The University of Oxford summer Pre-sessional is open to all international students preparing for undergraduate and graduate study.

The Pre-Sessional is a full-time intensive course over six weeks. It is geared towards improving your academic language and literacy while providing an opportunity to meet fellow students and learn about British culture. The primary goal of the programme is to help you integrate into an English speaking university environment so that you will hit the ground running from the first day of your degree.

**COURSE DETAILS**

**DATES:** AUGUST 5 - SEPTEMBER 13

**LESSONS:** 4 PER DAY / 16 PER WEEK

**TOTAL WEEKLY TUITION:** 20 HRS (Plus Excursions)

**PRICE:** £3,250
With its ‘dreaming spires’, Oxford is really the most magical place I’ve visited. I will cherish the time I spent here for the rest of my life.

**WHY APPLY?**

The Pre-sessional course will help you:

- write academic English for different audiences and purposes
- read more effectively, with increased efficiency and speed
- understand grammatical aspects of language that pose difficulty or non-native academic writers
- become confident at using spoken English in subject-specific presentations, seminars and tutorials, and improve your pronunciation
- learn effectively from lectures and scholarly sources, while developing critical thinking and academic study skills
The first major component of Academic English covered in the course focuses on all aspects of written language production and comprehension. This includes:

**Academic Reading**
Aimed at helping students read with increased efficiency and speed, while enabling them to cope with the comprehension problems regularly encountered when engaging with scholarly materials.

**Academic Writing**
Along with providing a comprehensive review of how to structure and draft essays and reports, students will have the opportunity to research and write within their discipline.

**Language Study**
Covers key grammatical aspects of language that pose difficulty for non-native writers of all levels. The focus in these lessons is on reviewing English syntax with a view to increasing your technical knowledge of English and, in so doing, improving your written submissions.
The second component of the Pre-sessional course covers all aspects of spoken language.

This includes:

**Academic Listening**
While some strategies for understanding social English are included in these lessons, the main objective is to prepare students for academic lectures, seminars and tutorials in their respective fields.

**Academic Speaking and Presentation Skills**
Students take part in: individual/group presentations, seminars, debates, panel and group discussions. In this module, students prepare two presentations, including one solo presentation in their area of academic specialisation.

**Communication and Pronunciation**
Helps develop fluency in formal and informal contexts. This includes oral work (appropriate responses, vocabulary etc.), as well taking part in academic simulations. The dedicated ‘pronunciation’ lessons help students improve stress, intonation etc.
During the Pre-sessional, there are a number of social activities and excursions to places of cultural interest both in Oxford and around southern England.

In past years, planned excursions included:

- Punting on the River Cherwell
- A day trip to Bath and the Roman Baths
- Cream tea at Blenheim Palace
- A visit to Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick Castle
Admission Requirements

The course is open to all students with conditional or unconditional offers from Oxford University, as well as academic visitors and prospective students intending to study at other universities.

Before commencing on the course, it is helpful for us to know your current level of English. The following tests are recognised by the Language Centre: IELTS, TOEFL, CAE and CPE.

More information on the course, and how to apply, can be found on the Pre-sessional webpage.
The course fee includes all tuition, course materials and excursions to places of interest. After receiving your acceptance letter, a deposit is required to secure your place. The balance is due by the 20th of July.

Please note: the course fee does not include accommodation for your time in Oxford. Please see the following page for information.
Students studying at Oxford University often secure accommodation in their own colleges for the summer Pre-sessional period. In the first instance, students should contact their college as soon as possible to enquire about the availability, and cost, of rooms for August and September.

If college accommodation is not available, or for students intending to study at other universities, the Language Centre can provide information about suitable student accommodation in Oxford.
VISA INFORMATION

Not all students applying for the Pre-sessional will require a visa. However, for non-EU students applying from abroad, it is possible to join these programmes with either a Short-term Study Visa or a Tier 4 Visa.

Please see below for information:

Short-term Study Visa

For students who do not have an offer to study at a UK university following the Pre-sessional Programme, a Short-term study visa may be the appropriate route. Please see the official government website for details and instructions on how to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa

Following your successful application onto the Pre-sessional, the Language Centre will be happy to provide a letter of acceptance that can be used in support of your Short-term Study Visa application.

Tier 4 Visa

Students with an offer to study at Oxford, or another UK university, directly following the Pre-sessional should consider applying for a Tier 4 Visa. You can find details and instructions on how to apply here:
https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

Following your successful application onto the Pre-sessional, and payment of your deposit, the Language Centre will be happy to provide support in obtaining a CAS for your Tier 4 Visa application.