

2011 Welcome Events for European and International Students

If you are new to Oxford and/or studying in the UK for the first time (including Erasmus, Visiting and Recognised Students), we encourage you to take advantage of the 2011 Welcome Events for European and International Students:

- **Meet and Greet Service at Heathrow Airport**
- **Orientation Programmes**
- **Cultural Awareness Sessions**
- **Walking Tours of Oxford**

For further information regarding any of these events, please contact the Student Information and Advisory Service at student.information@admin.ox.ac.uk

Meet and Greet Service at Heathrow Airport

The Meet and Greet Service welcomes European and International students arriving at Heathrow Airport from **Monday 26 September 2011 to Sunday 2 October 2011, 8.00am to 8.00pm each day**. Current students from Oxford will meet you at the Central Bus Station to direct you to the bus to Oxford, explain how to find your college/accommodation and answer any questions you may have about your first few days here. Please note a bus ticket to Oxford is £22 for a single or £26 for a period return (good for a return trip to Heathrow within three months). Further information is available at www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/orientation



Orientation Programmes

These free programmes will provide basic information about the University, explain the academic framework for Oxford degrees, introduce the support services which will be available to you throughout your course, and will discuss living in Oxford, working during your studies, visa rules and regulations, and setting up a British bank account. Orientation also offers a valuable opportunity to meet other new international students as well as current students and administrative staff. The programmes are **free to attend**, however, please note that **meals will not be provided**.

Graduate Orientation Programme (for Postgraduates and Recognised Students)

Thursday 29 September 2011, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Examination Schools, 75-81 High Street, Oxford, OX1 4BG

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Undergraduate Orientation Programme (for Undergraduates and 2nd BAs)

Monday 3 October 2011, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Examination Schools, 75-81 High Street, Oxford, OX1 4BG

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**Erasmus or Visiting Students are welcome to attend either session as appropriate.*

Can I bring my spouse/partner/children to orientation with me?

Unfortunately, due to limited space spouses, partners, children, and other friends or family members are not able to attend the programmes.

What topics will the programmes cover?

You can go to as many sessions as you like depending on which information you need. The topics which will be covered include:

- Academic framework of Oxford degrees
- Living in Oxford
- Academic support services and facilities (e.g. libraries and computing services)
- Working during your studies
- Visa rules and regulations
- Language courses
- Opening a British bank account
- Health and welfare support (e.g. counselling services)

I have studied/lived in the UK before. Should I still attend orientation?

Please feel free to attend the talks which are relevant to your needs. It is not necessary to attend every session if you do not need or want to.

Should I check my arrival date and accommodation with my college?

Yes, you must let your college know when you plan to arrive to ensure that your accommodation will be available during the week of orientation. If you will not be living in college, contact your landlady/landlord to let them know you plan to arrive before term starts.

Cultural Awareness Sessions

If you are new to the UK and worried about how you might settle into academic and social life here, then come along to one of the cultural awareness sessions on **Friday 30 September 2011**. The informal presentation/workshop style forum will be run by colleagues who have lived overseas for several years and have experienced how it feels to adapt to living a long way from home.



Walking Tours of Oxford



On **Friday 30 September 2011 (for postgraduates)** and **Monday 3 October 2011 (for undergraduates and 2nd BAs)**, current students will offer walking tours of Oxford to provide a brief history of the University and show you the location of shops, supermarkets, banks, the post office, libraries and university administration buildings. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Orientation Programmes on Thursday 29 September and Monday 3 October.

How to Register

To register for the Meet and Greet Service or the Orientation Programmes:

1. Please visit www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/orientation
2. Use the orientation registration code: **KA800065**.
3. The deadline for registration is **Monday 19 September 2011**. Spaces are limited.

To register for a Cultural Awareness Session or a Walking Tour of Oxford, please look for sign-up sheets at the Orientation Programmes.

Visit the Student Gateway—the quickest and easiest way for on-course students to access the latest news, resources, and services at Oxford.

www.ox.ac.uk/students