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1. Welcome to Worcester College

At just over 300 years old, Worcester College is one of the University's 'newer' colleges.

However, it was founded on the site of a much older Benedictine monastery and academic hall and many of the buildings date from the 13th century.

Worcester has a proud history and many distinguished alumni, as well as world-famous members of the faculty.

Worcester was founded in 1714 and has c. 400 undergraduate and 200 postgraduate students across all sciences and humanities degrees.

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1. Welcome to Worcester College

Certificate Programmes at Worcester College

- Certificate Programmes are the non-degree educational programmes offered by Worcester

- Certificate Programmes are offered during the Winter vacation and the Long Summer vacation (July, August and September)

- Certificate Programmes are offered at the High School level, for University students, and at the executive level

- Co-Directors of the Programmes are Prof Dominik Wanner and Mr Wilf Stephenson

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2. Your Programme at a Glance

- **Dates**

Session I: 19 July – 1 August 2026
Session II: 2 August – 15 August 2026
Session III: 16 August – 29 August 2026

- **Pricing**

Participation Fee (tuition, board and twin room lodging): 4,330 GBP

Participation Fee (tuition, board and single room lodging): 4,430 GBP

Worcester College is offering students from partner universities a scholarship in the amount of 500 GBP.

Additional reductions in price are available for multiple sessions

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3. Your Programme: Academic Content

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	Week 1	Week 2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 1	Week 2
Law	Law	Law	Law	Law	/	
Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics
Business Management	Business Management	Business Management	Business Management	Business Management	Business Management	Business Management
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	/		/		Marketing	Marketing
English Literature & Sociology	English Literature	English Literature	Sociology & Psychology	Sociology & Psychology	/	
STEM	AI	AI	AI	AI	AI	AI

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3. Your Programme: Academic Content

Class Sizes are small, as is common according to Oxford's model to maximise learning: your classes will be between 20 and 40 students.

Classes during the workday are complemented by evening talks, workshops and your assessments on Fridays.

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3. Your Programme: Academic Content

Teaching Academics

Dr Ximeng Fang
Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Economics and Business Management

Prof Olivia Spiegler
University of Applied Sciences, Göttingen
Department of Experimental Psychology
University of Oxford

Sociology and Psychology

Dr Vincent Harinam
Cambridge Centre for Evidence Based Policing Law, University of Cambridge

Artificial Intelligence

Prof Eva Schlindwein
Bern University of Applied Sciences
Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Business Management

Prof Nir Vulkan
Worcester College
Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

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3. Your Programme: Academic Content

All Students who complete the course will receive a Certificate of Attendance & Achievement, and an Academic Transcript issued by Worcester College (University of Oxford).

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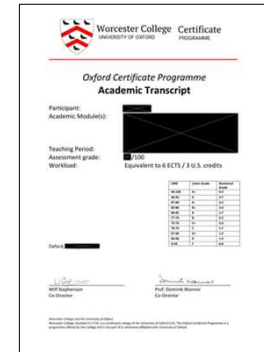
3. Your Programme: Academic Content

Your academic transcript will have a grade out of 100 and is worth the equivalent of 3 ECTs. The academic workload per week is:

- 16 academic hours: 4 hours of teaching on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
- Thursday of each week
- 4 academic hours: review, assessment preparation and assessment on
- Friday of each week
- 14 academic hours: independent study, including assessment preparation
- 2 academic hours: assessment on Friday of each week
- 6 academic hours: 3 evening seminars and workshops per week
- 18 academic hours: cultural immersion activities

In total: 60 academic hours

The workload of each week is therefore equivalent to 3 ECTs.
2 weeks: 6 ECTs
3 weeks: 9 ECTs
4 weeks: 12 ECTs
6 weeks: 18 ECTs
8 weeks: 24 ECTs

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4. Your Programme: Extra-Curriculars

All Certificate Programmes include a wide array of activities outside of the classroom that are designed to enrich the learning experience here in Oxford.

These include visits to major sites, museums and galleries, cultural talks and events, and further social, sporting and general enrichment activities.

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4. Your Programme: Extra-Curriculars

Visits to the main sites of the University of Oxford

- Bodleian Library
- Oxford Union Debating Chamber and Library
- Botanical Garden
- The 'Dreaming Spires': St Mary's University Church, the Saxon Tower, Carfax Tower
- Other Colleges of the University, including evensong at ChristChurch Cathedral

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4. Your Programme: Extra-Curriculars

Visits to Oxford's Finest Museums and Galleries

- Ashmolean Museum
- Museum of the History of Science
- Natural History Museum
- Pitt Rivers Anthropological Museum
- Oxford Castle
- Modern Art Oxford

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4. Your Programme: Extra-Curriculars

Evening Speaker Series and Cultural Events

- Recent talks have included 'Pricing with Market Power', 'Finance and Ethics', and 'AI and the Future of Finance'

- Recent events have included a Shakespeare play in Oxford Castle and an Organ Concert

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5. Your Programme: Excursions

Also included in every certificate programme are major trips and excursions, usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

These are always run by the programme team in conjunction with local guides.

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5. Your Programme: Excursions

Blenheim Palace

Britain's Greatest Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill and historical treasure trove

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5. Your Programme: Excursions

Cambridge: City and University

The colleges and city of Oxford's great rival – also including a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum and Galleries
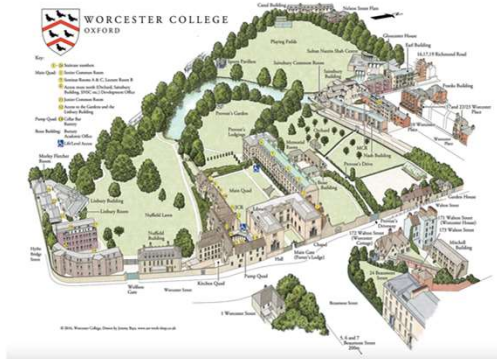

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6. Your Programme: Sample Timetables

Oxford Certificate Programme at Worcester College

	14 July Sunday	15 July Monday	16 July Tuesday	17 July Wednesday	18 July Thursday	19 July Friday	20 July Saturday
Breakfast		Breakfast at Worcester Dining Hall 7:30 -10:00 (10:30 on Sunday)					
Time		9:00 - 12:15	9:00 - 12:15	9:00 - 12:15	9:00 - 12:15	9:00 - 12:15	8:15 Coach Departs.
Class One	Day of Arrival	Orientation followed by Private Law I	Private Law II	Private Law III	Private Law IV	Private Law Assessment	
Faculty			Dr Natalie Mrockova	Dr Natalie Mrockova	Dr Natalie Mrockova	Dr Natalie Mrockova	
Location			Linbury, Worcester	Linbury, Worcester	Linbury, Worcester	Linbury, Worcester	
Lunch			Lunch break				
Time	15:00 - 19:00	14:00 - 17:15	14:00 - 17:15	14:00 - 15:30	13:50-1600	13:40 - 15:30	Full Day Excursion to Cambridge - City Tour with College, Fitzwilliam Museum and More
Event						Visit to the Oxford Union Debating Chamber & Library & Towers	
Faculty							
Location							
Time	Check in at your Accommodation	College Tour and City Tour	Visit to the Ashmolean Museum	Visit to the Bodleian Library	Tour of Oxford Castle		
Event							
Faculty		Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	
Location		Meet at Worcester College	Meet at Worcester	Meet at Worcester	Meet at Worcester	Meet at Worcester	
Dinner			Dinner Break				
Time		19:00-20:00	19:00-20:00	19:00-20:00	19:00-20:00		
Event		Drinks Reception	Evening Talk: Introduction to Oxford	Talk from the Chaplain and Organ Concert	Evening Talk: Law and Society	Worcester Bar Night	
Faculty		Programme Team	Dr. Maximilian Lau,	Marcus Green,	Lauren Loxton, Law		
Location		Various	Cloisters, Worcester College	Linbury, Worcester	Chapel, Worcester	Linbury, Worcester	

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7. Your Programme: Logistics

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7. Your Programme: Logistics

Accommodation, Security, Safeguarding

- Staying in an Oxford college is always a wonderful and unique experience. Unlike modern hotels, college rooms vary in size, shape and condition. Please note that your accommodation will be randomly allocated.

- Boys and girls will be in separated areas – some of you are in twin rooms and others in single rooms as you have booked.

- At the Oxford Certificate Programme, safety and security are extremely important to us. Porters of all colleges in Oxford supervise the entrances 24 hours a day, and they are available at all times. Colleges also operate CCTV and during the Welcome and Orientation we will outline all necessary health and safety procedures to make sure you have an enjoyable stay. A member of the programme staff is on call 24/7 to help in any emergency.

- The Health and Safety as well as the safeguarding and wellbeing of all participants is exceptionally important for everyone at the College. We have a full Safeguarding Policy in place, and specific measures for all health and safety aspects of the programme.

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7. Your Programme: Logistics

Day of Arrival

Three Options:
- Dropped off by family/friends
- Arrival by yourself
- Meet/Greet/Transfer Service from Heathrow Airport

All students will be welcomed by the team and taken to their rooms.

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8. Your Programme: How to Apply

Ana Maria Weber
Participant
International University

https://youtu.be/PS5x-tVpY7M?si=aYZFWH7oJZ734E0X

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8. Your Programme: How to Apply

To apply, simply follow these steps:

1. Send an email to **enquiries.cpc@worc.ox.ac.uk** and indicate your interest to enrol in the Oxford Certificate Programme at Worcester College offered for University students in Summer 2025;

1. The Certificate Programmes team of Worcester College will respond with any further details we need from you;

1. After your application has been fully added to the system of Worcester College, you can arrange payment, and then we will keep you fully updated on everything you need to know with a series of onboarding emails as the programme approaches.

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8. Your Programme: How to Apply

Flow Chart

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9. Q&A

Any Questions for us?