

Summer 2025 Oxford Experience–TENTATIVE Schedule

WEEK 1 Dates	July 13-19 ACTIVITIES*	Summer 2025 TIME*
	Activities* Arrivals for Week 1 Participants	
Sunday, July 13	Welcome Reception	After 3:00 pm 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Monday, July 14	Biblical Justice Class	9:00 am-5:00 pm
wonday, July 14	Dinner on your own / Free time	5:00 pm
Tuesday, July 15	Biblical Justice Class	9:00 am-5:00 pm
	Dinner on your own / Free Time	5:00 pm
Wednesday, July 16	Grab your to go Breakfast & Lunch be on bus at 7:30am*	7:30 am
	Tour of London	7:30am -5:00pm
	Dinner on your own / Free time	5:00 pm
Thursday, July 17	Biblical Justice Class	9:00 am-5:00 pm
	Dinner on your own / Free time	5:00 pm
Friday, July 18	Biblical Justice Class	9:00 am-5:00 pm
	Dinner on your own / Free time	5:00pm
Saturday, July 19	Departures by 10am turn in your key, unless staying for week 2	
WEEK 2	July 20-26	
Dates	ACTIVITIES*	TIME*
Sunday, July 20	Arrivals for Week 2 Participants	After 3:00 pm
	Welcome Reception	6:00pm-7:00pm
Monday, July 21	C.S. Lewis Class	9am-5pm
	Dinner on your own / Free time	5pm
Tuesday, July 22	C.S. Lewis Class	9am-5pm
Wednesday, July 22	Dinner on your own / Free time	5pm
Wednesday, July 23	Worship at Balliol Chapel	9:00am-10:00am 10:30am-11:30am
	Walking Tour of Oxford Lunch at St. Anne's: you must be there by 1:15pm	12:00 pm -1:15pm
	Tour of Magdalen College meet at Magdalen College	1:30pm-2:15 pm
	Free time	1.30pm-2.13 pm
Thursday, July 24	C.S. Lewis Class	9am-5pm
	Evening Evensong at Christ Church ⁺	5:30 pm
	Dinner on your own	7:00 pm
Friday, July 25	C.S. Lewis Class	9am-5pm
	Dinner on your own / Free time	5pm
Saturday, July 26	Departures by 10am turn in your key with the Porter.	10:00 am
Daily Schedule	Walking Tour of Oxford	
TIME	ACTIVITIES*	LOCATION*
7:30 am-8:00 am	Prayer, Devotional & Worship	Seminar Room 3
8:00 am – 8:50 am	Breakfast (available 7:30am-9am weekdays 8am-9:30 weekends)	Dining Hall (Building E)
9:00 am-10:45 am	Class	Seminar Room 8
10:45 am-11:00 am	Health Break	
11:00 am-12:30 pm	Class	Seminar Room 8
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Break (available 12:00pm-1:15pm weekdays)	Dining Hall (Building E)
1:20 pm – 2:45 pm	Class	Seminar Room 8
2:45 pm -3:00 pm	Health Break	
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Class	Seminar Room 8
5:00 pm	Dinner on your Own and Free Time FEK 1. July 16 th ONLX a packed breakfast & Junch will be ready at 7:00am a	

 *On Wednesday, WEEK 1, July 16th ONLY, a packed breakfast & lunch will be ready at 7:00am at the porter's lounge and we will board the bus for London at 7:00am sharp. *PICK UP YOUR BAGGED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN THE PORTER'S LOUNGE AND IMMEDIATELY BOARD THE BUS.

• Wednesday, July 23rd ONLY, devotionals will be held at Balliol College, followed by a Walking Tour of Oxford. At 1:30pm we will meet at Magdalen College for a tour. Afterward Your afternoon will be free. Lunch is available at St. Anne's from 12-1:15pm, but you must get your lunch no later than 1:15pm and be finished and at Magdalen at 1:30pm

• [†]Thursday, July 17th we will attend the evening Evensong at Christ Church at 6:00pm. (This is considered class time, in lieu of the free afternoon on Wednesday, July 16). NOTE: In order to get a seat, you need to be in line no later than 5:30 pm for the 6 pm service.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Where do I pay for my Oxford Trip?

Please make all your payments on the GoMethod website. Where you applied for the Oxford Experience Trip. The trip must be paid for by May 26th.

What about if I am using Financial Aid?



If you are using Financial Aid, SFS will apply your tuition to your student account. However, your trip fees are your responsibility and must be paid in full by May 27th. Please speak to Student Financial Services before January 8th to arrange FAFSA for summer. They will need to know to do this.

What is the refund policy?

Deposit and Trip Fees are non-refundable. Tuition refunds/credits are given for withdrawal from a course(s) when an official Add/Drop Form is completed with the Registrar. Students may withdraw from a course and receive a refund per the dates on the schedule below.

Tuition Refund	Begins	Ends
100% refund	5/26/2025	5/31/2025
75% refund	6/1/2025	6/4/2025
50% refund	6/5/2025	6/8/2025
25% refund	6/9/2025	6/12/2025

Students who withdraw after 6/12/2024 or are removed from the class for academic or financial reasons will not receive a refund for the tuition.

What do I need to do to complete my GoMethod information?

Please login to GoMethod and complete the 8 requirements. Including adding a photo, scanning your passport, and more. Watch this video: <u>https://youtu.be/z7fqvbmjF04</u>

Where should I book my flight to?

Heathrow Airport is the best option. But as long as you make it to St. Anne's in Oxford, it doesn't matter how you get there.

How do I get to St. Anne's in Oxford from London?

This is your responsibility to get yourself to and from Oxford. The recommended way to get to Oxford is via https://www.theairlineoxford.co.uk/ You can purchase a bus ticket from the Oxford Tube at https://traveloxfordtube.com/ your stop will be Gloucester Green in Oxford. Or you can take the train at https://traveloxfordtube.com/ your stop will be Gloucester Green in Oxford. Or you can take the train at https://www.thetrainline.com/stations/oxford it goes directly from Heathrow to Oxford Gloucester Green Station. Then you can walk or taxi to the school. An Uber costs close to £180 from London to St. Anne's.

What are the room arrangements at Oxford?

This year only single occupancy rooms are available. If you are married, you will be staying in separate rooms. We can request closer to July a double room, but there are no guarantees.

When does the class start and when are the trip dates?

The class starts May 26th and runs until August 2nd. Assignments are due before and possibly during the trip experience.

Here are the dates of arrival and departure with times according to the week(s) you are attending: Week 1 only arrive at St. Anne's July 13th 3pm-5pm and depart St. Anne's July 19th by 10am. Week 2 only arrive at St. Anne's July 20th 3pm-5pm and depart St. Anne's July 26th by 10am. Both weeks arrive at St. Anne's July 13th 3pm-5pm and depart St. Anne's July 26th by 10am. You will be able to stay at St. Anne's during the weekend of July 19-20 *only* if you are staying for both weeks.

Will there be homework during the trip?

Questions regarding homework need to be addressed to your professor. Read your syllabus!

What is considered class time and what type of attendance is required?

Class time and required activities encompass all scheduled Zoom meetings, including orientation and the welcome receptions for both weeks. If you are attending for both weeks, your presence at both receptions is mandatory. Additionally, all planned outings and excursions are integral to the program and are considered part of your class requirements. While the experience is designed to be enriching and enjoyable, it is essential to recognize that it is still a part of your academic commitment. Be aware that late nights and extra weekend trips you plan might be exhausting, but you are expected to participate fully in both class sessions and scheduled activities.

What is included and what is NOT included in my trip total?

<u>Included:</u> Your tuition fees, your room at Oxford and breakfasts and lunches. Costs associated with the Wednesday trips either in Oxford or to London. If you are staying two weeks, it does include breakfast and room and board for the weekend.



<u>Not Included</u>: Airline, transportation to/from Oxford, evening meals, tips for the walking tour on Wednesday July 23rd, and spending money.

Are meals provided if you are staying over the weekend?

Breakfast can be provided for students who are staying two weeks only. If you are staying at St. Anne's between weeks one and two, please let Taren know if you will be needing those meals. You can only stay the weekend if you are attending both weeks.

How will we stay connected during our time in England?

Cell phone connectivity in England can be a bit challenging. It's important to ensure that your mobile service includes international roaming. Even with this feature, connectivity can still be unpredictable. It is recommended you buy a UK Sim card before you go. Not required, but recommended.

To stay in touch, we'll be using the GroupMe application, where student each *must* join, enabling me to communicate with you through the app. There will be separate Week 1 and Week 2 Groups, so if you're participating in both weeks, make sure to join both groups. This will facilitate our communication with you throughout the trip. **Everyone is expected to join these groups.**

Week 1 link: <u>https://web.groupme.com/join_group/102556530/mSNIOd29</u> Week 2 link: <u>https://web.groupme.com/join_group/102556481/1mjJK1fk</u>



You mentioned tips: (Week 2 Students only)

Absolutely, it's not a common practice to leave tips for dinners in England, although it is sometimes done. However, for our walking tour on July 23rd, we will collect a gratuity for our guide. **Week TWO** students will be asked to Venmo an amount ranging from \$5 to \$10 on Monday, which will be given as a token of our appreciation to the tour guide for Wednesday. We will provide you with a QR code for this transaction at the start of the week through the GroupMe app. Or you can pay Taren cash, though it must be cash in **British pounds**. I must say, this tour is truly remarkable, and we've consistently had exceptionally knowledgeable guides. We do ask that all Week Two students please tip! (British Pounds or Venmo ONLY!)

Oxford Experience – Important Info

Important Contact Info: **The King's University** 817.722.1700 **American Embassy in UK** Embassy of the United States of America 33 Nine Elms Lane London SW11 7US

Trip Coordinator:

*All activities, times and locations are subject to change!



Taren Walters 817.722.1633 (you can call or text this number) or contact Taren via GroupMe.

Taren is your main point of contact if you need anything, or if there's an emergency, etc.

What to bring/do:

- Passport!
- Color Copies of your passport, IDs and Credit/Debit Cards (both sides, in case of loss).
- Textbooks and Bible.(check with professor about which books to bring.)
- Adaptors for your computer. UK Voltage is 230V. You will need to bring a power adapter for The United Kingdom to fit a US plug in a UK power outlet. Because the voltage is different in The United Kingdom bring a power converter for The United Kingdom if your appliance or charger isn't dual voltage and check that it can work with a 50hz power outlet. They do provide hairdryers and irons in the rooms.
- Towels. They do offer towels, but they are very small.
- Raincoat.
- Computer and charger.
- Chargers/extra batteries/portable power banks.
- RFID protector for passport and credit cards.
- Medications you may need must be in original containers.
- OPTIONAL: Coffee thermos mugs and/or water bottles. The cups the British offer for drinks are very small. You might appreciate having a larger mug for coffee or water.
- Passport!! (just checking)
- Money
 - Notify your bank & credit card companies you will be traveling overseas.
 - Do NOT exchange \$ in the airport or hotels due to higher rates.
 - You can get money from ATM's. (best option for best exchange rate)
 - Paying by credit card/debit card gives you the best rate.
- Take a picture of your suitcase, open faced. Put a piece of paper in your luggage with your name, address and cell phone number. In case the luggage gets lost, this paper will help.
 - In your carry-on luggage pack some essentials not just your computer. Heathrow airport is **NOTORIOUS** for losing luggage. Make sure you have some extra clothes and toiletry items in your carry-on. If you can get a direct flight you are more likely to not have your luggage lost. (Every year someone's luggage gets lost going or coming)

Helpful / Important Reminders:

- Before you leave the USA: activate travel alerts on your credit and debit to avoid fraud holds.
- Check to make sure your cellular network carrier will work while you are overseas. You may need to add international travel for the weeks you are gone.
- Time Difference: England is 5 hours ahead of Central Standard Time.
- When you arrive at the Heathrow airport. **DO NOT** tell the customs agent you are studying at Oxford!! You are a tourist who is staying at St. Anne's in Oxford.



Add this slip of paper to your suitcase:

My Name and home address:

US Cell Phone:

Where I am staying in London: St. Anne's College of Oxford 56 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HS, UK Tel: +44 (0) 1865 274800

My University in America: The King's University 2121 E. Southlake Blvd Southlake, TX 76092 USA Tel: 00 1 817-722-1700



IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT YOUR VISIT

When going through customs <u>DO NOT</u> say you are studying at Oxford! You are considered a tourist. You are staying at St. Anne's but you are not studying with St. Anne's. Please say you are a tourist. This is very important!!

During your visit to St. Anne's, the following are highlighting some general points that apply to everyone at St. Anne's:

- 1) We have a "no smoking indoors" policy and ask that everyone smokes only at the 14 designated points shown on the attached map.
- 2) We have a no cycling policy within College for Health and Safety reasons.
- 3) We ask that all cycles are parked in the area adjacent to the Banbury Road.
- 4) There are very limited parking facilities at the College, organizers should check with St. Anne's Conference office regarding any requests for parking spaces. The North Oxford Park and Rides (Pear Tree and Water Eaton) are very convenient as the buses stop near the College. Please see the link <u>https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/park-and-ride</u>
- 5) It is unusual for the College to accommodate children under the age of 16 and this should not be encouraged.
- 6) We ask that everyone is quiet between **midnight and 08:00 am**.
- 7) Breakfast is in the main Dining Hall between 08:00 and 08:50 am.
- 8) Fire procedure detail and a site map showing fire assembly points are on the back of each bedroom door.
- 9) We ask that all persons follow the instructions of Lodge Porters in the event of a fire or emergency.
- 10) We ask you contact the Lodge if you have any emergency or see something suspicious (the Lodge is 01865-274800).
- 11) We recommend that you lock your bedroom door at all times.
- 12) We ask you not to divulge entry door codes to anyone you do not know.
- 13) A laundry facility is located on the campus. Students will need to purchase a laundry card for £2 (which must be paid for with cash) they can then top the card up online. Instructions of how to do this are in the Laundry room.
- 14) Check-in is at the Porters Lodge from 15:00 hrs (3:00pm).
- 15) We request that you vacate your room by 10:00 am on your last day. Secure storage is available at the Lodge.
- 16) Please return their keys upon their departure.
- 17) St. Anne's is an historic campus that has natural hazards. There are control measures in place but all risks cannot be eliminated. Visitors are respectfully reminded of their responsibility to take care of themselves throughout their visit.







KEY

- A Seminar Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- B Conference & Events Office
- C Seminar Room 6
- D Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre
- E Lower & Upper Common Rooms
- F Seminar Rooms 7, 8 & 9, & Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
- G Seminar Rooms 10 & 11
- H STACS
- J College Bar
- K Accommodation Office & Domestic Bursar
- O WC
- Fire Assembly Point
- Recycling Point
- Smoking Area