

# St Anne's College, Oxford

## St Anne's welcomes you as a visiting student

### Life as a Visiting Student at St Anne's

As a Visiting Student at St Anne's you will be fully integrated into undergraduate life here and we hope that you enjoy your time with us. Oxford's student population is international with more than 80 nationalities studying here. The cross-cultural and intellectual dimension of St Anne's international community is much in evidence among the student body and academic staff.

### Academic Study at Oxford

The academic year at Oxford consists of three terms – each term comprises eight weeks of 'tuition' but you are expected to arrive ('come up') in the week before. There are two five-week long vacations between the three terms. These terms are: Michaelmas (early October to early December), Hilary (early-mid January to early-mid March), and Trinity (late April to late June). We welcome applications for the full academic year so that you gain as much as possible from the thoroughly enriching and stimulating cultural experience of studying abroad, especially in such a unique place as Oxford, and at St Anne's in particular.

### Courses of Study Available

For you to get the most out of your time you need to plan your work carefully, in consultation with faculty members at home and with us. We are keen to help you as much as possible. We will need to be assured that you meet the academic standards required as well as showing the intellectual maturity and curiosity, enthusiasm and passion for your subject.

### For More Information

Please contact me in advance to explore in detail your possible choices and interests. My email address is [anne.mullen@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anne.mullen@st-annes.ox.ac.uk). Tell me what you are currently studying and what you think you would like to study here. The following list gives you a sample of the academic subject areas visiting students have chosen. Please do browse the websites. You'll be aiming to take 'second year' courses for 'undergraduates' although some 'first-year' courses may also be suitable, depending on your academic background. You'll also find lots of helpful information on these websites about all the interesting academic-related activity going on in each area.

#### Subject Web Sites

**Biochemistry**  
[www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Chemistry**  
[www.chem.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Classics**  
[www.classics.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Earth Sciences**  
[www.earth.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.earth.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Economics**  
[www.economics.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.economics.ox.ac.uk/)  
**English**  
[www.english.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.english.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Engineering**  
[www.eng.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Experimental Psychology**  
[www.psy.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.psy.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Geography**  
[www.geog.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/)  
**History**  
[www.history.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Music**  
[www.music.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.music.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Oriental Studies**  
[www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/)  
**Politics & International Relations**  
[www.politics.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/)

### The Oxford Tutorial

As well as attending lectures and classes, you will engage with your academic work within the tutorial system which is intellectually challenging and stimulating, and hugely rewarding. A tutorial lasts one hour and each tutor normally sees students in pairs. It is a highly concentrated hour of discussion and debate, for which you will have prepared in advance. A tutorial assignment may be an essay on a set topic, a problem set or some other kind of assignment. To make the most of this particular way of learning, you will be very motivated, organised and determined. You will develop your independent study skills and learn to debate and defend your ideas. Tutorials will be with College-employed academics – Fellows, Lecturers and Graduate Scholars. As with all Oxford full-degree course undergraduates, you may also find yourself being tutored by qualified colleagues in other colleges in Oxford.

### Personal Tutor

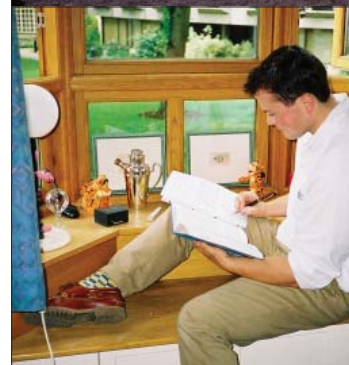
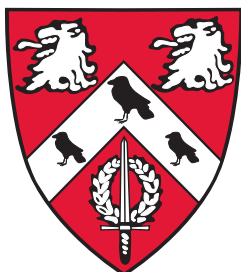
You will have a Personal Tutor, an academic Fellow, who will assist you on academic matters. You will not sit examinations while you are here but your termly work and progress will be closely monitored and discussed with you (as it is for all undergraduates). Your contribution to tutorials, including your written work, will form the basis of the report prepared by your academic tutor which will be read to you at the end of each term by your Personal Tutor. College will prepare for your home institution a proper and detailed transcript of your academic attainment. The Director of Studies for Visiting Students will make sure all aspects of your being here fall into place and that you make the most of your time with us.

### College Life

Take time now to browse our website ([www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk](http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk)) as a prospective 'undergraduate' here at St Anne's and see what we have to offer.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Perspectives from recent visiting students



**Chris Chaulk**  
**College of William and Mary**

“As a visiting student at St. Anne’s, I can only speak highly of the amazing opportunities and people around me this year. Down to earth and extremely outgoing, both the undergraduate, graduate, and other visiting students, along with the staff and tutors, have made me feel more at home than I imagined possible when I came to a new country, and a new university. Moreover, the friendships and bonds I have made have only been stronger and unforgettable because I have stayed here for a year rather than for just one semester or term. Being a shy person, I needed the time to explore the city, the college, and the people, and to find my niche.

My niche, without a doubt, has been in the rowing community. Foregoing weekend trips or excursions outside of college, I have bonded with the men’s and women’s boat club through early morning outings as a rower and a coach as well as through social events such as boat club dinners, crew dates, and curries.

Though I have rowed for two years prior to my time in Oxford, anyone interested and without previous experience, I firmly believe, can find it as exciting and fun as I have.

Though rowing can be demanding and time consuming, it has not restricted my interest and desire to explore other areas of life as an Oxford student. Whether watching our cricket team win Cuppers Finals in the Oxford University Parks, or taking in any of the many student-run plays in town (including two starring my ‘college dad’, a fellow St. Anne’s student), or attending a lecture outside of my course on James Joyce’s Ulysses, it is not so much a question of what to do while studying at Oxford, rather, how much can I accomplish in only a year?



**Nanette O'Brien**  
**Northwestern University**

“I think I can safely say, without exaggeration, that the year I spent at St. Anne’s College has been the most memorable, enjoyable and challenging in my life to date. I chose to spend my third year of university abroad at Oxford for the academics because I was interested in studying my favorite writers in their home country. Coming as an English and Violin Performance major from Northwestern University, a mid to large size American university, I was also seeking more individual attention. Boy, did I get it, but I also strengthened and thrived in the independent, create-your-own-schedule style tutorial system. It has been incredible for my writing (I studied solely English at St. Anne’s): twice weekly essays pushed me to the limit at first, but they became easier, and my reading and writing skills and speed improved tremendously over the year. However, the experience went much further beyond academics.

St. Anne’s, and all the colleges, are about community, and the friendships I built while living in college (very important!) were intense, challenging, lasting and

immensely rewarding. What a supportive group! From going all together to cheer on the college boat teams in Summer Eights, to attending plays, music recitals, and listening to student radio shows, I felt the strength of the bonds between us all. We suffered through essay crises together, while learning to grow stronger, and celebrated achievements when they came. Through conversing with my friends studying various subjects like PPE, Law, E and M, Medicine, Classics, Linguistics, and Maths, I was really learning to think critically, skills that carried over into my essay writing process.

I will value every late night tea and conversation session about republicans vs. royalists, the NHS, Irish tea vs. English tea, love-life gossip and my favorite, poetry. I also branched out into the university wide music community, joining orchestras and making friends at different colleges. I think I was able to bring some of the unique St Anne’s spirit to these ensembles that was much appreciated. I cherish the intensity of St. Anne’s and encourage any future visiting or foreign students to push themselves into taking advantage of every opportunity to join in, make more friends, do something kind for someone, and to do whatever it takes to be a part of St. Anne’s.”

