Visiting Students
Information for prospective applicants

Lady Margaret Hall
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
About the LMH Visiting Student Programme:

We aim to accept 30 Visiting Students each year, the majority of them on a full-year programme. Lady Margaret Hall (LMH), one of the University of Oxford’s constituent colleges, offers a broad range of subjects for Visiting Students. We are keen to receive applications across the disciplines. Visiting Students are a fully-integrated part of college life and are provided with accommodation for their time of study here. LMH has some of Oxford’s most beautiful grounds and facilities which together form an enviable place in which to study.

Visiting Students live in College with other undergraduates and have the opportunity to take advantage of all College and University resources. All student accommodations are single-study bedrooms and have broadband internet connection and access to a fully-equipped communal kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The Director of Visiting Students acts as a Personal Tutor to the Visiting Students and organises their programme of study. Like other Oxford undergraduates, Visiting Students are taught in tutorials or small groups by Oxford Tutors.

Students apply to the Programme either through their home institution or through one of our partner agencies or university consortiums. We accept applications from undergraduate students entering their third year of study, who have an excellent academic record and demonstrate motivation and maturity to thrive in an intensive overseas academic programme.

For the most recent information about the Visiting Student Programme, the LMH website is the best source of information: http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students

What is the work like?

LMH is committed to providing high quality tutorials and your academic life at LMH will be based around the tutorial, and your independent work in preparation for it. A tutorial normally involves two or three students meeting with a Tutor to discuss students’ essays or worksheets. Tutors cultivate a student’s understanding by encouraging them to think through topics in depth and develop their arguments and reasoning. The session with the Tutor involves discussion of the assignment and personalised feedback on the student’s work.

This distinctive aspect of an Oxford education is a tremendously rewarding way to learn. All students also have access to the University’s full array of resources to assist their studies.

Where will I study?

LMH has an excellent on-site library with around 70,000 books, including multiple copies of key undergraduate texts. There is full access to electronic resources: catalogues, databases, e-journals and a growing DVD collection. The Library is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; it is well equipped with computers, and printing and copying facilities. The University of Oxford has a large number of specialist libraries, including the Bodleian. If you prefer to work in your room – all LMH rooms have internet access. Students are often to be found reading in the gardens during the summer term!

How to apply

Our application materials are available on the “how to apply” page of our website (http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students/how-apply) from December, and we begin reviewing applications from 1st January each year. Our application deadline will be posted on our website in December but is expected to be in early February.
Which subjects can I study as a Visiting Student at Lady Margaret Hall?

Students normally take one ‘primary’ course for eight contact hours and one ‘secondary’ course for four contact hours, per term. However, our extended Michaelmas term option offers the opportunity to take 2 major courses; see [http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/extended-michaelmas-term](http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/extended-michaelmas-term) for more information.

In the Oxford system, students study in tutorials or small groups that meet weekly or every other week. Students are also advised to attend lectures to supplement materials covered in the tutorial sessions.

A list of the subjects we currently offer, and more detailed information can be found on the “how to apply” section of our website: [http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students/how-apply](http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students/how-apply)

What is the food like?

Communal dining is an important part of College life and meals in hall are popular thanks to a wide choice of good food, including vegetarian options, at great value. Most meals are informal, and served cafeteria style, but there are weekly formal halls available for those who wish to dress smartly and have a three course meal served. LMH is proud to be an accredited Fairtrade College, serving and promoting Fairtrade products throughout college.

Is there time for a social life?

A work-leisure balance is essential. LMH boasts a wide range of clubs and societies including, LMH Boat Club, choirs, music groups, debating societies, LGBT, drama societies, film clubs, course-related societies and sports clubs, ranging from football to zumba. We have our own boathouse with punts on-site. The college has playing fields, tennis courts, netball courts and a gym as well as music rooms and a theatre available for student performances. There is a common room and bar used for various events such as open-mic nights, quizzes and themed parties.

Social events specifically for Visiting Students are planned throughout the year including formal and informal dinners as well as the occasional trip to a Christmas market or a theatre in order to show students something of British culture.

What non-academic support is there?

LMH is committed to supporting disabled students fulfil their potential. We have many fully adapted disabled bedrooms for those with mobility problems and rooms with, for example, visual fire alarms. We work closely with the Disability Service in the University to ensure that a student’s study needs are met.

We have excellent welfare support including a college nurse, trained peer supporters and a welfare co-ordinator, and a doctor’s practice that offers appointments on site. Our Porter’s Lodge is open 24 hours a day with first-aid trained staff and our Junior Dean lives on site.
Contact us

If you have a question about the LMH Visiting Student Programme, we welcome prospective students to contact us:

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You may also find it useful to look at the FAQs on our website: http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/visiting-students/how-apply/faqs