

# Visiting Student Programme at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford(2018-2019)

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## Lady Margaret Hall

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Lady Margaret Hall (commonly referred to as LMH) is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford in England, located at the end of Norham Gardens in north Oxford.

It was founded in 1878 as the first women's college in Oxford and has accepted both men and women since 1979. LMH admits both undergraduate and graduate students. In 2016 it ranked 23rd in Oxford's Norrington Table. The current principal of the college is Alan Rusbridger.

The college's coat of arms features devices that recall those associated with its foundation. The portcullis from the arms of Lady Margaret Beaufort, the bell is a symbol of the Wordsworth family, and the Talbot dogs represent Edward Talbot. Its colours are blue and yellow (sometimes also with white), and its motto is *Souvent me Souviens*, an Old French phrase meaning "I remember often".

## Buildings, Grounds and Architecture

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### Leatare Quadrangle - Entrance



Building (2017) contains student accommodation while the Clore graduate centre (2017) extends further out to the South East towards university parks.

The entrance quad was completed in March 2017 and includes both the college's newest and oldest buildings. The main entrance consists of the front gates flanked by classical columns along with the porters lodge (2017). On the North West side the Donald Fothergill

The college's oldest buildings are along the South East side of the Leatre Quadrangle. The college's original house, a white brick gothic villa, is now known as Old Old Hall (1879), while the adjoining red brick extension is known as new old hall (1884).

## Lannon Quadrangle

The back of Lynda Grier forms another quad consisting of an accommodation tower block Sutherland (1971) and the Pipe Partridge Building (2010) . Behind this is Sutherland's sister block Katie Lee (1972). The Pipe Partridge Building includes the 136-seat Simpkins Lee theatre, a dining hall, seminar rooms,



JCR common rooms, and 64 new undergraduate study bedrooms. It won the Georgian Group award for the best new building in the classical tradition Grounds.

## Grounds



Lady Margaret Hall is one of the few Oxford colleges on the River Cherwell and is known for its lovely gardens set in spacious grounds (about 12 acres (49,000 m<sup>2</sup>)). The grounds include a set of playing fields, tennis courts, a punt house and a manicured Fellows' Garden, hidden from view by tall hedgerows.

The grounds, along with those of Trinity College, Oxford, were the basis for Fleet College in the American author Charles Finch's novel set in Oxford University, *The Last Enchantments*.

## Oxford Tutorial System

Oxford is famous for its tutorial system of teaching. Students are taught by a leading academic, either individually or with one or two other students. Each term a Visiting Student studies both a 'primary' and a 'secondary' tutorial topic, and will typically write one essay a week for the primary tutorial and one every other week for the secondary tutorial.

During the tutorial, students have the opportunity to discuss the work that they have prepared in great depth with their tutors. Students are asked to really think through

their arguments and the topics they have researched, and will be challenged and pushed to the limits of their abilities. Tutors know that students won't always have the answer, but the tutorial allows students to really test the boundaries of their understanding. This level of individual attention allows students to hone their skills in their chosen area, and though some initially find the thought of tutorials daunting, we only pick students who we are confident will flourish.

In addition to tutorials, students will also be able to attend a range of lectures given by academics based at the University, and by guest speakers who are invited because of their status as world-leading researchers. Students are expected to organise their own time, and to make use of the wealth of research facilities in Oxford. We advise our students that they should expect to complete a full 9-5 working day on their studies, in tutorials, lectures and using the libraries.

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## Student Life

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Visiting Students receive membership of the Junior Common Room, and have access to all the same facilities and resources as other Magdalen undergraduates. Students are encouraged to contribute to the life of the College and University through drama, music, volunteering, journalism, and sport. In addition, the College organizes a wide variety of social events, such as formal dinners, 'Champagne and Chocolates' receptions, bops (parties), open music nights and field trips.



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## Accommodation

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In order that Visiting Students may have a fuller experience of living in the UK, the College aims to integrate their housing with that of other Magdalen students as far as possible. Visiting Students live a short walk or bike ride from the main College site, and are ideally placed for exploring the Cowley area and its numerous restaurants, cafes and shops. All students have their own study-bedroom, and share kitchen and bathroom facilities as well as a common room. Students also have access to the College Dining Hall for meals during term time, along with all other College facilities.

Oxford can provide an excellent base for exploring the rest of the UK and Europe during the Christmas and Easter vacations. Oxford is only an hour from London by train, and there are 24 hour bus services. Bus services also run from Oxford direct to the major international airports of Heathrow and Gatwick.

## Costs (2018-2019)

Full Year (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term)

Tuition: £23,000.00 Accommodation: £4,554.15

	Hilary&Trinity Term Only	Extened Michaelmas Term	Michaelmas Term Only
Tuition	£15,530.79	£11,929.91	£7,948.61
Accommodation	£3,052.51	£21,169.03	£1,501.64

\* The accommodation charges are provisional and are based on a 3% increase on the 2017-18 rates. The final accommodation rates for 2018-19 will be set in June 2018 by the college's Governing Body, as is the standard procedure.

## Admissions Policies

There is a deposit of £500 payable per student on acceptance of the offer of a place. This will be counted against their tuition fees on arrival, but will be non-refundable if the student withdraws after having accepted their place.

Any withdrawal must take place before 30<sup>th</sup> June for students starting in Michaelmas term; and before 30<sup>th</sup> September for students starting in Hilary term. **Students withdrawing after these dates will be liable for full tuition and accommodation fees for the duration of the programme.**

### Subjects available to apply:

Classics, Ancient History, Classical Archaeology

Modern Languages

Computer Science

Music

Economics

Philosophy

English

Physics

History

Politics and International Relations

Mathematics

Psychology

Management

Theology and Religion

**Admission Requirement:**

- 1) GAP or Grades Requirement: LMH would only look at applications from students in the top 2% of their cohort or a GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale).
- 2) Language Requirement: LMH require students to achieve a minimum of 7.0 in IELTS. We will accept TOEFL certificates (overall score of 110 with component scores of at least: Listening 22, Reading 24, Speaking 25, and Writing 24).

Note: Applicants may be given an academic interview, either in person or by remote means (phone or Skype).

**Students should send in the following materials when they apply the programme:**

- 1) Photocopy of IELTS or TOEFL certificate;
- 2) A personal statement;
  - **A short personal statement** (maximum 1 page). This is an important element in the admissions process as it will be read by admitting tutors in your 'major' subject. Include in your personal statement:
    - I. An explanation as to why you wish to study this subject to an advanced level.
    - II. A brief overview of papers/modules/classes already covered and how your proposed studies in Oxford relate to previous work already completed.
    - III. The themes/problems/ideas within the field which have most interested you.
    - IV. Avoid writing about extra-curricular interests unless they directly relate to your proposed academic study.
- 3) Two pieces of recent academic work;
  - **Two pieces of recent academic work** which must be relevant to the subject/s for which you are applying – with the exception of Economics, see below.
    - I. For Classics, English, History, Management, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Politics and International Relations, Psychology and Theology, it is expected these pieces of work will be two essays. Essays should be a maximum of 2000 words in length. It is possible to include an extract from a longer piece of work.
    - II. For other subjects, it is possible to submit two essays or pieces of coursework, a problem sheet or tests as best demonstrates your ability in your proposed subject.
  - **Economics candidates** will need to complete a test which will be available in late December on the Economics subject page of our website (<http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students/how-apply/economics>). Once you have completed the test, please scan it and return it with your supporting materials.
- 4) An up-to-date academic transcript;
- 5) Two Academic References;
- 6) Application Form;
- 7) Supporting Statement Form.

**Note:** Examples of this could be an essay recently submitted for a class in the subject applied for, or a copy of a test paper taken recently.

**Bedding pack:**

Students have the option to request a bedding pack, which includes a pillow, pillowcase, duvet, duvet cover and bottom sheet. The cost of this is currently £25, which is normally billed to the student on arrival, but can also be billed to their sponsor on request.

**Catering arrangements:**

Students may purchase the meals that are served in the College Dining Hall. During term time, breakfast, lunch and dinner are served Monday to Friday, and additionally brunch on Saturday and dinner on Sunday. The average spend per meal at lunch and dinner is about £3.40 (slightly less for breakfast). There are also small shared kitchens available for students who wish to prepare their own meals. There is no catering pre-payment system at LMH. Students credit their College accounts on a pay-as-you-go basis and purchase meals in the Dining Hall using their University Card (our tills operate on a cashless system).

**Term dates and vacation residence:**

Our term dates for 2018-2019 are shown below. Please ensure that students are aware that they are expected to stay for the full term and not leave early. The date on which term ends is the date when students will be expected to move out of College accommodation. It is possible for students to request to remain in College for some of the vacation periods (subject to agreement with the Director of Visiting Students and by arrangement with the Bursary). This is charged at a nightly rate, currently £23.90.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Arrive on</b>	<b>Introduction Programme Begins(week 0)</b>	<b>Tuition Starts</b>	<b>Term ends</b>
<b>Extended Michaelmas 2018</b>	Mon 3 September	n/a	Mon 3 September	Sat 1 December
<b>Michaelmas 2018</b>	Mon 1 October	Mon 1 October	Mon 8 October	Sat 1 December
<b>Hilary 2019 (new)</b>	Mon 7 January	Mon 7 January	Mon 14 January	Sat 9 March

<b>students)</b>				
<b>Hilary 2019 (returning)</b>	By Thurs 10 January (accommodation from Sun 6 January)	n/a	Mon 14 January	Sat 9 March
<b>Trinity 2019</b>	By Thurs 25 April (accommodation from Sun 21 April)	n/a	Mon 29 April	Sat 22 June

### How to complete the Application Form:

1. Please tick which mode of attendance you are applying for, i.e. full year, Hilary and Trinity terms, Michaelmas Extended term or Michaelmas term only.

**\*\*New this year\*\* Michaelmas Extended term:** The Extended Michaelmas Term will begin on 3rd September 2018 and run continuously into full term. It will give students the opportunity to have more tuition in their chosen area of study, and to experience some cultural activities which support the study of the humanities.

We will consider applications for the Extended Michaelmas Term in the following disciplines: English, History, Music, Theology, Philosophy or Politics. Applicants may select two sets of 8 tutorials or classes to study across the entire Extended Michaelmas Term. The first set of 8 tutorials will begin in September, and will continue into Michaelmas term. The other set of 8 tutorials will begin at the start of Michaelmas, in October. By starting tutorials in September, this gives students the opportunity to accrue 16 credits rather than the usual 12.

2. Please enter your personal details. Your name must be entered as shown in your passport. Please ensure your passport will not expire before the end of your course. **Your date of birth should be entered in the day/month/year format.**
3. Please give details of your current home institution, course of study, and GPA.
4. Please indicate how your tuition and accommodation fees will be paid to LMH. Our programme tuition fees are normally agreed in advance between ourselves and your home institution, and our standard procedure is for the tuition fees to be paid to us via your home institution. Some institutions also pay the accommodation charges on behalf of their students; others expect the students to settle these charges themselves.
5. Applicants should choose tutorials carefully and, if necessary, with approval from an academic advisor before returning this form. We will organise your tutorials based on the information that you provide, often in advance but sometimes after discussion with you when you arrive in Oxford. Refer to the LMH website for information on available courses to help you complete the tutorial requests section (<http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/Visiting-students/Subjects.aspx>). You can select tutorials from a maximum of 3 subject areas; however, in order to achieve the greatest benefit from the Oxford tutorial system, we recommend that you select tutorials from only one or two subject areas.