

Visiting Students Programme Frequently asked questions



Please review the questions and answers below for common queries.

Please email visiting.students@st-annes.ox.ac.uk if you have additional questions.

When can I study at St Anne's?

We welcome Visiting Students to study at St Anne's for the following study durations:

- Oxford Academic Year – Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity terms
- Extended Oxford Academic Year – September plus Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity terms
- Fall Term – September plus Michaelmas
- Michaelmas Term only – only for applicants from European universities
- Hilary AND Trinity Terms only

We encourage Visiting Students to study in Oxford for the extended academic year or the Oxford academic year to fully benefit from the immersive Oxford experience and to fully engage in its unique educational system. However we do have many visiting students who study with us for shorter durations.

What subjects are offered to visiting students at St Anne's?

One of the defining features of Oxford teaching and learning is academic immersion, usually in studying a single subject, or in studying two complementary subjects.

Visiting Students can apply to study most of the subjects available to St Anne's undergraduates. For further information, please see the [course catalogue and selection](#) page.

Can I apply to study more than one subject?

If you apply for the extended academic year or academic year you can apply to study up to two subjects. If applying to study two subjects it is preferable that these are taught jointly at Oxford, or are complementary subjects e.g. two humanities subjects.

If you apply for a shorter study duration you are recommended to apply to study one subject or two subjects which are taught jointly.

Please note: if applying for Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) for the extended academic year or academic year visiting students can apply to study all 3 subjects. If applying for the Fall term or for Hilary and Trinity terms it is only possible to apply to 2 of the 3 subjects.

Please note it is not possible to study Engineering, or the biochemistry/biomedical sciences programme with any other subject regardless of study duration. It is not usually possible to study two science subjects jointly except where they are taught jointly at Oxford, eg. computer science and maths

In order to study joint subjects a visiting student needs to be studying both subjects at their home institution already. It is possible you may only be offered a place to study one subject, rather than both, if you are not deemed to have sufficient background in both subjects.

How are Oxford subjects taught?

Tutorial teaching is the hallmark of an Oxford education and provides a unique and immersive opportunity for you to engage directly with academic experts in their field.

You can [read more about Oxford's personalised teaching and learning here](#)

In most subjects you will experience tutorial teaching, but in some science subjects in the 2nd or 3rd year courses you will be taught in small groups. In all subjects lectures complement tutorial teaching and you may also participate in small class teaching, seminars, practicals, labs etc.

Do all subjects teach in the major and minor tutorial format?

No! At St Anne's we teach visiting students in the same format as fulltime matriculated undergraduates at Oxford and therefore you undertake subject teaching in the same format as undergraduates.

So some subjects, such as English and History of Art, are taught in this major/minor format and many others, such as computer science, economics and experimental psychology are not.

As a visiting student at St Anne's you will take a full course load in the subject/s you have been offered a place for

How do I apply?

Interested applicants need to submit our St Anne's College application form along with academic transcripts, letters of reference, a statement about why you want to study at Oxford and some additional information.

We require a GPA of 3.7 (out of 4) or the equivalent and applicants must have met the University's English language requirements at application. Please see our [how to apply](#) page for further details.

What are the fees and costs for the Visiting Student Programme?

Visiting Student fees are published annually in the autumn, and provided to your study abroad office and/or study abroad provider. The [University updates living costs on an annual basis](#) as well. Please familiarise yourself with this information and be sure you can meet the costs of attending before submitting your application. We cannot offer visiting students scholarships but many visiting students receive support and funding through their home institutions, other scholarship funding or government financial aid. Please speak with your home institution regarding these options.

What are the English language requirements?

All teaching at the University of Oxford is carried out in English (with the exception of some language-specific teaching) and tutors must be assured that you have sufficient fluency in written and spoken English to cope with your course from the start.

If you are a non-native English speaker, or have not been taught in English at university level for at least the two years prior to application (not prior to arrival in Oxford) you are required to provide evidence that you meet the [University's English language requirements](#) with your application. Please ensure you meet the higher-level requirements as most subjects require these. **If required you MUST attach evidence (eg. TOEFL, IELTS certificate, secondary school or high school diploma, International Baccalaureate certificate etc.) of how you meet the University's English language requirements with your application.**

I am a non-native English speaker currently in my second year of college in the United States. According to the application form, I need two years of university level English instruction before applying to St. Anne's. I went to high school in the United States, so would my high school diploma suffice as evidence for my fluency?

If you completed your high school education in an English-speaking country and you continued to university study in English, then you can submit your high school diploma as proof of fulfilling the English language requirement.

For science subjects such as mathematics, or biochemistry, what type of written work should I submit as part of my application?

You can submit essays, lab reports, practice sheets, other report/s or past test/s or exam/s as evidence of academic work in your subject area, or another kind of report or assignment you have completed as part of your academic studies. We would ideally like to see how you construct an essay or argument and how you present scientific or mathematical information.

Your academic work must be in the subject/s you are applying to study at Oxford, or the nearest possible equivalent.

My referees would prefer to send their references directly to St Anne's rather than them being submitted as part of my application. Is this possible?

We prefer to receive your application materials, including references all together. However if necessary you can have your references sent to visiting.students@st-annes.ox.ac.uk clearly stating your name and reference in the subject line. Please ensure your referees meet the application deadline too.

Where would my accommodation be?

For the 2024-25 academic year, visiting students will be housed in single en-suite (private bathroom) furnished rooms on the main College site with other undergraduates. There are shared kitchens and internet access. Accommodation is guaranteed to visiting students and available during the Oxford vacation (depending on your terms of study) at no additional cost. You may remain in College during the vacations, or leave your belongings in your room and come and go as you wish.

Where would I have my meals?

Most students choose to use the dining hall, which is a focal point of College life. The dining hall serves breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays and brunch at weekends during term time. College subsidises the cost of food so meals are relatively inexpensive.

Your Bod Card (student ID) is pre-loaded with funds which you can spend in the dining hall and in STACS, the St Anne's Coffee Shop.

Our kitchen has its own Instagram page where you will be able to find photos of dishes and events that the chefs have produced in the past. Follow them at [@st annes kitchen](https://www.instagram.com/st_annes_kitchen)

What support is available for Visiting Students at St Anne's?

We have an excellent reputation for [student welfare](#) at St Anne's and we encourage Visiting Students to be familiar with what's available. The '[welfare team](#)' includes members of the Decanal Team, College Officers, health and counselling professionals and students – JCR and MCR welfare reps and peer supporters.

How is my work at Oxford graded?

Visiting Students will receive grades based on their academic work during the term. A student's subject tutor will provide a report at the end of each term which includes comments on the student's work as well as a numerical or letter grade. Tutors use the Oxford system of grading in their reports and they grade Visiting Students according to Oxford standards. Visiting Students are not eligible to sit University examinations, but some may sit Collections.

A College transcript, which provides details of the courses completed and grades attained, will be issued to you following completion of your studies at St Anne's.