



Oxford Direct

2008-09

• • Pembroke College • • St. Peter's College • •

Application Deadline: December 1, 2007
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Through a special arrangement with Pembroke and St. Peter's Colleges of the University of Oxford, Duke undergraduates may spend their junior year enrolled as Visiting Students at Oxford. As regular Oxford undergraduates, students attending this program study intensively with individual tutors in one or two subjects of particular interest to them. The students are full members of their Oxford colleges, and are housed in College accommodations.

Duke sophomores interested in applying to this program are invited to file an application in the Office of Study Abroad, 2016 Campus Drive. *All students applying to Oxford Direct must make an appointment to see the Oxford direct advisor, Dr. Leslie Davis, in the Office of Study Abroad before filing their applications.*

Advantages to Students

The students selected for the program are directly enrolled in one of the world's oldest and most respected universities. The junior year is spent studying with British students, enjoying full involvement in the life of the college. Eight course credits are transferred towards the Duke degree for successful completion of the academic year at Oxford. As with all transfer credit, individual courses should be approved in advance by the appropriate department at Duke (although this is generally not possible with Oxford tutorials), and letter grades do not appear on the Duke transcript.

Subjects available at Pembroke College

- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- Engineering, Economics and Management
- English Language and Literature
- English and Modern Languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish)
- Geography
- Law (Jurisprudence)
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Philosophy
- Modern History
- Modern History and Economics
- Modern History and English
- Modern History and Modern Languages
- Modern History and Politics
- Modern Languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish)
- Oriental Studies
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Philosophy
- Philosophy and Modern Languages
- Politics
- Psychology
- Psychology, Philosophy, and Physiology
- Theology

Important Note: Duke cannot guarantee acceptance at Oxford for the students it endorses, although every possible effort will be made. Admission to Oxford as a Visiting Student is highly competitive and depends in part on the availability of tutors; certain fields are oversubscribed, and the availability of tutors may vary from year to year.

Subjects available at St. Peter's College: The deadline for submission of completed applications to the Office of Study Abroad is **December 1, 2007** for the following academic year. See <http://studyabroad.duke.edu> for application details.

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- (Modern) History
- Law
- Management
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Physiology
- Politics
- Theology

Costs

Both Pembroke College and St. Peter's College will bill students directly. Fees paid to Pembroke College will cover tuition and housing during the three terms (housing during the vacation periods will be available at a small extra charge of no more than £5 per day). Fees paid to St. Peter's College will include tuition and room during the three terms, term-time food, and housing during the vacations. Costs at St. Peter's for 2007-08 vary from £19,327 to £24,512* depending on the subject being studied. Exact figures for 2008-09 are not yet available, but students should expect an increase of roughly 5%. Costs at Pembroke for 2007-08 vary from £21,412 to £24,492,* depending on the subject studied. Costs for travel and other miscellaneous expenses vary from student to student. Students must also pay the Duke Study Abroad Fee, which is \$2350 per semester for 2007-08. Expect an increase of 3-5% for 2008-09.

*Estimates based on currently available information.

Selection

Selection for this program is highly competitive and all final decisions are at the discretion of the University of Oxford. The Office of Study Abroad screens potential applicants to ensure that those who apply have at least an average of B+ (3.5) in both their overall record and in the subject they wish to study at Oxford, and are generally well-qualified in this chosen subject. Students must also have taken at least two courses at Duke in their chosen subject and must submit a sample of written work in that subject (students in the sciences may submit a copy of a recent examination). The application also requires a 300-400 word statement describing your reasons for wanting to study a particular subject at Oxford and your qualifications to do so. Two confidential letters of recommendation from Duke professors and a copy of your transcript are required to complete the application. After preliminary screening the applications are sent to Oxford, where the final admissions decisions are made.

A complete application includes:

- An application form (see the Office of Study Abroad website)
- 2 letters of reference from faculty members who have taught you
- An official transcript from all universities you have attended
- A personal statement describing how study in Oxford will complement your academic career at Duke
- A writing sample (usually a paper you have written for a class, preferably in the subject that you hope to study at Oxford)

Information on study at the University of Oxford is available at the Office of Study Abroad in 2016 Campus Drive, and at <http://www.oxford.ac.uk>. Students selected for endorsement to the University of Oxford will be notified early in the Spring Semester.

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