

# OXFORD

*Classes: June 26 –  
August 2, 2013  
(4 units)*



Oxford Tutorials

English Legal Institutions Seminar (1 unit)  
Tutorials- extensive subject options (3 units)



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## About the Program

Santa Clara's Oxford program, founded in 1978, is conducted at Magdalen College at Oxford University. Magdalen College (founded in 1458, with some buildings dating even earlier) is one of the most historic and beautiful academic settings in the world. It is an 100 acre oasis complete with cloisters, medieval chapel, 15th Century bell tower, and a deer park. Alumni of Magdalen College include C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Oscar Wilde, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Souter. Over the years, Santa Clara has developed a close working relationship with the Oxford law faculty and the British legal community.

Students in the Santa Clara program may take full advantage of this long relationship and tradition through living and dining in the College, studying at the Bodleian and All Souls libraries, and experiencing the Oxford tutorial method of instruction. In sum, students in the Santa Clara program study law in much the same manner as would a British law student or Rhodes scholar. We welcome applications from students at any accredited law school who will have completed their first year of legal studies at the beginning of summer.



# Academic Component

## Faculty

### Seminar on English Legal System - (1 unit)

The program has a required seminar on the English legal and legal educational system. The seminar will meet on five different occasions at times to be arranged. The discussions are led by English barristers and judges. One meeting consists of a tour of the Royal Courts in London, a conversation with a distinguished jurist, and a visit to Gray's Inn in London, one of the four Inns of Court. As special guests of Gray's Inn, Santa Clara students attend a traditional moot held between Santa Clara students and English barristers, which is followed by a reception and social hour.

### Tutorial - (3 units)

Tutorial courses consist of weekly tutorials. Each week includes a reading list and an essay topic assigned by the tutor. At the tutorial, the student "reads" his/her essay and undertakes a one-on-one discussion with the tutor. Because of the tutorial style, there may be occasions for some flexibility on subject matter, depending on the student's interest. Students select a tutor and subject for study.

### Tutorial Method and Format

The tutorial method, which was conceived at Oxford, is an individualized method of teaching. Rather than attending lectures, each week the student meets individually in a tutorial session with his/her Oxford tutor. Tutorials typically take place at the College or in the tutor's "rooms." In these tutorial sessions the student discusses and defends before the tutor an essay the student has prepared, based on extensive readings assigned by the tutor. Students usually research and prepare their essays at Bodleian Library.

All tutorials are conducted in the traditional manner: one-to-one. (Occasionally a professor may, for pedagogical reasons, prefer to meet students in pairs; in such cases the tutorial sessions will be for two hours). The tutorial method ensures thoughtful preparation and individual attention, while tailoring the discussion to be most helpful and interesting to each student. Tutors assign a letter grade based on student performance in their preparation of the weekly essay and the quality of the tutorial discussions. There is no examination.

**Professor Roger J. Smith** is a member of the Oxford faculty of law and a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford. He received his B.A. from Cambridge, and his M.A. from both Cambridge and Oxford. He has been a lecturer in law at Birmingham University, a Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and a visiting lecturer in law at the University of Melbourne. His research and teaching interests are in the areas of Real Property, Torts, Trust, Company Law, and Taxation.

### Comparative Property Law

The course will explore similarities and differences between the law of real property in England and that of the U.S.

### Comparative Tort Law

This course will explore similarities and differences between the tort law of England and that of the U.S.

**Professor Peter Mirfield** is a member of the Oxford faculty of law and a fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. He received his M.A. and B.C.L. from Oxford. His teaching and research interests include constitutional law, criminal law, evidence and jurisprudence. He is also a former practicing barrister and has taught in the United States, including at Santa Clara University School of Law.

### Jurisprudence

This course explores the philosophy of law, including the relationship between law and morality, the source of law, "natural" law, the meaning of "justice" and related theories. You will explore the bearing of these various schools of thought on current judicial approaches to such things as due process, liberty, and victimless crimes.

**Dr. Bettina Lange** was a Jean-Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy from September 2004 to January 2005. She is a member of the academic advisory panel of the Centre for

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Environmental Law set up by Landmark Chambers. She has a BA in Law and Sociology and a PhD in Law from Warwick University.

**Comparative Media Law and Policy** (co-taught with Professor Laurence Lustgarten)

This course will explore topics in the exploding area of media law and policy throughout the world. It does not count towards Santa Clara's High Tech Certificate, but does count toward Santa Clara's International High Tech Certificate.

**Professor Laurence Lustgarten** is a Visiting Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict. He was a Professor Law at the University of Southampton and Warwick Law School, Queen's University.

**Comparative Media Law and Policy** (co-taught with Professor Bettina Lange)

**Professor Ana Aliverti** is the Oxford-Howard League Post-doctoral Fellow at the Centre for Criminology. She has recently completed her DPhil in Law at Oxford. Her work looks at the role of criminal law in the policing of immigration. Before starting her doctorate degree, she completed the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Oxford in 2008 with Distinction and was awarded the Proxime Accessit to the Roger Hood Prize. She also holds an MA in Sociology of Law (Magna Cum Laude, IISL) and a BA in Law (Honours, University of Buenos Aires).

**Criminal Law and Immigration Criminology**

**Catherine MacKenzie** is a fellow at Selwyn College at Cambridge University, a Cambridge University lecturer in law and member of the Faculty of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Oxford University and her PhD in law as a Commonwealth Scholar at Australian National University. Her scholarly interests focus on international law

**Public International Law**

This tutorial explores the history, sources and development of international law. It commences by exploring the nature and sources of international law. It then discusses the role of treaties, states, individuals and organizations (e.g. UN), explores state responsibility, collective security and the use of force, and concludes by identifying emerging trends in international law.

**International Environmental Law**

This tutorial considers how international law may be used to enhance environmental protection. It

discusses the history, development, sources and principles of international environmental law and reviews the role of the UN and other international organizations in the context of international environmental law-making. Next it explores the creation, implementation and effectiveness of international law in selected areas of environmental activity (including atmospheric protection, climate change, biodiversity, hazardous waste, nuclear energy). Finally, it analyses the resolution of international environmental disputes (including international responsibility, the role of international courts and tribunals and the quantification of environmental harm).

**Professor Kate West** is a DPhil (PhD) student at the Centre for Criminology, Faculty of Law. Her work looks at the role of visual media in criminological theory and criminal justice practice. Before beginning her doctoral research, Kate completed the LL.B at the University of Edinburgh with First Class Honours and the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research) at the University of Oxford with Distinction and was awarded the Routledge Criminology Prize (best performance on the MSc).

**Criminology**

This course seeks to develop understanding of the organizing categories and central claims of a range of modern criminological perspectives of crime and social control. It equips students to recognize the main problems, questions, dichotomies and ideas that have shaped modern criminological thought. Attention is paid throughout to the contexts that shape the emergence and reception of modern criminological theory and to the modes of social intervention that different criminological perspectives expressly or implicitly propose.

**Professor Roderick Bagshaw** is Tutor and Fellow in Law at Magdalen College and a Lecturer in the Faculty of Law. He teaches undergraduate courses in Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and Tort Law, and on the postgraduate BCL Evidence course.

**Building a Privacy Tort in England**

Focuses on the development of a right of privacy in the UK (for royalty, celebrities, and others), where free speech doesn't get quite the same protection as under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Includes discussion of the relationship between the UK and the European Convention on Human Rights.



**Bodleian Library:** Santa Clara students will be granted the unusual privilege of reader status at the Bodleian Library, where they will be admitted at a special ceremony at the beginning of the program. The Bodleian Library has perhaps the largest collection of English language materials in the world. Reading for the weekly tutorials will take place using the extensive Bodleian collection. **Note:** Most of the tutorial reading will be available for students at the Bodleian Library.



**Gray's Inn Moot:** Gray's Inn is one of four English Inns of Court. All English barristers must be a member of one of those Inns and membership in an Inn fosters civility and collegiality among lawyers and judges to which lawyers in the United States can aspire. At Gray's Inn, students will observe a moot between two Santa Clara Law School students and two barristers in training. English judges or barristers, or both, will preside over the moot, and it provides students an exciting and unique opportunity to observe the traditional legal culture of England. The judges, barristers, and barristers in training will join students for a reception at Gray's Inn following the moot.





# Travel Information

The town of Oxford has been a glittering center of English life and learning for almost 1,000 years. Students have ample opportunity to browse among its many historical buildings and treasures. Some of the more than 30 colleges date from the 12th and 13th centuries and include beautiful gardens and examples of medieval architecture. Magdalen College is located on 50 acres of beautiful grounds bordering the River Cherwell. This college, which dates back to 1458 (Magdalen's student pub is in a 13th century building predating the College), includes architectural examples spanning seven centuries, as well as exquisite English gardens and the famous deer preserve. Because of its beauty, it is not uncommon for films to be shot in the College (*Shadowlands* is an example). Though located near the center of town, Magdalen offers true respite and grandeur to students and faculty alike.

One might spend the afternoon reading in Christ Church Meadow, where Alice took her nap before entering Wonderland. Or you may rent a punt at Magdalen edge and drift up and down the river enjoying a picnic gathered at the Open Market. A taxi, 30 minute bike ride, or a one hour walk can take you to the ruined abbey where King Henry II visited (or kept) his mistress. You may continue your outing and take refreshments at the famous riverside Trout Inn. In the evening attend one of the numerous concerts or outdoor theatricals, or you can simply watch the sun setting over the pink Oxford spires from the hill where Charles II trained his troops during the English Civil War.

Many historic sites outside Oxford are easily accessible from the college thanks to excellent bus and rail service. The beautiful Cotswolds are a 30-minute train trip from Oxford. Blenheim Castle is a short bus ride or an afternoon cycle ride away. Historic Abington can be reached from Oxford via a leisurely boat ride down the Thames. In fact, London – one of the truly great cities of the world and the cultural, political, and financial center of Britain – is only an hour away by train and only 90 minutes by bus (which stops at the entrance to the College). Oxford and London offer students a cornucopia of opportunities for discovery and entertainment. A refuge for scholars and adventurers alike, Oxford is an experience to cherish for a lifetime.

## Important Links to visit before going to Oxford:

[The Universal Currency ConverterTM](#)

[US Dept of State: Passport Services](#)

[US Embassies/Consulates](#)

[Magdalen College](#)

[Tips for Traveling Abroad](#)

[Travel Safety Information](#)

[Consular Information Sheet – United Kingdom](#)

[Disability Info in Oxford](#)

[Additional Disability Info](#)

[General Disability Info](#)

Oxford Classes	<i>Seminar + Tutorial [5.5 weeks]</i>	Price Breakdown
Tuition Seminar - 1 unit	\$900	\$900 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
Tuition Tutorial - 3 units	\$2,700	\$900 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>	

Other Program Expenses	<i>(Estimate) - 38 days, 5.5 weeks</i>	Price Breakdown
Estimated Air Fare	\$1,900	
Lodging - Single	\$2,875	Room plus 5 continental breakfasts and lunches per week
Food	\$1,900	\$50 per day, per person*
Books & Supplies	\$150	
Estimated Local Transportation	\$275	\$50/week*
Miscellaneous**	\$1,100	\$200/week*
<b>Totals (Estimates)</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>	

\* Subject to currency stability

\*\*Personal travel and entertainment

\*\*\*The summer is a separate borrowing period from the spring and the fall. You may be eligible for **financial aid** to cover all or part of your summer expenses. Consult with your home law school's financial aid office to see if you are eligible.



# Student Budget

## Helpful Links

[Application Deadlines](#)

[Financial Aid](#)

[Online Application](#)

# Housing Information



Magdalen College makes its facilities available to students wishing to live in college housing. The accommodations at Magdalen are the same as those occupied by Oxford students during the regular term, and residence in the College is subject to the same rules that govern regular Oxford students residing in Magdalen. Included within Magdalen's grounds are not only gardens, pastoral walks along the river, but also lawn and hard court tennis venues. The standard of rooms varies considerably with the age of the building. Some rooms are within the College compound, while others may be in Magdalen's facilities near the College. Occasionally, students occupy the rooms of illustrious alumni of the College, such as Oscar Wilde. While the rooms may vary in size and general quality, all are the same price. Assignment is based on date of application. So, early application helps insure the best available room. (The College reserves the right to change rooms during the program).

Some bath and washing facilities are shared (dormitory style), but no bedrooms are shared. Sharing of rooms, except by partners who have requested a double, is not allowed. Bed linen and towels are provided. Adapters for electrical equipment are required. Children may not reside in the college. The privilege of residing in historic rooms at Magdalen College, with access to College and University facilities, imposes an obligation to respect the traditions and norms of the institution. Living in College, as would an English student, is an enriching part of the educational/cultural experience, but can present challenges to Americans who may be unfamiliar with those traditions. Students will be fully briefed, and will be expected to comply with those standards of conduct. As the full Oxford experience can be gained only by living and dining in College, students are encouraged to live in College, but are free to make alternative arrangements.

## **Housing Fee Charges for Summer 2013 (June 26 - August 2)**

Single, standard rooms: \$2,875 (U.S.)

Doubles are available for students who bring partners only. Please contact Monica Davis for a price quote. (Includes breakfast and lunch daily, Monday - Friday)

A limited number of superior rooms with en suite bathrooms may be available. The charge for such rooms varies. Information on availability and price will be supplied on inquiry.

## **Meals**

Included in the lodging, at no additional charge, are breakfast and lunch, Monday - Friday. These meals are served in the historic, 15th century grand dining hall of Magdalen College (long tables, coats of arms, etc.). In addition, a formal reception and dinner are held in college to mark the end of the program as well as an evening and dinner at Gray's Inn, London. Madgalen College fronts on Oxford's High Street. Along this historic way are numerous pubs, small cafes, and

## Have Questions? Contact us!

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