

Are you self-motivated and intellectually curious?

Do you enjoy asking questions and working independently?

Does meeting new people and trying out new activities excite you?

Are you ready for the chance to travel and discover different cultures?

We're looking for applicants who enjoy discussion and debate; who want to develop their academic and extra-curricular interests; and who are eager to participate in college life. If this sounds like you, then why not apply to become a Registered Visiting Student at Hertford College, Oxford?

The deadline for applications is usually in mid-February - check our website for this year's dates and requirements. Speak to your study abroad office to get started on your application now!

www.hertford.ox.ac.uk /visiting-students

Diana Haemer

Registered Visiting Student in English Literature from the College of William & Mary, 2018-19 Coming from a large
university in the US, Oxford's
tutorial system allowed me to have
a much more personalized, in-depth
learning environment than I'd ever had
before. Having tailored and flexible
curricula gave me the chance to pursue
topics that I found interesting and,
as a result, I made considerable
headway on planning
my senior thesis.

to some of the friendliest and most accepting people in Oxford. I became involved in the Oxford Climate Society and spent my time exploring the city with my newfound American and British friends.

All in all, I'm so happy to have spent time at Hertford, and I only wish my time abroad had lasted for more than a year!

Colton Karpman

Registered Visiting Student in Philosophy from the University of Michigan, 2018-19



Welcome to Hertford College

We're a friendly, progressive and informal academic community located at the heart of the historic Oxford University. Academically ambitious, we're proud to have pioneered access to Oxford for women and students from lower-income families. Today, we warmly welcome new students from a wide range of diverse backgrounds.

We've been a home-away-from-home for students for over 700 years, having been founded as a boarding house by Elias de Hertford in the 1280s. Our location in the centre of Oxford is particularly special: our landmark 'Bridge of Sighs' faces the world-famous Bodleian Library and the spectacular Sheldonian Theatre, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, where University degree ceremonies take place. Just around the corner you'll find the domed Radcliffe Camera (another library), the famously atmospheric Turf Tavern, and Blackwell's Bookshop, which boasts the world's single largest room for selling books!









Living at Hertford

Living in college rooms is a key part of the Oxford experience, so we house you alongside our second-year and third-year students, where you'll have your own private bedroom. Rooms in our purpose-built accommodation, a stone's throw from the River Thames, are comfortable and safe, and just a 10 minute walk from the main college site through the beautiful Christ Church Meadow and medieval cobbled lanes.

Eating together is just as important, so you'll be able to dine alongside other visiting students and Hertford students in

our stately Victorian dining hall. The food is varied, delicious and filling, as well as affordable. Lots of our visiting students particularly enjoy the twice- weekly candle-lit formal dinners in the historic hall. Here, you'll get the chance to dress up and taste the creations of our talented chefs.

Outside of the dining hall, the best way to meet people is to join in with the many activities on offer. You'll be welcomed by students from both our undergraduate and graduate communities who organise regular social activities. Whether it's 'bops' (fancy-dress parties), jazz in the guad, or a film or comedy night, there's something for everyone.

Our sports teams are another great way to participate in college life and meet new friends. As well as an on-site gym, we have welcoming teams for everything from soccer and rowing to darts and cycling. Meanwhile, our lively college music society runs a college choir, orchestra and jazz band with free weekly concerts. Our college chapel has some of the best acoustics in Oxford, so it's a real pleasure to sing in the choir; former visiting students have found this both an uplifting and relaxing way to make friends and experience a true Oxford tradition.

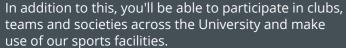
Helping you to feel at home

It's not always easy to be far from home and get used to a new academic system, so we're on hand from day one to make sure you're happy and settled in. Our Welfare & Wellbeing team - including counsellors, fellow students and our college nurse - are on call if you need any help or guidance during your time at Hertford.

The Director of the Visiting Student Programme will also act as your director of studies and personal tutor. You'll have regular meetings with her throughout the semester to discuss your work as well as any worries or difficulties you might be having.

Our programme

As a Registered Visiting Student at Hertford College, you'll be treated as a University of Oxford undergraduate, academically as well as socially. With your official University Card, you'll be able to access over 100 libraries across the city and have the right to attend all the lectures and seminars open to regular Oxford undergraduates.



Our well-established programme accepts 30 visiting students per term. Joining us for the full academic year enables the easiest and most fulfilling social and academic integration, but we also welcome two-term applicants for the spring and summer semesters. Alternatively, we welcome single-term applicants for the fall semester. This pathway includes one of our popular pre-sessional September seminars, either on the humanities or on the social and political history of 19th and 20th century Britain.









Academic life

Former visiting students highlight tutorials the hallmark of Oxford teaching - as one of the most rewarding aspects of their time at Hertford. One-on-one tutorials are intellectually stimulating, enabling you to pursue your particular interests and develop your own academic voice. Each week you'll research and write a short essay in answer to a set question; the arguments presented in your essay will be used as a jumping-off point for a lively tutorial discussion between you and your subject-specialist tutor. You will also be included in college subject seminars.







What can I study at Hertford?

As a Registered Visiting Student at Hertford, you can choose from a wide range of courses within the humanities and social and political sciences. Planning to do a senior year thesis? Tutorials provide an excellent opportunity to begin your research. Topics covered by visiting students in the past have focussed on the disciplines of anthropology, archaeology, creative writing, demography, English literature, geography, history, human sciences, law, music, philosophy and politics. Visit our website to find a full list of available subjects.