5.5 TOEFL (internet-based): overall score of 110 with component scores of at least: Listening 22, Reading 24, Speaking 25, and Writing 24. Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): grade A Cambridge Certificate for Proficiency in English (CPE): grade B English Language GCSE, or O-level: grade B English Language GCSE, or O-level: grade B (for IGCSE, please see below) International Baccalaureate Standard Level (SL): score 	

	of 5 in English (as Language A or B) • European Baccalaureate: score of 70% in English.
	The College will accept TOELF for admissions, provided you meet the University's required scores and they are no older than two years by the time you start your course.
	The College will not accept IGCSE in either First Language English or English as a Second Language as proof of proficiency in English.
	More information: http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/international-students/english-language-requirements
Application Form	The application form for the Visiting Student Programme can be downloaded from the College website. This application should be completed along with a Waiver Form (also available on the website) and sent with a sample of written work to admissions@spc.ox.ac.uk
	You should also arrange for an up-to-date copy of your Transcript, along with two academic recommendations, a statement of purpose, and a study plan to be sent to the College by the deadline.
	Application and Waiver Forms: http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/visiting-students- applications
University and College	Visiting Student fees will be charged as follows:
Fees	(i) A College Fee. For the 2017/2018 the fee will be set at £14,500 for the academic year.
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Accommodation:	All Visiting Students are provided with accommodation in single,ensuites standard study-bedrooms at either St. Thomas' Street or St. George's Gate annexes, both five minutes' walk from the main college site. Please note we cannot accept requests for specific rooms or accommodation blocks - the rooms are allocated randomly by the Accommodation Manager in advance of the start of term. Rent is charged termly in advance on the basis of a 37-week lease. For 2017-2018 the estimated charge is £155 per week. (total £5,735 per year). Rooms must be vacated at the end of the lease in accordance with the conditions of the tenancy agreement (which students are required to sign on arrival). All requests to occupy rooms outside the set periods must be addressed to the Accommodation Manager. Any additional days that are authorised will be charged on a pro rata basis. More information: http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/accommodation
Meals and other additional costs	Meals are available in the College Dining Hall, and are charged on a "pay as you go" basis. Students should budget between £1700 and £2000 for the year, depending on the number of meals taken in College. Extra costs will be incurred through purchases of books, personal expenditure and travel expenses. We recommend that students budget an extra £3000 for spending in this way.

Visas:

Students from within the EEA do not need a Visa to study at St. Peter's. A list of EEA countries can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/eu-eea

Most students from outside the EEA will require a Tier 4 Visa. In July/August 2017 St. Peter's will work with each of the successful applicants to produce a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) Number, which will enable a student to apply for their Visa. Any queries concerning the visa application process can be discussed with the Deputy Registrar, Mr Martin Brown. (admissions@spc.ox.ac.uk).

More information about Visas is available on the UK Home Office website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

Some students may also need to register with the police. For a list of which students need to do so, see here: http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/during/police

Insurance:

It is advisable that students take out travel insurance to cover their luggage, personal possessions, money and medical costs for their first few days. Overseas students who are on a course lasting over six months are entitled to free hospital treatment under the National Health Service (NHS). They will also need to register with the College Doctor, the Jericho Health Centre, on arrival at the College.

However, if desired students may take out their own health insurance.

The College also has a policy with Endsleigh Insurance so that, for a nominal fee (maximum £10 per year), the contents of students' rooms are insured against fire, flood and theft. However, we recommend that students take out their own insurance to cover the following, which are excluded from the Endsleigh policy:

- Accidental damage
- Laptops and other gadgets (such as Tablets) outside the room
- Mobile Phones outside the room
- Bicycles
- Musical Instruments outside the room
- Any other items taken outside the room

Arrival:

St. Peter's is located in the very centre of Oxford and is easy to get to by either bus or train.

Both Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are linked to Oxford by the Oxford Bus Company, which runs an airport service, *The Airline*, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Buses leave Heathrow every 20 minutes and Gatwick every hour (slightly less often at night), and will take students to Gloucester Green Bus Station in Oxford, which is just a few minutes' walk from the College. See http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/ for timetables and fares.

If students are travelling directly from London they can catch either the Oxford Tube or the (Oxford Bus Company) X90 buses, which leave from Victoria Station and travel to Gloucester Green. Alternatively they can catch a train from Paddington Station to Oxford. The train station is 10 minutes' walk from the College.

There are directions to St. Peter's from both the train and bus stations on the College website here: http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/getting-st-peters

Once students have arrived at St. Peter's, they should report to the Porters' Lodge.

See also the *Finding your way to Oxford* leaflet, available at https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/orientation

Orientation Programme:

In September/October each year the University offers undergraduate and graduate orientation programmes to help international students settle into the University and give practical advice on living and studying in the UK and Oxford.

During the programme students will meet fellow newcomers from over 100 different currents, as well as current Oxford students and staff to help and advise them.

More information:

http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/orientation

Pre-departure Skype events are also held in a number of cities over the summer.

Student Life:	For information on life in Oxford, including information on student clubs and societies, IT's ervices, work experience and tips for getting involved with the community see the University website here: http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/life For information on life at St. Peter's and the Junior Common Room, see the College website here: http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/college-life
Tutor for Visiting Students:	The Tutor for Visiting Students at St. Peter's, Dr Massimo Antonini, can help students with all types of practical advice about their studies and life in Oxford. He can be contacted at massimo.antonini@spc.ox.ac.uk
	To read a greeting from the Tutor for Visiting Students, see here: http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/greeting-tutor-visiting-students
Student Welfare:	There are a number of services available to provide support for students during their time in Oxford. Advice is available from subject Departments, the College and central University services.
	For more information on the welfare services offered by the University, see the website here: http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare
Emergency Numbers:	The University's emergency number is 01865 289999 To contact Emergency Services (Police, Ambulance, Fire) you can dial either 999 or 112
	Other contact numbers: http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/ouss/contactus/

ACADEMIC

Required Arrival Dates: (In Michaelmas term, new students are asked to arrive prior to the start of term in order to participate in the College and University induction events. In other terms, all students are required to return by Wednesday prior to the start of term.)	Michaelmas 2017:	Sunday, 1 October
	Hilary 2018:	Wednesday, 10 January
	Trinity 2018:	Wednesday, 18 April
Term Dates:	Michaelmas 2017:	Sunday, 8 October – Saturday, 2 December
	Hilary 2018:	Sunday, 14 January – Saturday, 10 March
	Trinity 2018	Sunday 22 April – Saturday, 16 June

Courses Available: Languages of	Visiting Students can apply for all courses offered by St. Peter's at undergraduate level with the exceptions of Law and Music. For a full list of courses offered by the College, see here: http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/course-list All courses are taught in English.
Instruction:	
Credit System Used:	The University credit system follows the Higher Education Credit Framework for England. Each year of full-time undergraduate study is 120 UK Credits and each year of full-time postgraduate study is 180 UK Credits. This is roughly equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme) for undergraduates and 60-90 ECTS for postgraduates. The university's courses are not taught on a modular basis, and so credit weightings are not applying to the individual components of a course. A Visiting Students workload is expected to be comparable to that of a matriculated undergraduate, but the College does not directly assign credits. A Visiting Students' home institution is solely responsible to decide course equivalence and credits.
Standard Workload:	The standard workload is two courses per term, though this may vary across subjects.
Course Registration:	In order to attend their course, students must register online with the Student Self Service. On arrival in Oxford, the College will complete the student's registration and issue them with their University Card. For information on the registration process: http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/registration/
Examinations:	Visiting Students do not sit University Public Examinations; they are generally assessed on the work produced for tutorials, classes etc. They may in some subjects be required to sit "Collections" (College internal examinations).
Transcripts:	For full year students transcripts are issued in August 2018. Transcripts will detail a full list of courses taken along with tutorial reports for each course.