APPLICATION LOGISTICS: Quick Facts

Deadlines for study at Oxford are earlier than other study away programs

- Dates differ by school and NO LATE APPLICATIONS ARE ALLOWED.
  - St. Catherine’s (St. Catz): January 31, 2021
  - St. Edmund (Teddy) Hall: February 5, 2021
  - Pembroke (full year only): January 31, 2021
  - St. Peter’s (full year only): January 29, 2021
- 3.7 GPA or higher, at the time of application, is required and no exceptions are made.
- Visiting student applications are highly competitive. Applications require a personal essay, a sample of recent academic work (from Duke) in each subject for which you are applying, and two academic references.
- In addition to applying to an Oxford college, you must also apply in Duke’s MyGlobalEd system. You should do these simultaneously, but please prioritize the Oxford application due to their early deadlines.
  - You cannot move beyond simply opening an Oxford application in MyGlobalEd until you have met with Carolyn Covalt in GEO.
  - Initiate an application in MyGlobalEd, and then schedule an appointment with Carolyn here.
- Please also read the Duke Approved Semester Program Application guide found here.
- Please see the “Further Application Details” section on page 2 of this document for more important details.

THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR & FULL TIME COURSE LOAD:

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<td>TOTAL for academic year</td>
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*If you study at Oxford during Duke’s spring term, you must be there for both the Hilary and the Trinity terms:

- Note that you will not conclude your studies until mid-June if you are at Oxford in the spring.
- Exact term dates for Oxford can be found here: Oxford Term Dates

A typical full-time course load during an Oxford term is:
- One Primary class: at least one seminar, and one tutorial session per week (8 tutorials)
- One Secondary class: at least one seminar, and one tutorial session every-other-week (4 tutorials)

TEACHING METHOD AT OXFORD & DUKE TRANSFER COURSE APPROVALS

- If you are not familiar with Oxford’s unique method of teaching, the Tutorial method, please read about it here.
- A tremendous amount of independent work and self-discipline are required to succeed at Oxford.
- Your own interests will play a very large role in the direction of your coursework at Oxford:
  - It is rare for an Oxford course to provide a long, detailed syllabus; usually you are given a paragraph description.
  - There are no permanent nor standing transfer course approvals at Duke for Oxford classes.
  - Please submit an Oxford transfer course approval form to GEOCourses@duke.edu while applying to Oxford.
  - Save all coursework that can be saved at Oxford, and once your term there is complete, you will upload your work to a designated DukeBox folder for final course transfer approval.

This handout is a preliminary introduction to studying at Oxford and does not take the place of an appointment with Carolyn Covalt in the Global Education Office. Last updated November 5, 2020.
**FURTHER APPLICATION DETAILS**

Duke students may apply to a limited set of colleges at Oxford University

- Duke students may apply to some Oxford colleges directly, while others you may only apply to via third-party providers (Arcadia or IFSA).
- The differences between colleges at Oxford are social and extra-curricular – they are not academic.
- A list of all Duke-Approved Oxford programs and gateways to your Duke MyGlobalEd application can be found [here](#).

If you are applying directly to an Oxford College and would like to **attend for only as single term**, your options are:

- St. Catherine’s College (St. Catz): [St. Catherine’s](#)
- St. Edmunds Hall (Teddy Hall): [St. Edmund Hall](#)

You may also apply to each of these schools for a full year, but it is not required.

If you are applying directly to an Oxford College and **would like to be at Oxford for a full year**, you will need to work with your GEO Advisor to apply to either:

- Pembroke College: [Pembroke](#)
- St. Peter’s College: [St. Peter’s](#)

You may not apply to either of these colleges for a single term.

If you apply to Oxford via a third-party provider, they work with some colleges that Duke does not have a relationship with, and the schools that you may apply to therefore expand a bit.

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You will receive support and guidance regarding Oxford as a school, as well as the Oxford application process, if you choose to apply via a third-party provider:

- For more information on what you get by working with a provider, see the bottom of page 3 of the [UK & Ireland Approved Programs FAQ](#).
- Please also read about [Duke Approved Programs](#) to learn more about third-party providers.
- Application deadlines may be different when applying via a third-party provider.