

Cherwell College Oxford

Pre-University Tutorial College

Oxford Socratic Programme in Humanities and Social sciences

This subject provides a key by which to understand the contemporary world. It explores crucial elements of world order, globalisation, and the reason why 'world peace' is so elusive. It looks at the rise of economic powers and regional developments. Above all, it explores how states relate to one another.

The programme is offered on a 2-week or a 4-week basis

Option 1: Academic programme – 2 weeks

Week 1: Introductory

Is International Relations any use? Why study it?

Theories; what are they for? Are they useful? The great debates

What does understanding the world mean?

History of International Relations and its importance for now

Week 2: Law, order and their place in International Relations history

The nation state as the root of all international affairs, the 'Westphalian system'

The Cold War and IR

Laws of War and why they are necessary

International law: ICC, Professor Philippe Sands' thesis

Course fee (includes tuition in groups, en-suite accommodation, excursions, meals): £ 2,600.00



(Oxford panoramic view)

Option 2: Academic programme – 4 weeks

Week 1: Introductory: International relations

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Week 3: Super powers and super responsibilities

USA and its role in world: what does it stand for? Is it still a super power?

Is the USA a global policeman? Criticism of the USA – how far justified?

UK – what is its role in the world and does it matter as a power?

The EU: an aspirant global power? A force for freedom or authoritarianism?

Week 4: Is mankind cooperative?

The UN and NGOs: cooperation?

The 'Clash of Civilizations': the opposite?

Poverty, aid and corruption

Course fee (includes tuition in groups, en-suite accommodation, excursions, meals): £ 5,100.00



(The Oxford Union)

Excursions & Activities

As part of this programme students, as far as local circumstances permit, will be visiting and exploring some of the following:

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- The Foreign Office (London);
- Churchill's war cabinet rooms (London);
- House of Commons and House of Lords (Parliament) in London;
- Oxford Magistrates' Court, Oxford;
- Oxford Crown Court, Oxford;
- Windsor Castle;
- Blenheim Palace;



(Windsor Castle)



(House of Lords)



(Blenheim Palace)

Accommodation

Accommodation in the brand new students' residence - Cherwell House, located in the heart of Oxford, providing accommodation in en-suite single rooms. The facilities include: Wi-Fi, laundry, student common area, cafeteria (La Cosmopolite), weekly cleaning, residential warden and security patrols.



The availability of places is limited.

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