

# ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM



**University Experience 2019**  
**Summer Courses for High-School Students**  
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# WELCOME

Our university experience programmes are prestigious academic summer courses for high-school students. They are a unique opportunity for high-achieving students to live, study and socialise in the heart of London or in beautiful Oxford and Cambridge University Colleges. Students travel from all over the world to take part in these programmes. Wherever they are from, students are independent, inquisitive and willing to embrace new experiences and cultures.

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## **The London Advanced Studies Program**

gives students the opportunity to explore one of the greatest cities in the world as well as receiving academic enrichment.

## **The Oxford and Cambridge Advanced Studies Program**

allows students to experience life as an Oxford or Cambridge undergraduate, and also gives students a real advantage in the competitive world of college applications.

## **UK & Global University Preparation**

provides students with the opportunity to understand and prepare for university applications across the world's leading countries for higher education.



Bucksmore has given me a great opportunity to see the world from a new perspective. I have truly enjoyed learning subjects that I love on an amazing campus.

Sydney, USA





# OVERVIEW

## WHY CHOOSE THE ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM?

- Spend a summer living and studying like a UK university undergraduate
- Supplement subject knowledge and improve grades
- Study academically relevant and challenging subjects in small groups and individual tutorials
- Be taught by expert tutors from Oxford, Cambridge and London
- Develop key skills for success in future education and careers in workshops and master classes
- Broaden horizons by exploring historic locations and other famous UK destinations
- Network with like-minded, high-achieving students from around the world, including approximately 20-25% native speakers from countries such as the USA, Canada and UK
- Potentially progress to study at a top British university, including Oxford and Cambridge

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- The Advanced Studies Program is open to both native English speakers and international students with a minimum language level of C1 (advanced) or above.
- London: Ages 13-16
- Oxford & Cambridge: Ages 16-18



This is my third time with Bucksmore. I really like the subjects, teachers and the whole atmosphere.

Kristina, Russia







# BRASENOSE COLLEGE

OXFORD UNIVERSITY







## BRASENOSE COLLEGE

### ACCOMMODATION

- 70 single standard bedrooms
- Separate male and female accommodation

### FACILITIES

- Student common room
- Nearby playing fields
- Gated entrance to residential block

### MEALS

- Breakfast, lunch & dinner

### INTERNET/COMPUTERS

- Student computer room
- Wi-Fi access on campus

**Oxford University is the oldest university in the English-speaking world and remains an internationally-renowned centre of learning. Today, Oxford is a vibrant modern city with stunning medieval architecture. The university continues to attract the brightest students and most eminent academics from across the world.**

The Oxford Advanced Studies Program (OASP) is held in Brasenose College, which is over 500 years old. Brasenose enjoys the best location of any Oxford University College, right in the heart of the historic city and next to the famous Bodleian Library and Radcliffe Camera. OASP classrooms are in the Frewin Annexe whilst the impressive college dining hall is located in the main college building.

All OASP students have a comfortable bedroom in the Frewin Court Annexe of Brasenose College. Frewin Court is a quiet and secure residential courtyard a short walk from the main college, next to the Oxford Union debating chambers.

Oxford's 'dreaming spires', cobbled streets and world-famous university provide a fantastic backdrop to our Oxford summer programme. As of 2018, 27 UK Prime Ministers have attended Oxford. International leaders from at least 30 other countries have also studied at Oxford, making it the ideal summer location for ambitious students.



Oxford has been the perfect place to meet new people from all around the world and also to learn not only educational subjects but practical life lessons.

Alberto, Spain







# MAGDALENE COLLEGE

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY





In 1209, scholars left Oxford after an argument with the local people and founded Cambridge University. The colleges and academic institutions began establishing themselves in the 13th century and today it is impossible to tell where the city ends and the university begins. Cambridge is now a quaint but grand city in the east of England, and Cambridge University is often rated as the best university in the world.



## MAGDALENE COLLEGE

### ACCOMMODATION

- 70 single standard bedrooms
- Separate male and female accommodation

### FACILITIES

- Modern auditorium
- Student common room
- Nearby playing fields
- Porters' lodge manned 24 hours a day

### MEALS

- Breakfast, lunch & dinner

### INTERNET/COMPUTERS

- Wi-Fi access on campus

The Cambridge Advanced Studies Program (CASP) is held in Magdalene College, founded in 1428 and the seventh oldest Cambridge University College. Located just north of the city centre on the River Cam it enjoys the longest riverfront of any college. Magdalene is famous for housing the diaries of Samuel Pepys, the writer who recorded the events of the Great Fire of London in 1666. Older, more traditional Magdalene buildings such as the famous Pepys Library are complemented by the new Cripps Court accommodation and teaching block.

Cambridge is a small, intimate city dominated by impressive university buildings. It is the perfect location for students wanting a traditional and academically inspiring summer programme. CASP students will follow in the footsteps of the 10 Kings and Queens, 53 Presidents and Prime Ministers, and 98 Nobel Prize winners who were all educated at Cambridge University.



The Cambridge Advanced Studies Program has been so much fun. The classes and master classes were great. I recommend this summer school to anyone who wants an insight to the Oxbridge student lifestyle.

Catalin, Romania





# OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

## COURSE OVERVIEW



The Oxford and Cambridge Advanced Studies Program is designed to provide students with a well-rounded educational and cultural experience. The Oxford and Cambridge University teaching method is based on small-group seminars and one-to-one tutorials, and this experience also lies at the heart of our summer programmes.

This creates a lively and rewarding learning environment for all our students, who are encouraged to actively engage with new and exciting academic ideas. We also offer challenging projects, creative workshops and cultural excursions alongside a full activity programme in and around Cambridge and Oxford.

### THE COURSE INCLUDES...

- Seminars in two subjects with a class size between one and six students
- Fortnightly one-to-one tutorials in each subject
- Creative workshops (see page 16)
- A choice of master classes to develop key personal skills (see page 17)
- Guest speakers every week
- Full activity programme including sports and cultural visits
- Excursions to popular destinations and attractions across the UK
- Free time to explore these famous cities with new friends
- A high nationality mix with students from all over the world
- Full course report and certificate.

Students can attend OASP and CASP for either two, four or six weeks.

## TYPICAL TWO-WEEK TIMETABLE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
WEEK ONE	A.M.	Arrivals	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Full-Day Excursion: Cambridge Sightseeing, Punting and Restaurant Dining	
	P.M.	Arrivals	Tour of City and Colleges	Workshop	Full Day Excursion: London	Master Class		Workshop
	EVE	Welcome Meeting	Murder Mystery Night	Guest Lecture		University Challenge		Sports Games
WEEK TWO	A.M.	Lazy Sunday Morning	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Tutorial 1 Tutorial 2	Departures	
	P.M.	Half-Day Excursion: Blenheim Palace	Master Class	Workshop	Full Day Excursion: London	Afternoon in Oxford	Individual Supervisions	Free Day (for 4 or 6 week students)
	EVE	Cricket and Croquet	Theatre Visit	Guest Lecture		Bowling	Formal Hall and Graduation Ceremony	





## WORKSHOPS, MASTER CLASSES AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A two-week course includes three afternoons of workshops and a final presentation by all students before the farewell dinner and graduation ceremony. Master classes take place over two afternoons per programme, and students have a choice of options to help with their personal development. Students will enjoy three full-day excursions and one half-day trip every two weeks. Remaining periods are filled with exciting social events in and around Cambridge and Oxford.



I have acquired the capacity to approach studies and work in a foreign language. Many thanks to the highly experienced and capable teachers and counsellors.

**Francesco, Italy**



## SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS

Small-group seminars introduce students to new ideas before encouraging lively discussions. Students study two subjects chosen from a varied and exciting selection which covers the Arts, Humanities and Social & Natural Sciences – the list of options can be found overleaf.

Students receive five one-hour seminars per week and one individual tutorial per fortnight in each of their chosen subjects. They may select a third subject upon arrival, dependent on their personal timetable.

Our student-centred approach offers a high degree of personal attention, student involvement and constructive appraisal of ideas.

Students are expected to prepare work and ideas for each seminar and tutorial. Tutors will often set assignments or reading for the following day which will need to be done outside of class. Most tutors also recommend a reading list for students before arriving in the UK.

The Oxford and Cambridge Advanced Studies seminars and tutorials are designed to help students bridge the challenging gap between high school and college. Students are encouraged to approach new or familiar ideas from different and more mature perspectives than they would have come across at high school level. All levels of knowledge and experience are welcomed and our tutors grade the content appropriately.



# TUTORIAL SUBJECTS

○ AVAILABLE IN OXFORD  
● AVAILABLE IN CAMBRIDGE

Students choose two subjects from the range of tutorial subjects offered. Students staying for four or six weeks may study the same subjects for the duration of the course or change after two weeks. Full course overviews and suggested reading can be found on the Bucksmore website.

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## Politics & International Relations

With the growth of globalisation few things have a bigger impact on our everyday lives than politics and international relations. As the universities of numerous British Prime Ministers, and also the almae maters of many other world leaders, Cambridge and Oxford are the ideal locations for this course. The course will introduce students to the theoretical background of international relations before examining historical topics and analysing the behaviour of states and international organisations. ○ ●

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## International Business Management

In today's rapidly developing globalised economy, it is imperative that future leaders of their generation learn how to transcend borders and adopt an international outlook. In this course, students will explore the issues affecting multinational companies in terms of finance, economics, human resources, organisational theory and marketing. It provides an excellent foundation in how such global enterprises run and paves the way for a degree in a similar subject, helping students build the skills they need to manage an international brand. ○ ●

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## Macro & Micro Economics

Now more than ever economic matters are crucial to our everyday lives. While microeconomics studies the economic behaviour of the individual unit, such as a person, household or individual firm, macroeconomics focuses on all of the units combined together and is the study of the system as a whole. This course introduces basic concepts and tools used in macroeconomics analysis such as the theory, measurement and determination of national income, budget deficits, national debt and exchange rates. ○ ●

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## Marketing & Advertising

As digital and social media merge with traditional communication methods, changing the way businesses operate, there really couldn't be a more exciting time to study marketing. In today's highly competitive global economy, effective marketing and advertising lie at the very heart of every successful business. Ranging from global marketing to brand and corporate communications, this course will help you develop essential career skills like critical analysis, creativity and problem-solving. ○ ●



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## International Law

This course provides an introduction to the rules and functions of international law by exploring the different areas it encompasses. The history of international law will be examined, to provide some context, before focusing on the more specific topics of the international protection of human rights, recognition, jurisdiction, the use of force, and the United Nations organs. This subject is ideal for those looking to study law at university and those with a general interest in these topics. ○ ●

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## Psychology

The study of human behaviour has captured scientific minds ever since ancient Greek philosophers theorised that mental illnesses were of a physical, rather than divine nature. The study of psychology leads to a greater understanding of people and thus a background in psychology can boost your employability, whichever career path you choose to pursue. This tutorial covers key issues in social and cognitive psychology, nature vs. nurture, and psychological research methodology. ○ ●







## Foundations of Philosophy

Oxford University has educated and played host to some of the finest minds and biggest names in the history of philosophy, John Locke being but an example. The course will start from the very origins of philosophical thought, dating as far back as Aristotle and Plato, and will explore the basic principles of philosophy, before moving on to tackle some of the most intricate and fascinating questions which have troubled eminent philosophers in more recent years. 


## Philosophy in Literature

Many works of fiction explore themes centred around the nature and meaning of the human experience. This tutorial examines serious and thought-provoking philosophical issues that find their expression in the words of authors rather than in philosophy textbooks. A wide range of British, Continental and American authors across a spectrum of genres will be studied, focusing on topics such as the good and evil in the self, despair with redemption and meaninglessness and absurdity. 

## Creative Writing

The writer Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "There is creative reading as well as creative writing." We have taken these thoughts on board in our tutorial. Looking at the working methods of successful traditional and contemporary authors, students build up a writing 'tool kit' of their own. Students produce their own work, both in groups and individually, putting what they have learned into practice with verse, prose or drama. This is the perfect tutorial for students with a passion for literature and a fervid imagination. 

## Contemporary Literature

Looking at works published after the end of the Second World War, students will step into the shoes of a variety of authors from the modern era. Examining the wide variety of themes and settings explored by these authors, students will reflect on how different political and societal viewpoints are shown in the characters and writings styles of these works, as well as how these have changed over time. This is a great course for students with a passion for literature or recent history. 



I'm really enjoying my Philosophy and International Business classes. I'm now thinking of going to university in England because this experience has shown me what life is like studying in a university like Oxford.

Pauline, France






# TUTORIAL SUBJECTS


AVAILABLE IN OXFORD  
AVAILABLE IN CAMBRIDGE

## Classical Literature


Studying texts predating 1914 provides students with the opportunity to understand the cultural and historical context of various time periods that shaped the art emerging from its era. From Beowulf to The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, classical literature has provided inspiration to generations of writers and thinkers over the years. 



## History of Art


Since time immemorial, art in all its forms has been used to convey feelings and aspects of human life: from religion, to science, to ideals of beauty and beyond. This course will examine how art has changed over time and what it can teach us about the past, encouraging students to analyse and evaluate art works. 

## Social Studies



Social studies is the integrated study of multiple fields of social science and the humanities, including history, geography, anthropology and political science. The course allows students to study the history of social interaction between and within nations whilst developing the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as culturally diverse and democratic citizens in an independent world. This is an ideal course for students looking to study a humanities degree including PPE at Oxford or HSPS at Cambridge. 



## Film Studies

From Charlie Chaplin to Avatar, 'moving pictures' have been entertaining audiences for over a century. The growth of Film Studies as an academic discipline testifies to the importance of examining films not only as a cultural artefact, but also as an influential art form. Looking at films from a range of directors, genres and time periods, this course provides an introduction to film history, theory and criticism, perfect for those with a passion for the silver screen. 

## Applications of Engineering


As Albert Einstein put it, "Scientists investigate that which already is; engineers create that which has never been." Engineering is an extremely broad field of study, embracing everything from electronics to space exploration. This tutorial will provide students with an overview of the practical applications of engineering in different fields including electrical and mechanical, and will offer the opportunity for some hands-on design and experimentation. This course is the perfect partner to our mathematics and science tutorials.  






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## Physics

Physics is one of the oldest academic disciplines, tracing its origins back two millennia when astrologers tried to explain the world around them by gazing at the stars. Since then classic physicists, including paradigm-shifting Cambridge graduate Isaac Newton, have changed the manner in which we understand the world. This course covers the major breakthroughs in classic physics, beginning with Newton. Students will gain a foundation in areas of modern physics including relativity, quantum mechanics and cosmology. 


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## Architecture

Every year, millions of tourists are awestruck by the architectural masterpiece of Oxford's city centre. What better backdrop for students who are looking to embark upon their journey of becoming a qualified architect? This course will introduce the basics of design and implementation, as well as exploring some of the historical and cultural issues that influence the field. 



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## Chemistry

Chemistry concerns itself with atoms and the ways in which these interact to form chemical bonds. After a comprehensive review of the atomic structure, the amount of substance and bonding principles, students will learn the foundations of organic chemistry and will explore some of the more practical applications of chemistry, including energetics, kinetics and equilibria. This is an ideal course for students looking to study chemistry at degree level, although this is not a pre-requisite. 


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## Medicine

On the course, you will gain an overview of the workings of the nervous and immune systems, both having profound implications for human health. This will help you examine the arguments of nature versus nurture for the causes of some 'modern' diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. This is an ideal course for students wishing to study medicine, or for those with an interest in the issues surrounding our future health.  

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## Advanced Mathematics

For those wanting to further their knowledge in one of the most essential subjects that affects a multitude of fields, this advanced mathematics course looks at various areas of algebra, calculus, probability and statistics, complex numbers, defining the derivative, the definite integral and a study of differential and integral calculus. 





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# TUTORS, SPEAKERS AND BRITISH EDUCATION

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## Our Staff

The success of OASP and CASP hinges upon the enthusiasm and commitment of our tutors. All our tutors have a real passion for their subject as well as a wealth of teaching experience. Tutorial and seminar content is designed specifically by each tutor and is tailored to suit the ambitious high-school students who attend our programmes.

Academic support outside the classroom is provided by the Course Director and a team of Counsellors who are on site 24 hours a day. Our residential staff are all very dedicated and committed to ensuring every student on the programme receives the highest possible level of academic, social and emotional support.

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## Higher Education

CASP and OASP students typically intend to apply to competitive colleges and universities across the world. The academic experience offered by our programmes provides excellent preparation for this, helping students to make the transition to a more independent and self-motivated learning style. A summer programme in Oxford or Cambridge University is an impressive addition to any higher education application, and can make a big difference in the competitive world of college applications. Increasing numbers of students are interested in applying to British universities and both OASP and CASP provide an invaluable insight into life as an Oxbridge undergraduate.



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## Guest Speakers

Each week, a dynamic visiting lecturer is invited to inspire students and help enrich their experience on the Advanced Studies Programme. The guest lecturers come from a variety of backgrounds, including Oxbridge professors and industry experts.









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# WORKSHOPS



The Oxford and Cambridge Advanced Studies Program offers a well-rounded academic and social experience. Students need to have a creative output as well as developing academic skills. A range of workshops are available:

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## Entrepreneurship

Students have a chance to embrace their entrepreneurial skills by identifying a product or service that they could turn into a business. They will develop a coherent business plan as well as an elevator pitch.

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## Journalism

Students are introduced to a variety of journalistic techniques, such as television, radio and printed copy; before being challenged to produce their own materials in the style of their chosen medium.

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## Film Production

Students interested in the different aspects of film making and production are given guidance on the basic methods and techniques involved, working towards the production of short films on topics chosen by the group.

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## Drama

For those with dramatic flair, this is the ideal workshop to release it. No previous experience is required, although enthusiasm and creativity are essential. Ideal for both novice thespians and matinee idols. Previous weekly workshops have ranged from Shakespeare to stage combat and improvisation classes.



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## Urban Sketching

Armed with a sketchbook and graphite pencils, students are tasked with capturing the beauty of Oxford and Cambridge's world-famous architecture by visiting historical colleges and castles in the area, led by a counsellor with a background in art.

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## Debating

Both Cambridge and Oxford University are renowned for their debating pedigree. A range of public figures from Ronald Reagan to the Dalai Lama have spoken at the world-famous Oxford and Cambridge Unions. Students will be coached in the art of constructing coherent arguments and will partake in a formal debate.





# MASTER CLASSES



In addition to workshops, master classes take place on two afternoons per two-week programme. These sessions explore key skills essential for success in further education and future careers. A range of master classes are available:

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## SAT Preparation

Providing students with an introduction to a variety of techniques allows an improved level of preparation before taking the test, in order to help maximise their score.

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## Introduction to UCAS

The UK's 'Universities and Colleges Admissions Service' can be a daunting prospect to international students at first. These master classes introduce the organisation to help give students a better understanding of its use.

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## Personal Statements

Writing a personal statement can be an integral part of a student's university application process, and these classes will help students to boost the quality of their submission.

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## Interview Skills

Preparation is the key ingredient for interview success. Adhering to a few tips and tricks when planning for an interview can provide improved results.

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## Presentation Skills

The ability to give a professional and effective presentation can be a huge advantage. Students will learn a selection of methods to help them present and communicate in a variety of circumstances.

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## Essay Writing Skills

Essays provide students with an opportunity to shine. These sessions will give students guidance on developing arguments, syntax and tone.

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## Study Skills

The amount of independent learning at university can be a shock to new system. Learning proper note taking, revision and how to survive lectures can give a head start when the first day of higher education finally comes.

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## IELTS Preparation

For non-native speakers on the Advanced Studies Programme, achieving the highest possible IELTS score can be a priority. These sessions will help students understand different possible approaches to help with this.

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## UK Undergraduate Experience

An opportunity to speak to Oxford and Cambridge University undergraduates about their Oxbridge experience, including the application process and life at two of the most famous institutions in the world.

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## How to Choose a Degree

This class aims to provide students with a clearer idea of how to match their interests and aspirations to subject disciplines.





# SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND EXCURSIONS



The Oxford and Cambridge Advanced Studies Program is not just about academics. A full calendar of visits and activities is an integral part of the course. Oxford and Cambridge are fantastic cities to spend a summer in and our social programme is the perfect opportunity to meet and make friends with fellow students from all over the world.

## Around Oxford and Cambridge

Besides being world-renowned for the calibre and prestige of their universities, Oxford and Cambridge are also two of the most popular sightseeing destinations in the UK. Students are taken on orientation tours around the cities and colleges at the beginning of the course and can explore these world-famous locations in depth during their stay. OASP students can explore the Bodleian Library, Ashmolean Museum and Christ Church College where the Harry Potter movies were filmed. CASP students will enjoy the Fitzwilliam Museum, King's College Chapel or a quiet walk through Granchester Meadows along the River Cam. Both Oxford and Cambridge are well-known for punting which is a fantastic way to spend a sunny summer day. Local Shakespeare productions are often performed in beautiful college gardens, offering a delightful experience for any student.







## Excursions

Every fortnight includes three full-day excursions and one half-day trip to exciting locations across the UK, including at least one visit to London. Other destinations include:

- Blenheim Palace
- Ely & Ely Cathedral
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Windsor Castle & Eton
- Warwick Castle
- Stonehenge & Bath

Students will also enjoy academically-relevant visits to local businesses, museums and other cultural highlights of the UK. In addition, tutors are encouraged to take their students on field trips linked to their lessons.

Students are allowed to sign out of college during set periods. OASP and CASP students are older teenagers so they are trusted to explore the cities with their new friends. They must always be with at least one other student and stick to strict curfews.



## Evening

In the evening, students can relax after a busy day. We offer a range of activities in Oxford and Cambridge – from bowling to cinema to restaurant visits – although some students prefer to stay in college and prepare for the workshops or seminars.

Whatever their preference, CASP and OASP provide full social programmes that cater for all students' needs and expectations. The programmes provide a full immersion into British culture and are designed to ensure our students have as much fun as possible during the summer.





# KING'S COLLEGE

LONDON







# KING'S COLLEGE

## ACCOMMODATION

- Twin, triple & quadruple bedrooms
- Student apartments with shared kitchen, bathroom and living area
- Separate male and female accommodation

## FACILITIES

- Student common areas
- Modern classrooms

## MEALS

- Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## INTERNET/COMPUTERS

- Wi-Fi access on campus

King's College London is a prestigious university in the heart of the capital and the ideal location for our London Advanced Studies Programme. It is consistently ranked among the top universities in both the UK and the world. Lessons take place on the Strand campus, a ten minute walk from Trafalgar Square, the centre of London.

LASP places students in the centre of London, lessons take place at King's College London's Strand campus, with a maximum class size of six students. Meals are also taken at the Strand campus, which is just across the River Thames from their accommodation at Conway Hall provided by the University of Notre Dame. Consisting of recently refurbished modern bedrooms, students have a short walk across Waterloo Bridge to their lessons, taking in the famous sights of the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament on their way.

Founded in 1829 by King George IV and the Duke of Wellington, King's College has played a major part in 19th-century science and in educating women and working men through evening university classes. Florence Nightingale, John Keats and Desmond Tutu are a few of these notable alumni.



The small classes make learning easier and more interesting. The activities are fun, original and very diverse!

Maud, France



# LONDON

## COURSE OVERVIEW



### THE COURSE INCLUDES...

- Seminars in two subjects with a class size between one and six students.
- Weekly projects to develop key skills (see page 25).
- Full activity programme including sports and cultural visits.
- Excursions to popular destinations and attractions across the UK.
- A high nationality mix with students from all over the world.
- Full course report and certificate.

Students can attend LASP for either two or four weeks.

The London Advanced Studies Programme (LASP) allows younger students, aged 13-16, to experience a prestigious academic summer school. Based at the world-renowned King's College London, this course aimed at native and high-level English speakers offers a range of academic subjects to aid and prepare students for their future.



The London Advanced Studies Programme (LASP) aims to bridge the gap between basic high school content and the more challenging syllabi of A-level and IB programmes.

The course has been adapted for younger students from the successful model of CASP and OASP, and combines small group tuition with a fun and engaging social programme with students on our Bucksmore London course.

King's College London, is the ideal location for this programme. Located in the centre of London, only a 10 minute walk from Trafalgar Square, the university has consistently ranked in the top 10 for UK Universities and the top 100 for Universities globally, and is one of the oldest universities in England, after Oxford and Cambridge.

Accommodation is provided by the University of Notre Dame, a short walk across Waterloo Bridge over the River Thames. Students live in shared apartments with twin and triple bedrooms; shared kitchens, bathrooms and living area.



## Teaching

Small-group seminars introduce students to new ideas before encouraging lively discussions. Students study one core subject and one specialist subject chosen from a varied and exciting selection which includes Humanities and Social & Natural Sciences – the full list of options can be found overleaf.

The London Advanced Studies Program is designed to give students an insight into subjects they might be interested in studying for A-level and International Baccalaureate or even at university. Students are encouraged to approach new or familiar ideas from different perspectives. All levels of knowledge and experience are welcomed and our tutors grade the content appropriately.



## TYPICAL TWO-WEEK TIMETABLE

	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	
WEEK ONE	A.M.	Arrivals	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Full Day Excursion: Thorpe Park	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition
	P.M.	Arrivals	London Walking Tour	Projects		British Museum	National Gallery	Oxford Street
	EVE	Welcome Meeting	Icebreaker Games	Evening in Covent Garden	Sports in Hyde Park	Evening River Cruise	Camden Town	Film Night
WEEK TWO	A.M.	Lazy Tuesday Morning	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Full Day Excursion: Oxford	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition	Core Tuition Specialist Tuition
	P.M.	Sport/ Private Study	Hamleys/ M&M World/ Leicester Square	Projects		Natural History Museum	London Eye and Shakespeare's Globe	Westgate Shopping Centre
	EVE	Team Games	Capture the Flag	Casino Night	Colour Wars	Talent Show	Evening on the Southbank	London Musical



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# CORE SUBJECTS

Students on the London Advanced Studies Program choose one 'core' and one 'specialist' subject to study each week. Taught by external academic tutors, core subjects are studied over 10 hours each week, in addition to 5 hours of specialist subject tuition. Students must choose their subjects prior to arrival and may study a different core and specialist subject per each two weeks of their stay.



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## Physics of the Universe

The study of space has enchanted man since the dawn of time. Our Sun is 1,300,000 times bigger than Earth, yet the Sun is 300 times smaller than the largest known star. Ever felt so small?

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## IELTS Preparation

IELTS is recognised globally, giving students a truly international qualification. With specialist tuition, including exam techniques and tips to help improve overall test performance, students will finish the course with the necessary skills to maximise their IELTS performance.

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## Marvels of Mathematics

From calculus to trigonometry, mathematics is the core of all scientific understanding. Statistics, shapes and scales are all studied in this advanced look at the first subject ever studied by mankind.

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## English Literature

Since the epic poem *Beowulf*, fiction has long been a part of UK culture. From *Oliver Twist* to *Harry Potter*, step in to the absorbing world of English literature. Critiquing themes, creating characterization and analysing prose are all explored on this course.

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## Biochemistry

Comprehending the foundations of chemistry are fundamental to gaining an understanding of how life is constructed. Chemical bonds, atomic structures and equilibria all have a part to play.

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## Business Studies

Fancy yourself as the next Bill Gates? In order to mould the minds of future CEOs, these sessions will take a look at areas such as marketing strategy, types of organisations, finance, ethical issues and supply chain analysis.

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## Psychology of the Mind

Comprehending the foundations of the human brain is a captivating way to understand how people think. Learn about the main themes and schools of thought that form the basis of psychology and behavioural science.





# SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

In addition to core subjects, students choose one of the following subjects to be studied over 5 hours per week:

## Physical Geography

A branch of natural science that examines the planet's many environments, Physical Geography challenges students to understand Earth's abundance of processes and patterns that has created the world we live in today.

## British History

Since William the Conqueror led the Norman occupation in 1066, Britain has had 40 kings and queens, invaded almost 90% of the world's countries, and gained and lost an empire. These tutorials study the key turning points in British history.

## Feeling Philosophical

Socrates said 'I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think'. Reflection can be one of the most difficult skills for any person to master. Journey into the world of musing, brooding and philosophy in these profound sessions that allow students to contemplate their own existence.

## Robotics

A future with robots as part of everyday life is becoming more and more of a reality. Students can develop knowledge and skills in the field of robotics through a combination of theoretical studies and practical work with construction kits.

## Macro and Micro Economics

Now more than ever economic matters are crucial to our everyday lives. While microeconomics studies the economic behaviour of the individual unit, such as a person, household or individual firm, macroeconomics focuses on all of the units combined together and is the study of the system as a whole. This course introduces basic concepts and tools used in macroeconomics analysis such as the theory, measurement and determination of national income, budget deficits, national debt and exchange rates.

## Introduction to Law

Ideal for any student considering a possible career in law, this course will introduce the application of law in the courtroom, as well as the fundamental principles to legal systems, legislature and the formation of laws.



## PROJECTS

Once a week, students develop their project management skills through teamwork based exercises.

### UK Capital of Culture

Research, design and presentation are the key skills employed in this project. Working in groups, students research and market a UK city to be advertised to an international audience.

### Theatre Production

This project focuses on script-writing, directing and costume design. Students produce short plays and perform on stage in front of their peers.

### Technology Expo

Communication and innovation are developed through designing a new technologically based product. Students design and create an exhibition based on their market research to launch their 'new & original' product.

### Bucksmore Elections

Centred-round an election campaign, students produce manifestos, posters and give campaign speeches to their peers. The week's project culminates with members of the winning party voted in as class president and vice-president.



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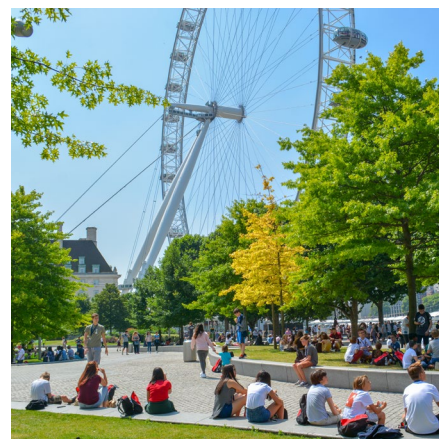
# SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND EXCURSIONS

The London Advanced Studies Program has a combined activities and excursions itinerary with students on the Bucksmore London course. The timetable is planned and organised by a dedicated Activity Manager, who is responsible for choosing and coordinating weekly activities and excursions. A key responsibility of an Activity Manager is to respond to student requests and ensure that all students have a fantastic time during their stay.

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## Live London!

Our social programme makes the most of our students' stay in central London. We organise at least seven visits to London attractions over a two-week stay – from famous destinations to lesser known sights – to allow students to experience life as a true Londoner.



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## Excursions

Students are welcomed with a walking tour around London to orientate themselves with their surroundings. Throughout each week, students go on excursions around London visiting iconic famous landmarks such as Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. To give students a true insight into London, they visit different parts of London that are not as well known, such as Covent Garden, the British Museum, the National Gallery, Camden Town, the Natural History Museum and of course shopping along Oxford Street!

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## Sport and Evenings

After a busy day, students can take part in sporting activities during various afternoons throughout the week. From capture the flag in Hyde Park to colour wars, students have team games available to let off some steam! Alternatively, after a busy day, students can relax with various activities such as a meal in Chinatown or an evening on the Southbank next to the River Thames.



# STUDENT WELFARE



Bucksmore Education has over four decades of experience in running summer schools. Students' safety and happiness are our priorities and we do everything possible to ensure their wellbeing during their stay.

## Residential Life

Our counsellors are on-site and available 24 hours a day to attend to any welfare or pastoral issues. They monitor students' progress, their interaction with their fellow students and their well-being. Many counsellors are Oxford and Cambridge students who can share their experiences with the students.

All meals are provided in college but students may buy their own food in local restaurants or cafés if they wish.

With advance written permission from a parent or guardian, students may visit relatives and leave the college at weekends.

## Medical Treatment

All centres have contact numbers for local doctors and hospitals, and first-aiders are always available on site. Parents or guardians of students with medical conditions should notify Bucksmore in advance of arrival. Comprehensive medical insurance is included in the course price.



## Arrivals and Departures

Bucksmore offers a free transfer service from Heathrow and Gatwick airports on designated transfer days. We also offer free transfers from St. Pancras International rail station to CASP, UKUP & LASP, and from Stansted airport to CASP & UKUP. Please see our Transfer Information 2019 document for more details. Parents should send flight details at least two weeks before arrival if they wish to use this service. Students arriving directly to the centre should also notify us of an arrival time so Bucksmore staff are expecting them.



## Valuables

Passport and flight tickets are deposited in the office safe upon arrival. For increased security the Course Director can also collect students' money and hand it back out during specific 'banking hours'. Students are recommended to bring their own laptops and memory sticks to allow them greater freedom in preparing seminar and tutorial work. All student bedrooms can be locked.





# CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY







Set in the centre of the city, Corpus Christi College was founded in 1352, making it the sixth oldest college in Cambridge University. Located a short walk from the central market square and city centre shops, cafés and museums, students are well placed to explore this remarkable city during their free time between academic periods.

Corpus Christi was founded by the city's townspeople in the aftermath of the 'Black Death' plague, and today stands as one of the university's most beautiful and historic colleges. 'Old Court' claims to be the oldest continually inhabited courtyard in the country, whilst 'New Court' (completed in 1827) contains breath-taking architecture and provides an awe-inspiring first impression of this wondrous college.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of Cambridge's magnificent architecture, majestic college buildings, quaint passages and historic market to explore as many places as possible that form this charmingly unique city.



I have fallen in love with Cambridge. Corpus Christi is the best venue for a summer school. It is very beautiful and there is an incentive to work harder when you are living and studying on campus.

Gauri, UAE

## CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

### ACCOMMODATION

- 30 single & twin standard bedrooms
- Separate male and female accommodation

### FACILITIES

- Modern auditorium
- Student common room
- Porter's lodge manned 24 hours a day

### MEALS

- Breakfast, lunch & dinner

### INTERNET/COMPUTERS

- Wi-Fi access on campus





# UK UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

## COURSE OVERVIEW



Our aim is to ensure that UKUP students maximise their chances of being accepted at the UK's world class universities. By the end of the course students will:

- fully understand dates, deadlines, content of the application and entrance requirements.
- have been advised which five degree courses they should apply for.
- have written their 47 line personal statements for their UCAS application.
- be prepared for any university entrance exams: UKCAT, LNAT etc.
- have developed the confidence to perform well at interview.
- understand how to continue the preparation for interviews to ensure they have the best possible chance of success.

The UK University Preparation (UKUP) course attracts students from all around the world as well as international students who are already attending British boarding schools or colleges. Typically, UKUP students wish to apply to Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, University College London, Imperial College and other Russell Group universities.

## TYPICAL TWO-WEEK TIMETABLE

	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	
WEEK ONE	A.M.	Arrivals	Course Intro Morrisby Testing	Full-Day Excursion: Visit to Oxford University Colleges	Visits to Cambridge University Colleges	UK Education System Individual Meetings with Advisor	Introduction to UCAS & Personal Statements	Academic Writing Workshop Essay Writing Workshop
	P.M.	Arrivals	Tour of Cambridge			Guest Lecture	Producing Personal Statements Study Skills Workshop	Guest Lecture
	EVE	Welcome Meeting	Introduction to Open Days	Free Evening	Punting	Applying to Oxbridge	Quiz Night	End of Week Party
WEEK TWO	A.M.	Study Skills Workshop Personal Statement Workshop	General Studies	Full-Day Excursion: Visits to London Universities	Word Etymology Study Skills Workshop	Full-Day Excursion: Visit to Shakespeare's Globe, London	Cultural Understanding Unseen Texts Workshop	Talk with Admissions Tutor
	P.M.	Guest Lecture	Critical Thinking		Guest Lecture		Interview Techniques	Individual Meetings with Advisor
	EVE	Leadership Workshop	Debate Evening	Free Evening	Bowling	Individual Meetings with Advisor	Understanding University Life	Graduation Ceremony



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The goal of the UK University Preparation (UKUP) programme is to prepare international students for applying to and studying at a leading UK university. Across the two weeks students will receive approximately 40 hours of contact time with their tutors.



With UK University Preparation at Bucksmore I took my first step towards my UCAS application. I received so much valuable advice and guidance from all members of staff!

Costanza, Italy

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## STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

University learning is very different to school learning and the skills needed are also different. These workshops will introduce students to essential study skills, such as surviving university lectures, revising effectively, and how to write university level essays.

- How to Survive University Lectures
- Revision Techniques
- How to Write a University Essay

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## INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

As well as these group classes and lectures each student will benefit from a one-to-one tutorial with a personal tutor at the beginning and end of their UKUP course. During these tutorials students will discuss the following areas:

- Life goals
- University goals
- Short and long-term ambitions
- Personal study plan

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## SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS

These seminars are designed to introduce you to the complicated UK university admissions process. Everyone applying to a UK university must go through the UCAS system and produce a very important personal statement. Most international students will also be invited to interview, and all applicants to Oxford and Cambridge must attend an interview.

During the UKUP course, students will have sessions on how to succeed at interview as well as preparing a personal statement. By the end of the programme, students should have a draft version of a personal statement to develop and understand:



- The UCAS System & Requirements
- Interview Techniques
- Writing Personal Statements
- Applying to 'Oxbridge' for International Students





# THE EMIRATES ACADEMY

DUBAI





## NEW FOR 2019

Located just around the corner from the world famous Burj Al Jumeirah Hotel and the beautiful Sunset Beach Boardwalk, the Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management is situated in an enviable location in one of Dubai's finest areas.

Dubai's Old Town, marina and mall are all located less than 15 minutes away, and the campus is surrounded by a variety of shops and restaurants. Students are housed in high-quality twin en-suite bedrooms, with classes and meals also taking place on site. All rooms are furnished with air-conditioning throughout the campus.



## EMIRATES ACADEMY

### ACCOMMODATION

- Twin bedrooms
- En-suite bathrooms

### FACILITIES

- On-site cafés and lounges
- Outdoor swimming pool
- High-quality classrooms
- Electronic key access to rooms

### MEALS

- Breakfast and dinner

### INTERNET/COMPUTERS

- Wi-Fi available across campus

### AIRPORT

- Dubai International - 30 minutes





# GLOBAL UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Global University Preparation provides students with an unparalleled opportunity to understand and prepare for university application across the world's top countries for higher education; the USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Singapore and Australia.

Taking place in a global city, students will compare the processes and requirements for entrance to leading institutions, whilst also developing their own applications. By the end of the course students will have decided on the course and nation(s) they want to apply to, and will have a first draft of their application ready to be submitted.

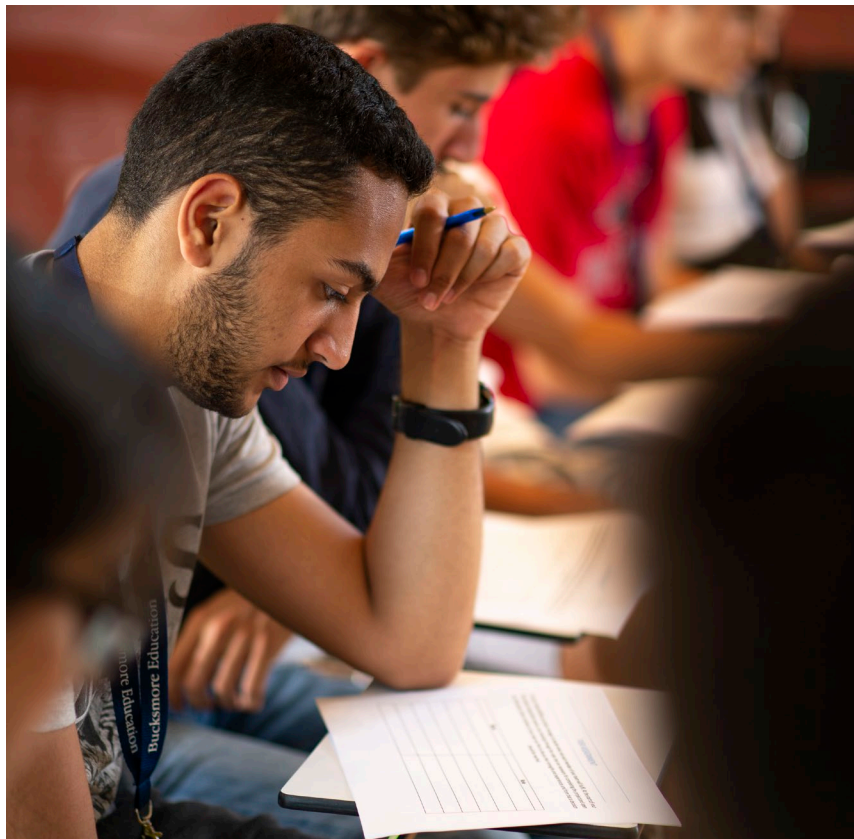


Bucksmore has been an unforgettable experience and I've loved every minute of it!

Tawan, Thailand







## GLOBAL UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

### SYLLABUS INCLUDES

- Tailoring university applications
- Personal statements
- Interview techniques
- Educational culture differences by nation
- Memory and learning techniques
- Academic writing skills
- One-to-one individual counselling sessions

### LANGUAGE LEVEL

- Minimum B2+

### EXCURSIONS

- 3 full day excursions across 2 weeks

### TUITION

- 40 hours over 2 weeks

### CERTIFICATE

- Personalised report card & certificate upon graduation

## TYPICAL TWO-WEEK TIMETABLE

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
WEEK ONE	A.M.	Arrivals	Course Intro Seminar: Higher Education Systems Around the World	Aptitude and Personality Testing Seminar: Interview Techniques	Seminar: Critical Thinking Workshop: Academic Writing	Seminar: Essay Writing Seminar: Creating your own CV	Seminar: Unseen Texts Seminar: Developing Your Application	Full-Day Excursion: Abu Dhabi Day Tour
	P.M.	Arrivals	1:1 Introductory Meetings with Course Director Workshop with UK Undergraduate Students: Life as a student	Workshop: Public Speaking, Guest Lecture	Workshop: Choosing the Right Course Q&A Session with UK Undergraduate Students	Workshop: Memory and Learning Techniques Workshop: Application Writing	1:1 Mid-Point Meetings with Course Director Private Study / Free Time	
	EVE	Welcome Ceremony	Top of Burj Khalifa & Dubai fountains	Visit to traditional Souk	Visit to Dubai Global Village	Dhow (traditional boat) Cruise	Quiz Night	
WEEK TWO	A.M.	Seminar: Personal Statements Seminar: Global Cultural Differences	Seminar: Time Management Seminar: University Systems: Oxbridge, Russell Group & Ivy League	Seminar: Surviving University Lectures Private Study / Free Time	Workshop: Application Final Draft & Feedback End of Course Review	Full Day Excursion: AM: Jumeirah Mosque PM: Evening Desert Safari	Full Day Excursion: IMG Worlds of Adventure	Departures
	P.M.	Workshop: Study Skills Guest Lecture	Debate Preparation Private Study / Free Time	Workshop: Leadership Styles & Management	1:1: Final Meetings with Course Director Free Time			
	EVE	Walking tour of Dubai marina & Free Time	Debate Night	Free evening, optional shopping trip	Awards Night			



# ENROLMENT



## HOW TO ENROL:

- 1 To find out more visit our website: [www.bucksmore.com](http://www.bucksmore.com)
- 2 If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone or email.
- 3 Complete our booking form, including the personal statement about why you wish to attend the course. Make sure you also include your chosen tutorial subjects and workshops.
- 4 Return the booking form by post or email to:  
  
Bucksmore Education  
259 Greenwich High Road  
London UK SE10 8NB  
  
Email: [info@bucksmore.com](mailto:info@bucksmore.com)  
Tel: 0044 (0) 208 312 8060
- 5 We will send confirmation of enrolment within one working day with further details about booking flights and arriving at the centre.
- 6 Final pre-arrival information will be sent ahead of the start of the course.



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