

Study Abroad to Oxford & Cambridge

Overview

- Academic culture, tutorials, independent study and research is the signature teaching model.
- Trimester academic calendar - Amherst only approves study for the full year or two spring terms.
- Residence with local and other international students normally. At times, students must live in apartments or hostels (or other privately arranged accommodation) because housing is limited.
- College association and access to university services connects you to the university.
- Most colleges require you to take tutorials in your major, though a few will allow you to explore a subject at an introductory or intermediate level.
- Personal statements should discuss subjects of interest.
- Our preferred program to Oxford is at New College (<http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/>).
 - One of the oldest colleges at Oxford
 - Full academic year only
 - Requirements for the participation:
 - 3.7 GPA
 - Good academic and disciplinary standing at Amherst
 - Application (deadline Monday 11/16 to the Global Education Office, Keefe Campus Center 102B):
 - Official transcript
 - Two faculty letters of recommendation (at least one must come from the department of intended study at New College)
 - Personal statement (please address the subject you'd like to study at Oxford and why and, if possible, mention resources at that particular college or Oxford in general that can help you study that subject)
 - New College reserves the right to request writing samples before admitting students.
 - More information: https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/global-learning/study_abroad/all_programs/node/291049

Direct enrollment

- To learn which courses are offered at Oxford, visit:
<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/international-students/events/visiting-students>.
- To learn what Cambridge colleges accept visiting students and what subjects are offered, visit:
<http://www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/international/visiting.html>
- GPA requirements differ by college but generally start at a 3.7.
- You may not apply to multiple colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. You may also not apply through a program provider and direct enrollment to the same college.
- Application deadlines vary, but usually open in January.

Program Provider

- Arcadia University, College of Global Studies
 - Oxford: <http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/Oxford/>
 - February 1 deadline, check their website to confirm, some colleges have later deadlines for spring terms.
- IFSA-Butler University
 - Oxford: <http://www.ifsa-butler.org/oxford-university.html>
 - Cambridge: <http://www.ifsa-butler.org/cambridge-university.html>
 - January or March depending on if full year or two spring terms, check their website to confirm.
- Middlebury College CMRS at Keble College
 - Only approved program at Oxford that follows the U.S. academic calendar
 - Offers seminar style courses (more similar to an Amherst or Middlebury course) and tutorials (signature of the Oxford system)
 - <http://www.cmrs.org.uk/>
- Advanced Studies in Bath
 - Students must petition - meet with a GEO adviser to discuss
 - Follows a U.S. academic calendar while offering Oxford-style tutorials
- GPA requirements differ by college but generally start at 3.7.
- Remember: you may not apply to multiple colleges nor may you apply to the same college through a program provider and directly.