

Waseda Customised Study Programme to be a Registered Visiting Student at

Hertford College, University of Oxford

Location: Catte Street, Oxford, OX1 3BW, UK

Language Requirements:

IELTS: overall score of 7.5 (with at least 7.0 in each of the four components)

Required student level on departure:

Undergraduate, 4 Semesters completed

Dates:

The dates of 'Full Term' at Oxford for 2026-2027 are as follows.

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Michaelmas Term 2026:

Arrive Sunday 4th October for Orientation on Monday 5th.

Term officially begins Sunday 11th October.

Term ends Saturday 5th December 2026

Vacation

Hilary Term 2027:

Return for term – Thursday 14th January 2027

Term officially begins Sunday 17th January
2027

Term Ends – Saturday 13th March 2027

Vacation

Trinity Term 2027:

Return for term – Thursday 22nd April 2027

Term officially begins Sunday 25th April 2027

Depart Hertford College, Oxford – Sunday 19th June 2027

Available Students Number: 2

Application Deadline: End of January 2026

Application Documents: Hertford Online Application Form, supporting documents include 2 references from academic tutors, two essays which have tutor comments on them, academic transcript. IELTS certificate.

Nationality:

The Registered Visiting Student Programme accepts all nationalities through Waseda University. All visiting students, regardless of nationality, will be classed as overseas for the purpose of fee payment as they are studying at an overseas university.

GPA Requirements:

3.8

Summary:

Hertford College is a medium sized college, and is very conveniently located in the centre of Oxford. Hertford College was founded in 1282 as Hart Hall, and is recognized as being a friendly college in which to live and study. The world famous “Bridge of Sighs” links two of Hertford’s quadrangles, and is probably one of the most famous sights in Oxford. At Hertford, visiting students can study courses within the **humanities and social and political sciences only**. Please look at our website for more information about the college, and academic and student life <https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/study-here/visiting-students>

Facts & Figures:

Undergraduate students: 410 Graduate students: 150 Faculty: 40 Fellows

Library holding:

Books: the number of volumes held in the Hertford library is 37,000. Periodicals: Hertford takes 50 periodical titles in paper copy. E-journals: students have access to all the university's electronic journals via The Oxford University electronic service. Students also have access to the various Faculty libraries and reading rights at the Bodleian Library. A large amount of material has been made digitally accessible due to Covid regulations restricting access to study space in libraries.

Please Note that the Hertford Library will be closed from 2024 – 27 for total refurbishment. Please see following page for the arrangements for students.

Library Arrangements MT 2024-HT 2027

As part of our plans to renovate and extend our library the existing library spaces will be temporarily closed from summer 2024 to Spring 2027. Throughout the building project we plan to continue to offer support, resources and study spaces to our readers.

Multiple temporary reading rooms open 24/7 across college sites with equivalent number of study spaces to library (currently 61), library's existing adjustable height desks, adjustable chairs, book rests, ear plugs etc will be available
South Oxford Reading Room @ Warnock
Main Site Library Hub
Print, copy and scan facilities
4500+ study spaces in the University's libraries

Study spaces

We're investing in temporary study spaces, which will be set up in summer 2023, ready for Michaelmas Term.

Our existing library furniture will be re-used to create comfortable working spaces and new furniture added as needed.

Hertford members also have access to thousands of study spaces across

the University's departmental and central Bodleian libraries, as well as permission to study in All Souls College Library.

Staff support

We'll continue to welcome new students and support research skills for dissertations and coursework. We'll be offering group and one-to-one support in person, by email, by phone and on Teams.

Library staff will be on hand to help students identify the quickest route to the resources they need.

We'll work with tutors to support reading lists, sourcing scans of key print resources where possible.

Support from library staff, including full time professional chartered librarian.

Support for research skills

Print and ebook purchasing service

Assistance locating alternative resources across Oxford and online

Support tutors with reading lists and key chapter digitisation

Resources

Core resources will continue to be accessible to students, with additional assistance from staff locating material elsewhere in Oxford and online.

- Additional investment in print and ebook budget
- Access to the University Libraries resources = 13 million printed items, 80,000 ejournals, 1.4 million ebooks.

Working with tutors, we'll carefully plan availability for key high-use texts either via easily accessible remote storage or an on site core collection.

We'll invest in additional resources to ensure access for our students to core texts, as well as advising students on availability of material in other libraries and online.

The Oxford Tutorial:

The tutorial system is one of the hallmarks of Oxford University teaching and Visiting Students invariably highlight tutorials as one of the most rewarding aspects of their time abroad. This is because the tutorial is an intensive and very personal form of teaching, lasting for an hour and involving one-to-one tuition. It is intellectually stimulating, effectively developing a student's analytical abilities and enabling students to pursue their own interests in a topic.

At Hertford, visiting students can study courses within the humanities and social and political sciences. Your main source of teaching and learning will be through our tutorial system. Unfortunately, we do not organise tutorials for visiting students in the natural sciences, management or business.

Tutorials are based upon independent study. Each week students write a short essay in answer to a particular question. The arguments presented in the essay are used as a jumping off point for the tutorial discussion. Students are expected to defend their arguments in the tutorial, and it is the tutor's job to help students develop their ability to argue and to ensure that the reading material has been understood in sufficient depth. The discussion in the tutorial may also look at more general themes found within the reading but not covered in the essay. Tutorials are also an excellent opportunity for students to raise their own questions, or to discuss the matters that interest them the most.

Visiting Students have the same programme of tutorials as full-time Oxford undergraduates. During the 8-week term each student has between 8 to 12 one hour tutorials. These are divided into two sets which cover two different subject topics. For example, a student might choose to do a primary tutorial in English and a secondary tutorial in philosophy. The primary set will consist of 8 tutorials and the secondary set will consist of 4 tutorials.

The number of tutorials depends on proficiency in English. Waseda students will often begin with 8 tutorials for the first term. This can be increased to 12 the following term at the discretion of the Director of the Visiting Student Programme, depending on how well the student has coped with the reading and writing involved in preparing for 8 tutorials.

As with Oxford full-degree course undergraduates, tutorials will be led by college employed academics (fellows, lecturers and graduate scholars) or with qualified specialists from other colleges in the University.

Lectures:

University lectures are open to visiting students. The list is on the Oxford University website, and the Director of the Visiting Student Programme will give you a link to the lecture lists or send you PDF versions of the timetable.

Housing and Meal Plan:

Student life at Hertford is active and vibrant. Undergraduate students belong to the Junior Common Room or JCR. The term "JCR" refers both to a physical room - where entertainment and leisure facilities are provided 24 hours a day - and to the undergraduate student body, which meets in the JCR and supports a wide range of activities, including the election of representatives (e.g. the "JCR President") on college committees.

Meals provide an excellent opportunity to meet and make friends with other students at Hertford. Meals are offered in the main dining hall on the Catte Street site. All meals are very highly subsidised and provide a tasty and hearty introduction to British food.

All students will live in a comfortable, single room in our undergraduate accommodation in South Oxford. All rooms will have a bed, wardrobe, sink, desk and lamp. Students will be provided with 2 sets of bed linen and 2 towels on arrival, and will be responsible for laundry themselves. All bedrooms at Hertford College will be cleaned once a week and bins will be emptied daily by the college cleaners (called "scouts").

Facilitation Plan:

Students will be welcomed on their day of arrival by two Hertford students. The next day you will attend an orientation programme and will meet with the Director of the Visiting Student Programme and the Administrator for Visiting Students. We will arrange a week of orientation activities such as a welcome lunch, orientation meetings, library and I.T. induction sessions. There is a large support network at Hertford, including the Director of the Visiting Student Programme, the academic office, undergraduate helpers, the Chaplain, the student welfare team and the Porters in the Lodge who will take care of you in your first days and during your time at Hertford College. We are here to help you settle into your new life and to explain how both the academic and social sides work. We understand that it is very important to enjoy your time at Oxford, and we are here to help with any concerns that you may have!

Credits:

The Hertford College Tutor for Visiting Students will organize the programme of tutorials after your application has been accepted. Undergraduate students receive a maximum of 12 tutorials per term. This represents about 25-30 reading hours per week.

On completion of each term, all Visiting Students will receive a Transcript written by their tutors, with grades and details of their performance. Credits for the Visiting Student programme will be awarded by Waseda University. Students should clarify with their Faculty at Waseda how many credits will be awarded for their tutorials.

Cost:

Programme fee for the academic year (three 8 week terms)

£49,900 fee for 2025-26. The fees for 2026-27 are not set yet. They will be available in November 2026.

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The programme fee includes accommodation for the whole academic year. Visiting students do not have to pay extra for their room during the vacations and can stay in college during the vacations if they wish.

Estimated food expenses:

£482 for 2025-26 the termly meal plan is included in the programme fee and this covers one generous meal a day for each 8 week term. You should budget £9 per day for the other two meals if you wish to eat in Hertford's dining hall. Formal three course meals, which are optional and occur twice a week in term time cost £11-12 each. The meal plan allows for a couple of these Formal Hall meals.

Students pay a surcharge to be able to use the National Health Service free of charge, but it is essential to also take out health insurance in case of an emergency. Students are responsible for their own health insurance.

Web Page:

<https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/study-here/visiting-students>