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I. INTRODUCTION

BEFORE LEAVING DALLAS – Please provide Ms. Oswald with the name and phone number of a person in the United States whom we can contact in case of emergency. Provide the following information to your emergency contact person:

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University College's Address and Telephone Information

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ENGLAND

Be sure to tell your correspondents to put “Law” in your address. There is another, larger, SMU program at the college.

Porter's Lodge outside the UK: 011-44-1865-276-602
Porter's Lodge within the UK: 01865-276-602
Calling to UK: 011- 44-1865 + the number

Only emergency messages can be left at this number but the Lodge will forward telephone calls to your room number.

Oxford is six hours ahead of Dallas time.

II. PLANNING YOUR TRIP

AIR TRAVEL

Book your flight to England as early as possible. The fares **increase** the closer it gets to departure and flights sell out, making it difficult to find an affordable flight when you have time restrictions. Check out various search engines for the best deals. Direct flights from Dallas on American Airlines and British Airways now fly into Heathrow.

DOCUMENTATION

A valid passport is required for entry into the United Kingdom. **If you already have a passport, be sure that it is valid, and will remain valid, for the length of your stay abroad and for three months after your return date.** The United Kingdom has recently revised its visa rules for foreign students. SMU has concluded that these rules do not require you to obtain a visa.

Before you leave the United States, you will be given an official letter indicating that you are enrolled in the SMU program. Keep this letter with you whenever you travel. You should have this letter available when you first go through UK immigration. You should also take the letter with you if you travel outside the UK during the program. UK immigration authorities can be very persnickety, especially in this period of security alerts and concerns about immigrants.

You should bring at least one photocopy of the photo/information page of your passport and a list of your driver's license number, the numbers of any credit or ATM card, and the details of any other identification card that you will have with you when outside the United States. Be sure to include the telephone numbers you must use to report lost or stolen cards. Leave a copy of this information with your emergency contact person.

A valid driver's license issued in the United States entitles visitors to drive in the United Kingdom. If you plan to rent a car elsewhere in Europe, you should consult the rental car company ahead of time as to what documentation you will need. An International Driver's License will not normally be required.

INSURANCE

Before you leave for Oxford, you should enroll in the SMU Study Abroad insurance program (ACE American Insurance) through the Risk Management website at <http://smu.edu/riskmgmt/studioabroad/index.asp>. The premium for this insurance is included in the program fee. When you receive your confirmation e-mail from the insurance provider, print your insurance card and carry it with you. You may go to any doctor you choose, just be sure to save your receipts and request a claim form from ACE upon return. The claim form will be mailed to you within 15 days. Also, it would be a

good idea to review your own or your family's insurance policy to see if it covers medical expenses in case of sickness or an accident abroad.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Be sure to bring with you any prescriptions for any special medications you might need refilled. If you wear glasses, you should consider bringing an extra pair and a copy of your prescription. Contact lens solutions are readily available.

MONEY

You should bring with you one or more credit cards and an ATM card. **Before you travel you should check with your bank as to whether you will be able to use your cards outside the United States and, if so, what the fees are.** You should consider getting a microchip credit card with no foreign transaction fees (e.g., Chase Sapphire Preferred).

Almost all stores and restaurants accept credit cards. VISA and MasterCard are the most generally accepted cards in England, while American Express is less accepted. You can use your ATM card in most ATM machines outside the United States. Using a debit card is by far the most convenient way to get cash, and you usually are given a favorable exchange rate. Most ATMs maintained by English banks do not charge a fee for withdrawals. Traveler's checks are rarely used anymore. The following banks have ATMs near University College:



When you travel to the U.K. you should bring some pounds sterling with you or buy some at the airport either on leaving the U.S. or arriving in the U.K. **The bus trip from the airport to Oxford requires payment in cash.** U.S. dollars can be readily exchanged at many banks and exchange bureaux so you might consider bringing enough to cover initial expenses and short-term emergencies. You may want to join with several other participants to exchange a larger amount that can be divided among you. Don't get more than 100 pounds in advance.



JP Morgan/Chase has an international exchange counter in the Downtown Dallas branch and will validate parking.



There is an American Express office that provides exchange services at 8317 Preston Center Plaza, Dallas, Texas 75225. Their number is (214) 363-0214.



Bank of America offers to exchange currency on their website. It can be picked up at a banking location or mailed to your address directly. You can create your order through clicking on this [link](#).

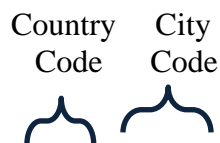
Be very careful to guard against having your wallet or purse stolen. Do not keep all your money in one place. Never leave your purse or wallet unattended at any time. If a purse is carried, one that falls across your body and zips close will be beneficial.

PHOTOGRAPHS

You may want to bring a few printed photos of yourself in case you need to use them to obtain identification cards, such as an international student card or travel discount card. Photos can be obtained in Oxford as well.

TELEPHONES

Landlines: Each student room comes equipped with a telephone. You can purchase telephone cards from the Porter's Lodge to make outside calls directly. (Only these cards will work on the university telephone system so do not buy telephone cards from elsewhere unless you will use a public telephone.) People will be able to call you directly without going through the lodge. You can ask the porter how to make and receive calls when you check in to your room. [Pingo](#) also provides a telephone service.



Calling to UK: 011 – 44 – 1865 + the number

Calling within UK: 01865 + the number

British rates for overseas calls are generally much higher than those charged in the United States for international calls. When calling from a public telephone, phone cards are the best deal for calls to the U.S. They may be purchased at the Lodge. (The porters sell 50 units for 5 pounds each) or from most news agents.

You can also call through to an American operator and be billed at U.S. rates:

- AT&T- 0800-89-0011
- MCI- 0800-89-0222
- Sprint- 0800-89-0877

Cell Phone: If you bring a cell phone, you should make sure your phone will work in the UK and check the rates for making and receiving calls. Many students have suggested bringing your cell phone “unlocked” and buying a SIM Card to make local calls in England (SIM cards provide a local number in the country where it will work outside of England, but the minutes will be used up much faster). Prior students suggest to avoid Nomi Sim cards. Wi-Fi is available in many public locations in England.

Alternatively, you might consider renting or purchasing a cell phone (called a “mobile” in the U.K.) for use in England and Europe. Some services allow you to purchase minutes

as you need them. Make sure you purchase minutes compatible with your SIM card! [Try Orange](#), [Vodafone](#), and [O2](#) are places where you can purchase or rent a phone and the shops are located on Cornmarket Street.

Laptop/Tablet: If you bring your laptop or tablet, you should consider using Skype or other computer-based Internet telephone services (i.e. Google, Facetime, etc.). For example, you can download the free Skype program. When you have online access, you can communicate for free with other persons who use Skype on their computers or ‘dial’ a regular telephone number in the US for a nominal charge. For \$10 a month you can call cellphones and landlines from your Skype account.

COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS

University College provides the program with computers and printers in the law program’s Common Room (Room 217B). Most participants, however, bring their laptops and use the high-speed internet connection available in each student room. **Note, however, that the Wi-Fi is very slow, so you should bring (or purchase) a cord to connect to the Univ LAN.** There are many internet cords in the common room box that have been left by prior students. Consider the extra weight of transporting a laptop, in addition to your other luggage, as well as the risk of theft or damage. Note that you will not be able to use the computer to take your examinations.

If you do bring your computer, you should make sure that the internal adapter will work on a current of 240 volts. On most notebook computers and portable printers, the adapter will take on either 120 or 240 volts; you should double check with the manufacturers.

Printers are inexpensive. You may wish to pool together with several colleagues to buy a printer in Oxford. As mentioned, the common room will have printers for your use as well. Although paper is provided, sometimes there is a need for paper in a “last-minute” moment so it may be convenient to have backup printer paper for those moments. You can bring some paper or purchased in Oxford.

MAIL

Whilst in England, you should engage in the lost art of handwritten letters/postcards. Mail takes about a week from the United States, so don’t wait until the last day to send your mail. Mail addressed to you, in care of the SMU Law Programme, at University College will be placed in a box marked SMU Law in the room opposite the Porter’s Lodge near the entrance to University College. Be sure to check the box frequently for mail.

You may purchase postage from the Porter’s Lodge to mail postcards back to the United States but quantity is limited to first come, first served. After that moment, you can purchase postage at the post office. The main Post Office in Oxford is at 102-104 St. Aldates. If you walk up High Street towards Cornmarket Street, you will take a left on St. Aldates and the post office will be on the right of the street.

III. PACKING

LUGGAGE

The first thing to keep in mind is **to pack as lightly as possible**. There will be two occasions (arriving and leaving) when you will have to carry your luggage some distance. Check with the airlines to determine luggage size and weight restrictions. Rolling luggage or a set of luggage wheels is a wise investment. Keep in mind, too, that most travelers bring back more than they take, so be sure to leave some room for expansion or bring an extra bag if possible for souvenirs.

CLOTHING

We used to say that “summer temperatures in England usually do not rise above 75° F and it can rain frequently.” While some summers have been relatively hot, and this summer may prove to be the same, some summers have been cold and rainy. Suffice it to say, the weather is very unpredictable, and you should be prepared for both. Remember that you can buy almost anything in England that you could buy in the United States so you should balance the weight of your bags with packing things you really will wear.

A key point to bear in mind is that there is no interior heating or cooling in Oxford. When it is 50° outside, it can be 50° inside. Equally, when it is warm outside, it will be warm inside. You will need to dress accordingly.

For the most part, clothing can be casual and comfortable. Jeans and slacks are quite acceptable for most daytime activities. The High Table meals at University College and the visit to the Courts will require business attire. It is imperative to bring dressier clothes for these occasions. Ladies, beware of high heels in Oxford. Many areas where you will walk are cobblestone, so consider bring dressy, comfortable flats.

The following notes are taken, without amendment, from previous versions of this Guide.

Packing Suggestions.

- Bring only easy-care garments. Leave the “dry clean only” clothes at home.
- Bring clothes that blend together. That way you can wear anything in your suitcase with anything else. Below are some possible ways to minimize space used in your bags.
- Bring separates. A couple of skirts and blouses give you four outfits. Add two sweaters and a couple of simple accessories, and you have 16 outfits. The same goes for the men.
- Bring clothes that can serve multiple purposes. Avoid clothes that can only be worn on one occasion. For instance, bring shirts that can be worn casually or with a tie.
- Dress in layers. Bring light clothes for day wear. Add a sweater to that for mornings and evenings. If it is really cold, plan to put a coat on top of that.

For example:

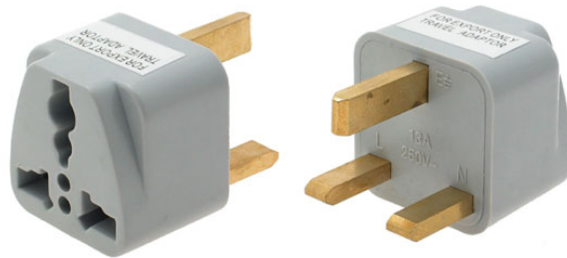
WOMEN	MEN
Bring several skirts, shirts or blouses, and a few nice slacks or suits and create different combinations for your high table. Consider dresses can be dressed up or down depending on the occasion.	Nice suit with several different shirts that can be used as day and dinner attire. Include a few ties for dinner attire.
Choose shirts that can be worn for the day or dinner attire.	Fix or six shirts, slacks, and jeans that can be used to create different combinations

A good pair of comfortable walking shoes is absolutely essential on cobblestones. You will probably do more walking in England than you have ever done before and in all kinds of circumstances—in the rain, across meadows, alongside streams, through art galleries and museums. Think more about your shoes than any other item of clothing. Bring a pair of solid shoes or boots for wet weather. **Make sure you pack a pair of nice dress shoes that are VERY comfortable to wear for London trip as there will be A LOT of walking.**

Be sure to leave room in your suitcases or use an extra bag for purchases! All of the stores in Oxford will have summer sales happening while you are there. Many prior students have taken advantage of the shopping opportunities and purchased high table attire in England. There are some nice clothing shops near the college as well as place you can buy University College gear as well. Walk along the shops and go in and usually on the second floor or in the back of the store you will find individual college attire.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Electric current in Britain is rated at 240 volts while the US standard is 110 volts. The wall plugs are also three-pronged. If you bring an electric appliance or a computer, you should purchase plug adapters in the US to make sure you have them readily available. You should buy things like hairdryers, curling irons, and alarm clocks in England. Ladies, you may fry or melt your hair if you try to use an American hair straightener with an English adaptor. Affordable hair tools are sold at Boots.



Common Room Goodies: Prior participants have left a certain number of hairdryers, curling irons, straighteners, fans, etc. and these will be made available when you arrive. These items are stored across from the common room in Room 217A. Ask your University College Student Advisor to provide you access to this room.

OTHER ITEMS TO BRING

You can buy almost anything in London and many things in Oxford. As a general rule, though, you will find that the same item will cost more in the UK than in the US. Students from previous years recommend packing only one set of travel-sized toiletries and purchasing large toiletries (sunscreen, shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, etc.) in Oxford. Please see the attached Packing Checklist of general items to bring with you.

The checklist provides for an extra towel, washcloth, and hand towel that is colored because University College provides towels and washcloths but they are white. Having a colored towel will prevent you from losing or commingling with the towels at the college.

Feel free to bring workout gear to wear. Protein powder can be purchased at Boots in Oxford. There is a wonderful jogging path around Christ Church Meadow. There are several gyms that you can use for a fee. Check Groupon UK for gym deals in the area. You can access the site and sign up for notifications by clicking on this [link](#).

PACKING CHECKLIST

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Driver's License
- ☐ SMU Student ID Card
- ☐ SMU Program's Official Letter
- ☐ Credit or Debit Cards (preferably microchip)
- ☐ Photocopy of Passport Identification
- ☐ List of the following numbers:
 - Driver's license
 - Credit Card
 - Debit Card
 - Other ID cards you carry
 - Telephone numbers for lost or stolen cards
- ☐ Insurance Card
- ☐ ACE Insurance Information
- ☐ Cash to exchange

MEDICINE

- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Any cold medication, if needed*
- ☐ Pain medication just in case
- ☐ Any allergy medication, if needed
- ☐ Antacid*

ITEMS TO PACK

- ☐ Glasses, if needed (2 pairs)
- ☐ Extra contact lenses or many soft lenses
- ☐ Extra bag for souvenirs*

ITEMS TO PACK (CONTINUED)

- ☐ Umbrella*
- ☐ Warm jacket or coat
- ☐ Lightweight raincoat
- ☐ Light sweater
- ☐ One pair of nice dress shoes (make sure they are comfortable if this is your only pair). May bring more than one if you would like.
- ☐ 1 – 2 plug adapters
- ☐ Travel alarm clock or cellphone alarm
- ☐ Bathrobe
- ☐ Shower flip-flops/shoes
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ One colored towel
- ☐ One colored washcloth
- ☐ One colored hand towel
- ☐ Your favorite toiletries*
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Earplugs
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Plenty of film/memory cards

****Please remember to minimize your packing as much as possible but still have enough formal and informal options to wear during your stay.**

*These items are easy to purchase in England and inexpensive.

IV. GETTING TO OXFORD

You should plan to arrive at University College by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6. The following information covers getting from the airport to Oxford directly or through London. You will be able to print out routes, timetables, fares and maps for virtually all the routes suggested below before leaving the United States. **BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARD TO GET DISCOUNTS ON TICKETS FOR SOME COACHES.**

Wherever you arrive in England, you will find information or tourist offices that can provide information. Sign posting is relatively straightforward and helpful although terminology may be confusing at first. Don't worry, though. Most persons selling tickets will understand you if you use an Americanism. And remember that you can always ask for directions: the natives speak English and are relatively friendly.

FROM THE AIRPORT TO OXFORD

If you are coming to England directly from the United States, you will probably arrive by air at either Heathrow or Gatwick airports. The best way to travel to Oxford from the airports is by coach (public bus). Take the Airline X70 (from Heathrow) or the Airline X80 (from Gatwick). See <http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/> and follow the link to "the airline" on the right hand side of the page. This link can be used for additional routes and places you may be interested in seeing while abroad.

From Heathrow (American Airlines)

1. **Arrival; immigration; customs.** If you fly American Airlines (or other U.S. carrier), you will arrive at Terminal 3. When you get off the plane you will walk miles until you get to Immigration, where your passport will be checked. You will then go downstairs one floor where you will pick up your bags and go through Customs into the Arrival Hall.
2. **Central Bus Station.** When you emerge into the Arrival Hall follow the signs to the Central Bus Station. This requires you to go down one level and walk miles along tunnels until opposite the Underground station you will see some elevators ('lifts') to take you up to the hall of the Central Bus Station at ground level. Do not buy your ticket at the counters in the hall because you will buy the ticket from the bus driver.
3. **The Oxford bus.** The buses leave from outside the hall of the Central Bus Station. Airline X70 leaves from bay ('stand') 14A. Buses leave every 30 minutes. The bus will stop at Terminal 5 before going on to Oxford. The trip to Oxford is approximately 1 hour 40 minutes.

4. **Buying your ticket.** Buy your ticket from the bus driver. Tell the driver that you want to get off at the High Street/Queen's Lane stop. The driver will take cash; he or she will NOT take U.S. dollars or credit cards. As of May 2015, the fare is as follows:
 - Single (i.e., one-way) ticket from Heathrow is £23.
 - Period Return - If you are coming back to the airport straight from Oxford then purchase a 'Period Return' ticket for £29; this allows you to return to the airport from Oxford anytime within three months. **Keep your ticket with your passport.**
 - Group Return – If you are arriving and leaving with the same group of four or more, then you can get a period return for the group for £70 (i.e., £17.50 each). The disadvantage is you must travel as a group both ways.
5. **Arriving in Oxford.** The driver will announce each stop in Oxford. The High Street/Queen's Lane stop is the stop after the St. Clements stop. Listen for the driver's announcement. If you miss the High Street stop you will be taken to the bus terminal in Gloucester Green where you can catch a taxi (or walk) back to University College.
6. **Arriving at University College.** When you get off at the High Street/Queen's lane stop you then walk in the direction the bus is going for about 50 yards. Walk by Logic Lane, a first set of large wooden double-doors on your left, and stop at the second set of double-doors on your left. This is the front entrance to University College. The entrance to University College does not have the name of the college shown above or on the door; a brass plate with the name of the College is displayed at ground level just past the entrance. The Porter's Lodge is inside the door.

From Heathrow (British Airways)

1. **Arrival; immigration; customs.** If you fly British Airways you will arrive at Terminal 5, a new terminal. When you get off the plane you will walk miles until you get to Immigration, where your passport will be checked. You will then be directed to where you will pick up your bags and go through Customs. When you emerge from Customs you should take an elevator ('lift') to the bottom of the building where signs direct you to the buses.
2. **The Oxford bus.** The Oxford bus, Airline X70, leaves from bay ('stand') 11. The bus comes from the Central Bus Station at Heathrow and goes directly to Oxford from Terminal 5. Buses leave every 30 minutes. The trip to Oxford takes approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

3. **Buying your ticket.** Buy your ticket from the bus driver. Tell the driver that you want to get off at the High Street/Queen's Lane stop. The driver will take cash; he or she will NOT take U.S. dollars or credit cards. As of May 2015, the fare is as follows:
 - Single (i.e., one-way) ticket from Heathrow is £23.
 - Period Return - If you are coming back to the airport straight from Oxford then purchase a 'Period Return' ticket for £29; this allows you to return to the airport from Oxford anytime within three months. **Keep your ticket with your passport.**
 - Group Return – If you are arriving and leaving with the same group of four or more, then you can get a period return for the group for £70 (i.e., £17.50 each). The disadvantage is you must travel as a group both ways.
4. **Arriving in Oxford.** The driver will announce each stop in Oxford. The High Street/Queen's Lane stop is the stop after the St. Clements stop. Listen for the driver's announcement. If you miss the High Street stop you will be taken to the bus terminal in Gloucester Green where you can catch a taxi (or walk) back to University College.
5. **Arriving at University College.** When you get off at the High Street/Queen's lane stop you should walk in the direction the bus is going for about 50 yards. Walk by Logic Lane, a first set of large wooden double-doors on your left, and stop at the second set of double-doors on your left. This is the front entrance to University College. The entrance to University College does not have the name of the college shown above or on the door; a brass plate with the name of the College is displayed at ground level just past the entrance. The Porter's Lodge is inside the door.

From Gatwick

1. **Arrival; immigration; customs.** If you fly into Gatwick you will arrive at the North Terminal. When you get off the plane you will walk miles until you get to Immigration, where your passport will be checked. You will then go down a level to where you will pick up your bags and go through Customs. When you emerge from Customs, you should follow the signs to the buses.
2. **The Oxford bus.** The Oxford bus, Airline X70, leaves from bay ('stand') 4 outside the arrival hall. Buses leave every hour at 20 minutes after the hour. The trip to Oxford takes between 2 and 2 ½ hours.
3. **Buying your ticket.** Buy your ticket from the bus driver. Tell the driver that you want to get off at the High Street/Queen's Lane stop. The driver will take cash; he or she will NOT take U.S. dollars or credit cards. As of May 2015, the fare is as follows:

- Single (i.e., one-way) ticket from Gatwick is £28.
 - Period Return - If you are coming back to Gatwick straight from Oxford then purchase a 'Period Return' ticket for £37; this allows you to return to the airport from Oxford anytime within three months. **Keep your ticket with your passport.**
 - Group Return – If you are arriving and leaving with the same group of four or more, then you can get a period return for the group for £85 (i.e., £21.25 each). The disadvantage is you must travel as a group both ways.
4. **Arriving in Oxford.** The driver will announce each stop in Oxford. The High Street/Queen's Lane stop is the stop after the St. Clements stop. Listen for the driver's announcement. If you miss the High Street stop you will be taken to the bus terminal in Gloucester Green where you can catch a taxi (or walk) back to University College.
5. When you get off at the High Street/Queen's lane stop you should walk in the direction the bus is going for about 50 yards. Walk by Logic Lane, a first set of large wooden double-doors on your left, and stop at the second set of double-doors on your left. This is the front entrance to University College. The entrance to University College does not have the name of the college shown above or on the door; a brass plate with the name of the College is displayed at ground level just past the entrance. The Porter's Lodge is inside the door.

FROM THE AIRPORT TO LONDON

From Heathrow:

OPTION 1:

You may take the train, underground or bus to London. The fastest but most expensive way to travel is by the Heathrow Express. This [link](#) provides the necessary information you need to book your ticket if you would like to do it online. You may also purchase with American Airlines at the gate at DFW or upon your arrival in the UK.

The Heathrow Express takes you into Paddington Station, which is also the rail station where you will catch the train to Oxford. The train runs every 15 minutes and takes about 15 minutes. As of May 2015, the regular fare for a one-way ('single') ticket is £21.50.

OPTION 2:

A less-expensive rail alternative is the Heathrow Connect train that makes several stops before arriving in Paddington Station, which is its last stop. It takes about 30-35 minutes. You can review this [link](#) to plan your trip or purchase tickets in

advance.

OPTION 3:

The Underground runs from Terminals 1, 2 and 3 of Heathrow. It leaves frequently and takes approximately one hour to get to central London. You can access this [link](#) to plan your trip or purchase tickets in advance.

From Gatwick:

You may take the Gatwick Express from the South Terminal. Take the rail shuttle from the North Terminal to the South Terminal and follow the signs to the rail station. The Gatwick Express takes you to Victoria rail station. The train leaves every 15 minutes and takes 30-35 minutes to London. The “regular train” takes 15 minutes more and is much cheaper. The Gatwick Express is provided [here](#) for assistance with that route.

FROM THE AIRPORT TO LONDON

1. If you are coming to Oxford from London, you have a choice between the train and bus service. The train is faster but is more expensive.

OPTION 1 – THE TRAIN:

The train starts from Paddington rail station in London. Be sure to check whether the train goes directly or whether you must change stations on the way. You should also check to see if you are going on a fast train (approx. one hour) or a slow (approx. 1 hour 40 minutes). When you arrive at the train station in Oxford, you can walk or take a taxi to University College.

OPTION 2 – THE BUS:

You will have a choice of bus services but all the services start from the area around Victoria rail station in London and make varying stops in London before proceeding directly to Oxford. Each service has buses leaving every 15 or 20 minutes during the day. The trip takes approximately 1 hour 40 minutes.

- The Oxford Express (note the spelling) X90 (Oxford Bus Company) leaves from bay (‘stand’) 10 at the Victoria Coach Station. This station is down Buckingham Palace Road from the rail station. The bus leaves every 15 minutes. The journey takes approximately 1½ to 2 hours. As of May 2015, the fares are as follows:
 - One-way fare is £15.
 - Period return (good for three months) is £20.
 - For further information, see <http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/> and follow the link to “X90” on the right-hand side of the page.

- Oxford Tube (Stagecoach) leaves from several stops near Victoria rail station (e.g., Buckingham Palace Road and Elizabeth Street). The bus leaves every 15-20 minutes and slightly more frequently at peak times. The journey takes approximately 1½ to 2 hours. As of May 2015, the fares are as follows:
 - One-way fare is £15.
 - Period return (good for three months) is £20.
 - For further information, see <http://www.oxfordtube.com/>.
 - National Express also runs coaches from Victoria coach station. The bus leaves about every 30 minutes. The journey takes approximately 2 hours 20 minutes. As of May 2015, the one-way fare is £30. For additional information, see <http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx>.
2. You should get off at the High Street/Queen's Lane stop. (N.B. National Express stops only at Gloucester Green.) The driver will announce each stop in Oxford. The High Street/Queen's Lane stop is the stop after the St. Clements stop. Listen for the driver's announcement. If you miss the High Street stop you will be taken to the bus terminal in Gloucester Green where you can catch a taxi (or walk) back to University College.
 3. When you get off at the High Street/Queen's lane stop, you should walk in the direction the bus is going for about 50 yards. Walk by Logic Lane, a first set of large wooden double-doors on your left, and stop at the second set of double-doors on your left. This is the front entrance to University College. The entrance to University College does not have the name of the college shown above or on the door; a brass plate with the name of the College is displayed at ground level just past the entrance. The Porter's Lodge is inside the door.

V. THE FIRST WEEK

You should plan to arrive at University College by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6th to check in. You will be given the keys to your room and some additional information.

Your room will not be available until July 6th therefore, if you arrive early please make accommodations. If you arrive before, London would be a great place to see before heading to Oxford. If you prefer to go to Oxford, this [link](#) is for the tourist office to help with accommodations. It is highly recommended that you team up with another student so you both can get a better rate and hotel for less cost.

The first week will be busy, so be prepared—especially because you will probably be jetlagged. The following events are tentatively scheduled for this first week. A definitive schedule will be distributed when you arrive. Professor Bridge may make amendments to the schedule and will notify you of any changes via email.

Monday

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Mandatory walking tour of central Oxford
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Mandatory orientation meeting and tour of University College
6:00 p.m.	Buffet Dinner

Tuesday

10:00 - Noon	Class
6:00 p.m.	Opening Reception (be prepared to dress formal for this event if requested)
7:00 p.m.	Dinner

Wednesday

10:00 - Noon	Class
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Thursday

10:00 - Noon	Class
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Friday

10:00 – Noon	Class (this will be the only Friday class of the summer)
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Weekend

We discourage long-distance travel on the first weekend. You may also want to explore London and the Oxford area. See Section IX for suggestions of possible local attractions in or around Oxford.

VI. TENATIVE SUMMER CALENDAR

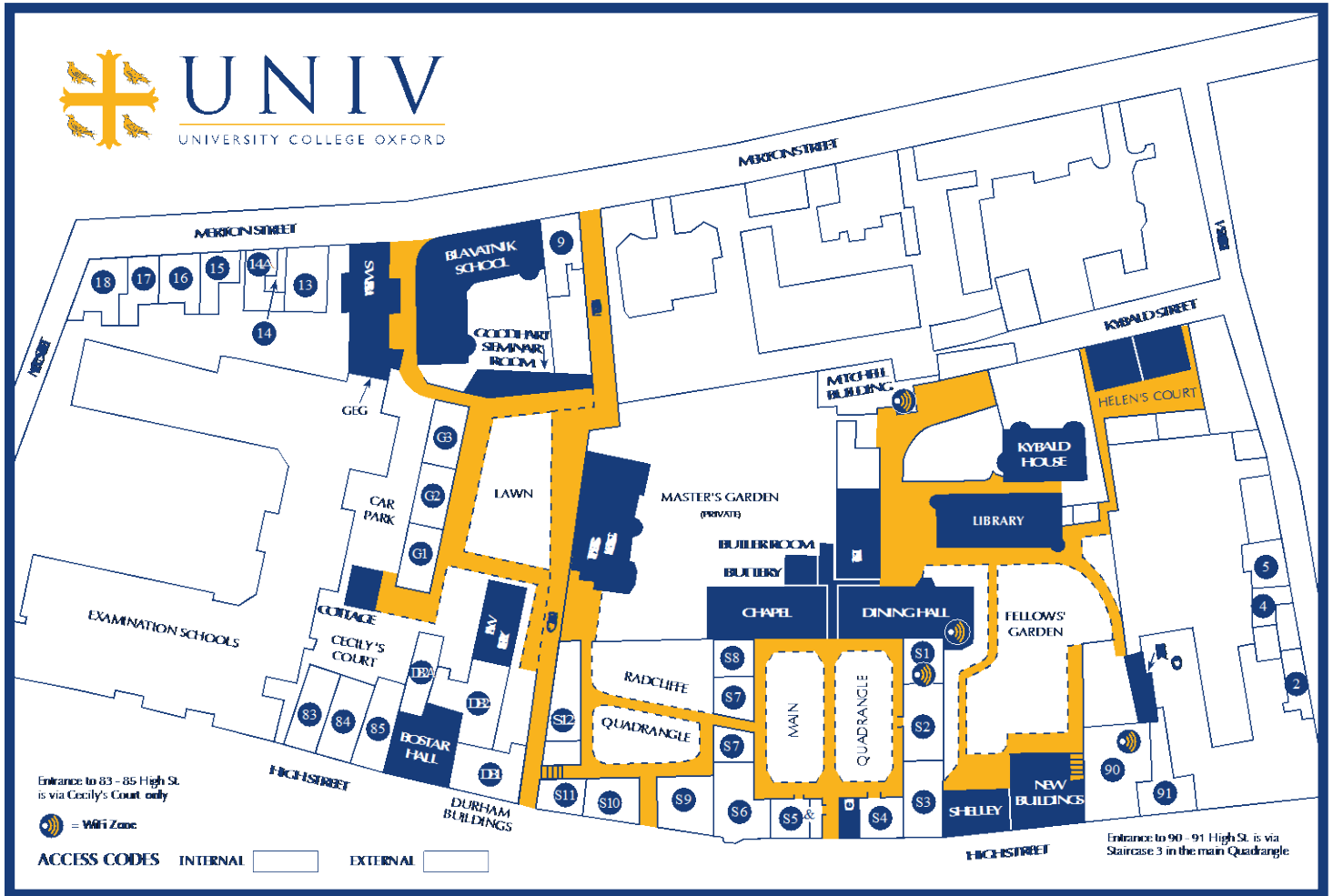
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19	20 Legal London	21 Class 10 - Noon	22 Class 10 - Noon ABA High Table	23 Class 10 - Noon ABA	24	25
26	27 UK Supreme Court Visit: 9:30 am	28 Class 10 - Noon High Table	29 Class 10 - Noon Stratford trip/ Merchant of Venice	30 Class 10 - Noon	31	Notes:

More Calendars with US Holidays: [Aug 2015](#), [Sep 2015](#), [PDF Calendar](#)

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More Calendars with US Holidays: [Sep 2015](#), [Oct 2015](#), [PDF Calendar](#)

VII. MAP OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



VIII. GUIDANCE NOTES FOR VISITORS^[1]

These are some notes to inform you of certain facts and to enable you to more fully understand how the College works.

Security. It is of great importance that you observe several points in this area because the large number of visitors in Oxford attracts a large number of less desirable characters. The chances of petty theft can be great. These are greatly increased by carelessness in locking doors to rooms, leaving personal belongings in common rooms and by simply not reporting unusual circumstances.

The following **DO's and DON'Ts** will help prevent petty but distressing incidents.

- a) Lock your door ALWAYS even if you are only going out briefly.
- b) Leave valuables behind in the Programme Office or in the Domestic Bursary when you go out.
- c) Do not let people into the College if you do not recognize them. Legitimate visitors will know how to gain entry.
- d) If you invite friends to come to see you at the College, you should arrange to meet them at the Lodge or at your Programme Office. This will prevent visitors from possible embarrassment in being challenged if they are found on the staircases.
- e) Please be observant and report any suspicious incident. Even if it turns out to be quite innocent subsequently, this can be very helpful.
- f) If you are out late at night, please observe sensible precautions.
- g) If you lose your room key, you will be charged £25.00. However, please do not let this be a reason for leaving your door unlocked if a loss occurs. A replacement key can be less costly than a burglary.

Fire Safety. There is an extensive automatic detection system and other precautions include fire doors and extinguishers. In the UK, it is a criminal offence to tamper with any of these precautions.

Please read the fire notices in your room and familiarize yourself with the means of escape.

College Personnel. Members of the College's staff are always ready to give any assistance and when unable to help, will always be able to refer you to someone who will.

^[1] These Guidance Notes are prepared and distributed by University College. At the end, we have added the College's statement about implementation of the Smokefree Law that came into effect in 2007.

Fellows of the College have offices throughout the site and some have sets here in which they reside. Please remember that this is their home, especially at night, when noise seems to be more penetrating.

Gardens. The lawns are not for walking, sitting, lying or picnicking and such. Use of the lawns is not permitted. The Goodhart lawn and the South part of the Fellow's garden can be used for sitting outside and for sunbathing, both of which are occasionally possible.

Facilities. All bedrooms have a telephone (you can purchase a phone card from the lodge). Most areas of the college receive mobile phone signals; however, there are some areas with limited access. Wi-Fi is available in bedrooms and can be picked up in certain areas of the college.

Laundry facilities are found at the bottom of Staircase 11 where there are coin operated machines. The stairs are steep and narrow so exercise caution.

There is a squash court in Goodhart.

Health and Welfare.

- 1) The College has a Health & Safety policy (required by law) which is available in the Domestic Bursary.
- 2) Many College staff members are trained First Aiders and can help in emergencies.
- 3) The College Doctors, Dr. N. McLennan and Dr. Ann McPherson are available in a medical emergency. Their telephone number is 1865 240 501. Hours are 8-6, M-F.
- 4) The College has a code of practice on sexual harassment which is available.
- 5) The College is made up of cobbled walkways, and the staircases to the bedrooms sometimes have steep wooden stairs. Suitable footwear is advisable at all times.

Smokefree Law. The new Smokefree Law came into force on 1st July 2007 and applies to all enclosed public places and workplaces. It also includes accommodation rooms and the Bar.

The Local Council is responsible for enforcing the new law, and we expect that they are rigorous in their approach to enforcement.

There will be penalties for breaking the law both for anyone who smokes in a smokefree place and for anyone who manages or occupies the smokefree premises.

Addendum

Implicit College Rules. The only rules at University College that may not be intuitively obvious are:

- Do not to walk on the grass in the Main and Radcliffe Quads
- Do not to run in those quads
- Do not to wear hats in Hall
- Do not sunbathe (clothed vel non) on the roof
- Do not possess candles (lighted or not) in your room; and
- Do not tamper with fire extinguishers. The buildings are a mixture of very old and quite new, but they are close together, and fire would be exceedingly dangerous to life and property. Please exercise every caution in dealing with fire.

NOTE: This summer, the college is having some major work done, so there will be numerous pieces of scaffolding around the college. Therefore, the need to adhere to all the safety rules is very important during this time.

Recycling. The college takes its environmental responsibility seriously and now has an excellent recycling system in place. Each bedroom has a waste bin and a recycling bin. Please ensure that you use the correct bin at all times and do not contaminate the recycling bin with food or rubbish waste. Full details will be available in your rooms upon arrival.

IX. LIVING IN OXFORD

BACKGROUND

Oxford was a town, then also a collection of colleges, then also a university, then a shire. TOWN-GOWN: Some who live in Oxford have little good to say about those who study there, and the ignorant who study there have little good to say about those who live there.

THE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE DISTINCTION (not University College where we stay): The University was invented by the colleges to administer examinations, build libraries and laboratories, grant degrees, and have subject-matter faculties. The college is where junior members (undergraduate students) and senior members (teachers) live, eat, and study, although most senior members no longer live in college, and most colleges have middlers (graduate students) too. For example, an Oxford University sweatshirt (or, God forbid, T-shirt) is purchased only by those who know no better or have no affiliation with a college (which you will, University College). The colleges are the sources of school spirit. Oxford is a place where the college is, and is a much weaker common bond than University College, St. John's, Oriel, or Brasenose College.

The origins of Oxford's colleges are perhaps less auspicious than the present day status of these hallowed institutions might suggest. Although the first lectures began in the twelfth century and the earliest college dates from 1249 (University College), it was not until 1410 that medieval students were brought within an organized community, distinctly segregated from the town. The statute of 1410 was not laid down expressly to provide an atmosphere of peace and solitude worthy of a monastic search for knowledge; it was made necessary by a riotous and bloody battle begun by a drunken brawl at Carfax. The chancellor decided that if the students were to have higher aims than to sleep all day and lurk about the taverns and brothels with an intent on robbing and homicide, (to quote a contemporary observer), the practice of students boarding with townsfolk or in inns would have to end. From 1410 onwards, students of Oxford were forced into colleges and halls.

Thus violence, drunkenness, and languor have long been a part of Oxford and provide the very reason for the University as it is known today. Of the original medieval halls, only St. Edmund's is left; the rest formed the foundation for most of the present day colleges. However, many relics of the past can still be found; all that is needed is a sharp eye and a little prior research.

Oxford is one of the oldest cities in the world with a unique history and plenty to visit; one should make time to see all Oxford has to offer before venturing out into the broader world.

For those of you residing on Magpie Lane, please visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magpie_Lane,_Oxford.

FUN IN OXFORD

Generally. Go to the tourist office and/or theatre and pick up lots of information on all kinds of happenings in Oxford—plays, concerts, operas, art exhibits, etc. Every night, there are tons of things going on from College performances of Shakespeare to poetry readings. Keep your eyes and ears open and you'll be aware of more events than you could possibly attend. Check this [website](#) for current plays/productions.

Oxford University Sights. You'll probably see most of these just wandering around or attending official occasions, but make sure you see the Sheldonian Theatre, Radcliffe Camera, and Bodleian Library. Many of the individual colleges' gardens and courtyards are beautiful, so be sure to at least poke your head in to a few.

Merton Field and Christ Church Meadow. It's just a field, but another nice place to study outside or go for your daily jog. Plus, Christ Church Meadow was a filming location for the Harry Potter series.

Punting. No, it doesn't require a ball—it is one. Punting is poling a long, thin boat down the River Cherwell and its tributaries. A bit pricey, but worth every pound you spend. It takes a while to get the swing (actually the push) of moving the boat where you want it to go, but it's a blast. Make sure to pack some wine, beer, and snacks. (Figure what you think you should bring and double it. Really.) The Summer 2013 and 2014 Oxford crew went as a large group on July 4th and banded together on the river for a great time to celebrate our country's independence day and show what annoying Americans actually look like. This was one of the favorite times of most people in the crew. Punting at the [Magdalen Bridge Boathouse](#) is a wonderful experience. Another punting location is [Cherwell Boathouse](#).

Other Colleges. Many are open to the public; others host concerts, plays, or other special events, and some will allow you to walk through if you ask and smile. Christ Church Cathedral is incredibly beautiful, whether you visit it during a scheduled service or just walk through to appreciate the architecture. The Magdalen College Deer Park is a lovely and serene place, though you may or may not see actual deer.

This [website](#) will tell you if and when the individual colleges are open for visitors. Some colleges charge a nominal fee but are worth it.

Tourism. Oxford will be full with tourists during your stay, and you will quickly share in the locals' frustration with the traveling hordes. Most are in the city for day trips, so the bad times are between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. but don't let this discourage you from wandering the town. Instead of avoiding all tourist attractions, however, you might consider seeing some of them in your first few days in town to get a feel for the city. Recommended highly are the [open-air bus tours](#) that depict the history of Oxford.

OXFORD SIGHTSEEING CHECKLIST

Make sure you have seen these sights before your trip is over:

- ☐ **Radcliffe Camera** - is in the Bodleian Library but does not permit public access.
- ☐ **Oxford Castle** - Built in 1071 and was used as a prison until 1996.
- ☐ **Turf Tavern** - is an atmospheric seventeenth century pub with a fine range of beers and entertaining clientele. Enjoy a pint and a history lesson. Here is a [link](#) for its location.
- ☐ **Head of the River** – this pub and restaurant is beautiful and worth the stop. Follow the [link](#) for more information.
- ☐ **Covered Market**—is a covered shopping area filled with cafés and boutiques. This is a great place to get souvenirs for those back home and great eats for your room when you want a snack. Find directions from University College to the Covered Market [here](#).
- ☐ **Carfax Tower** – Click [here](#) to get directions to the tower.
- ☐ **Ashmolean** - is the university's principal museum and the oldest purpose-built museum in Britain. The Ashmolean has a wide variety of exhibits from Egyptian mummies to Chinese art. See what is going on at the Ashmolean [here](#).
- ☐ **Botanical Garden** – make your way to this location following this [link](#). Great place to study at outdoors.
- ☐ **Punting on the River Thames** - We have already told you this but this is a must. Here is the [link](#) again.
- ☐ **Christ Church Meadow** – follow this [link](#) to get direction to the location.
- ☐ **Eagle & Child** – Get a local experience here. This is where the readings and discussions occurred while drafting *The Lord of the Rings*. Check out this pub following this [link](#). The location is walking distance from University College.
- ☐ **University Church of St. Mary the Virgin**, right across the street from University College. We recommend you pay the small amount to go up the church tower for the best views of Oxford but beware because it is a narrow walking area at the top.

ENTERTAINMENT IN OXFORD

Enjoy yourself but exercise discretion. There is some tension between students and townspeople. This is not a major problem, but is occasionally worth thinking about. Do not walk home late at night alone because there are some hostile street sleepers.

You don't leave tips in England the same way you would in the States, and certainly not at pubs or other casual restaurants. You can leave a tip at a nice restaurant, but it's entirely at your own discretion. Check the bill first to see whether service has been included. Suggested tip is 10%. Tipping in taxis is also advisable.

You Are Not In America. A common English stereotype of Americans (as U.S. citizens are imprecisely known) is that we are loud, brusque (if not rude) and insistently consumerist (as in I paid good money for ____, and I want what I paid for). You will find, however, that well modulated volume, ample-but-not-fulsome courtesy, and indirection

can be (perhaps surprisingly) effective. To put it more clearly, be patient, kind, and enjoy the environment and people around you. Never go to a pub or a restaurant and be in a hurry, it is not how the town operates.

England and the United States are divided, so the quip goes, by a common language. US television programs, however, have made it less likely that the English will misunderstand you. There are, however, several practices that you should keep in mind:

- Pedestrian Crossings: UK drivers drive on the “wrong” side of the road. Therefore, exercise extreme care in crossing the street. ALWAYS check both to your right and left. It is against the law in the U.K. (as it is in Dallas) to cross streets except at public crossings, which can be recognized by the white crossing stripes. Dozens of travelers to the U.K. are hurt each year by failing to observe caution in crossing streets; don’t become one of them.
- Dates: When writing the day and the month you will find that the British consistently and logically put the day before the month. So July 4 appears as “4 July” or “04/07/07”.
- Numbering of Floors: The first floor is called the “ground floor” so that the second floor becomes the first floor and so on.
- Hand Gestures: Be careful with gestures. To flash a backwards peace sign is the equivalent of flourishing a middle finger.

In addition, the following are words that the English use linked with their US counterparts:

Bus	=	coach
Train	=	rail
Movie	=	film, cinema
Light beer	=	lager
Pear cider	=	cider
Apple cider	=	cider
Friend	=	mate
Travel mug	=	flask
Elevator	=	lift
First floor	=	Second floor

Events. [Timeout](#), [Oxford’s City Counsel](#) (local events for the area), [Visit Oxford](#), and [Daily Information of Oxford](#) are websites you can visit to find local events and festivals in town, which are great!

Movies. While your personal [Netflix](#) account may not work in the UK, many prior students have subscribed for a free month to watch on their computers during their stay. Alternatively, you can purchase instant movies from [Amazon Instant Video](#).

Music and Plays. The following are music or theatre events that you should look at to visit and experience in the area.

- [The North Wall Arts Center](#) provides theatre and music events.
- [Tickets Oxford](#) offers variety and type of entertainment you want to watch. Make sure to attend the outdoor theatre because it is beautiful. It is a must.
- [Oxford Theatre Guild](#) provides plays involving non-professional actors.
- [Oxford Coffee Concerts](#) provides a retreat to classic music. This event occurs every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Holywell Music Room. The fee to attend is £11 for adults and £10 for full-time students.
- The [Oxford Playhouse](#) provides various opportunities for you to attend plays.
- [Oxford Castle](#) provides a great experience watching a play outside the walls of a prison. A great experience!
- Choir singing Evensong at Christ Church at 6 p.m. every Monday, except the fourth Monday. Information provided by clicking [here](#).

Entertainment: You can visit [Kill for a Seat](#) to search comedy event occurring within Oxford and other locations in the UK.

Pubs. You can purchase “The Definitive Oxford Pub Crawl” poster. Click [here](#) to see how you can get a poster and map out a pub-crawl. The following are pubs in the area and you can review the list by following this [link](#):

- King’s Arms
- The Eagle and Child
- Turf Tavern
- The Bear
- The Turl
- The Purple Turtle
- Temple Bar
- Cape of Good Hope
- The White Horse
- O’Neills
- Thirsty’s

Restaurants. Please remember tipping is normally 10% if service is very good but tipping is not necessary all the time. Additionally, ask for tap water because you might be charged for bottled water if you do not specify. If you want to get some food ideas or deals you can visit [Student Beans](#). Below are the restaurants that Professor Bridge highly recommends that you visit because they are all AMAZING.

- Ahmed’s Falafel Truck (cheap, good, and a variety of choices) – you will get to know Ahmed really well and hope for the food truck to be there.
- Al Shami
- Al Andalus
- Angrid Thai
- Arbat
- Brown's in the Covered Market
- Carfax Chippyy

- Cherwell Boathouse
- Chiang Mai
- Cote Brasserie
- Edamame
- Everest (Nepali)
- Fasta Pasta in the Covered Market
- Fishers
- Hajduczek
- Head of the River
- Jam Factory
- Jamie's Italian (the famous Jamie Oliver's Oxford place)
- King's Arms
- Nando's
- Maison Blanc (the famous Raymond Blanc) for patisserie -- also, out of town, Le Manoir aux
- Quat' Saisons (spend about a semester's tuition there)
- Paddyfield's (Chinese)
- The Perch or the Trout
- Pierre Victoire
- Shezan
- Yeti
- Yo! Sushi

X. SERVICES

Banks. The following are banks in the area. ATMs may be found throughout the city.

Barclays-High Street, Cornmarket	9:30-4:30 M-F, 9:30-12:00 Sat
Lloyds-High Street, Broad Street	9:30-4:30 M-F, 10:30-3:00 Sat
HSBC on Broad Street.	9:30-4:30 M-F
National Westminster, High Street	9:30-4:30 M-F
Royal Bank of Scotland, St. Giles	9:30-4:30 M-F

Libraries. There are many libraries in the area but the University College Law Library is the main library students will use for their tutorial materials. We also recommend that you visit the library near the Dining Hall because they are helpful and can tell you how to navigate the materials in the law library. The following are helpful websites provided by prior students:

- [British and Irish Legal Information Institute](#)
- Legal abbreviations provided [here](#).
- Legislation information and statutory instruments (rules, regulations, commencement orders) provided [here](#).
- A [Guide](#) to the UK Legal System

Laundry Facilities at University College. This section provides the laundry information and dry cleaning options, if needed.

Washers and Dryers – The washers and dryers are located in the northeast corner of the quad. You can buy laundry detergent and fabric softener at [Boots](#) (similar to a CVS or Walgreens). Directions to laundry facility: When you enter near the Porter Lodge go left and in the next quad and go to the left and walk to the farthest wall. Turn left down the hall and continue to the right through the doors and take the stairs downstairs and to the left and continue through the doors until you are in the laundry room. The laundry facility is building S11 on the University College map.

Dry Cleaning – Attached to this [link](#) is a list of dry cleaners. Previous groups have used Elite Dry Cleaners and Johnson Cleaners.

Student Travel Agencies. The following are student travel agencies in Oxford you can visit to plan your trip, such as STA Travel and American Express Travel Office. For these services you may need an International Student Identity Card, which we suggest purchasing it at STA Travel since it is considerably cheaper than purchasing it in the United States.

Bed and Breakfast. There are several hotels and Bed and Breakfast housing arrangements in Oxford. These may be a great place to stay if you arrive at the college before you can check into the dorms. Click [here](#) to review the different options.

Bicycles. There are several shops in Oxford, which hire out bikes and sell second-hand ones. Some students from the 2013 Oxford trip bought their bikes for the time they were in Oxford and then sold them back before they left and highly recommend those interested to get a bike and discover the countryside. You can follow this link for a list of bike shops. The students from the 2013 Oxford trip used Ox bicycles and worked with Jon. You can email him at info@oxbicycles.co.uk. Jon sold them the bikes and purchased them back from the students at the end of our travel. Feel free to contact him directly.

Books and Bookstores. You will be able to find books in Oxford and have access to those in the library at University College.

There are, of course, many bookstores—although old timers will bemoan the loss of many of the excellent second-hand bookstores. Among the bookstores are:

- Blackwell's on Broad Street and is one of the best bookstores in the world. This bookstore also offers events as well so stop in and check out what is happening that week. Check out the bookstore's [website](#) and follow the [link](#) for more information. In 2014, a student bumped into Richard Dawkins at Blackwell's!
- Waterstone's on the corner of Broad and Cornmarket Streets where you will find new trade books. Check out the bookstore's [website](#) and follow the [link](#) for directions.

Bus Transportation. Gloucester Green is the main bus station. Click this [link](#) for directions from University College to the bus station. Many of the bus stations offer a storage area for people to store their bags at the station. Bus lines run from Oxford:

[Oxford Tube](#) - (yes, it's called tube, which confused me to no end for the first week, but it's a bus company) - The Tube is red. The line runs regularly to London 24 hours a day. Don't forget to show your student I.D.—you do get a discount.

[National Express](#) – this is also a major bus leaving out of Gloucester Green.

[Megabus](#) – This is a bus system in the United States as well and is now running in the United Kingdom.

[Oxford Bus Company](#)

Although Gloucester Green is the main bus station, for trips to London or near by areas check the bus signs across the street from University College at the Queen's Lane stop. Additionally, [Seat 61](#) provides bus information for various countries.

Groceries. Below are places to find general snacks, food, and a good selection of alcohol (from Guinness to Jack Daniels). Check each store's website for store hours before making the journey. The link is provided on the names of the grocery store.

[Sainsbury's](#) – There are two locations in Oxford that are close to University College.

1. Click on this [link](#) for directions to the store on Magdalen Street that is approximately a 9 minute walk way from University College.
2. The other Sainsbury is approximately 8 minutes. Click this [link](#) for directions.

[Tesco](#) – There is one location that seemed to be a little bigger with more selection than Sainbury's. If you want more substantial food or looking for anything specific this store is recommended. This store is approximately 9 minutes away and you can click on this [link](#) for directions. The store is right near the Sainsbury's in the area.

[Marks and Spencer](#) offers food and wine along with various clothing, accessories, etc.

[Gloucester Green Market](#)

Gym/Workout Facilities. The following is a list of gyms and health clubs in the area but many students have enjoyed the Christ Meadow Church as a great place to run or enjoy in park activities.

[LA Fitness](#) - Expensive, but with all facilities, including a weight room, cycling, treadmills, Jacuzzi, etc. This gym has various exercise classes that available to those who join. Guaranteed to make you sweat! This [link](#) provides directions and the address to LA Fitness.

[Oxford University Sports Centre](#) – This is the university's gym. Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile on the track at this facility. Students from 2014 joined this gym. It was a cheaper alternative to LA Fitness, but the facilities were very old-school.

Museums. The following is a list of some of the museums to see but by no means is this an exhaustive list.

[Ashmolean Museum](#), Beaumont Street

Free admission, donations expected. Check the link provided for times available.

[Christ Church Picture Gallery](#), St. Aldates

£4 entrance fee unless you are touring Christ Meadow Church then it is half the price. Check the link provided for times available.

[Pitt Rivers Museum](#), Parks Road

Admission is free to this museum. Check the link provided for times available.

[Museum of Oxford](#), St. Aldates

Free admission and you can check the link provided for times available.

[Museum of Modern Art](#), Pembroke Street

Check the website for admission and times. This may be better with a group of students, which looks to offer free tours for a group if called in advance.

[Museum of Science](#), Broad Street

Admission is free to this museum. Check the link provided for times available.

Office Supplies.

[Ryman's](#) - Click [here](#) for directions from University College. (like Office Max)

Honey's of High Street

Pharmacies.

[Boots](#) – On Cornmarket Street – Click [here](#) for directions from University College. This seems to be the store most students used for medicine, hygienic products, and miscellaneous needs.

[Boswells](#) – Also on Cornmarket Street – Click [here](#) for directions from University College.

SuperDrug – Click [here](#) for directions from University College.

Post Office. If the Porter's Lodge runs out of stamps for postcards, then you can go to this location and buy stamps for your postcards or shipments. The employees are very friendly and willing to help you. Click [here](#) for directions from University College

St. Aldate's

9:30-5:30 M-Sat

102 - 104 St Aldates, OX1 1ZY

Swimming Pools.

[Ferry Pool](#) is an inside pool on Marston Ferry Road.

[Temple Baths](#), Temple Cowley, Cowley

[Hinksey Heated Pool](#) is an outdoor pool on Abingdon Road.

[Oxford University Sports Centre](#)

Tourist Office. The tourist office in Oxford is a great place to pick up armloads of pamphlets and find out what is going on in and around Oxford—concerts, plays, tours, etc. The staff will also help you find accommodations and the most efficient transportation from one point to another.

Train Station (‘Rail Station’). You can access the train station information through the website provided [here](#). The address is on Park End Street, which is west of Carfax Tower. This is the most fun, expensive, dependable, and faster way to travel. We recommended that you make reservations for trips anywhere but London (and even that’s not a bad idea.) Click this [link](#) for directions to the station from University College.

Medical. Doctors do not want to prescribe anything unless you have done everything over the counter that you can. You can go to Boots and talk to a pharmacist. They have medications behind the counter.

[University College Doctors](#) - Call ahead for appointments, 1865 240 501. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is £30 upfront (cash or check).

[SMU Study Abroad Insurance](#) (ACE American Ins.) – SMU’s free insurance to students while studying abroad. Be sure to register, print your membership card, and carry it with you before traveling. Save receipts and request a claim form from the company upon return. The claim form will be mailed to you within fifteen days. You may go to any doctor you choose but you need to save your receipts.

Shops. Argo’s is a shop similar to Target or Sear’s and you can access the store’s [website](#) for location and hours. Curry’s is a store similar to Best Buy and there website can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Primark is the Forever 21 of England.

XI. TRAVEL

You will have only one Friday class (July 10th) during the six weeks. This means that you are only free to travel from noon on Thursday to Sunday evening three weekends (July 17, 24 and 31). While the choice is yours on those occasions, we discourage long-distance travel period, because of the danger of missing class.

If you plan to travel during the six weeks, you should take into account the following:

- English schools begin their summer vacation in the third week of July and families traditionally immediately pack up and head off on holidays. Transportation the first weekend of the school holidays may already have been booked!
- In any event, everyone in Europe (or so it seems) takes his or her holiday for the month of August.

Several travel guides are available in the program's Common Room (217B), so check if you are interested in visiting a particular place. There is also information from previous students regarding some travel location that can be a day trip or a weekend trip in this Student Guide. In 2014, some students visited the Lake District of England, and they highly recommend this area for a weekend trip.

Recent program members recommend the travel guides by LET'S GO, which contain lots of information on sights, good maps, and comprehensive listings of hotels and restaurants ranging from cheap to moderately expensive. Also very nice are the EYEWITNESS TRAVEL GUIDES, which are the slick, heavy and photo-dense guides. They contain hardly any practical information, but the voluminous pictures can be a great help in deciding whether to visit Blenheim Palace or Warwick Castle when you finally discover you only have one weekend left in England and have not seen anything but the insides of pubs and nightclubs and realize you need to take pictures of something besides drunk, or drinking, students (and professors) to show your parents. Both LET'S GO and EYEWITNESS also publish guides that deal specifically with London if you're going to be spending a lot of time there.

REMEMBER: Have a good time, and don't lose your passport. Leave your key with at the Porter's Lodge when traveling.

DAY TRIPS NEAR OXFORD

Great Britain has many places that are well worth a weekend visit. Besides the obvious choice of London, all provide a great amount of entertainment for a weekend usually for a much cheaper price than anywhere on the continent. Consider looking at [Britrail](#), [Eurostar](#), and [Rail Europe](#) for train reservations.

Events to watch for are:

- The British Open

- Wimbledon; and
- The Cartier International Polo Match at The Guards Polo Club

Hook Norton Brewery. If you would like to take the 45 minute drive or 1 ½ transit trip to this brewery is can be done in a day. Visit the brewery's [website](#).

London. [VisitLondon.com](#) is the ideal website for planning a trip to London. The website provides information about theater, museums, nightlife, seasonal events, and more. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU CHECK IT OUT!

London is, of course, one of the premiere cultural centers in the world, rivaled only by New York and perhaps Paris. You could spend the entire six weeks in London and not even dent what there is to see there. We could tell you all the places in London we loved, but we all enjoy different things so make it your own. If you're into art, go see art; if you're into shopping, go to Harrod's; if you're into geological freaks of nature, go see the crown jewels. You get the picture. A few hints, however:

- Free things to do in London: The National Gallery (an incredible museum and a great place to spend a day), the innumerable parks, window shopping at Harrod's, window shopping at Portobello Road market, some churches and cathedrals don't charge admission, but those that do charge admission will allow people in for free during Evensong.
- **Absolute Must:** When you are already dressed up in London for the courts tour, visit the Aqua Shard afterwards for drinks. The Shard is the tallest skyscraper in Western Europe, and the observatory deck is very expensive. However, you can visit Aqua (the very posh restaurant at the top of the building) for the same amazing view as the observatory deck and have a glass of wine for £6.
- Don't forget that some (not many, but some) places have dress codes.
- Buy a copy of Time Out and peruse the thing carefully. If you're interested in Japanese performance art, there's probably something similar happening this weekend! Check the Common Room (217B) to see if one of the professors or a student has provided a recent Time Out for students to review.
- If you go to the theatre (which you should), spend the extra money for good seats. It's really worth it, and it's not like you have much opportunity in Dallas to see great performances, so splurge.
- Also, try out new plays that are recommended in Time Out or by Bridge. You can see Cats and Starlight Express anytime, anywhere. Many of us saw performances that are just now showing up on Broadway (and others that will probably never make it).

- You can purchase a student rail card for discounts on trains to London if you plan on traveling to London often.
- If you are traveling with a group, you all can save by only paying for two adults per every three or four adults. Click [here](#) to see the offer.
- Here are a few links for you to browse when scheduling a trip to London:
 - Day Guide - <http://www.daysoutguide.co.uk/offers.aspx>
 - Ticket Information
 - [Ticket Line](#)
 - [See Tickets](#)
 - [Gig Antic](#)
 - [Ticket Master](#)

Stratford-upon-Avon. (Home of the Royal Shakespeare Company) We will go there July 28th to attend one of their productions, and you will have some time to tour the town. One suggestion would be to take the tour bus through the day or walk through town but there is so much to see in the time you are actually there.

Blenheim Palace. Blenheim Palace is the birthplace of Winston Churchill, who was born during a party at the palace. (I don't think they let the guests watch). It is in Woodstock, which is eight miles north of Oxford. Queen Anne gave this palace to John Churchill, the Duke of Marlborough and ancestor of Winston Churchill. This is a must! Pack lunch, dinner, snacks, blankets, and booze for the Battle Proms. This was a favorite! You can also visit it to tour as well. The event is July 12, 2014 this year. Click this [link](#) for more information. The grounds are huge and lovely—it would be a beautiful place to study. Students can rent bicycles to ride to Blenheim or take the local bus. This would be a great day trip on the day of the Battle Proms because you see the exhibit and have a great evening event.

Warwick Castle. Warwick Castle is a 14th century castle now owned by Madame Tussaud's which has set up scenes of wax figures to illustrate the castle's history. Touring the castle is not for the faint of foot; you must climb hundreds of stairs to get around. Comfortable shoes are not a luxury but a necessity in this tour. The town itself is charming, full of quaint shops to duck into as you walk from the train station to the castle. Warwick is about an hour from Oxford by train.

Bath. - <http://www.cityofbath.co.uk/> - Bath is a one hour train ride from Oxford and a trip many students have enjoyed. This has been an enjoyable trip without the expenses that usually come with an overnight trip. Visiting the Roman baths is a must if you go. Check out a few options and links below:

- Bath Magazine is at Starbucks and has coupons in it.
- Roman Baths (<http://www.romanbaths.co.uk/>)

- Thermae Spa (<http://www.thermaebathspa.com/>)
- Bizarre Bath Tours - (<http://www.bizarrebath.co.uk/>) - £5 per student – The show starts at 8 PM and is for those who enjoy comedy more than history.
- Free two-hour walking tour, which starts at the Abbey at 10:30 AM.

Stonehenge. - <http://www.stonehenge.co.uk/> - Stonehenge is out of town. It can best be reached from Bath or Oxford on a chartered bus.

- From Bath - www.scarpertours.com - Reservations can be made the same day. The student price is £29, which includes transportation and Stonehenge's entrance fee as well as the VIP treatment as entering as a group and skipping the line. The tours begin at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM daily and meet in front of the Abbey Hotel at Terrace Walk.
- From Oxford – You can hire a minibus as a group by following this [link](#) or you can take the train to get to Stonehenge. Students have done both and it really depends on preference and how many are going on the trip.

Cardiff. - <http://www.visitcardiff.com/> - This location is two hours by train, which includes taking the London train to Didcot Parkway and switch trains for the Cardiff fast train (leaves every hour until 9:30 p.m.).

TRIPS WITHIN THE UK

While some of the previous locations are within Great Britain, the following trips would probably require a whole day but keep you within Great Britain.

Cambridge. - <http://www.cambridge.co.uk/> - This is a three-hour trip because you must go through London.

Edinburgh, Scotland. – This is a trip that if you want to take it should be done during the weekend. Scotland has no many interesting events and history to share and you will need time to take it all in. If you do take this trip there are great bus tours and it is a must to climb the Sir Walter Scott Monument. Time Out has a link [here](#) for Edinburgh events. You can reach this location by bus, train, or air the only difference being money.

Hoylake, England. – This is the location where the British Open will be occurring from July 13th through July 30th. This trip is about 4 hours through a transit system and 3 hours by car.

Hadrian's Wall. One of the student representatives from University College offered some great travel information and [history](#) if you want to visit Hadrian's Wall, which involves tours and biking accommodations for what suits you best. Click [here](#) for visitor information.

Wales, England. This is a 3 ½ road hour trip by car. If you are interest in exploring an

area for the day or the weekend this would be great.

Brighton, England. This is a 2 hour road trip by car or a 3 hour trip through the transit.

Keswick, England (Lake District). This was a trip that many students loved. It is a 4 hour drive or a 7 hour transit trip. Prior students have recommended the [Highfield Hotel](#) as a place to stay but book in advance to save costs.

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

As for continental Europe, the following is advice you should take into account. Most of your travel arrangements can be made through student travel agencies, see section IX, [Travelocity \(aka Last Minute\)](#), [Priceline](#), [Aer Lingus](#), or other online services or searches.

AIRFARE: There are various safe, discount airlines in Europe. [Ryan Air](#) and [Easy Jet](#) are two that students have had good experience with in the past. If your group plans to travel at the last minute, then please check their website because they have great last minute deals too.

LODGING: Hostels are relatively easy to book and are obviously the cheapest way to go. Consider looking at [Hostel World](#) or [Student Universe](#) for hostels or [Hotels.com](#) for a hotel room. Also, you can visit the tourist office mentioned in IV, student travel agencies, and online resources.

MONEY: Thanks to the European Union, most of the time students will only have to keep track of two exchange rates, the pound and the euro. The US dollar is less valuable than the pound or euro. Whenever possible, make your travel arrangements in euro because the value of euros is closer to the dollar than the pound is to the dollar.

PLACES OF INTEREST: Over the last couple of summers, students have traveled to Sweden, Prague, Munich, Switzerland, Paris, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and many other places on their weekend trips. If nothing else, Oxford Program weekends will teach you how much can be done in two days. Just be prepared not to get much sleep. Here is a bit of advice on places you might think about visiting during these weekend excursions.

Spain. Spain is a wonderful place to visit, but could be too much for one weekend. We recommend that you travel to Spain before or after the Oxford Program, if possible. If this is not possible and Spain is on your list, we recommend you visit Madrid or Barcelona and explore that area in two days.

Italy. Italy is a wonderful place to visit, but could be too much for one weekend. We recommend that you travel to Italy before or after the Oxford Program, if possible. If this is not possible and Italy is on your list, we recommend you visit Rome, Florence or Venice and explore that area as possible in two days.

Paris. Paris is one of the easiest weekend trips to make with many different ways to get there. The [Eurostar](#) is probably the easiest of these and is recommended. One should note that Paris can become very expensive and very quickly.

Amsterdam. Amsterdam is a very popular and cheap destination. Besides cheap flights, the more adventurous traveler might think about taking the twelve-hour bus ride from London to Amsterdam. While not for everyone, the round trip price tag cannot be beat.

Munich. Another popular destination, Munich is yet another trip that can be made at a reasonable price. A bike tour is essential to any visit to Munich. Also, one should take the opportunity to visit the Dachau concentration camp, which is a very sobering experience.

Dublin. Dublin is another popular destination, mostly again for its cheap prices and great Irish hospitality. Researching a good hotel can be worth the effort since many of Dublin's nicer hotels have great deals in late July. You must go visit the Guinness brewery.

Prague. While Prague is one of the most expensive weekend trips, due to the high air travel costs, all that have gone have given the Czech city great reviews. For those looking for one of the most beautiful cities in the world that is a little off the beaten path, Prague might be the place for you.

Copenhagen. It is well worth the visit to go to Tivoli, the tremendously fun amusement park that the town is centered upon, and to see the droves of beautiful people walking around. Bring nice clothes to go out in at night, and don't forget about Hamlet's castle, which is only 50 minutes by train. Denmark does not use the euro. The Danish krone is Denmark's currency.

Interlaken. This city provides remarkable views of the Alps and is easy to get around. If time permits, consider taking the train to Murren for fantastic views of the Jungfrau.

Belgium. If you are interested in visiting Belgium, you can schedule train routes by clicking on this [link](#).

Germany. If you are interested in visiting any parts of Germany, you can schedule train routes by clicking on this [link](#).

TOP TEN TIPS FOR TRAVELERS

1. Make sure you have a signed, valid passport and visa that stays current until your arrival back in the United States. Also, fill in the emergency information page of your passport before beginning your travels.
2. Read the Consular Information Sheets (and Public Announcements or Travel Warnings, if applicable) for the countries you plan to visit.
3. Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs of the countries to which you are traveling. Remember, the U.S. Constitution does not follow you! While in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.
4. Make two copies of your passport identification page, leave one copy at home with friends or relatives and carry the other with you in a separate place from your passport. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost or stolen.
5. Leave a copy of your itinerary with family or friends at home so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency.
6. Do not leave your luggage unattended in public areas. Do not accept packages from strangers.
7. If you plan to stay abroad for more than two weeks, upon arrival you should notify by phone or register in person with the U.S. embassy in the country you are visiting. This will facilitate communication in case someone contacts the embassy looking for you.
8. To avoid being a target of crime, try not to wear conspicuous clothing and expensive jewelry and do not carry excessive amounts of money or unnecessary credit cards.
9. In order to avoid violating local laws, deal only with authorized agents when you exchange money or purchase art or antiques.
10. If you get into trouble, contact the nearest U.S. embassy.

XII. “PASSING THE TORCH”

1. “Your most memorable experiences will be unplanned, unexpected, and improvised; resist your lawyerly compulsion to plan everything.” *By Doug Luippold*
2. “Beware Ryan Air, try the breakfast, shoot the breeze with the cab drivers, and don’t forget to explore Oxford; above all, enjoy every experience.” *By Matt Harris*
3. “Your six weeks living in Oxford will be an opportunity to make new friends, see new places, soak in the culture, travel to places you’ve never been, and study at a historically beautiful college! Just try not to get lost wandering around Paris by yourself, get mugged in Barcelona, or miss your train to London.” *By Ashley DeWeese*
4. “This is a once in a lifetime experience, treat it accordingly and enjoy it.” *By Megan Moore*
5. “Get a bike, see the country side, visit local pubs, and speak to locals as much as you can (preferably over a pint of bitter). Above all, remain humble, curious, and adventurous. You’ll find the English love a good, witty conversation over a pint.” *By Aaron Rolen*
6. “The last minute trips you make with your newly found friends will be priceless. Do not be scared to travel the unknown because it will prove you are more capable than you ever knew.” *By Aimee Velez*