



# UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSE



OF STUDENTS WHO  
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE  
THE COURSE GET A PLACE  
AT UNIVERSITY

## WHO?

For students who want to study at  
British universities and universities  
around the world

## WHEN?

Start in September with IELTS 5.0 or  
November with IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent)

## CLASS SIZE?

12 (maximum)

FOUNDED IN 1953



**St. Clare's, Oxford**  
— An International Education —

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**RAPHAEL COMPLETED OUR FOUNDATION COURSE IN 2012. HE GRADUATED IN 2015 FROM NEW COLLEGE OF THE HUMANITIES, LONDON, AND IS NOW STUDYING LAW AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.**

**St. Clare's was founded in 1953. We offer our international students the opportunity to pursue a first class education in Oxford, one of the most fascinating and vibrant university cities in Europe.**

UK Government Performance Tables rank St. Clare's as the 10th best sixth form college in England, out of more than 4000 schools and colleges, and our language centre is in the top 4% of EFL providers. The University Foundation Course is part of this successful institution.

### WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- Students preparing for an undergraduate course in the UK
- Students preparing for study at any other university using English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI)
- Students who want to improve English and study skills, and acquire subject knowledge in preparation for future studies

### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

- Age: 17+
- Have completed secondary education
- A good knowledge of English:
  - For September entry – IELTS 5.0 or equivalent
  - For November entry – IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

### UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSE OPTIONS

Choose from either:

- **Business Studies:** This stream can lead to a university course in Business, Management, Economics, Travel and Tourism, Hotel Management and other related areas
- **International Affairs:** This stream can lead to a university course in Politics, International Relations, Law, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and many others

You will be taught by experienced English language teachers and your subject classes are taught by specialist academic instructors who are experts in their field.



## UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSE OVERVIEW

DURATION	PREPARATION FOR IELTS >	>												
SEPT - OCT 7 weeks	<b>Integrated English Language Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grammar and vocabulary development</li> <li>- Reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks</li> </ul> [10 lessons per week]	<b>Study Skills</b> Using Integrated English Language Skills in context [5 lessons per week]												
NOV - DEC 7 weeks	<b>PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY &gt;</b> <b>English Language and Study Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic reading and writing skills</li> <li>- Note-taking and summarising</li> <li>- Making presentations</li> <li>- Idioms</li> <li>- Usage and Collocation</li> </ul> [10 lessons per week]	<b>&gt;</b> <b>Business Studies</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Economics</td> <td>Business</td> <td>Maths for business</td> </tr> <tr> <td>[3 lessons]</td> <td>[3 lessons]</td> <td>[3 lessons]</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <b>International Affairs</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Politics</td> <td>History</td> <td>Philosophy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>[3 lessons]</td> <td>[3 lessons]</td> <td>[3 lessons]</td> </tr> </table>	Economics	Business	Maths for business	[3 lessons]	[3 lessons]	[3 lessons]	Politics	History	Philosophy	[3 lessons]	[3 lessons]	[3 lessons]
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JAN - JUNE 21 weeks	<b>PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY &gt;</b> <b>English Language and Study Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic reading and writing skills</li> <li>- Note-taking and summarising</li> <li>- Making presentations</li> <li>- Idioms</li> <li>- Usage and Collocation</li> </ul> [10 lessons per week]	<b>&gt;</b> <b>Business Studies</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Economics</td> <td>Business</td> <td>Maths for business</td> </tr> <tr> <td>[4 lessons]</td> <td>[4 lessons]</td> <td>[4 lessons]</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <b>International Affairs</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Politics</td> <td>History</td> <td>Philosophy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>[4 lessons]</td> <td>[4 lessons]</td> <td>[4 lessons]</td> </tr> </table>	Economics	Business	Maths for business	[4 lessons]	[4 lessons]	[4 lessons]	Politics	History	Philosophy	[4 lessons]	[4 lessons]	[4 lessons]
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1 LESSON = 55 MINUTES



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Michael, Germany



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<b>Examination Skills</b>
Practice tests and examination techniques for IELTS
[6 lessons per week]

Careers and Higher Education Workshops

<b>Basic Statistics for Business Studies students</b>
[6 weeks – 2 lessons per week]

Careers and Higher Education preparation and guidance

<b>Global Issues for International Affairs students</b>
[6 weeks – 2 lessons per week]

<b>Global issues for Business Studies students</b>
[6 weeks – 2 lessons per week]

Careers and Higher Education preparation and guidance  
Extra IELTS on request

<b>Basic Statistics for International Affairs students</b>
[6 weeks – 2 lessons per week]

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- Complete online application
- Submit high school grades and certificate
- Show proof of English level:
  - IELTS / Cambridge certificate or St. Clare's test and Skype interview

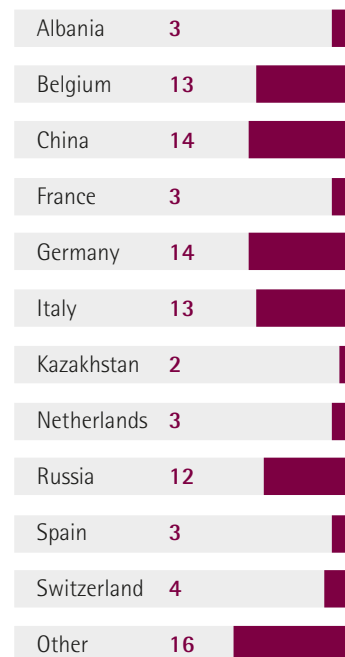
**ACCOMMODATION**

Students can choose between St. Clare's residential accommodation or homestay. Both options are conveniently located and offer private or shared bathrooms.

**FREE TIME AT ST. CLARE'S**

Oxford is a great place to have an active social and sporting life. Our extensive Activities Programme arranges excursions to interesting and unique places in Oxford, the UK and Europe. We also have excellent links with local sports clubs.

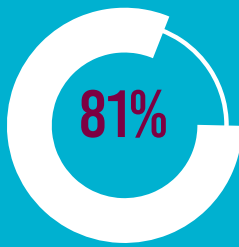
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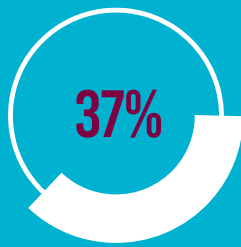
Based on Foundation Course students 2014-2016

## 2012 - 2015 UK UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

### UK DESTINATIONS STATISTICS



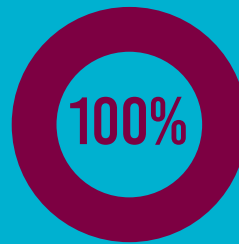
TOP 50



TOP 30



TOP 20



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### CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION ADVICE

Our Foundation Course prepares international students for university study worldwide.

You will receive personalised careers advice from specialist staff who will help you apply for any university in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world.

### UK UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University of St. Andrew's
- University of Sussex
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of Manchester
- Imperial College London
- SOAS, University of London
- City University London
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of York
- New College of the Humanities
- And many more...

### EUROPE/WORLDWIDE DESTINATIONS

- Utrecht University
- Maastricht University
- Bocconi University
- Munich Business School
- University of Seoul
- University of Oregon
- Université catholique de Louvain
- École hôtelière de Lausanne
- And many more...

Age:  
17+

Dates:  
September (ends in mid-June)  
November (ends in mid-June)

Duration:  
September entry (9 months)  
November entry (7 months)

Level:  
IELTS 5.0 (September entry)  
IELTS 5.5 (November entry)

Class size:  
12 (maximum)

Course Outcomes:  
Guaranteed place at university upon successful completion of the course  
IELTS 6.5+

*"...lessons are outstanding with teachers demonstrating the highest quality lesson planning, reflecting exceptional understanding of their students' individual learning needs and aspirations."*

The Independent Schools Inspection, 2015



**Punting in Oxford**



**St. Clare's Library**

*"My overall comment is to note the high academic standards of the programme, and its relevance in preparing international students for university study."*

External Examiner report, 2015

Accredited by the  
**BRITISH COUNCIL**  
for the teaching of English

**Private Further Education**  
St Clare's Oxford  
Certification N°: 67  
educationaloversight.co.uk/67  
Educational Oversight 2015

**ENGLISHUK**  
member

**IALC**  
International Association of Language Centres

**BAC**  
ACCREDITED

*"There is excellent provision towards preparing students for research methodology in selection of appropriate universities and courses, as well as for higher degrees and subsequent employment."*

British Accreditation Council, 2014



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