



HERTFORD COLLEGE
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University of Chinese Academy of Social
Sciences

at

Hertford College, Oxford

Three week Understanding Britain Programme

SUMMER 2019

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A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to Oxford!



Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 38 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

**Welcome to
Oxford!**

MEALS

- On **class days**, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- On **trip days** you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.
- **Weekend:** Saturday you are offered breakfast. Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme



Pre - Programme Task: Aspects of Oxford

This is an opportunity for you to research and present on a cultural, historical, economic, political or social aspect of Oxford's rich heritage to your peers at the start of the programme. It is an enriching experience for everyone involved as it allows the teaching team to find out more about your interests, and for you to find out more about Oxford as soon as you arrive.

Please choose one of the following topic areas and come prepared to offer a five minute presentation on your research.

If you choose history, for example, you may like to look at a specific period or event in Oxford's history. These topic headings are guidelines only and we welcome presentations on any other aspects of Oxford that you find interesting and would like to share with your peers.

Students work individually on this task and we ask you to bring any power points on a USB stick, as external equipment is not always compatible with our college system.

Here are some possible topic areas:

Music: classical/contemporary/Oxford bands etc.

Culture: the arts/literature

History, including Economic History: e.g. the Rover/BMW plant in Cowley and migration

The University and the collegiate system

Geography

Architecture

Events

Traditions and Folklore

Oxford alumni

Academic research

Social history

Enjoy your research and we look forward to meeting you this summer.

ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Sunday 21st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. • On arrival: Supper and welcome information 						
WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 2 Monday 22nd July	English Language Assessment Students complete a placement test. Communicative Activities Teachers and students meet in an informal setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins.	B R E A K	Oxford University and the Tutorial System The lecture is followed by a Q and A session. You will have the chance to ask questions about the admissions process to Oxford and other British universities.	L U N C H	Out and About Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of this beautiful and historic city	D I N N E R	Orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 23rd July	Aspects of Oxford Presentations by students based on the pre-course task. Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.	B R E A K	Presentation Workshop 1 How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planning and structure • engaging the audience • tips and techniques Students choose a topic related to management or leadership.	L U N C H	Welcome Tea at 3.30pm Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of one of Hertford College’s historic dining halls. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

<p>Day 4</p> <p>Wednesday 24th July</p>	<p>Introduction to London Learn about the history and cultural highlights of the capital city. You will also have the opportunity to study some of the treasures in the British Museum and National Gallery in preparation for Friday's visit.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Management and Leadership: Theory and Practice Lecture followed by discussion and skills based activities</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Team Building Group Activity Students work in groups to complete a mini-project. The process and results will then be discussed and analysed.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>Thursday 25th July</p>	<p>Lecture Current Economic Issues in the UK A consideration of the economic implications of Britain leaving the EU. Followed by Q and A session</p>			<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>The Media and Communication Learn about Britain's press and practice the language of journalism.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>Friday 26th July</p>	<p>Study Tour: London Enjoy a trip to the capital city and experience all the magical sights and sounds of London in the comfort and safety of your private coach. You will also visit the British Museum and National Gallery. Afterwards you are free to spend the afternoon in London with your RAs. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach and you will travel back to Oxford in time for Dinner in the evening.</p>						

<p>Day 7</p> <p>Saturday 27th July</p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college and museum visits.</p> <p>Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to a nearby place of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London • Stratford upon Avon • Warwick Castle • Cambridge • Bath • Brighton <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.</p>
<p>Day 8</p> <p>Sunday 28th July</p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>Free time (as above)</p>

WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 - 4.00pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 29th July	Lecture The UK Job Market We look at the opportunities and challenges facing today's jobseekers in the current economic climate.	B R E A K	Job seeking Skills Applying for a job: Writing successful personal statements and CVs/Resumes	L U N C H	Lecture Global Growth and Crisis This lecture looks at the global economy and how governments and world agencies react to crises and major world events. Lecture followed by discussion	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 10 Tuesday 30th July	Workshop: Ethical Issues in the Workplace Discussion, problem-solving and activities. A range of ethical issues will be examined, ranging from the personal to the corporate.	B R E A K	Lecture Entrepreneurship in the UK What makes an entrepreneur and what does it mean to be one? You will look at some of the key characteristics a successful entrepreneur requires and learn about the history of branding.	L U N C H	Academic Debating Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The language of debate: expressing your opinion and defending your ideas politely yet effectively Mini debate in groups	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 11 Wednesday 31st July	Soft Skills This workshop focuses on developing the professional skills valued by potential future employers: communication, teamwork and problem solving. Discussion of the underlying theories will be followed by a range of activities designed to strengthen your ability to apply these ideas in a practical context.			L U N C H	Lecture Organisational Behaviour Discover how people interact within groups, followed by discussion and activities.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

Day 12 Thursday 1st August	Presentations Workshop 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language check • Body language • Connecting with your audience • Answering questions 	B R E A K	A lecture in preparation for the study tour tomorrow Discover more about the history of Bath, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its lovely surrounding area.	L U N C H	History of Modern Pop Music and Youth Culture Chart the rise of pop music and youth culture in the UK and its influence on society, from the 1950s to the present day.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 13 Friday 2nd August	Study Tour: Bath and Lacock Village You will visit the Roman town of Bath. Visit the Roman Baths and also the Pump Rooms, a very elegant tearoom made famous in the eighteenth-century. Explore the streets and shops of this beautiful little city, going on to visit the quintessentially English village of Lacock. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach and you will travel back to Oxford in time for Dinner in the evening.						
Day 14 Saturday 3rd August	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 15 Sunday 4th August	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						

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Day 16 Monday 5th August	Current Social Issues in Britain Study the factors that influence and constitute multi-cultural Britain today; including population trends, immigration, and the housing market.	B R E A K	Middle English (1100-1500) The emergence of English as a distinct language This lecture will focus on key texts and developments in grammar and vocabulary	L U N C H	Collaborative Writing Activity Students work together to create an effective text. This includes exploring the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 17 Tuesday 6th August	Youth Leadership This workshop, including a Dragon’s Den interactive activity, consolidates and offers the opportunity to showcase innovation and entrepreneurship in Youth Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management • Team building • Cross-cultural communication skills • Product placement 			L U N C H	Marketing and Negotiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speculation and deduction • How to be “diplomatic” in English in a business context • Discussion and activities 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 18 Wednesday 7th August	Presentations Workshop 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine-tuning of presentations • Emphatic language • Intonation and sentence/ word stress 	B R E A K	Highlights of the Ashmolean Collection An in-depth look at the history and highlights of the University of Oxford’s world-class collections of art and archaeology. This is followed by a study tour of the museum.	L U N C H	The Ashmolean Museum Students present the results of the Ashmolean assignment.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

<p>Day 19</p> <p>Thursday 8th August</p>	<p>End of Programme Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>End of Programme Presentations (continued)</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Understanding Britain Programme, Closing thoughts An opportunity for students to reflect upon their learning at Hertford College, to have feedback on presentations, and end of course assessments.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>Day 20</p> <p>Friday 9th August</p>	<p>Free day (as explained on day 7)</p> <p>Gala Dinner We celebrate the end of the programme with a formal dinner by candlelight in Hertford College. You will be presented with your certificate. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes.</p>						
<p>Day 21</p> <p>Saturday 10th August</p>	<p>Departure Day You will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.</p>						



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