



Oxford & Cambridge *Summer Academy*

Embark on a new adventure this summer, with an academic & cultural study abroad programme in Oxford and Cambridge.





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Welcome to
*Oxford &
Cambridge*
Summer Academy





“We are delighted that you are interested in studying abroad at Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy. We want to take this opportunity to invite you to find out more about our unique programmes. Students and parents are becoming increasingly focused on the options and decisions to be made after high school, and this booklet has been designed to make the process easier by providing an insight into the academic and cultural aspects of our programme.

Studying abroad offers a multitude of advantages for high school students particularly through the sense of independence they gain whilst enrolled on an academic course with a diverse group of international delegates from all over the world. Our programmes provide the chance for academic, social, and cultural enrichment in a new and exciting city, whilst continuing your studies. You'll experience new teaching styles, whilst gaining knowledge, developing transferable skills such as public speaking and leadership, as well as expanding your international network with like-minded students.

At CBL International, we have been running academic study abroad programmes for over ten years, and in that time we have welcomed over 4,500 students of more than 70 nationalities to Oxford, Cambridge, Shanghai, Beijing, Dubai, and Sydney. We deliver an intensive programme with a balanced cultural and social schedule. The programmes offered as part of OCSA have been carefully structured, developed, and delivered by experts in their field.

We understand that choosing a study abroad programme is difficult, and we hope this booklet is both informative as well as providing you with an overview into the different academic electives we offer. Our highly cohesive and experienced team will help you with your application, as well as during your time at Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy. Please feel free to contact the CBL International Team, all the details can be found on our website www.oxfordcambridgesummeracademy.com/apply

Elizabeth Wood
Vice President – Academic Programmes
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What is *Oxford Cambridge Summer Academy?*

The high school programme's wide range of academic electives provides the perfect opportunity to gain insight into a subject you may want to study further at university.

Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy (OCSA) offers motivated, high school students aged 14 and above the opportunity to spend part of their summer in an academically renowned city, studying a subject of their choice while understanding the process of preparing for university selection and preparation.

Gain Academic Credits

Our new collaboration with WorldStrides, the biggest educational travel specialist, allows our students to receive exceptional benefits. Delegates of the summer academy may be seeking high school or college credits, and they are able to earn one after the completion of the two-week programme. There's the chance to receive four credits for those that extend their stay to eight weeks.

Academic Electives

All subjects offered in Oxford and Cambridge focus on academic teaching, as students select the academic elective of their choice and attend 24 hours of teaching during the two weeks dedicated to their subject. Our carefully selected faculty includes members from the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge; ensuring students experience the highest quality of teaching from experts in their field. Electives offered include:

- Economics
- Law
- PPE (Philosophy, Politics, & Economics)
- Natural Science
- Business & Management
- International Politics
- International Relations
- History

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The highlight was the sense of independence I gained through our free time, both with friends and without. I feel more prepared to embrace the responsibility of my senior year and adulthood beyond because of my experience

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University Preparation & Workshops

At the heart of OCSA are a series of tailored workshops focusing on broadening delegates social network, leaderships, debating skills, and conquering the university application process. There is a total of 12 hours of interactive workshops on a number of different areas.

Social & Cultural Activities

As well as providing academic insight, we organise a balanced social and cultural schedule for delegates to enjoy whilst studying in a new city, with new people from different parts of the world. They'll visit multicultural London, and an additional two cities to explore and learn more about British history and culture.

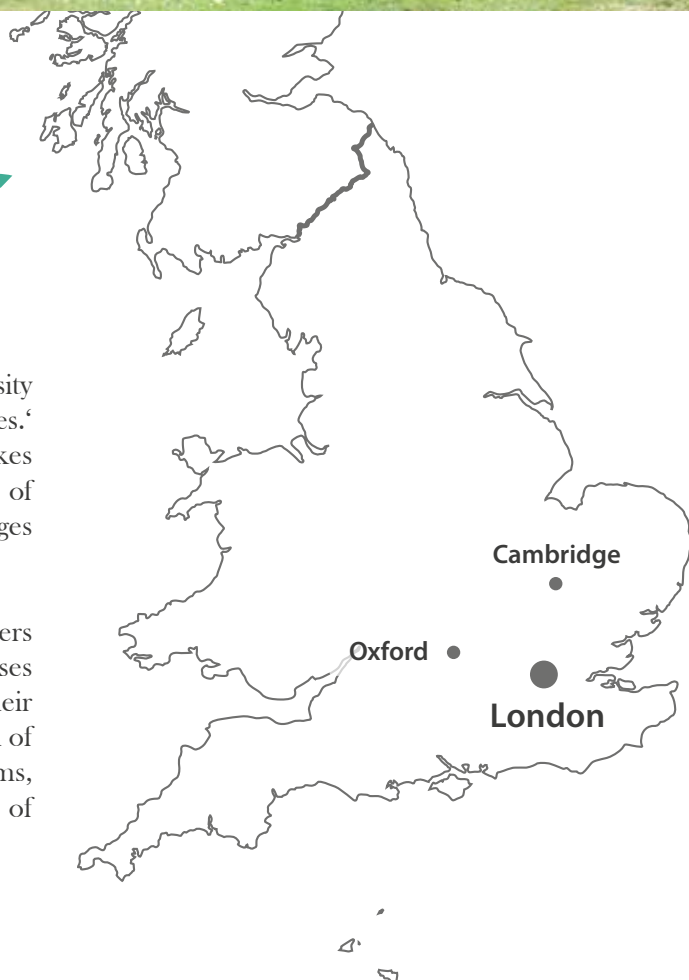
Outside of tutorials and workshops, OCSA students have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a UK city's way of life, be it in Oxford & Cambridge. They will make long-lasting international friends while on excursions and during a variety of cultural activities, as well as gain independence and confidence in a foreign city.



Studying in Oxford

Home to the world's oldest Englishlanguage university and the poet Matthew Arnold's 'Dreaming Spires,' Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy takes place here at Oriel College, one of the oldest colleges of the University of Oxford, (UK), and various other colleges located in the heart of the city centre.

Students will follow in the footsteps of Nobel Prize winners and legendary explorers as they attend classes in the premises of such colleges, sleep in student dormitories, and take their daily meals in the dining hall. The city itself offers a wealth of culture including the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers Museums, punting along the river, and historic walking tours, all of which students will experience.



Oxford Electives

Economics

Interested in pursuing a degree in economics at university, or simply learning more about the financial world? At the end of the programme, the economics elective will have introduced and deepened your knowledge of economic theories, including micro

and macroeconomics, supply & demand, market failure, and game theory. You'll learn about different countries financial systems, and organisations economic strategies. The Economics Academy offers an invaluable a unique experience in Oxford!

Law

The Law Academy presents an array of law topics to provide that all essential insight into the legal area you may want to study at university. Lectures in International and European Human Rights, International Business Law, Criminal Law, as well as a

number of other areas are taught during the two-week programme. You'll have an opportunity to solve your own case, as well as a visit to the Oxford Crown Court to see a real-life case unfolding. The course offers substantial opportunities for students!

Philosophy, Politics & Economics

The most famous subject in Oxford offers a combination of three important disciplines: philosophy, politics, and economics. A number of British politicians and world leaders have studied PPE in Oxford, and

learned how the subjects are interconnected. Students gain comprehension into how they are interconnected, their importance for good governance, as well as for great political and economical leadership.

Natural Science

The Natural Science Academy provides an insight into different areas of this multi-disciplinary academic elective, including biology, chemistry, physics, and medicine. Teaching aims to develop your interests to a higher level, as well as providing an insight into

different sciences you may pursue later at university. If you loved studying biology, chemistry, and physics at high school this academic elective will give you new knowledge on a number of different areas related to sciences.

Studying in Cambridge

Founded in the 12th century, Cambridge has become one of the most famous cities in the world, thanks to the reputation of its university. Students participating in the summer academy attend classes in Magdalene College, living in the same college accommodation. Whilst exploring the city, students will immerse themselves in the Cambridge experience and the university's way of life.

Cambridge Electives

Business & Management

You want to find out more about what business really is, and possibly start-up your own? The Business School Academy would be ideal for you, as we will work with you on all the exciting and important aspects of running, setting up, and doing business. You might

even find out whether you would like to study business management or entrepreneurship at university. As part of Business School Academy we will advise you on which business study options you might have in Oxford, Cambridge, and beyond.

International Politics

In order to understand the global issues effecting society, it is essential to gain knowledge of international politics. This course aims to develop students' understanding of political powers at work and analyse varying political systems. Governments and political figures are ever changing causing delegates to analyse the successes and failures of past political establishments and discuss the

current political climate around the globe. Delegates will compare nations where political systems strongly contrast and understand how these decisions can have varying consequences. The course will also provide an historical overview of how political systems have developed and evolved to become modern structures.

International Organisations

Our world is becoming 'smaller' due to the close political, business, and economics ties between countries, and cooperation through international organisations such as NATO, United Nations, and a number of others are crucial. The subject will allow

students to analyse case studies from international crisis such as in Afghanistan, Libya, Mali, and Palestine. Students gain knowledge on the worldwide institutional network of countries, how they work, what they do, and how they influence world politics.

History

History is one of the most popular degree subjects in the UK and with good reason. Students find studying it enormously interesting and rewarding, and the skills it develops are greatly sought after by top employers in many fields. The aim of studying history at university is to further your understanding and knowledge of the past and your ability to present that understanding and

knowledge with clarity, insight, and discrimination. The historian has to analyse a large body of material efficiently; to evaluate its significance and utility in answering important questions about societies, institutions, cultures, and individuals; and to order his or her thoughts on these matters succinctly, clearly yet with sensitivity.

University Preparation

An integral part of the summer academy is the university preparation workshops tailored for delegates during the two-week sessions. Our faculty is made up of members from the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford, to provide real-life insights from those who experienced university life at these world-renowned institutions, as well as helping students with their university application, including admission, and interview techniques.

Every two-week session includes 12 hours of workshops for the duration of the programme, including:

Personal Statements

The importance of writing a clear and convincing personal statement is undeniable, as this is an opportunity to demonstrate your enthusiasm and potential. Our workshops are tailored specifically to provide guidance in the composition and structure of personal statements, with the chance to write your own and receive feedback.

Interview Techniques & Mock Interviews

Personal interviews are part of most university application processes worldwide and require thorough preparation. As a delegate on the programme, you will receive coaching on applications and interview, as well as take part in mock interviews that will be conducted with all students to stimulate real life situations.

Debating Workshops

Our debating workshops have a strong emphasis on critical thinking, leadership skills, teamwork, effective communication, as well as individual research.

There are a range of workshops included in the programme, including:

- Teamwork & Leadership
- Essay writing/referencing
- Intercultural Awareness
- Public speaking, and much more.

LAST YEAR
50 +
NATIONALITIES
PARTICIPATED



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Studying at the summer academy has been the most cultural, international, and life-changing experience for me. I loved the dynamic nature of our workshops, it allowed me to learn about the admissions process and put what we had learned to test”



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The teachers were fantastic. Their academic and professional experience was compelling and provided individualised content to all the lectures”

the *social* side



The academic electives and university preparation are at the heart of Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy. However, it is important that students venture outside of the classroom in order to discover the variety of fun and cultural activities in Oxford, Cambridge, and the rest of England has to offer.

Students will take part in local activities allowing them to socialise, and integrate in the university and city culture. Whereas the day trips allow them to embrace the British lifestyle and history.

“There are a lot of social opportunities on campus, whether you want to catch up with new friends, participate in an organised activity or explore the city”

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The programme allowed me to interact with a variety of people from vastly different cultural backgrounds in one place”

Warwick Castle

A fun filled day at the medieval castle! Students can watch a number of shows, which include a spectacular bird of prey display, a tour around the castle to learn about its history, exploring the Castle Dungeon, with more performances revealed closer to the time of visit.

Stratford-upon-Avon

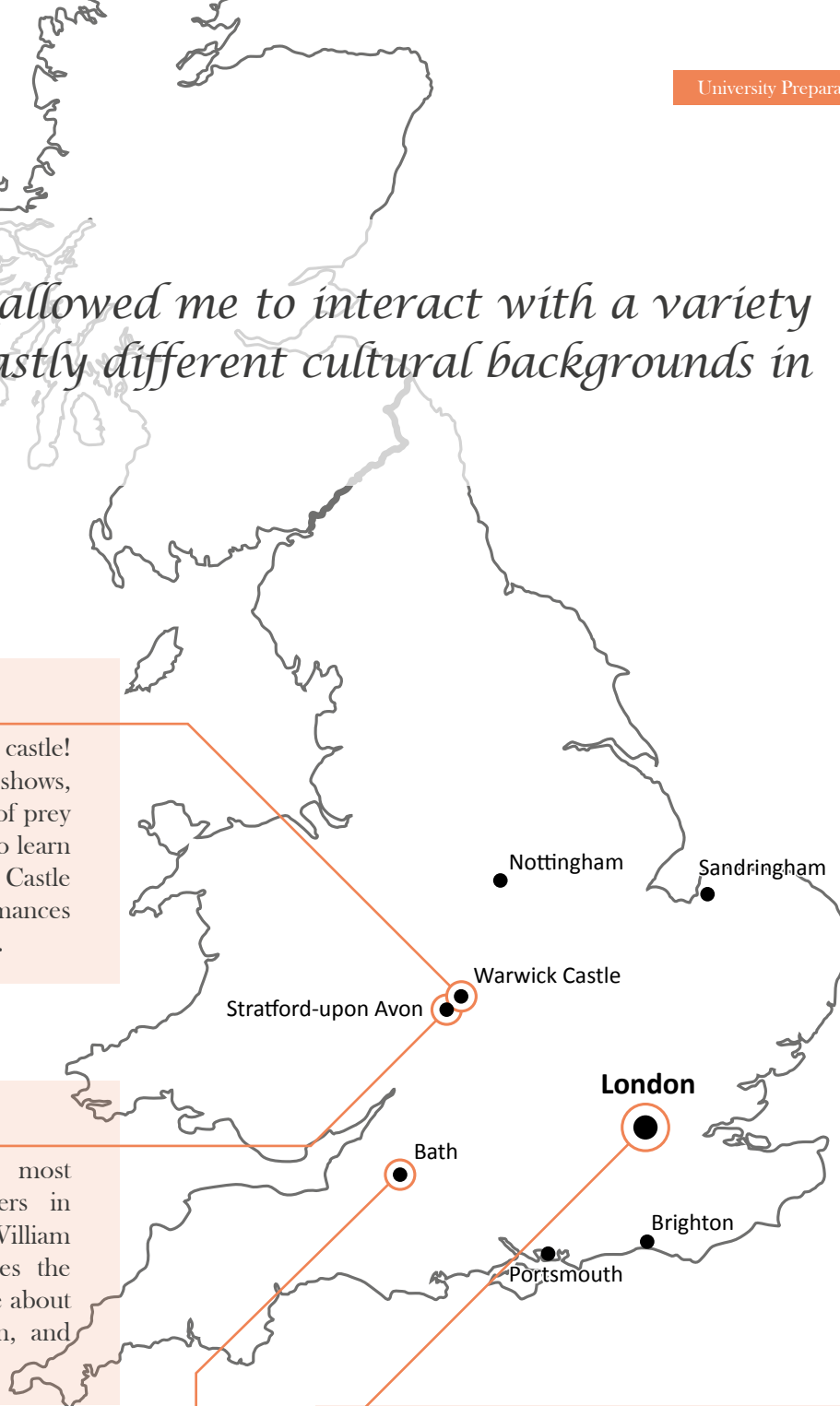
The birthplace of one of the most important and influential writers in the world, the day trip to William Shakespeare's birthplace provides the perfect opportunity to learn more about his mark on the medieval town, and about the man himself.

Bath

Recognised for its cultural significance due to being granted World Heritage status our students discover everything this small city has to offer, including a visit to the Roman Baths.

London

There are a number of things to do in multicultural London to suit delegate's preferences. In the past we've organised a number of activities, including a London Walking Tour to learn about its rich history, a visit to Houses of Parliament or to one of its many outstanding museums, shopping in Oxford Street, and much more.



Student *Life*

Student life is an important aspect of the Oxford & Cambridge experience. At the summer academy, students receive an authentic taste of what is like to study and live in these iconic cities.

Accommodation

For the duration of the programme, all students will stay in dormitories of the University of Oxford or University of Cambridge. These are rooms that are normally accommodating undergraduate or graduate students of these universities throughout the academic year. OCSA students have shared bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities. There is also the option of upgrading to a single bedroom. All students rooms are with walking distance of teaching rooms, the dining hall, and the city centre.

Meals

OCSA includes full board for the duration of the programme, as well as accommodating different dietary requirements. Students eat their meals in the ornate college dining rooms, adding to the Oxbridge student experience.

Facilities

A common room area offers students the opportunity to socialise in a comfortable setting in campus, with their new classmates for the duration of the programme. Most areas of the college have wireless internet meaning that students can be in touch with friends and family back home. Our team of Programme Directors and Residential Advisors are always on hand to assist students with any questions or concerns, and where possible we will satisfy any student request. Laundry facilities (washing machine and dryer) are available on the premises and there is a small fee to be paid to use the machinery.



Student *Welfare*



We take students' health and safety very seriously. The following measures and procedures ensure students and their parents can put their minds at ease:

- OCSA takes place in secure locations on supervised premises. The colleges have 24-hour porters for any emergencies.
- Students are given a Delegate ID, which they are required to wear at all times. The ID provides essential contact information for students.
- Delegate handbooks inform students of the health and safety requirements at OCSA, including useful information about the programme, extra-curricular activities, maps of the locations, and much more.
- Our team of Residential Advisors, Deans, and Programme Directors can assist with a wide variety of concerns such as currency, mobile phones, or illness to make students feel confident and reassured, as well as various languages spoken by our team members
- All scheduled activities and excursions are supervised by CBL International staff that follow protocols in the case of emergencies, or unforeseen circumstances.
- Before launching any programmes, we follow the latest news closely and remain up to date in regards to the programme location to ensure it is safe to go. More information about safety is available on our website.
- Students are advised to have International Health Insurance in order to cover themselves in the event of any accidents, injuries or illness during the programme period. A copy of the respective insurance policy must be provided to CBL International upon request.

If you wish to learn more or have concerns relating to safety and health issues, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone: +44 1865 236580 or by email: info@cbl-international.com

Scholarships & Tuition Fees

We provide a variety of scholarship options for students to take advantage of, with the aim of reducing their cost of tuition. As well as this, there are four different sessions offered throughout July and August, with extension options to include both Cambridge and

Oxfords as part of students' summer study abroad programme in England. The summer academy attracts a large number of international delegates from every region of the world, and in the past we have had groups of students from the same high school attending.

Early Bird Discount

The Early Bird Discount is available to any applicant who has registered and paid for all their tuition and accommodation more than three months before the start date of their Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy. You'll receive 100 GBP off your tuition fee.

Photography Scholarship

If taking pictures and sharing them with friends is one of your hobbies, this is the perfect scholarship opportunity for you. You will receive 100 GBP at the end of the programme after a CBL staff member has approved your photos.

Blogging Scholarship

You are expected to write blog entries on a daily basis about your experiences and thoughts of our programmes, lectures, excursions, company visits, etc. – perfect for the future journalists or keen writer.

Group Discount

Why not bring your friends and save on tuition? When four friends or more apply, and participate together in the programme, you will each receive 100 GBP off your tuition. For the Group discount the last sentence should be 'The more the merrier!'

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2016 Dates

Session 1: 3 July – 16 July 2016

Session 2: 17 July – 30 July 2016

Session 3: 31 July – 13 August 2016

Session 4: 14 August – 27 August

Tuition Fees

The tuition fee includes full board, accommodation, programme materials, all excursion, day trips, and social activities.

Two-week session: £3,070

Extending your programme for an additional two weeks: £2,650



Oxford & Cambridge *Timetable*

Below you will find the draft timetable for the programmes in Oxford. It's important to note that some of the activities and structure of the timetable may change, due to a variety of reasons, such as unforeseen circumstances, poor weather conditions, faculty availability at the time of the programme. We try and stay as close to the timetable as possible, but there may be changes in the overall daily structure of workshops, social activities, and academic electives.

The timetable below gives an insight into the programme in Oxford, the structure tends to stay the same for the Cambridge programme. However, cultural and social activities are tailored to what the city has to offer, as well as the differences in subjects taught and the content of workshops. This is to ensure students who choose to participate in Cambridge and Oxford do not repeat any information. Delegates will gain new knowledge in both locations.

3 July - 9 July 2016

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Oxford & Cambridge Timetable

10 July – 16 July 2016

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Week 2	Sunday 10 July	Monday 11 July	Tuesday 12 July	Wednesday 13 July	Thursday 14 July	Friday 15 July	Saturday 16 July	
BREAKFAST: 08:00–09:00	BREAKFAST: 08:00–09:00	BREAKFAST: 08:00–09:00	BREAKFAST: 08:00–09:00	Day trip	BREAKFAST: 08:00–09:00	BREAKFAST: 08:00–09:00	Departure Day – Checkout until 10AM	
09:00–10:00	Free time	Academic Elective 3hours	Academic Elective 3hours		TEST	Academic Elective 3hours		
10:15–11:15								
11:30–12:30								
Faculty		Programme Director	OCSA Faculty		OCSA Faculty	OCSA Faculty		
Location		Oriel College	Oriel College		Oriel College	Oriel College		
LUNCH: 12:45–13:45	LUNCH: 12:45–13:45	LUNCH: 12:45–13:45	LUNCH: 12:45–13:45		LUNCH: 12:45–13:45	LUNCH: 12:45–13:45		
14:00–15:00	Punting	Mini Plant Tour/Oxford Crown Court	Workshops 2 hours		Workshops 3hours	Football/ Croquet Tournament		
15:15–16:15	Free Time in City Centre: Sign in no later than 15:00		Ashmolean Museum/Pitt Rivers Museum					
16:30–17:30								
Faculty			Programme Director					OCSA Faculty
Location		Oriel College	Oriel College		Oriel College	Oriel College		
DINNER: 18:00–19:00	DINNER: 18:00–19:00	DINNER: 18:00–19:00	DINNER: 18:00–19:00	Free evening	DINNER: 18:00–19:00			
19:00–20:00	Evening Activity – Team Building Exercise	Evening Talk (19:30–20:30)	Piano Concert		Evening Talk (19:30–20:30)	Farewell Dinner & Certificate Ceremony		
20:00–21:00								
Faculty	CBL International Staff	CBL International Staff	CBL International Staff		CBL International Staff	CBL International Staff		
Location	Oriel College	Oriel College	Oriel College		Oriel College	Oriel College		

Day trip

Departure Day

For Parents:

FAQs

Courses

How do I book a course?

We want to make applying for the summer academy as easy as possible, please visit www.oxfordcambridgesummeracademy.com/apply/ for more information about the different options to get your application started.

Are there any prerequisites for taking part in OCSA?

No previous knowledge on your subject choice is required. The contents of different modules may appear wide-ranging but lectures are designed to engage participants who have had no prior knowledge of topics covered. Taking account of the diversity of participants disciplinary backgrounds, OCSA is designed to be informative for all attending delegates.

What language are lectures in?

All OCSA programmes are held in English. For those students who are not native speakers, the programmes offer the exciting opportunity to improve your English whilst learning about topics of interest rather than modules specifically related to the English language.

What happens outside of lectures?

Besides the interactive lectures, participants are kept fully engaged through a variety of extra-curricular activities, excursions to historical and iconic landmarks, as well as guest speakers covering prominent & thought-provoking topics. It'll one of the most memorable summers you'll ever have, we promise.

Will I receive a Certificate of Attendance and Achievement?

Yes, the Programme Director will present you with a certificate at the end of the programme during the Farewell Meal & Certificate Ceremony.

Are there any exams?

At the end of the programme students will have an exam related to their academic elective, and what they have been learning over the two-weeks. The test may be an essay question, multiple choice, or group presentations. They'll receive feedback and a mark at the end of the programme.

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Can I extend my stay?

Most participants of OCSA extend their stay to four-weeks in order to experience both locations. We ensure students arrive at their next location safely, as well as the tuition fee covering transport to Oxford/Cambridge. Each location offers a different academic elective, as well as new content for workshops to ensure maximum learning whilst enrolled in our programmes.

What is included in the tuition fee?

The tuition fee includes:

- Lectures & seminars including material, hand-outs, etc
- OCSA Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- Accommodation in a college of Oxford/Cambridge
- Full board
- Internet connection
- London excursions
- An additional excursion per week
- Transport to tourist attractions & historical landmarks
- Evening talks
- Welcome Reception & Farewell Dinner

Arrival & Departures

When does the OCSA programme start?

Students are required to arrive at the campus on the Sunday of each start date, and on the Monday lectures & workshops commence. Sunday is the normal day of arrival, as our staff check-in students, show everyone to their room, and carry out a Meet & Greet evening activity.

What happens on the day of departure?

The programmes end on a Saturday. All participants are invited to the “Farewell Dinner” where certificates will be awarded; our professional photographer will take pictures to document the night, as well as food and drinks being served. This takes place on the Friday before the end of the programme, with delegates celebrating the end of their time together with new friends.

You can find more answers to common questions at: <http://oxfordcambridgesummeracademy.com/faqs/>

Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Academic Advisors in Oxford at: +44 1865 236580.

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