

Oxford University International Politics Summer Program 2009

August 2 - 15, 2009

Overview

The Summer Programme in International Politics tackles questions that shape politics in the modern world. Participants will have the opportunity to study in depth the politics of key countries and regions outside of Western Europe and North America, and they will be encouraged to relate their knowledge of these regions to the discussion of broader issues that affect all parts of the globe.

Participants take one course. Each course consists of seminars which meet five times a week for two hours. Classes are kept small, and will usually contain no more than 12 participants. This small-group teaching is a special feature of Oxford University programmes. In addition to taking part in the seminars, participants join general discussion groups which meet each day for one hour. They will also attend the daily plenary lectures.

The programme consists of study in small seminars with a specialist tutor as well as general discussion groups. Daily lectures will also be given by leading scholars and speakers, including distinguished members of St. Antony's College such as Professor Margaret MacMillan and Professor Archie Brown.

(See attachment for course descriptions)

Programme Details

This programme is organized by two of Oxford University's leading institutions, St. Antony's College and the Department of Continuing Education.

St. Antony's College is the most international of Oxford's graduate colleges. It specializes in international relations, economics, politics, history and anthropology.

Level and Demands of the Programme

This is an intensive programme of study aimed at an informed international audience. Participants should be confident that they are academically and linguistically prepared for such a programme.

Non-native speakers of English are required to submit evidence of their English language competency with their application (IELTS 6.5 or proof of an equivalent level of competence).

Teaching Methods

The programme provides a minimum of 45 contact hours, comprising of: 15 hours of lectures; 20 hours of seminar meetings, and; 10 hours of discussion group sessions.

Participants are expected to:

- Undertake preparatory reading in advance of the programme.
- Attend all lectures and relevant seminar sessions.
- Be actively engaged with their seminar topics.
- Undertake private study during the programme (elements of private study will include: reading and other preparation between seminar meetings, work in libraries, writing one paper of 2,000 words, etc).

Disabled Students (including those with mobility difficulties)

OURCE`s aim is to treat all participants equally and welcomes applications from people with disabilities. Individuals` needs are taken into account as far as possible, providing reasonable adaptations and assistance within the resources available. We ask that people let us know of any disability or special need (confidentially if required) so that we can help them participate as fully as possible.

When applying for OURCE`s college-based summer schools, prospective participants with mobility difficulties or visual or hearing impairments may want to make preliminary enquiries to the Programme Administrator, as the age and layout of these colleges often makes them user-unfriendly (although adaptations are often possible). Oxford, as an ancient city, tends to be difficult to navigate for people with disabilities. The number of very old buildings, designed in an age less sensitive to issues of disability, makes access to much of the city centre difficult. However, OURCE will do as much as it is able to make study with the Department possible.

Participants should contact us if they will have problems gaining access to a bedroom or a teaching room that is located on upper or basement floors, or to the college dining hall (which is reached via a flight of stairs).

Accommodation

Location

Accommodation is provided at St. Antony's College with full board (except lunch on Saturday and Sunday).

Libraries

- Participants will be enrolled as readers at the University's main reference library, the Bodleian.
- They will also have access to the University's Faculty and the Department for Continuing Education Libraries.

IT Facilities

Students will be eligible to use IT facilities at St. Antony's College.

Fees (GLS Students must follow this fee schedule which has been modified for Duke GLS students)

- Duke Tuition - \$3111
Tuition will be charged to your bursar account and is due according to summer tuition schedule. **This is the only part of the cost covered by MALS scholarship.**
- Oxford Fees (paid directly to GLS) - \$1889*
accommodation and meals (except lunch on Saturday and Sunday and meals during optional weekend excursions)

Applicants are required to pay a **non-refundable registration fee of \$350 (paid directly to GLS – in the event your application is not accepted, the deposit will not be processed. This policy is for this course only)**. Please note that the registration fee is part of the overall programme fee (\$1889*), and participants will be must pay the remaining fee of \$1539 within 30 days of confirmation of acceptance and notification of course choice.

Cancellations (Read VERY Carefully)

If you wish to cancel you must inform the Programme Administrator at Oxford and the GLS office **in writing**.

The following cancellation policy applies **in all cases**:

- Registration in the corresponding course must follow the Duke add/drop deadline for Duke University

Cancellation of Oxford Registration

- All cancellations received prior to 15 June 2009 – Oxford retains 200 GBP registration fee; other fees will be refunded.
- All cancellations received between 15 June and 30 June 2009 - Oxford retains 60% of the fees paid.
- All cancellations received after 30 June 2009 – no refund.

***Please note that Oxford fees are approximately \$3506.25 and not the \$1889 noted above which includes a GLS supplement. GLS students are responsible for this amount to Oxford in the case of cancellation but will not be charged Duke tuition.**

In that no refunds are offered after 1 July 2009, applicants are **very strongly recommended to take out vacation cancellation insurance**, and should consult their travel agent and/or insurer for information and advice. Please note that OUDCE does not provide any insurance cover.

Alteration or Cancellation of a Course by OUDCE

Oxford University Department for Continuing Education and St. Antony's College reserve the right to alter details of any course should illness or any other emergency prevent a tutor from teaching, and to cancel a course or seminar if exceptionally low enrolment would make it educationally unviable.

Application Procedure

- Download the application from the GLS web site. **Submit application, supporting materials and deposit of \$500 directly to the GLS office.** Application deadline for **International Politics is March 1, 2009.**

The application must be accompanied by:

- A brief statement of purpose (350-400 words) detailing your **academic** reasons for wishing to attend the summer school. This may include details of relevant courses you have previously taken, or the relevance of the summer school to your present course of study or professional developments. It should include what you hope to get out of the programme and what you are likely to contribute to the intellectual life of the summer school.
- *In the case of non-native speakers of English*, official evidence of English language competency.
- A letter of recommendation from the GLS Director. GLS students must have their application materials reviewed by the GLS Director who will put approved applications forward to Oxford University.
- Four passport-sized photographs (ie 3 x 3.5cm, or 1¼ x 1½in), with your **full name** printed on the back of each. These are for library registration and administrative purposes.
- A non-refundable registration fee of \$350. (If your application is unsuccessful then this fee will not be processed.)

Applications must be submitted to the GLS office – not Oxford.

Oxford University operates a 'gathered field' closing date system by which applications are considered on a fair and equal basis at specific dates throughout the admissions period. Duke applications will be submitted in the second gathered field.

There is a limited number of places available on every course within each gathered field, and in assigning successful applicants to seminar groups the admissions panel will pay particular attention to applicants' personal statements.

You will normally be notified of the admission panel's decision within 14 days of the gathered field deadline. Notification will be sent by email or, if no email address has been provided, by fax or post.

For further information, contact Margaret Dennis (mdennis@duke.edu)