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# Oxford Certificate Programmes

**University Programme Winter 2025**

**Information Session**



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## 1. Welcome to Worcester College



At just over 300 years old, Worcester College is one of the University's 'newer' colleges.

However, it was founded on the site of a much older Benedictine monastery and academic hall and many of the buildings date from the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Worcester has a proud history and many distinguished alumni, as well as world-famous members of the faculty.

Worcester was founded in 1714 and has c. 400 undergraduate and 200 postgraduate students across all sciences and humanities degrees.



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# 1. Welcome to Worcester College

## Certificate Programmes at Worcester College

- Certificate Programmes are the non-degree educational programmes offered by Worcester
- Certificate Programmes are offered during the Easter vacation and the Long Summer vacation (July, August and September)
- Certificate Programmes are offered at the High School level, for University students, and at the executive level
- Co-Directors of the Programmes are Prof Dominik Wanner and Mr Wilf Stephenson







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## 2. Your Programme at a Glance

- **Dates**

Session: Sunday 2 February to Saturday 15 February

- **Academic Content Offered**

**Law:** IP Law & Rights Management; Law in Action & Law and Punishment; Business Law; Arbitration

**Economics:** Behavioural Economics; Financial Crises

- **Pricing**

Participation Fee (tuition, breakfast and twin room): 4,330 GBP

Participation Fee (tuition, breakfast and single room): 4,430 GBP





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### 3. Your Programme: Academic Content

- All Students who complete the course will receive a Certificate of Attendance & Academic Transcript issued by Worcester College (University of Oxford)
- Class Sizes are small, as is common according to Oxford's tutorial model to maximise learning: your classes will be between 20 and 40 students





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## 3. Your Programme: Academic Content

### Law / Law in Action & Law and Punishment

The first few days of this course will provide students with an in-depth knowledge of the functions of the rule of law in common law jurisdictions, as well as to consider law in a practical manner.

The last days of this course will focus on criminal law. It explores the structure of the criminal justice system, emphasising the extensive and significant discretionary decisions that are made throughout in the process of creating a criminal case and its culmination in the sentencing and punishment of the convicted offender. Consideration is given to the 'effectiveness' of the system, covering ideas from rehabilitation to risk management and exclusionary social control. More practical problems, relating to imprisonment and community sanctions, are also addressed, since they currently pose real policy dilemmas for government and the legal system.

### Teaching Academic



Prof Keith Hawkins  
Emeritus Professor of Law and Society  
Oriental College, University of Oxford





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## 3. Your Programme: Academic Content

### Law / Intellectual Property Rights Law and Management

This course begins with Intellectual Property Rights Law and will have a special emphasis on Branding and Trade Marks, Geographical Indications and Copyright law. Elements such as the political economy of IP, collective and open innovation, the significance of registration for intangibles, and rights in data will also be covered.

The management of IP section will include discussions on the justifications of intellectual property; the requirements necessary to garner protection for literary or artistic works, inventions and brand logos; the infringement of these various rights; and the remedies available.

### Teaching Academics



Prof Dev Gangjee  
Professor of Intellectual  
Property Law  
St Hilda's College, University  
of Oxford



Dr Robert Pitkethly  
Fellow and Tutor in  
Management  
St Peter's College,  
University of Oxford





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## 3. Your Programme: Academic Content

### Law / Arbitration

The first part of this course addresses the role of international and regional organisations in dispute settlement. The course then explores the diplomatic or non-judicial means of dispute settlement: negotiation, mediation, inquiry, and conciliation.

The second part of the course concerns the advancement of international criminal justice and settlement of disputes through a range of international courts and tribunals, in particular the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, and various international criminal tribunals that have been established up to date.

### Teaching Academic



Dr Andreas von Goldbeck  
Lecturer and Fellow  
Christ Church College  
University of Oxford



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## 3. Your Programme: Academic Content

### Economics / Behavioural Economics

Behavioural economics enriches standard economics with insights from psychology to build a more realistic understanding of how and why people behave the way they do in the real world. The objective of this course is to introduce students to principles, methods, and recent advances in behavioural economics. It will be structured around how people systematically deviate from neoclassical models in terms of (1) preferences (e.g., self-control problems, reference dependence), (2) beliefs (e.g., overconfidence), and (3) decision-making (e.g., limited attention), with an emphasis on real-world applications to topics such as household finance, job search/workplace behaviour, and climate change.

### Teaching Academic



Dr Ximeng Fang  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Saïd Business School  
University of Oxford





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## 3. Your Programme: Academic Content

### Economics / Financial Crisis

The objective of this course is to provide an overview of the causes and the events of the recent financial crisis, as well as of the policy response by governments and central banks. The first two lectures will discuss the critical aspects of the evolution of financial markets and institutions that have led to the crisis. The next two lectures will go over the events of the crisis and the actions undertaken by government and central banks around the world. The fifth lecture will recap before the multiple-choice test. The last two lectures will put the recent crisis in a historical perspective and compare alternative views on the causes of the crisis.

### Teaching Academic



Andrew Farlow  
Senior Research Fellow  
Oxford Martin School  
University of Oxford



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## 4. Your Programme: Extra-curriculars

All Certificate Programmes include a wide array of activities outside of the classroom that are designed to enrich the learning experience here in Oxford.

These include visits to major sites, museums and galleries, cultural talks and events, and further social, sporting and general enrichment activities.







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## 4. Your Programme: Extra-curriculars

### Visits to the main sites of the University of Oxford

- Bodleian Library
- Oxford Union Debating Chamber and Library
- Botanical Garden
- Other Colleges of the University







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## 4. Your Programme: Extra-curriculars

### Visits to Oxford's Finest Museums and Galleries

- Ashmolean Museum
- Museum of the History of Science
- Natural History Museum
- Pitt Rivers Anthropological Museum
- Modern Art Oxford







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## 4. Your Programme: Extra-curriculars

### Evening Speaker Series and Cultural Events

- Recent talks have included 'Pricing with Market Power', 'Finance and Ethics', and 'AI and the Future of Finance'
- Recent events have included a Shakespeare play and an Organ Concert





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## 5. Your Programme: Excursions

Also included in every certificate programme are major trips and excursions, usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays

These are always run by the programme team in conjunction with local guides







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## 5. Your Programme: Excursions

### Cambridge: City and University

The colleges and city of Oxford's great rival – also including a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum and Galleries





## 6. Your Programme: Sample Timetables

### Oxford Certificate Programme at Worcester College

	12 August Saturday	13 August Sunday	14 August Monday	15 August Tuesday	16 August Wednesday	17 August Thursday	18 August Friday
Breakfast	Day of Arrival	Breakfast at Worcester Dining Hall 8:00 - 9:00					
Time		9:00 - 11:00	9:00 - 12:15 (15 min break)	9:00 - 12:15 (15 min break)	9:00 - 12:15 (15 min break)	9:00 - 11:00 (15 min break)	9:00 - 10:00 (15 min break)
Event		Welcome, Orientation & Worcester College Tour	Lecture I & II	Lecture III & IV	Lecture V & VI	Lecture VII & VIII	Lecture including Assessment
Faculty		Instructor	Instructor	Instructor	Instructor	Instructor	Instructor
Location		Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College
Lunch		Lunch break					
Time		14:00 - 19:00	14:00 - 15:30	14:30 - 17:00	15:00 - 17:00	13:40-18:00	14:30 - 15:30
Event	Check-in Location: Worcester College main entrance/ Lodge on Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HB	Oxford City Tour	Visit to Ashmolean Museum	Visit to Bodleian Library	Visit to Blenheim Palace	Oxford Union	Post Assessment preparation/free time
Faculty							
Location							
Time							
Event							
Faculty		Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	
Location		Meet at Worcester College Lodge	Meet at Worcester College lodge	Meet at Worcester College lodge	Meet at Worcester College Lodge	Meet at Worcester College Lodge	
Dinner		Dinner Break					
Time		17:00 - 18:00	19:30 - 20:30	19:00 - 20:00	19:00 - 20:00	Free Evening/Personal Study	1900-2000
Event		Welcome Reception	Pricing with Market Power	Town & Gown - Oxford Traditions	Student Life in Oxford		Quiz Night
Faculty	Programme Team	Programme Team	Prof Simon Cowan, Worcester College, University of Oxford	Dr. Maximilian Lau, Worcester College, University of Oxford	Lilly Hong, Worcester College, University of Oxford		Programme Team
Location	Lodge, Worcester College	Cloisters, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College		Nash Suite, Worcester College

\*This timetable is subject to possible changes at any time





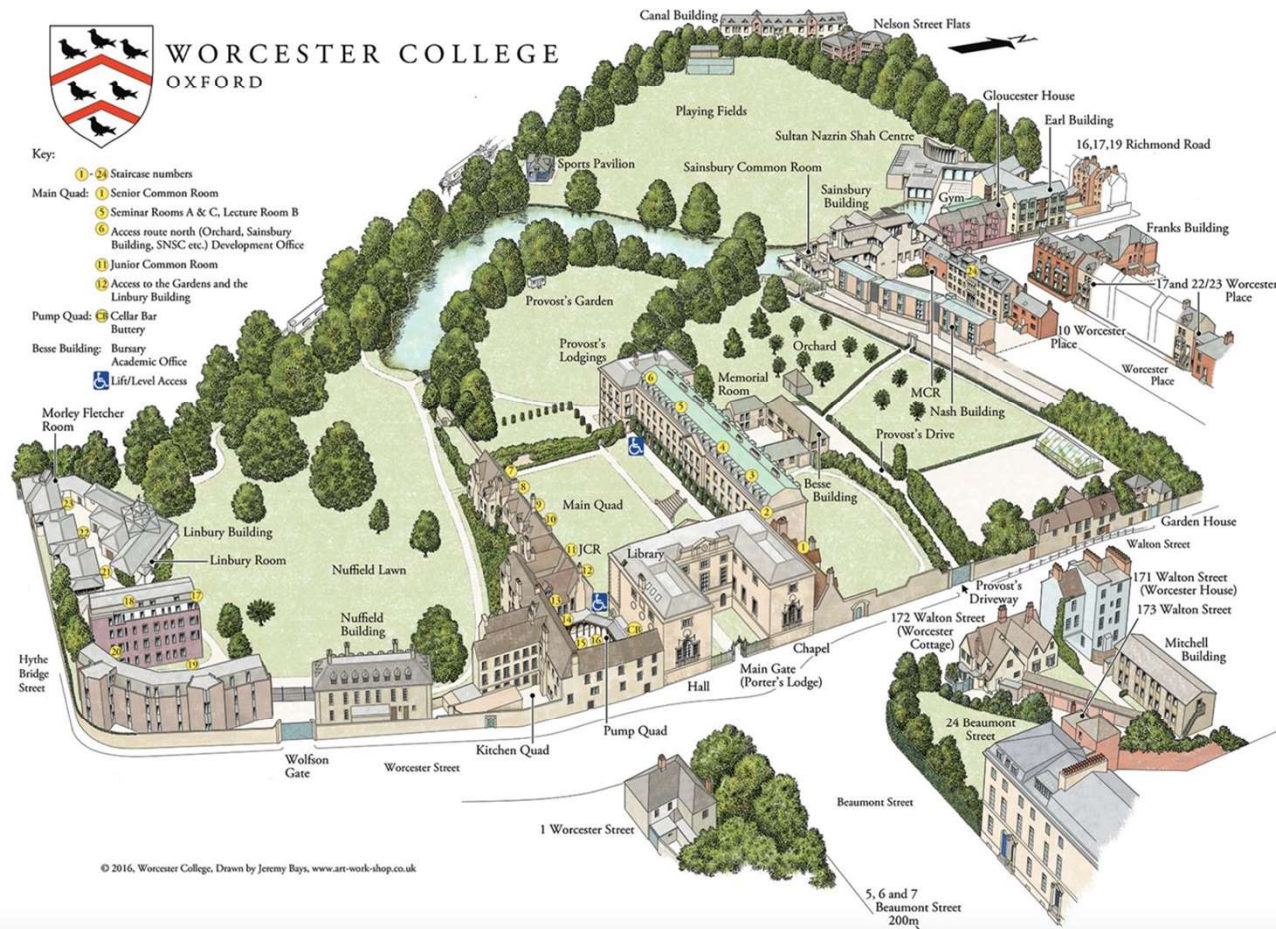
## 6. Your Programme: Sample Timetables

### Oxford Certificate Programme at Worcester College

19 August Saturday	20 August Sunday	21 August Monday	22 August Tuesday	23 August Wednesday	24 August Thursday	25 August Friday
Breakfast at Worcester Dining Hall 8:00 - 9:00						
9:00 - 12:15 (15 min break)	9:00 - 18:00 (15 min break)	9:00 - 12:15 (15 min break)	10-1300 (Note later start) (15 min break)	9:00 - 12:15 (15 min break)	9:00 - 11:00 (15 min break)	9:00 - 10:00 (15 min break)
Lecture I & II	Excursion to Cambridge	Lecture III & IV	Lecture V & VI	Lecture VII & VIII	Lecture including Assessment	Check Out and Safe Travels!
Instructor		Instructor	Instructor	Instructor	Instructor	
Nash Suite, Worcester College		Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	Nash Suite, Worcester College	
		Lunch break				
14:00 - 15:30		14:30 - 17:00	15:00 - 17:00	13:40-1800	14:30 - 15:30	
Visit to other Oxford Colleges		Oxford Castle	Oxford Botanic Garden	Natural History Museum and Pitt Rivers Museum	Graduation and Packing Time	
Programme Team		Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	Programme Team	
Nash Suite, Worcester College		Meet at Worcester College lodge	Meet at Worcester College lodge	Meet at Worcester College Lodge	Meet at Worcester College Lodge	
						Farewell Dinner
19:00 - 20:00		19:00 - 20:00	17:30 - 19:00	19:00 - 20:00		
Free Evening	Free Evening	Organ Concert	Evening Talk: Edward Hadas	Free evening/personal study	Free Evening	
		College Organ Scholar	Research Fellow at Blackfriars: Economist, Social Scientist and Philosopher			
		Worcester Chapel	Nash Suite			



## 7. Your Programme: Logistics







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## 7. Your Programme: Logistics

### Accommodation

- Staying in an Oxford college is always a wonderful and unique experience. Unlike modern hotels, college rooms vary in size, shape and condition. Please note that your accommodation will be randomly allocated.
- Boys and girls will be in separated areas – some of you are in twin rooms and others in single rooms as you have booked.
- At the Oxford Certificate Programme, safety and security are extremely important to us. Porters of all colleges in Oxford supervise the entrances 24 hours a day, and they are available at all times. Colleges also operate CCTV and during the Welcome and Orientation we will outline all necessary health and safety procedures to make sure you have an enjoyable stay. A member of the programme staff is on call 24/7 to help in any emergency.





## 7. Your Programme: Logistics

### Health, Safety and Safeguarding

- The Health and Safety as well as the safeguarding and wellbeing of all participants is exceptionally important for everyone at the College. We have a full Safeguarding Policy in place, and specific measures for all health and safety aspects of the programme.
- All participants will attend a Welcome & Orientation session on the first day of the programme. During Welcome & Orientation, all participants will be made familiar with all health and safety measures in the College, as well as the Safeguarding Policy.
- All activities and lectures during the programme are supervised by staff members. All such team members are trained in Safeguarding. Furthermore, risk assessments have been carried out for all activities featured within the programme.
- Team Members are always available to the students, early or late, whether they just need to talk to a friendly face, or whether they have a serious problem. Team members have received welfare training as well as safeguarding.







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## 7. Your Programme: Logistics

### Day of Arrival

#### Three Options:

- Dropped off by family/friends
- Arrival by yourself
- Meet/Greet/Transfer Service from Heathrow Airport

All students will be welcomed by the team and taken to their rooms





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## 8. Your Programme: How to Apply

To ask any question, simply follow these steps:

1. Send an email to **[enquiries.cpc@worc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries.cpc@worc.ox.ac.uk)** and indicate your interest to enrol in the Oxford Certificate Programme at Worcester College offered for university students in Winter 2025
2. The Certificate Programmes team of Worcester College will respond with any further details we need from you





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## 9. Q&A

**Any Questions for us?**