



China Youth University for Political Science

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Hertford College, Oxford

Three week Understanding Britain Programme

SUMMER 2016

A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to Oxford!

Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 38 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

Welcome to Oxford!

MEALS

Meals:

- On **class days**, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- On **trip days** you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.
- **Weekend:** Saturday you are offered breakfast. Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.
- On **free-weekdays** (Monday-Friday) you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme

ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Sunday 10 th July	 Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation. On arrival: Supper and welcome information. 							
WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening	
Day 2 Monday 11 th July	English Language assessment: Students complete a placement test. Communicative activities Teachers and students meet in an informal setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins.	B R E A K	Welcome Tea at 10.30am Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College's historic dining hall.	L U N C H	Presentation: Oxford University and the Tutorial System The lecture is followed by a Q and A session. You will have the chance to ask questions about the admissions process to Oxford and other British universities.	D I N N E R	Orientation: Accommodation Facilities Connecting your computers to the internet	
Day 3 Tuesday 12 th July	Management and Leadership: theories and practice Lecture followed by discussion and skills based activities				Out and About Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of Oxford	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford's most renowned colleges)	

Day 4 Wednesday 13 th July	Keynote lecture: Global growth and crisis Lecture followed by discussion	LUNCH	Team building group activity Students work in groups to complete a mini-project. The process and results will then be discussed and analysed.	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: attend an evening lecture at The Oxford Hub – a student-run organisation focusing on charity and volunteering at Oxford University)
Day 5 Thursday 14 th July	Introduction to presentations How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively. We look at planning and structure, engaging the audience, tips and techniques and materials. Students choose a topic related to management or leadership.	L U N C	Introduction to London Tomorrow you will visit this fascinating city. In this session, we introduce and explain the most famous sights and artistic treasures.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: watch a Shakespeare play in an Oxford College garden)
Day 6 Friday 15 th July	Study Tour: London You will spend the day in Central London visiting the British Museum, You will also see no. 10, Downing Street, the residence of the Prime M			ies at \	Westminster Bridge.

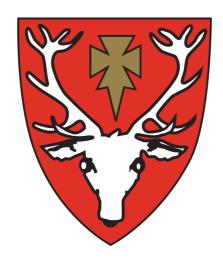
	Weekend
Day 7	
	At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours,
Saturday 16 th	shopping, college and museum visits.
July	Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to a nearby place of interest such as:
	• London
	Stratford upon Avon
	Warwick Castle
	Cambridge
	Bath
	Brighton
	Liverpool
	These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.
	Weekend
Day 8	
at.	Free time (as above)
Sunday 17 th	
July	

WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2 – 4pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 18 th July	Lecture: The UK Job Market We look at the opportunities and challenges facing today's jobseekers	B R E A K	Job seeking skills Applying for a job: Writing successful personal statements and CVs/Resumes	L U N C H	British Culture: Society, family and lifestyles Discover British society, its customs and way of life	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: inter- collegiate sports evening)
Day 10 Tuesday 19 th July	Workshop: Ethical issues in the workplace Discussion, problem-solving and activities. A range of ethical issues will be examined, ranging from the personal to the corporate		L U N C H	British Culture: Multicultural Britain Discover the history of immigration to the UK and the influence this has had on culture and lifestyles	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: go to a gig - jazz, blues, rock, pop - in Oxford with your RAs)	
Day 11 Wednesday 20 th July	Pronunciation workshop: Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practicing assimilation and elision	B R E A K	Advanced level presentation English Language check Body language and communicating with your audience	L U N C H	British Culture: The media and communication Learn about Britain's press and practice the language of journalism	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: listen to classical music at the Sheldonian Theatre or in an Oxford College or take part in a music session with RAs)

Day 12 Thursday 21 st July	Lecture: Organisational Behaviour An introduction to this fascinating topic, followed by discussion and activities	B R E A K	The language of debate: expressing your opinion and defending your ideas politely yet effectively Mini debate in groups	L U N C H	A lecture in preparation for the study visit tomorrow Discover more about the history of Bath, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its lovely surrounding areas	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: attend an Oxford debating evening with students from other universities, facilitated by your RAs)	
Day 13 Friday 22 nd July	Study Tour: Bath and Lacock Village You will visit the Roman town of Bath. Visit the Roman Baths and also the Pump Rooms, a very elegant tearoom made famous in the eighteenth-century. Explore the streets and shops of this beautiful little city, going on to visit the quintessentially English village of Lacock. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach and you will travel back to Oxford in time for Dinner in the evening.							
Day 14 Saturday 23 rd July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)							
Day 15 Sunday 24 th July	Weekend A visit to the Weston Library and	the Sc	ience Museum					

	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2-4pm		Evening
WEEK THREE							
Day 16 Monday 25 th July	Lecture: Current Economic issues in the UK Lecture followed by Q and A session	B R E A	Collaborative writing activity Work as part of a group to design and create an	L U N C	British Culture: The Geography and Natural Treasures of Great Britain Discover the geographical	D I N N	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: visit a historic Oxford pub)
			effective text		landmarks of Great Britain and some of its beautiful sights	R	
Day 17 Tuesday 26 th July	The Ashmolean Museum Lecture and discussion followed by visit to the museum and assignment				The Ashmolean Museum Students present the results of the Ashmolean assignment	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: attend a public speaking competition with students from other universities)
Day 18 Wednesday 27 th July	 Marketing and negotiation Speculation and deduction How to be "diplomatic" in En Discussion and activities 	glish ir	n a business context	L U N C H	 Final presentation practice Fine Tuning of Presentations Language check Body language and communicating with your audience 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: Go for a river or canal side walk with your RAs)

	End of Programme	В	End of Programme	L	Scientific Oxford:	D	Gala Dinner
Day 19	Presentations	R	Presentations (continued)	U	A visit to the Natural History and	- 1	We celebrate the
		Ε		N	Pitt Rivers Museums	N	end of the
Thursday 28 th	Students deliver presentations	Α	Presentation feedback and	С		N	programme with a
July	in small groups before an	K	end of course assessment	Н		Ε	formal dinner by
	audience.					R	candlelight in
							Hertford College.
							You will be
							presented with your
							certificate.
							This is a special
							event so please
							wear smart clothes
							& bring your
							camera!
	Weekend						
Day 20							
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Friday 29 th July	Free time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 21	Departure Day						
Saturday 30 th	You will be accompanied by the R	As in a	a private coach to the airport.				
July							



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