



Worcester College
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Oxford Certificate Programmes

For High School Students

Summer 2023

Philosophy, Politics, Economics

Programme dates and location: 9 to 22 July 2023, residential in Worcester College in Oxford, UK;

Who can participate? High School Students aged 15 and above;

What to expect from the academic programme?

In this course, participants will gain theoretical knowledge and practical expertise on these three, core disciplines that underpin the societies in which we live. Starting with Philosophy, participants will cover the ancient wisdom of Plato and Aristotle, the great medieval tradition of Anselm and Aquinas, and cover modern thinkers such as Kant, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, Hegel and Rawls. Key questions include what it is to be a human being? What does it mean to make a good (or bad) decision? Through encountering the ideas of these great minds of history, students will learn how to apply that wisdom to modern problems and challenges.

Students will then move into Politics, where they will attempt to govern their own country, using applied political theory to co-author a constitution for the fictitious *SomewhereLand*. Participants will use their newfound theoretical knowledge to identify a system of government which meets the needs of their assigned citizen profiles. Furthermore, students will begin to explore the exigencies of international diplomacy as they decide how to respond to offers of aid and/or international pressures. This politics “lab”, originally designed for undergraduate students, has been slightly modified for secondary school students and will provide an excellent outlet to explore the discipline of politics.

Students will now have the full context they need to fully comprehend economics and the economy.

Students will be introduced to core economic concepts such as demand and supply, market equilibrium, game theory, competition, and trade. Applications of these concepts will illustrate how economic behaviour in a variety of contexts (e.g. consumption choice, job search, product innovation) can be explained by individuals and firms responding to economic incentives – for better or worse.

Students will then learn how the interaction of economic actors in markets (i.e., households and firms, workers and employers, banks and borrowers) determines aggregate, population-level outcomes like economic growth, technological progress, unemployment rates, income inequality, inflation, and environmental degradation. This course will also touch upon ways that public policy influences these outcomes through regulation as well as fiscal and monetary policy.

How many contact hours for my academic course? 25+ academic hours over 2 weeks

Who is teaching my course?

All tutors who are teaching on *Oxford Certificate Programmes* offered by Worcester College (University of Oxford) are taught by tutors from Oxford or Cambridge.



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Which social and cultural immersion activities are offered as part of the course?

Alongside the main academic course, *Oxford Certificate Programmes* at Worcester College include a variety of cultural talks, visits and activities. Examples may include:

Future Ready workshops

- ▶ Academic writing
- ▶ Teamwork
- ▶ Self-confidence
- ▶ Debating

Oxford culture and traditions

- ▶ Rowing traditions
- ▶ Dining etiquette
- ▶ Kings and queens – the monarchy and Oxford
- ▶ Romans, Saxons and Vikings
- ▶ Oxford Nobel Prize winners Guided visits

Visits, Trips and Extracurricular activities

- ▶ Bodleian Library
- ▶ Oxford Botanic Garden
- ▶ Oxford college boathouses
- ▶ Oxford City treasure hunt
- ▶ Sports and games
- ▶ Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill
- ▶ Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral
- ▶ Day trip to Cambridge or Warwick Castle

Programme Certificate by Worcester College (University of Oxford)

Oxford Certificate Programmes at Worcester College offer high school students aged 15 and above the opportunity to experience Oxford and learn in an Oxford college setting. Upon satisfactory completion of the programme, participants receive a Certificate of Attendance and Achievement issued by Worcester College.

What is the teaching environment and where will I stay?

- ▶ Small study groups of 15–20 students
- ▶ Single room with standard facilities in student accommodation at Worcester College
- ▶ Three meals a day, including breakfast in the historic college dining hall
- ▶ Welcome reception and farewell dinner

Worcester College (University of Oxford)?

Worcester College is one of the historic colleges of the University of Oxford. It was founded in 1714, but there has been an institution of learning on the site since the late 13th century. Although it is very close to the centre of Oxford, Worcester is the only college to have its sports grounds onsite. The college buildings are set in beautifully landscaped gardens.

Application deadline: 31 March 2023

Any questions or you want to apply? Drop us an email at seniorschooloffice@lis.ac.in (application deadline is 31 March 2023)