HAVERFORD COLLEGE

STUDY ABROAD
University of Oxford

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Program Overview

One year program at the Colleges at Oxford University, England. **Semester study is not an option**. One full year at Oxford equals 8 credits at Haverford. Students who do not complete the year will not receive **any** credit.

Students apply in two ways:

Partner College: Applications are binding. Students must go through an internal application process and be nominated by the Faculty Advisory Board. Students may apply to only one Partner College at Oxford.

Oxford Partners:

- Mansfield College
- Pembroke College
- Lady Margaret Hall
- St. Edmund's Hall
- St. Peter's College

If nominated, students will receive an application to the Partner College. If a student applies and is accepted, they are **required** to attend—the application itself is a binding contract. Apply to a Non-Partner College if you are unable to fully commit to attending.

Non-Partner College: Applications are non-binding. Admission is extremely competitive.

Deadline

December 4

Deadline reflects the internal application process. **No late applications accepted.**

For **Non-Partner Colleges,** apply as soon as possible in the fall preceding year of study. The Colleges fill up quickly and admission is extremely competitive.

Eligibility

A minimum 3.7 GPA in major; Minimum 3.7 GPA overall

- Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- Students should have completed at least two years of study at Haverford.
- Nominations for the Partner Colleges must be made by the Faculty Advisory Board.

Students who do not meet the matriculation requirements will not be permitted to study at Oxford even if accepted by a college.

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Program Dates

2024—2025

Dates are approximates.

The academic year is divided into three terms—Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity—each of which lasts 8 weeks. A six-week break separates each of the terms.

Michaelmas: 13 October—7 December

Hilary: 19 January—15 March

Trinity: 27 April—21 June

Application Procedures

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Partner Colleges

Internal Application Process for Nomination:

1. Attend the **mandatory** Information Session on Oxford. Failure to attend will result in being unable to apply to a Partner College.
2. Read the Oxford materials on the Study Abroad website and on the specific Oxford college website.
3. Schedule an appointment to discuss your plans with Rebecca Avery **before** applying to any of these Colleges.
4. After meeting with Rebecca Avery, submit Haverford's Declaration of Intent to Study Abroad.
5. Complete Haverford's internal Oxbridge Application by **December 4**.
6. Obtain two faculty recommendations—these must be in the subject of intended study. Recommendations should be emailed directly to Rebecca Avery by the faculty member.

By December 4, students should submit the following to Rebecca Avery via email:

All documents should be attached to a single email.

1. Unofficial transcript.
2. An essay of approximately 500 words, focusing on the academic reasons for attending Oxford.
3. Two samples of your best-written academic work in the area of intended study. This is not always necessary for mathematics and sciences. Consult Rebecca Avery prior to December 4 if you are unsure.

Nomination & Completing Your Application

The Faculty Advisory Board selects students for nomination. ***Nomination decisions will be communicated in January after fall semester grades have been recorded***.

- An interview may be required.
- Nomination by the Faculty Advisory Board does not guarantee acceptance. ***Students still need to apply to and be accepted by a Partner College.***
- Students will not be nominated until grades from the fall semester are recorded.

If nominated, students will be invited to complete the specific program

application for one of the Partner Colleges. At this stage, students can decline nomination and their application will not be forwarded, but once the Faculty Advisory Board writes a letter of nomination, students are **bound to attend if accepted**.

Students who do not fulfill the contract for any reason cannot assume their return to Haverford will be automatic. Students may be asked to take a leave of absence for the remainder of the year and will be responsible for any unrecoverable fees.

Rebecca Avery will prepare the application packet with a letter of nomination from one of the faculty members and forward it to the Partner College in January.

The Partner Colleges will make their decisions from mid-February until the end of March. Students must return their letter of acceptance to the College within ten days.

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Non-Partner Colleges

Internal Application Process

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2. Schedule an appointment to discuss your plans with Rebecca Avery **before** applying to any of these Colleges.
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Completing Your Application

The admissions process may take several months.

If nominated, Rebecca will send each student their college-specific application to complete. She will outline the application process so students know what they need to submit. Rebecca will either submit the application directly to the partner college, or she will outline the instructions for students on how to submit their application (each college is different).

Note: The information provided should be as complete as possible so that the College can make its decision promptly and in the best interests of the

applicant.

It is helpful to know what area(s) within a subject the applicant would hope to study at Oxford, for example, "19th or 20th-century English literature" rather than simply "English." Tutors can provide advice for those who are undecided.

Academic Program

Academic Credits

One full year at Oxford equals 8 credits at Haverford. Students who do not complete the year will not receive **any** credit, no exceptions.

Selection Process

College selection of undergraduates is made by subject tutors who will be responsible for teaching the successful candidates. Because tutors are involved in the selection process, they are familiar with their students before they come into residence. Thereafter each student has at least one weekly tutorial, either singly or as one of a pair. This ensures that every undergraduate is treated as an individual and is in close contact with at least one member of the teaching staff. In most cases, college tutors and students come to know one another well as people.

Tutorials & Tutors

The emphasis at Oxford is to study a **single** subject—or a specific combination of subjects—in depth. If you are interested in studying a "minor" subject you must make this clear at the time of application. Mansfield College and St. Edmund's Hall may permit students to study more than one subject. Mansfield, however, will not accept students for math and sciences.

Once subjects of study are finalized changes cannot be made.

> **Example:** A student accepted to study history **cannot** study philosophy unless philosophy is indicated as a minor subject prior to acceptance.

Students are looked after by the tutors in the subject they have chosen. Tutors will lead some of your tutorials or arrange tutorials with specialists in other fields as appropriate.

1. Once the request for tutorials has been submitted, changes **cannot** be made.
2. You **may not** change your program of study.
3. Additional subjects **may not** be added.
4. You **may not** leave early for any reason.

Students will take 1.5 tutorials **per term**. As a result, at some colleges students will meet every week for their primary tutorial and every other week for their secondary tutorial. If a student has a major and a minor subject, they will generally take a full tutorial in their major subject (i.e., they will read one paper) and take one half tutorial in their minor subject.

Students can only apply for subjects in which they have had prior experience in college. You should ensure that your subject of interest is available for study prior to beginning the application process for a particular college.

The central feature of instruction at Oxford is the tutorial, a weekly meeting of a student with their tutor at which written work is presented and discussed. The individualized nature of these tutorials makes it possible to arrange work appropriate to the particular background and interests of each student.

Oxford students also attend lectures, most often given by world- famous academics. You may attend any lecture offered in the university, which provides an informal, exciting opportunity to learn about disciplines outside of your major.

Examinations

At Oxford "examinations" is a word used to describe the comprehensive examinations, administered at the end of a student's 3 years, that cover all subjects. One sits for exams to obtain a degree; if the student passes, they receive their diploma; if they do not pass, they do not receive it.

Haverford students cannot sit for degree exams. However, "collections," end of term tests, are given, usually at the beginning of the following term. All students are required to take all collections set by the tutor. If the university finals are set, the student must take them or the equivalent, i.e. college tests or research papers.

Payment of Fees

Tuition

Students pay tuition to Haverford College, which will then be responsible for paying the program directly.

Room & Board

Room and board fees depend on the particular college. In some programs, students pay Haverford Room fees and partial Board or just room fees.

- St. Peter's has a comprehensive package that includes tuition, room, and board.
- St. Edmund's has a partial board fee of 78 dinners.
- Mansfield and Pembroke charge only room fees and the student is responsible for their own food.

Students may not apply for independent housing.

Financial Aid

In addition to providing financial aid for tuition, Haverford will also provide aid for room and board for those eligible.

Qualified students receiving Haverford grant funds will receive an airfare allowance if their family income is less than $100,000. The amount will be credited towards the student's Haverford tuition bill.

For more information, visit Financial Aid: Study Abroad FAQs.

Refunds

Tuition will not be refunded if a student should withdraw from the program.

Haverford adheres to the tuition policies of each institution. Even in medical emergencies, if there is no refund forthcoming from the individual college, Haverford cannot issue a refund.

Partner Colleges: Your application is a binding contract.

Travel Information

Passport

All international travel requires a passport, which must be valid for 6 months **after** a student's intended date of return. Apply early; the process may take several weeks.

Visa

Any student from the U.S. studying in the U.K. for 6 months or longer must get a U.K. Visa before departure.

Haverford students studying abroad in the UK must qualify for a Student Visa under a Points Based System (PBS).

Visa procedures and requirements are constantly changing. The visa application process is complicated and can take up to three months. U.S. citizens should not plan to leave the country during the summer following their sophomore year. Since the visa stamp is placed in your passport, you will be required to send your passport to the British consulate.

International students may have to return to their home country to obtain a U.K. Tier 4 Visa. International students and non-U.S. citizens should consult the prospectus, the nearest British consulate, and Natasha Weisz, Assistant Dean for International Student Support at Haverford.

All students should read the Student Visa Application Procedures.

An up-to-date version of this document can always be downloaded from http://hav.to/oxbridge