

International College



for **university**
for **career**
for **life**



Oxford – a truly global academic city



Go punting on the river



Try different types of food from around the world



Take your learning outside the classroom with our programme of Study Visits and Activities. See pages 8-9

Explore the beautiful university city with its rich historical traditions and vibrant modern lifestyle

Visit world-famous museums, art galleries, university colleges and parks as well as shopping centres, restaurants and bars.

Oxford is a small, safe city just an hour away from London.



Enjoy the historic sights



Go shopping in the Covered Market or the Westgate Centre

“...such a beautiful school...the city feels so safe and small - but has a lot to offer.
Maria from Mexico”



Explore the many beautiful buildings and parks

A British Council
accredited
centre

Teaching is excellent and promotes successful learning. Teachers demonstrate excellent subject knowledge and inspire students to make excellent progress

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One of 27 buildings, close to the city centre

97%
of students would recommend
St Clare's
Summer 2019 survey

WE HAVE WELCOMED
STUDENTS FROM

over
40
countries

over
65
Years



College Life

Our mission: to advance international education and understanding



Make memories for life

St Clare's International College is located in elegant North Oxford with well-equipped classrooms, a Study Zone, dining and common rooms and student accommodation.

We welcome students from over 40 different countries each year. As a small independent college, we get to know you well and strive to meet your individual needs.

You can be sure of a first-class educational experience at St Clare's.



Meet new friends and socialise after class

10 good reasons to join the St Clare's family

- 65+ years of experience:** a vibrant Oxford institution that blends tradition with innovation
- Educational charity:** we invest any profits in our students, our programmes, our staff and our facilities
- Elegant location:** 27 buildings in a quiet suburb in the world-famous university city of Oxford
- Academic excellence:** consistently positive feedback from students, parents, agents and inspection reports
- Innovative methods:** interactive lessons take learning beyond the classroom and focus on topical themes each week
- Academic progression:** challenging courses at a variety of levels that combine language support and academic study according to your needs
- International environment:** over 40 different nationalities each year create an amazing cosmopolitan atmosphere, with excellent opportunities for networking
- Activities and excursions:** a weekly programme, organised in-house, enriches your experience of living in the UK and helps you make new friends
- Personal support:** our committed team is available for all your needs – academic, career, welfare, medical etc
- St Clare's family:** trusted by generations of students who recommend us to their friends and family year after year

Welcome to the St Clare's family!



Access a range of resources in our library

STUDY RESOURCES

Study Zone: a quiet space to work independently with access to newspapers and online educational resources including e-books and academic journals

Library: four floors with study rooms, a computer suite, as well as an extensive range of academic books and online resources

Art Studio: modern art studio with state of the art facilities for traditional techniques like drawing, painting and printmaking, as well as new media like photography, animation, digital and video art

Open Learning Club: develop your language and exam skills after lessons with a teacher to guide you

St Clare's Seminar Series: experience university-style lectures with expert guest speakers on intellectually-engaging topics



Attend free talks, lectures and seminars in Oxford



Accommodation

You can choose between college residences for over 18s, boarding accommodation for under 18s and homestay accommodation - according to availability. Our accommodation options include free wifi and 24 hour support.

COLLEGE RESIDENCE

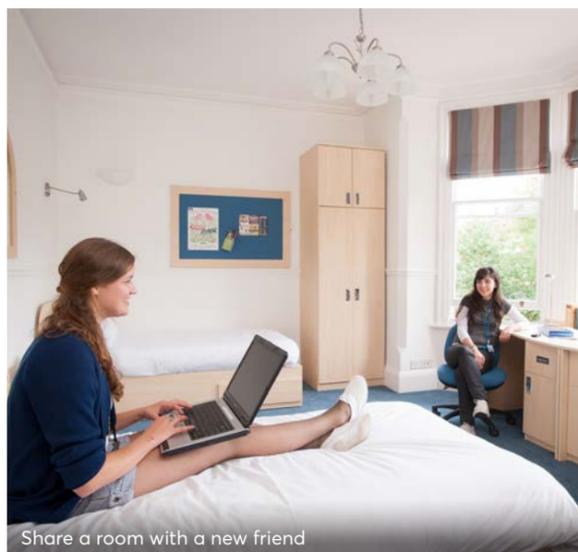
Living in one of our comfortable college residences you:

- have a choice of twin or single room with shared or in-flat bathroom
- mix with other international students
- learn to become more independent
- develop new friendships
- find out more about different cultures in a shared living environment

HOMESTAY

Living with one of our welcoming English-speaking homestay providers you:

- have a choice of single room with shared or private bathroom
- immerse yourself in British life and culture
- benefit from support to settle into life in Oxford
- enjoy breakfast and evening meal every day
- practise your English with native speakers



Share a room with a new friend



Relax in a safe and welcoming home



Students' welfare, including health and safety is excellent.

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Student welfare and support

We work hard to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment to stimulate learning and encourage you to succeed. Our excellent staff-to-student ratio provides dedicated support throughout your studies.



Lunch in the college dining room is provided Monday to Friday. Meet your friends and enjoy a meal together





Activities and excursions



Visit Bicester Village - the famous designer outlet



Learn about UK culture at Blenheim Palace

“The variety and accessibility of all these activities was fantastic. Hands down my favourite part of the programme. So many amazing opportunities made easy!”
Josselyn from USA



Harry Potter inspired Study Visits and excursions to Christ Church and Harry Potter World

Study visits, activities and excursions enrich your learning experience

- Join the activities programme each week, created by our in-house Coordinator
- Settle into your new home in Oxford with our orientation tour of the city, bus stops, local facilities etc
- See the cultural sights including London, Bath, Stratford, Warwick, Stonehenge – all just over an hour away
- Let us know what interests you most and we'll do our best to include it in the varied programme
- Visit the Activity Hub for advice and support to help you make the most of your time in Oxford and the UK
- Plan ahead and join the weekend excursions to Liverpool, Dublin, Cornwall or the New Forest
- Build a link between the classroom and the real world through Study Visits – recent examples include the law courts, the Ashmolean Museum and a local business



Discover Oxford's shops, university colleges and clubs



Learn new skills



Make memories at Stonehenge



Visit Warwick Castle



Play team sports in University parks



Have fun at the college in your free time

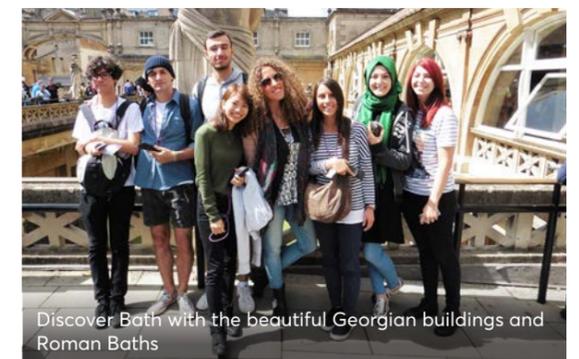


Punting on the River Thames

“What I enjoyed most about studying is the opportunity to do the activities in the afternoon with the new students that you meet here.”
Augusto from Italy



Travel to a typical seaside town on the south coast



Discover Bath with the beautiful Georgian buildings and Roman Baths

Look out for the Theme of the Week
 Environmental Issues, Art and Architecture, Technology and Innovation and many more



English Language

Why choose these programmes

- **Different focus:** language learning for career, life or an examination
- **Small class size:** improve your English language skills as an individual in a group of no more than 12
- **Interactive learning:** develop your language competence through structured, communicative activities with classmates
- **Quality teaching:** maximise your learning potential with experienced, supportive teachers
- **Weekly Themes:** consolidate and build your language and your knowledge of the world through culturally, politically and historically interesting topics
- **Study Visits:** take your language learning outside the classroom to local places of interest with your group
- **Academic Tutorials:** review your learning with your **Personal Tutor**, develop new strategies and prepare for your future goals
- **Open Learning Club:** develop your language and exam skills after lessons with a teacher to guide you



Sample timetables on the website



Take learning **beyond the classroom** through topical **Weekly Themes** and **Study Visits** within Oxford

English for Life

Enhance your language skills for everyday life

Age	16+
English Level	A1 – C2 (elementary to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	12
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	Long or short stay
Start Dates	Flexible

- Build confidence and fluency in your speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Develop your range of vocabulary and improve your grammar accuracy
- Explore stimulating topics through Weekly Themes



English for Examinations

Prepare for IELTS or Cambridge exams

Age	16+
English Level	B1 – C2 (intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	12
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	Long or short stay
Start Dates	Flexible

- Gain an externally recognised qualification
- Improve your language skills and knowledge for academic study at university
- Focus on examination know-how and strategies to maximise your exam success

English Combination

Maximise your progress

Age	16+
English Level	A1 – C2 (elementary to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	12 + 1-to-1
Lessons (hours)	24 (22) per week
Length	Long or short stay
Start Dates	Flexible

- Get the best of both worlds: learn with others in the mornings and 1-to-1 in the afternoons
- Focus on your specific needs in personal language lessons
- Build your confidence and competence in using English



Personal Language Training

Design your own programme

Age	16+
English Level	A0 – C2 (beginner to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	1-to-1
Lessons	10, 15 or 20
Length	1 week minimum – no maximum
Start Dates	Flexible

- Maximise your progress with an intensive 1-to-1 course
- Create a course to fit your specific academic or professional needs and wants
- Build your confidence and competence in using English



University Pathways

100%
PASS RATE*
 *2019 UFP students

Why choose this programme

- Guaranteed entry to university:** prepare for university study in the UK, Europe or around the world
- Language and Study skills:** develop the academic English and study skills required for successful university study
- Specialist subject teachers:** maximise your learning potential with experienced, supportive teachers
- Academic options:** select from a range of academic subjects to broaden your university degree choices
- Small international classes:** study and learn as an individual in a group of no more than 12 students from all over the world
- Supportive programme design:** study in structured modules to help if you are new to the academic subjects
- Expert guidance:** succeed with the support of our expert team of careers and higher education advisers, who help you find the course and university that is right for you

Sample timetables on the website

Course structure:

Core subject
 English language and academic study skills for university
 IELTS preparation

Academic subjects
 Choose 3 of the following:
Business **Philosophy**
Economics **Politics**
Maths **Psychology**

Supplementary subjects
 Global Issues **Guidance and support**
 Basic Statistics Higher Education sessions and 1-to-1 advice

University Foundation Programme

Bridge the gap between school and university

Age	16+
English Level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to advanced)
Class Size (max)	12
Lessons (hours)	19 to 26 (17.42 to 24) per week
Length	35 or 28 weeks (depending on English language level)
Start Dates	September or October

- Receive support for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor
- Improve your academic literacies and your subject knowledge for your future studies
- Develop your critical thinking, essay writing, research and presentations skills through independent study projects

I have been impressed with the programme and the quality of the provision. The students are exposed to high quality teaching within a cosmopolitan environment which is caring and supportive.

External Assessor from the University of Warwick



Mixing with people from different cultures while speaking English all the time was challenging at first, but it helped me feel really confident about my future studies. St Clare's prepared me for this very well.
Johanna from Germany



Some examples of degree courses taken by our students:

- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Economics, Politics and International Studies
- Law
- International Business
- Media and Communications

Examples of university destinations:

- Queen Mary University, London, UK
- University of Warwick, UK
- Newcastle University, UK
- University of York, UK
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Maastricht University, Netherlands
- Oxford Brookes University



For students at intermediate level

Pre-Foundation Programme

Develop your language and study skills before a University Foundation Programme

Age	16+
English Level	B1+ (intermediate+)
Class Size (max)	12
Lessons	25 lessons per week (23 hours)
Length	20 weeks
Start Dates	late February

- Increase your cross-cultural awareness
- Prepare for a university foundation course taught in English in the UK or anywhere in the world
- Improve your IELTS score and develop your academic study skills





Gap Year programmes

Why choose this programme

Academic subjects in English: explore the academic subjects you might like to study at university – perhaps something completely new

English language skills: build the academic literacies you need for success at university

Experience the international classroom: enjoy small interactive classes taught by specialist subject teachers

Go beyond the classroom: take advantage of the academic and cultural life of Oxford

Make connections: build your network as you study with American undergraduates and students from more than 20 countries

Get ready for university: strengthen your academic profile and succeed with the support of our expert team of careers and higher education advisers

Receive support: for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor



Sample timetables on the website

Course structure:

English for Academic Purposes

- academic & study skills for Higher Education
- preparation for IELTS or Cambridge exams
- critical thinking
- using reliable sources
- academic essay writing
- presentations

Academic subjects – a choice of 3

- Art
- Art History
- Business
- Communications
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Marketing
- Maths
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

Languages: French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese and more...

English plus Academic Subjects

Maximise your options for higher education

Age	16+
English Level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	12
Lessons (hours)	19 (17.4) per week
Length	14 weeks (1 semester) <i>Short course available in May</i>
Start Dates	September or January

Examples of university degrees and destinations:

- BA Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- BSc Film and Video Technology, Surrey University, UK
- BA Liberal Arts and Sciences (Journalism Major), St Louis University, Madrid Campus, Spain
- BSc International Business Administration, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Why choose this programme

University-level study: learn alongside undergraduate students from our partner universities in the USA

Interactive learning: study in small seminars of 3-12 students taught by university-based academic staff

Tutorial research: deepen your understanding of a subject you are passionate about with a 1-to-1 tutorial designed to meet your interests, or choose from a wide range of options

Go beyond the classroom: take advantage of the academic and cultural life of Oxford with university lectures and study trips to our world class museums in Oxford and London

English language study: continue towards a Cambridge exam with our 3-hour tutorial option

Quality assurance: our academic programme is accredited by US universities including the University of San Diego

Academic mentor: your Personal Tutor supports your learning and oversees your welfare needs

Progress to higher education: gain the support of our expert careers and higher education advisers who help you find the course and university that is right for you



Academic courses overview on the website

Undergraduate Programme

Expand your academic knowledge during your gap year

Age	16+
English Level	C1 to C2+ (advanced to native speaker)
Class Size (max)	12 (Seminar) or 2 (Tutorial)
Lessons (hours)	15 (13.75) per week
Length	14 or 28 weeks <i>4-week programme in June</i>
Start Dates	September or January

- Explore and develop your academic interests as you prepare for university
- Build confidence, independence and academic skills
- Be challenged intellectually while receiving the individual support you require

The quality of the curriculum, teaching and learners' achievements is excellent

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Course structure:

Your programme comprises: **4 seminar courses, 1 tutorial course** and 1 hour of support from your Personal Tutor per week.

Our wide range of subject areas means you can choose from over 80 introductory and advanced academic courses:

- Art History
- Economics
- Film Studies
- Photography
- Politics
- Maths
- Business
- History
- International Relations
- Drawing
- Psychology
- Religion
- Communications
- English Literature
- Philosophy
- Painting
- Marketing
- Sociology

Languages: French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and more

Special subject tutorials: these are designed to meet your individual needs and interests

Specialist courses

Leadership Course

Prepare for the challenges of 21st century leadership

English level	B2 to C1 (intermediate to advanced)
Class size (max)	12
Lessons (hours)	21 (19.25) per week
Length	2 weeks
Start dates	July and August

- Discover the attributes of leadership through case-studies, research topics and debates
- Learn vital leadership skills including critical thinking, strong communication and public speaking confidence
- Develop lasting relationships with members of the international community



Teacher Training

Improve your teaching skills in the university city of Oxford

Content	Each course is tailored to your needs
Class size (max)	Minimum of 9 for a closed group
Lessons (hours)	21 (19.25) per week for 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks
Start dates	Flexible

- Professional development for international teachers who teach English or academic subjects in English
- Improve your English language and teaching skills through language development, teaching methodology, conversational tips and insights into cultural awareness
- Learn through doing; put theory into practice through practical teaching strategies and classroom management techniques

English and Culture

Explore Oxford's contribution to modern culture

English level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class size (max)	12
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	2 weeks
Start dates	June, July and August

- Combine academic study with site visits to film sets and literary locations around Oxford
- Examine Oxford's contribution to science, business, politics, literature, academic research and ideas
- Learn what makes Oxford a global city through individual research and group projects



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are open throughout the year and specialise in short and tailor-made courses for closed groups.

- Designed for you, planned together. Our specialist courses explore the topics you would like to cover and support your desired outcomes
- Benefit from an interactive learning environment
- Link the classroom with the city of Oxford through Study Visits and Guest Speaker events
- Immerse yourself in British cultural life in the city of Oxford

Ask about creating your own specialist/tailor-made short course. Past examples include:

- English for Aviation
- English with Banking and Finance
- English plus Leadership



Your career development journey

University success, career progression and personal development

Careers support is embedded into the learning experience.

Benefit from advice on university choices, higher education applications, apprenticeships, entry to professional careers, internships and gap year schemes.

- **personalised support:** through 1-to-1 meetings and group sessions which help you explore future education and career options
- **learn professional skills** for the competitive jobs market: including CV writing, presentation and interview skills

We promote personal growth through experiential learning and self-reflection

HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Talk to over 40 UK institutions and more than 25 international universities as well as gap year providers at our annual HE fair.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Our students have achieved places at prestigious universities. Examples include:

- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- ESCP Europe Business School
- Exeter University
- University of Warwick
- University of York
- UCL
- IE University
- Maastricht University
- University of Manchester
- Trinity College Dublin
- University of Leiden



Build your professional network with over 1000 alumni on stclaresconnect.com

Which is the right course for me?



Objective	Your Level	Length of stay					Course Option	Page
		2-8 weeks	< 3 months	< 6 months	< 9 months	< 1 year or more		
University Success	A2-C2	•	•	•	•	•	English for Examinations (EFE) EFE >> PFP >> UFP	10-11
	A2-B2		•				Pre-Foundation Programme (PFP) PFP >> UFP	12-13
	B2-C1					•	University Foundation Programme (UFP)	12-13
	B2-C2		•		•		English plus Academic Subjects (EAS) EAS >> UP	14-15
	C1+		•				Undergraduate Programme (UP)	15

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Career Progression	A2-C2	•	•	•	•	•	English Combination Course Personal Language Training	10-11
	A2-B2		•				Pre-Foundation Programme (PFP) PFP >> UFP	12-13
	B2-C1					•	University Foundation Programme (UFP)	12-13
	B2-C2	•					Leadership	16
	C1+		•		•		English plus Academic Subjects (EAS) Undergraduate Programme (UP) EAS >> UP	14 14-15

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Personal Development	A0-C2	•	•	•	•	•	Personal Language Training English for Life	10-11
	A1-C2	•	•	•	•	•	English Combination	10-11
	B2-C1	•				•	English plus Academic Subjects Compact	14
	B2-C2	•			•		English and Culture	16

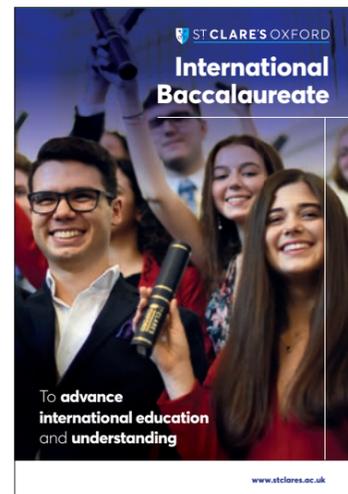
English Language Course
Autumn term

English plus Academic Subjects
Spring term



St Clare's is an amazing place to learn. I would recommend this experience to everyone.
Marleen from Germany
Ines from Spain

More courses available



What students say about us

SUPPORT GREAT EXPERIENCE
FAMILY RECOMMEND IMPROVED
HELPFUL FRIENDS INTERESTING
LOVED MY COURSE FANTASTIC
TEACHERS ARE GREAT
THANK YOU! MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE

Find out more:
www.stclares.ac.uk/our-courses/internationalcollege

All information is correct at the time of going to print.
 Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date details

Oxford – a truly global academic city

Approximate travel times from Oxford

Heathrow Airport 1 hour
Luton Airport 1.5 hours
Birmingham Airport 1.5 hours
Gatwick Airport 1.5 hours
Stansted Airport 2 hours



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