

Dear Visiting Student,

Congratulations on being admitted to St Peter's College, Oxford, as a Visiting Student for the forthcoming academic year. We are looking forward to you joining us. In this letter, we hope to provide some further explanation about the courses offered in the subject of Philosophy, Politics and Economics (or in its component disciplines) and will ask you to indicate your preferences for study here, so that we can begin to organise your teaching for the coming term.

As you will discover, there is a plethora of PPE activity in Oxford, from formal lectures and seminars to various student societies focussing on Philosophy, Economics and Politics. As a student in Oxford for the year you will be able to watch, listen and participate as much as you wish. The formal element to your studies will not be organised by a course booklet or programme: we will agree your course of study on a term-by-term basis according to your interests and requirements. You will be free to go to any lectures you choose, but the main means of teaching will be through tutorials. Over the full academic year you will usually be expected to take 6 courses, each with four or eight tutorials. Although it is possible to study all three subjects, ie Philosophy, Politics and Economics, most students choose to concentrate on two of them. For each of the 3 subjects we have specific requirements on core courses which are listed in detail below. Each tutorial meeting lasts one hour and is based around reading and written work previously agreed with the tutor. You will be taught on your own or with another student. When you arrive at St Peter's there will (of course!) be further information on how all this works and of exactly what will be expected of you.

The tutorial system is extremely flexible. We will have regular meetings to assess your progress and to decide course options. However, as you will arrive only days before the beginning of Michaelmas (autumn) term it is necessary that you fill in and return the course options forms attached so that your first term's tuition can be arranged and so that we can provisionally make plans to arrange your teaching in subsequent terms. I have endeavoured to make the list as broad as possible. There is always the possibility to change subject later, but it is easier for you and us if you stick to your choices for the first term. I have included a copy of the course descriptions for PPE to allow you to consider your options. Note that some courses (eg Theory of Politics) are included in the list of more than one discipline; the courses are the same. Also, if you are studying one of the PPE subjects in conjunction with a different subject (English, History etc) you should still indicate your preferences in the PPE subject now, although information on the options in your other subject may not follow until later this summer.

Please return the options forms to Martin Brown, Admissions Administrator, by 6 August at the latest. Martin will also be happy to answer any queries you may have or to refer them to the tutors in the relevant subjects if need be.

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