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*At Hertford College, Oxford*

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*Postgraduate Summer School Humanities and Social Sciences  
Research Programme*

SUMMER 2025



# **An Introduction to Hertford College Summer 2025**

Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 39 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, an iconic landmark of the city.

Hertford College is an ideal setting for students wishing to challenge themselves academically and deepen their knowledge of Britain and British culture.

## **What to expect from our academic programme?**

- You will study in the unique atmosphere of Oxford
- You will be encouraged to discuss ideas and gain new perspectives
- You will develop valuable academic and communication skills

***Welcome to Oxford!***

<b>DAY 1</b>  Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>ARRIVAL DAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrive at a London airport</li><li>• Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you</li><li>• Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation</li><li>• On arrival: meal, orientation and welcome information</li></ul>						
WEEK ONE							
<b>DAY 2</b>  Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>  <b>Introduction to the Postgraduate Summer School Humanities and Social Sciences Research Programme</b>  <b>Introduction to Oxford University and the Tutorial System</b> Explore the development of the leading university in the English-speaking world. You will have the chance to ask questions about the admissions process to Oxford and other British universities.	TEA BREAK	<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>  <b>Tour of Discovery</b> A self-guided exploration of Oxford’s historic buildings.	LUNCH	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>  <b>Research Tutorial preparation</b> Under the guidance of a tutor, students prepare for their research presentations, focusing on research aims and methodology.	DINNER	<b>EVENING</b>  <b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b>

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>		<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>		<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>		<b>EVENING</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Lecture: Social Science Current research</b>	TEA BREAK	<b>Continuation.</b>	LUNCH	<b>Welcome Tea at 3:30pm</b> Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of one of Hertford College's historic dining halls. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes.	DINNER	<b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b>
<b>DAY 4</b>  Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Lecture: Social Science Current research from the Department of Education.</b>	TEA BREAK	<b>Research Tutorials (1)</b> Students discuss their current academic research with a panel of tutors and are questioned by their peers.	LUNCH	<b>Academic Workshop</b> Preparing and presenting effective research posters This session will prepare students for the research poster presentations.	DINNER	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>

<b>DAY 5</b>  Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Lecture: Current research from Oxford Business/Management Academics</b>	TEA BREAK	<b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	LUNCH	<b>Lecture – ‘The Finest View in England’</b> An exploration of Blenheim Palace and the glorious gardens of Lancelot Capability Brown and the agricultural heritage of the beautiful Cotswolds area. Also, discover the other magnificent architectural and landscaping wonders of the country.	DINNER	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>
<b>DAY 6</b>  Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Study Tour – Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds</b>  Blenheim Palace is one of Britain’s most famous historic landmarks. You will visit the Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty and picturesque villages in rural England. Afterwards, you will be taken to Blenheim Palace to have a guided tour of its beautiful rooms, as well as explore the gardens and grounds.  You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach.						

<b>DAY 7</b>  Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	BREAKFAST (sign up in advance)	<p><b>Weekend</b></p> <p>At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, there are various activities you can do, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college, and museum visits. Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to nearby places of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London</li> <li>• Cambridge</li> <li>• Bath</li> <li>• The Cotswolds</li> <li>• Blenheim Palace</li> <li>• Stonehenge</li> </ul> <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements. Breakfast is served in the morning, and dinner in the evening, but you must sign up with RAs in advance.</p>	<b>DINNER</b> (Sign up in advance)
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WEEK TWO						
DAY 8	09:00 – 12:30				14:00 – 16:00	EVENING
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Research Tutorials (2)</b> Students discuss their current academic research with a panel of tutors and are questioned by their peers.			LUNCH	<b>Visit to a Historic Oxford College</b> After an introductory lecture exploring its history and current activities, you will visit one of Oxford's most iconic colleges.	<b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b>
DAY 9	<b>Lecture: Social Sciences</b> Current research from the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. (topic tbc)	TEA BREAK	<b>Lecture: Social Sciences 21st Century Language Learning</b> Traditional ways of learning a language have changed. Explore how new technologies and popular culture have influenced second language acquisition e.g. online media and pop culture	LUNCH	<b>Research Tutorials (3)</b> Students discuss their current academic research with a panel of tutors and are questioned by their peers.	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July						

<b>DAY 10</b>  Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>09:00 – 12:30</b>	LUNCH	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	DINNER	<b>EVENING</b>
	<b>Lecture: The Archaeology of Britain</b> An overview and summary of current research trends. The lecture is followed by a visit to the Ashmolean, the world's first university museum.		<b>Preparation for the Research Poster Presentation Event</b>		<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>
<b>DAY 11</b>  Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Course Research Poster Presentations</b> Students present research posters in an academic conference style. The poster session will be attended by peers, tutors, Oxford students and Hertford College staff. There will be plenty of opportunity for interaction.	LUNCH	<b>Feedback on Research Poster presentations and end of course closing thoughts.</b>	<b>GALA DINNER</b> Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in one of Hertford College's historic dining rooms, where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-programme ceremony.	



<b>DAY 12</b>  Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>FREE DAY</b> See day 7 for information.
<b>DAY 13</b>  Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>DEPARTURE DAY</b> You will be accompanied to the airport by your RAs by private coach.



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