



2019 Summer Institute at Oriel College Oxford

--- International Law Programme

I. Introduction & Background

Oriel College

Oriel College is the fifth oldest of the University of Oxford's constituent colleges, founded in 1326. Situated in the heart of Oxford, Oriel is home to around 300 undergraduate and 200 postgraduate students, as well as around 100 members of academic staff. The majority of Oriel's buildings date from the 17th century onwards and include the Chapel, Pantin Library, Senior Library, and Hall. The College prides itself on being a welcoming academic community, home to world-class teaching, learning and research.

Summer Institute at Oriel College Oxford

Summer Institute at Oriel College Oxford (OSI) is an exclusive study abroad programme offered by Oriel College (University of Oxford, UK). It offers courses on a wide range of subjects like International Law, International Economics, PPE, English Literature and Learning Skills. OSI works with an outstanding faculty that is comprised of current professors, lecturers, researchers and tutors from the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge.

II. International Law Programme Introduction

This exclusive International Law programme is part of the Summer Institute of Oriel College Oxford. It offers delegates the chance to participate in seminars and tutorials to learn more about International Business Law, International Taxation, UK Contract Law, European Business Law, and other cutting-edge law disciplines. It also offers delegates a rare opportunity to learn about international and theoretical economics as part of an incredibly international community. Each week, Delegates will participate in one course with an examination at the end of the week. Cultural activities will be offered as well so that delegates can have the closest experience of Oxford life within a short time.

Programme Dates:

Session 1: 7 July to 3 August 2019

Session 2: 21 July to 17 August 2019

Session 3: 4 August to 31 August 2019

Session 4: 18 August to 14 September 2019

Course Options:

** All course topics are subject to availability of the faculty and Oriel College would be happy to offer other course topics upon the request from Partnerships Universities.*

1. European Business Law and Economic Law - Corporations, Conflict and Competition: how Europe shapes the world

This course will introduce the main concepts in European law and European Business Law giving students a better understanding of the European Legal System.

- a. European Business and Economic Law: This lecture series discusses how the European Union (EU) works: the federal structure of the EU, regulatory competition and federal law making including an overview of the European institutions.
- b. European Corporate Law: This course discusses the European corporate law and the coordination of domestic laws in order to minimise conflicting burdens for cross-border establishment of corporation. It also gives insights of the various options for European corporate structures and discusses the SA as the latest version of a European corporate structure for multinational companies.
- c. European Competition Law: These lectures are designed to allow general understanding of the core economic concepts of competition in the market economy system within the European Union (EU). As competition law is always

connected to consumer protection this important aspect of European law is also covered as part of this lecture series.

2. International Criminal Law - The quest for global justice: do international treaties and courts effectively proscribe and deter international crime?

Issues of international law and international justice are at the forefront of public debates to a greater degree than ever before. International law provides the intellectual and the technical underpinnings to large areas of international cooperation, including the:

- Prosecution of war crimes (both internationally and nationally);
- Legality of the use of force against States (e.g. Libya and Iraq);
- Scope of human rights protection (e.g. the 'war on terrorism');
- International crimes and international criminal tribunal.

3. International Arbitration & Legal (and SOCIO-LEGAL) Theory

The course aims to cover the study of international commercial arbitration within its international and national legal frameworks. The importance of international arbitration has increased dramatically making the area one of the most fascinating contemporary developments in the law. In a world of growing global trade and commerce arbitration has become the preferred mechanism for resolving disputes in cross-border commercial transactions. As global commercial activities have expanded they also have become more complex. Scholars working in the field, arbitrators and courts have created highly sophisticated solutions that respond to the complexities and challenges of global commerce. The growing practical importance of arbitration has invigorated the scholarly debate—particularly on the legal theory of international arbitration.

The course aspires to study international commercial arbitration from a comparative perspective starting with the international instruments such as the New York Convention subsequently examining how these instruments have been interpreted and applied in various jurisdictions and by different national courts. The course will focus on a comparison between the approaches taken by US courts, national courts in Europe and by the Court of Justice of the European Union.

4. Jurisprudence - The philosophy of law: the Hart/Dworkin debate

This course will investigate the philosophical theory of law to better understand the social science of law, of legal reasoning, legal systems, and of legal institutions. The course will touch on natural law and normative jurisprudence, but focus primarily on analytic jurisprudence; contrasting legal positivism and legal realism. The course will aim to provide varied schools of thought on how to answer the age-old question, 'what is law, and what should it be?'

5. United Kingdom Corporate Law

This course aims to introduce students to the subject of UK Company & Corporate Law. Students will participate in lectures covering the legal topics of companies operating in the United Kingdom. The course will discuss the different kinds of partnerships, the differences between private and public, limited and unlimited companies, as well as liability and insolvency issues. Through theoretical concepts, students will have the opportunity to analyse legal cases in UK jurisdiction.

6. International Trade and Maritime Law From investments to human rights; on land and at sea

International Trade Law regulates global trade activity in goods and services, issues of intellectual property, and Foreign Direct Investment, to name a few. International trade intertwines with issues of state aid, dumping, international development and human rights. Its reach is global as it affects trade volume and sets a level playing field for countries and corporations alike. In doing so, the World Trade Organization is the designated body that administers existing trade agreements, facilitates the conclusion of new ones, and promotes the amicable settlement of disputes.

This course will examine all the pressing issues of International Trade Law, and will shed light on the emerging trends and challenges in the field. It will offer a comprehensive overview of International Economic Law and explore all the surrounding aspects of trade. Class activities, case law, success stories, and moot court activities will complement each lecture. Upon completion of this course, students should expect to have a sound and thorough understanding of international trade law irrespective of their academic background.

7. English Tort Law

This course gives an introduction to the law of Tort in England and Wales. It will cover: negligence (including occupiers liability, pure economic loss and psychiatric injury), nuisance, defamation, defences, and vicarious liability.

The course will be taught through a series of four seminars. In each seminar, the lecturer will begin by setting out the legal position and how the law applies in particular situations. We will go through the basic law and some complexities, as well as areas of debate. The law will be explained before moving to groups discussion of how the law works and some practical application, as well as critical evaluation.

8. International Business Tax Law

This course deals with the key issues of international tax. It provides a concise but yet comprehensive introduction to international taxation and offers an in-depth coverage of some selected topics (e.g. harmful tax competition, exchange of

information). UK tax law is used to explain basic tax principles and concepts generally relevant to national tax systems. Whilst using the examples of UK tax provisions as a starting point, this course covers a wide variety of domestic, international and EU-related tax issues.

9. Medical Law and Ethics

-Personal Injury

-Clinical Negligence

The purpose of the course is to give an introduction to the law in England and Wales on a number of important topics in medical law including consent, negligence, reproductive medicine and end of life decision-making. It will also consider the ethical issues raised by each of these areas, and evaluate whether the law currently takes the right approach to them, or whether the law ought to be reformed. In doing so, it will discuss a number of current controversies in medical law, including whether we ought to allow parents to 'design' their babies; whether we should ever compensate parents for the birth of an unwanted, but healthy child; and whether we should legalise assisted suicide?

The course will be taught through a series of four seminars. In each seminar, the lecturer will begin by setting out the legal position and the ethical issues which the topic raises, before moving to a group discussion. Students will be expected to contribute to this discussion, and put forward their own ideas on the subject.

10. English Contract Law

- The first two seminars offer an introduction to the common law, and will consider the basic mechanisms for the formation of contracts, namely offer and acceptance, and related questions.
- Consideration and Promissory Estoppel: Consideration is a doctrine that is peculiar to the common law. These seminars consider its place in English contract law and also look at similar questions in other legal systems.
- Privity of Contract: Privity of contract is another doctrine that is found in the common law of contract, but not in other legal systems. The doctrine of privity has important consequences for the transfer of claims (assignment). Both the doctrine and its repercussions will be considered in these lectures.
- Breach of Contract: These lectures consider the remedies available to the parties to a contract in case the other party does not perform its obligations as promised.

11. International Dispute Resolution from Arbitration and Mediation to the Use of Force

This course provides an introduction to international conflict and cooperation,

focusing on the various ways in which inter-state disputes are forcefully or peacefully resolved. The course is divided into three overarching sections. The first section examines the legal and normative frameworks through which states resolve their disputes. This will involve exploring the competing theoretical perspectives on how state interests are defined and querying the inevitability and permissibility of armed conflict as a means of settling disputes within international law. With this theoretical foundation in place, the second part of the course then moves to investigate the relative success of different conflict-resolution strategies from arbitration and mediation to more coercive measures. We will consider the efficacy of various legal, political and diplomatic tools through the lens of contemporary case studies. The third and final part of the course will examine the role of global institutions in managing international disputes. The course will draw to a close by exploring how these global institutions could be reformed to better manage international disputes.

III. Faculty

Prof Keith Hawkins, Oriel College, University of Oxford (UK)

Prof Stefan Enchelmaier, Oriel College, University of Oxford (UK)

Dr Andreas Von Glodbeck, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford (UK)

Dr Imogen Goold, St Anne's College, University of Oxford (UK)

Dr Robert Pitkethly, St Peter's College, University of Oxford (UK)

Dr Serena Sharma, Martin School, University of Oxford (UK)

Dr John Vella, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford (UK)

Dr Catherine MacKenzie, Green Templeton College, University of Oxford (UK)

Emilie McDonnell, University College, University of Oxford (UK)

Sachintha Diasmudalige, The Queen's College, University of Oxford (UK)

Alix de Zitter, New College, University of Oxford (UK)

Talita de Souza, Balliol College, University of Oxford (UK)

IV. Additional Course Features

1. Excursion: During students' time off, there are planned trips to top attractions and landmarks around the United Kingdom. Locations delegates can choose from include Bath, Cotswolds and London.

2. Cultural Activities in Oxford: Throughout the programme, delegates will have the opportunity to get to know the city of Oxford through a variety of activities

- Welcome Reception
- The Ashmolean Museum
- Oxford Castle Tour
- Oxford Walking Tour
- Oriel College Tours
- Traditional Punting
- Oxford University Botanic Garden
- River Cruise
- Croquet Tournament
- Film Nights
- Pub Tour
- Evening talks
- Formal Hall and Farewell Dinner
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V. Certificate, Academic Transcript, and Accreditation

Each week, one course will be taught. Combining lecture time, preparation, study time, and tests, each week is designed to be equivalent to 2 - 3 ECTS credits or 1 - 1.5 US credits. Delegates are invited to participate in one examination each course.

Summer Institute at Oriel College Oxford is a certificate programme that may be accountable for optional credits depending on the requirements of the home institution/school/university.

A certificate of attendance will be issued by Oriel College. An Academic Transcript will also be issued by Oriel College and will show the courses attended by each delegate. It will indicate the workload of each course as well the results of exams and assignments.

VI. Tuition and Fees

Tuition fee (per 4-week session)	4,070 GBP
For Partnership Universities	2,860 GBP

The tuition fee includes all lectures, lecture materials, leisure activities, and planned weekend excursions.

Accommodation and Food (per 4-week session)	2,650 GBP
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The Summer Institute offers the opportunity to stay in one of the colleges of the University of Oxford (UK). All rooms are single rooms with shared bathroom facilities. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be offered by the college from Monday to Friday. On weekends only breakfast will be served.