Visiting Students
Information for prospective applicants
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 (usually the equivalent of an American professor) 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.

How many courses can I take as a Visiting Student?

The Visiting Student Programme allows students to take 12 credit hours of study per term. This is normally arranged as such: students take one ‘primary’ course for eight credit hours and one ‘secondary’ course for four credit hours. In the Oxford system, students study in tutorials or small groups that meet weekly or every other week. For a primary course, students will meet for one hour with a tutor each week and for a secondary course, they will meet for one hour every other week. Students might also be asked to attend lectures to supplement materials covered in the tutorial sessions but no additional credits are given for attending lectures.

Which subjects can I study as a Visiting Student at Lady Margaret Hall?

A list of the subjects we currently offer, and more detailed information can be found on our website: http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/Admissions/Visiting-students/Subjects.aspx

In those areas where the college does not regularly admit undergraduates e.g. Human Sciences, it may be possible to arrange courses in some of the component parts of the degree, e.g. Psychology, Sociology, Demography, Anthropology. Similarly, in some areas where the college does not normally admit Visiting Students, e.g. Law, it may be possible to arrange one or more courses in the academic field.

In addition, and with the consent of tutors, we can provide some special subjects tailored to the Visiting Student’s interest. For example, courses have been offered recently on the role of the American Supreme Court, and on Britain’s relationship with Ireland in the 20th Century. We also offer Creative Writing and other workshops which are open to all Visiting Students (not only to those studying English). However, the ability of the College to accommodate students in a particular subject area is decided on a case by case basis each year since this will depend on our ability to match a student’s particular interests to teaching resources.
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!

Where will I live?
LMH guarantees on-site housing for all Visiting Students. All rooms are single study bedrooms and some have their own en-suite shower and WC facilities. All rooms have broadband internet connection and have access to a fully-equipped communal kitchen.

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 and our lovely gardens host the annual LMH Summer Garden Party. We also hold several special events for Visiting Students, including a Thanksgiving dinner.

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.

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 holds surgeries on site. Our Porters’ Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day with first-aid trained staff and our Junior Dean lives on site.

“...top notch; I can genuinely say that I learned more in an 8 week term than I did in a 3-month semester back home”
James Hacker, George Washington University (Economics)
How to Apply
The LMH Visiting Student Programme works through individual university and college Study Abroad offices, university consortiums and several agencies, for example (but not exclusively) IFSA-Butler and Arcadia. We are happy to establish links with institutions who we do not yet work with.

Our application form is available on our website, or alternatively please email visiting.students@lmh.ox.ac.uk.

What are the fees for the Visiting Student Programme?
Tuition fees are agreed between Lady Margaret Hall and the relevant institution’s Study Abroad Office or agency. Accommodation costs are fixed annually by early summer. Please contact the Visiting Student Administrator (visiting.students@lmh.ox.ac.uk) for further information.

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

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Lady Margaret Hall is located in north-central Oxford, less than 10 minutes’ walk to the University Science Area and about 15 minutes on foot (5 minutes by bicycle) from the centre of Oxford. You can find us at the end of Norham Gardens, adjacent to the University Parks on an open, spacious, beautiful site, with a large garden that runs down to the river.

“The grounds are absolutely beautiful - more extensive than other colleges, and right next to the parks to boot. Graduate and undergraduate housing is on-site, which fosters a strong sense of community within College. Everyone I met was friendly and welcoming to the visiting students”

Liz Thiers, Northwestern University (Literature and Music)