VISITING STUDENT PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS GUIDANCE NOTES



Supporting materials:

In addition to the completion of the online application form, we also require supporting materials as listed below; **your application will not be processed until these materials have been submitted**. These documents should be emailed to <u>visiting.students@lmh.ox.ac.uk</u>. However please ensure, for your security, to password protect documents sent *via* email, using the password LMHVSAPP2022-23. Please also ensure you can be identified from the file names by naming your files as follows: Surname, First name – document title.

Academic transcript – this can be submitted by you, or by your home institution.

Two letters of recommendation - these can be submitted by you, or directly by the referees themselves and should be written by academic tutors or study abroad advisors at your home institution who are familiar with your work. It would be helpful if you ask your referees to comment on your academic ability, actual and predicted educational qualifications relative to your peers; your motivation and suitability for intensive study; your ability and suitability for working in a tutorial/small group context system; and your resilience and adaptability for coping with the new cultural context.

Supporting statement form completed by a representative from your home institution (e.g. your Academic Adviser, Study Abroad Co-ordinator or other suitable person).

Two pieces of recent academic work which are relevant to the subject/s for which you are applying – with the exception of Economics, see below.

I. For Classics, English, History, Management, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Politics and International Relations, Psychology and Theology, it is expected these pieces of work will be two essays. Essays should be a maximum of 2000 words in length. It is possible to include an extract from a longer piece of work.

II. For other subjects, it is possible to submit two essays or pieces of coursework, a problem sheet or tests as best demonstrates your ability in your proposed subject.

III. For candidates who do not have written work in English, it will be necessary to organise a Skype interview.

Economics exercise (Economics applicants only) - please see the <u>Economics subject page</u> for further information on the exercise, and on course selection.

Proof of English language competency (where relevant) - if your first language is not English, you must fulfil the <u>University of Oxford English language requirements</u>. You will fulfil this if you have been studying full-time in English for two years BEFORE APPLYING to LMH. The UK Home Office requires the University to confirm that all applicants who need a Tier 4 student visa and who are not nationals of a majority English-speaking country, as defined by the Home Office, meet the minimum Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR) level B2. Unless you have been educated full-time in English during the last two years you will need to provide us with results of another acceptable English language test such as IELTS, as detailed on the <u>Oxford University website</u>.

Modes of attendance:

We are pleased to receive applications for either the full academic year, <u>extended Michaelmas term</u> (<u>MT+</u>) or for both Hilary and Trinity terms (HT-TT). The very enthusiastic also have the option of the extended Michaelmas term continuing on to the full academic year.

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Tutorial selection:

The LMH website has information on the available courses to help you complete the tutorial choices section; please go to <u>https://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students/subjects</u>. If necessary, please seek approval from your academic advisor before returning this section. Please contact us if you need to know the content of specific courses, e.g. for transfer of credit.

As far as possible, we like visiting students to follow the same courses as our home undergraduates, this means that for some subjects there will be small classes rather than tutorials available. You can select tutorials from a maximum of 3 subject areas; however, in order to achieve the greatest benefit from the Oxford tutorial system, we recommend that you select tutorials from only one or two subject areas. The majority of our home students will be taking one subject, with a few taking two or rarely three. Given the depth of study at Oxford, even those students taking courses such as Philosophy, Politics & Economics will only study two of these beyond the first year. The courses offered are typically those which will be studied by our home students who have completed the first year of study in that subject. Please ensure that you have the pre-requisite background knowledge for the courses you wish to pursue, and ask us if you are not clear about this. Please note that if you are accepted for a programme of study, it may be possible to make minor variations, but you would be unlikely to be able to make a complete change of programme.

Most visiting students take 12 tutorials per term, usually organised as 1 major (8 tutorials) and 1 minor (4 tutorials) per term. Please select a minimum of 3 major, and 3 minor choices on your application form, listed in order of preference. Oxford runs on an annual cycle of lecture, and if a course is only available in one term, we will allocate your courses to the term in which they are available.

Please indicate, by ticking the relevant boxes, whether you wish to take each course as a major or minor option; if you would be happy either way, please tick both boxes. If the course you have selected is in either of Computer Science, Economics or Physics, you should only tick the CS/Phys./Econ. Box - do not tick major or minor as this will be determined in consultation with the Director of Visiting Students. It is possible to mix other disciplines with tutorials in Computer Science, Economics or Physics. For example, you might wish to study courses in Physics and Mathematics, or Economics and Politics. In these cases, you should indicate whether you wish the subject from the other discipline to be a major or a minor option. Please select as many options that interest you, indicating your preference through the ordering of choices.

Extended Michaelmas term tutorial selection

Students on the extended Michaelmas term will normally take two majors, with one starting in September and one starting in October.

Candidates wishing to study courses in Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Economics, Mathematics and Physics should include at least one option from another subject area on their list since it is NOT possible to start these courses in September.

Any questions? Please email <u>visiting.students@lmh.ox.ac.uk</u>