



# The Oxford Spires Summer School

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## introductory university-level

**4** core courses  $\times$  **5** elective courses

### Focus

Small groups of  
8-12 students

### Intensive

15 hours of class time  
per week



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■ Top-Class Educational Experience Starts from Here

# INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS!

# Who Should Attend



**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** who are interested in economics, law and business

- Develop both analytical skills and a critical mind necessary to succeed in university.
- Empower individuals to become strong and independent before university.
- Give students a perfect language experience with local people and academics to enhance spoken confidence through authentic linguistic and cultural immersion.

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** with inquisitive minds who are interested in exploring a new specialised subject area

## Eligibility:

**Students need to:**

- be 15+ years old; and
- have a good command of the English language

# Why the Oxford Spires?

Oxford is a beautiful city that boasts exquisite architecture and spectacular grounds in addition to housing one of the very best universities in the world. This is why it continues to retain a special place in the academic landscape both within the United Kingdom and internationally.

While studying and living in Oxford, one can truly appreciate the meaning of the term "city of dreaming spires", which was coined by the poet Matthew Arnold in reference to the harmonious architecture of Oxford's university buildings. Being in a place with such a rich history of academic excellence, one cannot help but be inspired.

Dates:

August 02 - 15, 2015

Price:

Residential:

£3,950\*

Non-residential:

£2,450\*

\*Prices are exclusive of travel costs to and from the United Kingdom.

Course fees include:

- 30 hours of in-class teaching
- Accommodation in St. Catherine's College
- London Heathrow airport transfers (unless on a scholarship)
- Study materials
- Graduation certificate
- Three meals a day
- Guest lectures
- Free WiFi
- Wide selection of afternoon and evening activities
- Coach excursion to London and Blenheim Palace

It's simple. Here are **5** reasons why the Oxford Spires is the number one choice for your summer:

## 1. A Unique Programme

The Oxford Spires aims to inspire young minds and help them to achieve their potential. Our programme has a focus on Economics, Business, Law and International Affairs and provides an unparalleled head start to students interested in these fields.

## 2. A First Step Towards University

Our programme is designed to give students a taste of the renowned teaching style at Oxford through a combination of lectures and two-to-one weekly tutorials. In addition, our students come out better prepared for the transition from high school to university, enabling them to make the most of their university experience.

## 3. Experienced and Enthusiastic Teachers

All of our teachers are Oxford and/or London School of Economics educated with extensive knowledge in their area of expertise. Our faculty is selected on the basis of their ability and willingness to understand the specific needs of individual students. Personalised attention ensures that students are able to develop both personally and academically during the course of the programme. At the end of the programme, students will have a close academic relationship with his or her faculty.

## 4. An Invaluable Network

Students who participate in the programme come from all corners of the world. This creates a very unique and dynamic environment, which fosters not only a special learning experience, but also long-lasting friendships.

## 5. It's Fun!

Teenagers love to have fun and we endeavour to ensure a balance between academic development and extracurricular activities. The Oxford Spires strives to make this summer an unforgettable one!



Students will stay at St. Catherine's College. This is an ideal location as it is only a one-minute walk to both the Economics and Law Departments of the University of Oxford.

Teaching for the two-week programme will include:

30 hours of class time in small groups of 8-12 and 3 hours of individual interaction with the faculty member.

## Course Descriptions

Students must choose a core course and an elective course.

### Core Courses\*

- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Law
- The Business Mastermind: Economics and Entrepreneurship
- English and Communication

### Elective Courses

- International Relations
- International Human Rights Law
- Development Economics
- International Trade and Economic Policy
- The Art of Acting and Communication

Please refer to our website  
[www.theoxfordspires.co.uk](http://www.theoxfordspires.co.uk)  
for descriptions of the elective courses

### Sample Schedule

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 09:00-10:30 | Core Course                     |
| 10:45-12:30 | Two-to-one tutorial, study time |
| 12:30-14:30 | Lunch Break                     |
| 14:30-16:00 | Elective Course                 |
| 16:00-18:00 | Activity/Free time              |
| 18:00-19:00 | Dinner                          |
| 19:00-22:00 | Activity/Free time              |
| 23:00       | Check-in with the college       |



# Core Courses

## Introduction to Economics

The Introduction to Economics course covers basic economic theory and techniques as well as their application to practical examples and policy questions. Students learn to address economic issues faced by countries through applying the analytic framework developed in the course. They also gain the ability to read the economic policy literature and follow current economic debates.

The course starts with 5 lectures on macroeconomics, covering the ways in which the overall economy works, unemployment, inflation, and the rationale and impact of government macroeconomic policies. The second part of the course contains 5 lectures on microeconomics, covering individual decision-making, supply and demand, market power and market failure.

## Introduction to Law

The Introduction to Law course is designed to provide an overview of the institutions, personnel and procedures of the English Legal System and the international legal system. Students participate in interactive classes, discussions, debates, group activities and mock trials.

The course begins with a brief analysis of the history of the English Legal System and the different sources of law. Students learn about the way legislation is made and passed as well as the different types of legislation. The course also examines the court system of England and Wales and introduces the range of personnel within the legal system, including the role of judges, the jury, barristers and solicitors. The second part of the course begins with an analysis of how international law is made and how it relates to national systems. Students then evaluate a number of topical issues of global concern.

## The Business Mastermind

This is a very hands-on course where students learn about entrepreneurship and how to develop a business idea from scratch. Theory will be presented as a way to help advance students' business ideas.

During this course, students master the important concepts in economics that every business person must understand. In the first part of the course, students brainstorm a business idea and learn how to write a business plan. In the second part of the course, students learn the main concepts of marketing, accounting, negotiation, pitching a business idea and the art of influence. More importantly, during this time, students execute the business idea. In 2014, the students who participated in this course were featured in the local newspaper for their excellent work in raising money for ROSY, a local charity that helps sick youngsters. All profits from their venture are donated to the students' preferred Oxford charity.

## English and Communication

The English and Communication course aims to improve students' language abilities and help them to communicate more fluently and effectively in English.

The course begins with developing students' knowledge in a wide range of grammatical structures and tenses. Students will also be introduced to vocabulary connected to Economics, Business, Law and International Affairs and will be given guidance on academic writing styles. The second part of the course focuses on communication and oral presentation skills where students will be required to give both individual and group presentations on a topic of interest.

# Where you will be staying



# St. Catherine's College

Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UJ  
United Kingdom Catherine's College  
[www. stcatz.ox.ac.uk](http://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk)

St Catherine's College offers a wide range of subjects with a roughly even split between science and arts. Its modern buildings and restful, open spaces give the college a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.



reception desk



library



classroom lecture



classroom tutorial



bedroom private



canteen

# Application & Admissions

## 6 Steps to Register

- 1 Applicant registers interest online
- 2 Applicant submits application form
- 3 Shortlisted applicants to be interviewed
- 4 Decision made as to acceptance
- 5 Accepted applicant signs Confirmation of Participation form and pays deposit
- 6 Accepted applicant pays the remaining balance due

## Online Application

Go to [www.theoxfordspires.co.uk](http://www.theoxfordspires.co.uk) and click on 'Apply'. Complete the online application form to register your interest.

One of our representatives will contact you and provide you with the full application form. Complete the form either electronically or by hand and send it to us by email at

[info@theoxfordspires.co.uk](mailto:info@theoxfordspires.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can send us the completed full application form to:

Flat 1, 45 Tower Bridge Road,  
London, SE1 4TL, United Kingdom

Once you have been accepted, you will receive a confirmation of your place and a Welcome Pack by email. For more information on the application and payment processes, please visit our website. [www.theoxfordspires.co.uk/](http://www.theoxfordspires.co.uk/)

## VISA

If you are not a British or EU national, please go to

[www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/do-you-need-a-visa/](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/do-you-need-a-visa/)

to check your visa requirements. If you do require a visa, we can write a Letter of Invitation to support your application.

# Activities & Trips

The Oxford Spires acknowledges the importance of striking a balance between academic work and extracurricular activities. We have planned an exciting range of activities for our students to ensure that there is something for everyone.

Activities will include a day-trip to London, punting, a sports day, visits to colleges, various Oxford seasonal plays, dancing lessons, Public Speaker Events and more!



## Punting



Students will have the opportunity to go punting along River Cherwell and experience first-hand the unique form of transport and tourism in Oxford and Cambridge.

## London Day Trip



We have set aside a day for a trip to London, the capital city of the United Kingdom. In this leading global city and centre of diverse cultures, you will have the opportunity to visit the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament, the Big Ben, Shakespeare's Globe, Chinatown and other famous attractions!

## Oxford Colleges



If you are interested in applying to study at the University of Oxford , we will arrange visits to a number of renowned Colleges (including New College, Magdalen College and Christ Church College). You will also have the opportunity to visit the world's first university museum - the Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford.

## Theatre



During the two-week programme, students will visit theatres in Oxford and will be offered the choice to watch a variety of theatre performances and plays to experience a very English form of entertainment!