



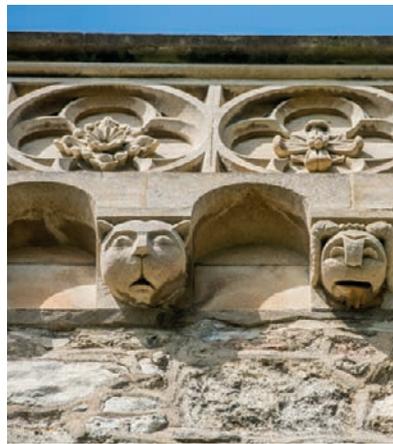
St Edmund Hall
University of Oxford



Undergraduate Prospectus

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"I have met friends at Teddy Hall that I will undoubtedly keep for the rest of my life, and my tutors are the most intelligent, supportive and interesting people I have ever met."

Meg, English



"Teddy Hall has one of the best-looking libraries in Oxford. It's a great environment to work in!"

Haseem, Economics and Management



"There is a great 'Hall spirit' and in first year everyone lives really close together on the main college site, so you bond immensely well with your year."

Tony, Engineering



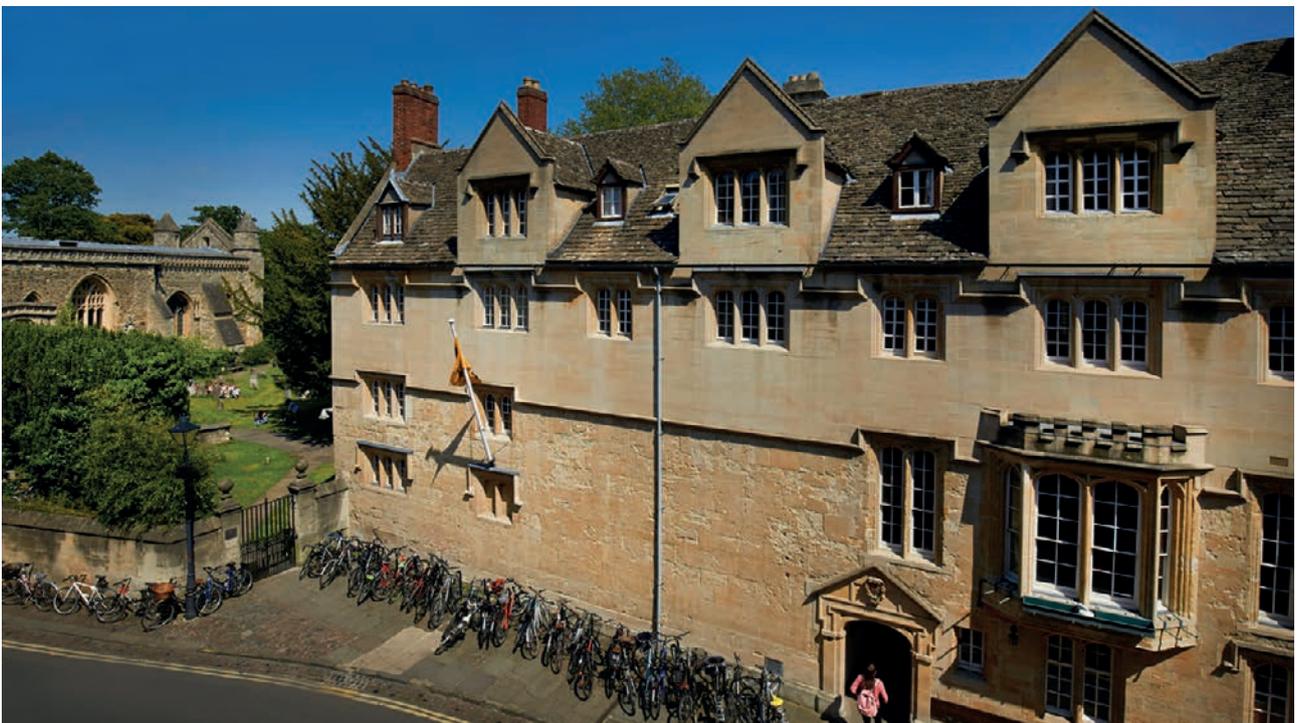
St Edmund Hall: Welcome to the College

Often referred to as ‘Teddy Hall’, St Edmund Hall is one of more than 30 colleges of the University of Oxford, and home to an active and diverse community of just over 400 undergraduates and around 300 postgraduates.

As well as shaping your identity as a student, the College provides a number of facilities including a beautiful library, bar, common room, gym, sports pitches, kitchens, and gardens. We occupy a tranquil location in the city, just off

the bustling High Street of Oxford, which means that our students have both a city centre haven and easy access to the numerous shops, supermarkets, pubs, and bars that Oxford has to offer.

Teddy Hall has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere in which students are supported to excel in both their academic and extracurricular pursuits.



The main entrance to St Edmund Hall in Queen’s Lane, conveniently located just off Oxford’s High Street, close to many University buildings.

We have over 800 years of experience teaching students, and today this is coupled with a modern approach to learning and extra-curricular life that allows our students to achieve highly in a wide variety of fields and enjoy their time here.

Students have further learning opportunities through exchange partnerships and events which expand students’ perceptions beyond their chosen subject.

Our academics are actively pursuing world-leading research in a wide range of fields from the biogeography of islands, to the neurobiology of memory, and the development of superior rechargeable batteries.

Every Teddy Hall undergraduate can apply for up to £300 a year to help with academic expenses. The College also has nearly 150 prizes, scholarships and travel awards on offer each year.

All Oxford colleges have the same academic requirements for their courses, which are listed on the University’s website at [ox.ac.uk/ugrequirements](https://www.ox.ac.uk/ugrequirements)

Undergraduate Courses

Biochemistry

Read our full Biochemistry profile at seh.ac/biochem

👤 Places available: 3 **📄 Course code: C700**

St Edmund Hall has one of the largest communities of Biochemistry undergraduates in the University and our Biochemists play an integral part in the life of the College.

St Edmund Hall features world class active researchers that support the course with dedicated tutorials, focusing on key principles in Biochemistry, modern research practices and inclusion of the latest research developments. Our tutors foster inquisitive minds and facilitate critical, independent thinking to maximize success in the course and beyond.

The breadth of the course helps entry into many career paths. Typically, about 60% of our Biochemistry graduates go on to do academic research or further study, while others find employment in corporate research and development, pharmaceutical and health industries, finance and commerce as well as teaching.

“Biochemistry tutorials are a unique experience to ask questions to experts in the field, and get a point of view that you wouldn’t necessarily hear otherwise.”

Toby, Biochemistry, from Devon

Biomedical Sciences

Read our full Biomedical Sciences profile at seh.ac/biomed

👤 Places available: 3 **📄 Course code: BC98**

St Edmund Hall has a particularly strong relationship with Biomedical Sciences and our Fellow in Physiology, Professor Robert Wilkins, is the course director. Undergraduates engage with a large number of Senior and Junior Research Fellows, who are working in diverse fields ranging from cellular pathology to genetics, to cellular and systems neuroscience. Our students also have the opportunity to be involved in St Edmund Hall’s Centre for the Creative Brain, which aims to open up discussion about neuroscience in a wider context by bringing together scientific experts and those from other fields such as literature, art and music, to further our understanding of the brain.

“The choice within Biomedical Sciences is one of the best things about the course. After gaining a brief overview of the subject in first year, you can pick which options you’d like to study for the rest of your degree, giving you the opportunity to explore your own interests – so it never gets boring.”

Jack, Biomedical Sciences, from Skegness

Chemistry

Read our full Chemistry profile at seh.ac/chemistry

👤 Places available: 6 **📄 Course code: F100**

Chemistry at St Edmund Hall stands out due to its students, who are a close, friendly group and contribute to life at the College in many ways, for example through sport or musical activities. We are fortunate to have two enthusiastic Chemistry Tutorial Fellows, both of whom are professors in the Chemistry Department, along with a highly experienced long-term College Lecturer who covers the teaching in the third branch of the subject. Teddy Hall is also situated close to the Chemistry Department, making it easy to switch between lectures, laboratory classes, tutorials, work in the College library, or simply relaxing with friends in the common room. We also have a number of graduate students in Chemistry, several of whom are able to offer informal or more structured support to undergraduates.

“The level of personal teaching we receive has enabled me to become far more competent and confident in my subject than I thought I would be.”

Emma, Chemistry, from Newcastle



Undergraduate Courses

Earth Sciences (Geology)

Read our full Earth Sciences profile at seh.ac/earth

👤 Places available: 6 **📄 Course code: F644**

Thanks to the breadth of expertise from a wide range of tutors and Fellows, St Edmund Hall is a great place to study Earth Sciences. The College has a long tradition of Geology as a major subject and has a large intake to read Earth Sciences. With six members of academic staff associated with the College, there is a wide range of expertise on offer as well as a great deal of support.

Additionally, students at St Edmund Hall automatically receive funds to assist with the cost of their mapping project in the second year. The College also holds further funds for scientific travel, including funds specifically for Earth Sciences, for which we invite proposals from students during their degree.

“The course itself is quite small – my year has only 30 students. Teddy Hall has one of the largest intakes meaning that before you even get to the department you’ve met a good proportion of your year group, I really like that community.”

Amber, Earth Sciences, from Somerset

Economics and Management

Read our full E&M profile at seh.ac/em

👤 Places available: 7 **📄 Course code: LN12**

St Edmund Hall has an enthusiastic team of Economics and Management tutors who have a strong commitment to teaching and are keen to help our students to reach their full potential. The College library is well-stocked with E&M texts.

The location of St Edmund Hall is also ideal for E&M students. The College is just metres from the Examination Schools, the venue for first year Economics lectures and all University exams, including final exams. The Saïd Business School and Economics department are both a short walk away from the College.

“I love how personal the teaching here is. Naturally the content of the course is going to be new and unfamiliar, but your tutors are always willing to do their best to help you achieve. It really helps to ease you in when you get here because they know how difficult the change at university can be and they are normally very supportive in their encouragement.”

Jojo, Economics & Management, from Croydon



Engineering Science

Read our full Engineering profile at seh.ac/engineering

👤 Places available: 9 **📄 Course code: H100**

St Edmund Hall was one of the first colleges in Oxford to embrace Engineering as an undergraduate subject. We have a lively and thriving community of aspiring engineers, taught by three Tutorial Fellows, three College Lecturers, and a number of other specialist tutors and project supervisors. This community extends to include our Engineering graduate students and alumni, and we hold termly events, along with an annual dinner, to bring everyone together for updates and discussions.

In the Engineering Science course at Oxford, students explore core mathematical and technical topics in their first two years before moving onto specialist areas in the third and fourth years. Lectures, laboratories, tutorials, small classes, and group and individual projects provide students with a varied and rich educational experience.

“Engineering at Oxford is one very broad subject. I wasn’t too sure what I wanted to specialise in, so a general course was the best decision for me at the time. I’ve ended up liking maths, which is something I never thought would have happened before I started!”

Tony, Engineering Science, from Manchester

Undergraduate Courses

English Language and Literature

Read our full English profile at seh.ac/English

👤 **Places available: 8** 📄 **Course code: Q300**

St Edmund Hall has a long tradition of outstanding scholarship in the field of literary studies as well as a creative and imaginative approach to the study of English. Our students are diverse and come from a wide range of backgrounds both within the UK and around the world. We are proud of their intellectual curiosity, dedication to their studies, and creativity. We place a strong emphasis on the craft of writing in particular. During the three year course, students mature into sophisticated critics with their own distinctive style and approach.

St Edmund Hall welcomes applications from students who wish to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the **English and Modern Languages** course to study both language and literature in English.

“The English course here is at once both so liberating and supportive. We are given the freedom to follow our interests, but always under the guidance of the experts. My subject tutors at St Edmund Hall are the most intelligent, supportive and interesting people that I have ever met.”

Meg, English from Cardiff

Fine Art

Read our full Fine Art profile at seh.ac/fineart

👤 **Places available: 6** 📄 **Course code: W100**

Fine Art students at St Edmund Hall benefit hugely from the College's close relationship with the Ruskin School of Art, where the majority of teaching takes place. We have the largest intake of artists of any college in the University, and are situated directly opposite the Ruskin's main site on the High Street.

There are various extra-curricular art activities at the College, such as exhibitions, the St Edmund Hall Gallery (an annual publication of student art and creative writing), and Oxfordshire Artweeks events.

Financial support for participation in the Ruskin's highly successful Professional Practice Programme is available to St Edmund Hall students through the Peel Award. Our final-year students also benefit from the Bendhem Fine Art Bursary to support the costs of the Degree Show.

“I chose Teddy Hall because it seemed the most down to earth and welcoming college and takes six artists each year (more than any other Oxford college). This was important to me as I really wanted to be able to continue discussions outside the studio.”

Elaine, Fine Art, from County Durham

Geography

Read our full Geography profile at seh.ac/geography

👤 **Places available: 6** 📄 **Course code: L700**

Geography students at St Edmund Hall benefit from a dedicated team of two physical geography tutors and one human geographer. The course allows students to specialise in physical geography, environmental or human geography and this is reflected in the breadth of dissertation topics chosen in Year 2, ranging from biogeography, geomorphology and climate modelling through to social and cultural geography projects.

Teddy Hall offers several annual prizes and bursaries to Geographers, including the Hughes Book Prize and the Cox Award to assist with a dissertation project, and College travel awards are also available. We aim to prepare students equally for the world of work or for further study. The College's Geography Society encourages our undergraduate students to meet and exchange ideas with our Geography Masters and Doctoral students.

“Tutorials are my favourite part of the Oxford teaching style. They allow students to thoroughly engage with what has been taught in the lectures, enabling us to develop areas of knowledge which we are perhaps less confident in.”

Molly, Geography, from Bedford



Undergraduate Courses

History

Read our full History profile at seh.ac/history

👤 Places available: 8 **📄 Course code: V100**

The College has a friendly and welcoming community of historians: undergraduates, postgraduates and tutors. We encourage our undergraduates to cultivate their individual interests and preferences, and offer them the widest practicable choice of subjects. Some undergraduates like to spread their options widely; others prefer to concentrate as far as possible on a particular period, area, or type of history. If you decide during your studies that you want to take an option which involves a foreign language, the College will help you to learn or to improve it.

“The Hall is a very close, tight-knit community which welcomes everyone. Having a college site that’s smaller than most means you’re always bumping into your friends and tutors, creating a relaxed and friendly environment.”

Sorcha, History, from London

History and Politics

Read our full profile at seh.ac/hpol

📄 Course code: LV21

At St Edmund Hall, we are fortunate to have two Tutorial Fellows who deliver teaching in History – David Priestland and Nicholas Davidson – as well as our Politics Fellow Karma Nabulsi, who specialises in the Middle East. There is a broad choice of options available and students are not restricted in their choices in one field by the choices they have made in the other.

History and Modern Languages

Read our full profile at seh.ac/hml

👤 Places available: 8

This course allows students with a focused interest in the language, literature, culture, politics and past of

a particular country or region to immerse themselves in it for four years. There is much scope for tailoring a specialist course by selecting complementary options from each discipline. Both disciplines flourish at St Edmund Hall. Our numerous teaching staff for Modern Languages means that our students are able to read History in combination with French, German, Russian or Spanish. The College is able to offer particular expertise in Russian history and culture. History Fellow Professor David Priestland and Modern Languages Fellow Professor Andrew Kahn both work in this area.

Law

Read our full Law profile at seh.ac/law

👤 Places available: 7 **📄 Course code: M100**

Studying law requires a good deal of discipline. It is, however, enormously intellectually rewarding. Most students study the subject for three years. Some for four, spending their third year in Europe. During their time at Oxford students study ten compulsory courses and, in their final year, select two optional subjects from a broad range of choices.

The Oxford tutorial system is central to the learning process. Although lectures are an important part of the experience, students learn primarily through lots of independent reading and regular in-depth discussions with their tutors. Tutorials encourage students to go beyond a surface understanding of the material, to evaluate and explore the nuances. The discussion is intended to be challenging, but is also often lively and good fun.

Law students at St Edmund Hall are supported by a warm and vibrant community. The law students are a friendly group who support one another both within and across the year groups. There is also a college law society - the Portia Society - which organises regular events in order to bring together the law students, tutors and alumni.

Law with Law Studies in Europe

Read our full Law with Law Studies in Europe profile at seh.ac/lse

👤 Places available: 7

Law with Law Studies in Europe is an extended version of the BA Law programme which includes an extra year spent at one of Oxford’s partner universities in continental Europe.

“My classes in German Law, along with the opportunity to go on a year abroad, have been invaluable in providing a comparative view of two very different legal systems.”

Alex, Law with Law Studies in Europe, from Watford



Undergraduate Courses

Materials Science

Read our full Materials Science profile at seh.ac/materials

👤 Places available: 6 **📄 Course code: FJ22**

The tutors at St Edmund Hall represent several specialist areas within Materials Science and show how the subject is truly interdisciplinary. A focus is placed on teaching as much as possible within the College, and drawing on the skills of all of our academic staff. One of the exciting aspects of Materials Science is the vast range of real-world applications of the subject. For example, a huge amount of world-leading research on batteries is not only based in Oxford, but conducted by teaching staff at Teddy Hall.

St Edmund Hall has the longest and most distinguished association with Materials Science of any Oxford college. William Hume-Rothery (1899-1968) was appointed as a Fellow of the College in 1958 on becoming the first Isaac Wolfson Professor of Metallurgy. It is also a rare distinction that six of the Hall's Fellows in Materials have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society.

"I came and toured all the colleges that offer Materials, and I just really liked the feel of Teddy Hall. I'm very glad I did because I really enjoy the College – both its academic set up and the social side."

Jeremy, Materials Science, from Peterborough

Mathematics

Read our full Maths profile at seh.ac/maths

👤 Places available: 6 **📄 Course code: G100**

Mathematics students at St Edmund Hall are able to read either Mathematics (G100); Mathematics and Statistics (GG13); or Mathematics and Philosophy (GV15).

The community of mathematicians at St Edmund Hall is a particularly close-knit and friendly one. Our students are well supported by the tutors and by each other, as collaborative working is encouraged to increase their understanding of the subject material – and of course to lead to breakthroughs too. Our students also benefit from a well-stocked College library for Maths texts, and the University Maths department is only a few minutes away from College on foot or by bike.

One of our mathematics tutors, Tom Crawford, is also a successful science communicator, with his own popular YouTube channel [tomrocksmaths](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6w0k1k1k1k1k1k1k1k1k1k) as well as contributing to Numberphile and 3Blue1Brown.

"The great thing about maths at Oxford is definitely the variety of options you can choose from. Being able to pick modules from as early as second year means you can follow your interests – and it never gets boring!"

Dhaval, Maths, from Bicester

Medicine

Read our full Medicine profile at seh.ac/medicine

👤 Places available: 5 **📄 Course code: A100**

Students at St Edmund Hall benefit from the expertise and teaching of Fellows and lecturers whose interests span a wide range of areas. These areas include behavioural neuroscience, neurology, virology, physiology and anatomy. In recent years, St Edmund Hall students have often been ranked in the top 10% of the University cohort in both pre-clinical and clinical examinations.

The College is also home to the St Edmund Hall Centre for the Creative Brain, which organises termly events with guest speakers, who discuss cutting-edge research in neuroscience and look at how insights from other fields – including art, music, literature and philosophy – can further enhance our understanding of the brain. Students are encouraged to attend these free, and very accessible, events and also have the opportunity to be more involved with the Centre by serving on its organising committee.

"Studying Medicine at Oxford has enabled me to develop a strong foundation in the science and research that is applied every day in the hospital."

Jason, Medicine, from Oxford



Undergraduate Courses

Modern Languages

Read our full Modern Languages profile at seh.ac/modlangs

👤 Places available: 9

St Edmund Hall has a vibrant and diverse community of Modern Linguists, from a wide range of backgrounds both within the UK and around the world, and we are able to offer an impressive range of degree programmes.

We are one of largest colleges for Modern Languages accepting 9 to 10 Modern Language students a year including students studying Joint Schools (Modern Languages with English, History, Linguistics or Philosophy). We are also consistently one of the most successful colleges, with an average of roughly 40% of our undergraduates achieving Firsts since 2014.

Teddy Hall has a strong team of language lecturers and teachers, comprising more than 15 academics and including Tutorial Fellows in French and Russian. As a result of this, nearly all of the undergraduate teaching takes place in College.

We currently offer Modern Languages in a number of different combinations:

- As a single language: French, Russian, Spanish or German.
- A Joint Schools course where you study two languages (choose from French, German, Russian, Spanish, Czech and Polish). We also offer beginners' options in German, Russian and Czech.
- A Joint Schools course where you study a modern language alongside English, History, Linguistics or Philosophy.

“The Teddy Hall tutors were so approachable and spoke more enthusiastically than at the other colleges I'd seen.”

Charlie, French and Beginners' Russian, from London



Philosophy and Modern Languages

Read our full Philosophy and Modern Languages profile at seh.ac/pml

This joint honours degree programme is run jointly by the Faculties of Philosophy and Modern Languages. Students often find that studying these two subjects in combination enhances their understanding of each separate discipline. Graduates of Philosophy and Modern Languages have gone on to a wide spectrum of careers.

Both disciplines flourish in their own right at St Edmund Hall. Over thirty students are currently reading Philosophy as part of their undergraduate degree programme. We are equally strong on the Modern Languages side and our excellent teaching provision in this area means that students are able to study Philosophy in combination with a number of different languages: French, German, Russian, Czech or Spanish.

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Read our full PPE profile at seh.ac/ppe

👤 Places available: 5 **📄 Course code: LOVO**

PPE students at St Edmund Hall form an intellectually active and closely knit community. The student-run PPE Society organises termly speaker events and guest lectures on global events, as well as an annual dinner with tutors. Our College library is well stocked with a huge range of texts that a PPE student may typically require, with multiple copies of the main texts and online resources also available.

St Edmund Hall has a large and enthusiastic team of PPE tutors, larger in number than our typical yearly intake of five students! Between them, the tutors have a very wide range of research interests but they share a strong commitment to teaching and dedication to helping our students reach their full potential.

“Teddy Hall is a really lovely place to be a student. My subject tutors are incredibly interesting, intelligent people, and very supportive – they allow me to get what I want out of my degree.”

Sophie, PPE, from Buckinghamshire

Undergraduate Courses

Physics

Read our full Physics profile at seh.ac/physics

👤 Places available: 6 **📄 Course code: F303**

Physics is the study of fundamental properties of matter and their interactions, and as such it explores microscopic quantum fields, the atoms and materials of everyday life, planets, galaxies, and even the nature of space and time itself. Moreover, physicists apply the structural and analytical insights of the field to other endeavours, and as a result have impacted diverse fields from biology to economics to computing.

The Physics course at Oxford, based in one of the most diverse Physics departments in the world, aims to take students close to the existing limits of knowledge in many aspects of the physical world. Our senior Hall physics tutors teach most of the core subjects which occupy much of the first 2.5 years, and the intense engagement builds a camaraderie amongst the students and tutors as the students take on increasingly independent projects, often situated in active research groups.

“There are lots of students living on the main college site so you will always be able to find people with the same interests as you - I love that I can always find people to chat to.”

Jenna, Physics, from Buckinghamshire

Psychology (Experimental)

Read our full Psychology profile at seh.ac/ep

👤 Places available: 4 (between Psychology and PPL)

📄 Course code: C830

Experimental Psychology undergraduates at St Edmund Hall are given close personal guidance throughout their time at the College. At St Edmund Hall there is a strong interest in neuroscience and in understanding the biological basis of psychology and behaviour.

Our tutors have a strong interest in understanding how the brain learns and remembers, what goes wrong in the brain in psychiatric and neurological disorders, and how the brain tries to recover from injury and disease. This spans all the way from the action of different neurotransmitters and their receptors, through the activity of individual nerve cells and brain circuits, up to the behaving organism. St Edmund Hall students will therefore have the opportunity to interact with a strong research community in psychology and neuroscience.

Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

Read our full PPL profile at seh.ac/ppl

👤 Places available: 4 (between Psychology and PPL)

📄 Course code: CV85

Students of this interdisciplinary degree apply to study any two of its three component subjects. St Edmund Hall admits students who apply to study Psychology and Philosophy.

The College has a strong representation of fellows with interest in behavioural and cognitive neuroscience including neuroimaging, electrophysiology, computational modelling. Our Philosophy tutors teach tutorials in the courses of Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Cognitive Science and as such are well placed to exploit the connections between these fields. Graduates progress to a variety of careers. In recent years, several students have won the Gibbs Prize for best performance in Philosophy in the PPL school across the whole University.

“I have been encouraged to develop a very wide range of skills – statistical analysis, essay writing, scientific reasoning and understanding – so I feel equipped to go in almost any direction in the future.”

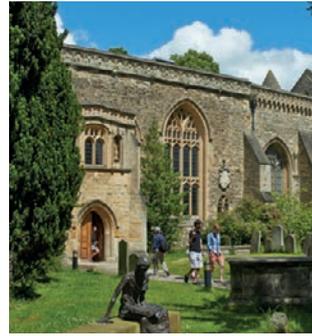
Ellie, PPL, from Cornwall



College Spaces



Front Quad: this is the charming focal point of the College, with its oldest building dating back to the 16th century. It also features a medieval well.



Library: housed in a beautiful medieval church with a painted ceiling. It is well stocked with nearly 45,000 books for all subjects.



Churchyard: it may sound unconventional but our churchyard provides a welcome green space in the heart of the city and is a popular place for studying and socialising in the summer.



Wolfson Hall: being one of Oxford's largest dining halls means you can always sit with friends for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is also a great venue for parties and events like Teddy's Got Talent.



Bar: Across two cosy and historic rooms you will always find friends enjoying the lively atmosphere and the large selection of subsidised alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.



Kelly and Emden: a modern addition providing our first years with spacious rooms and some great views over Oxford.

Teaching

Tutorials mostly take place within your college, and allow you to build on the concepts you will have learnt about in university teaching. You will work closely with tutors who provide individualised teaching and support, often with just one or two other students.



“My tutors at Teddy Hall are genuinely nice and are excellent at not only helping you progress throughout the terms with their knowledge, but also looking after your wellbeing.”

Jason, Medicine, from Oxfordshire

Accommodation

All first year undergraduates are guaranteed their own room on our main College site at Queen's Lane, just off the High Street, in central Oxford.

Having a college as your base, where you live, eat and study, means that it is easy to get to know lots of people. It also means that tutorials, meals, the library, the common room and the bar are all on your doorstep.

Teddy Hall is a short walk from most departments and libraries, and the museums, restaurants, bars and shops in the centre of the city. Buses to and from London and its main airports, which run day and night, stop directly outside the College.

Bedrooms are spacious and include storage space, a sink and a desk, as well as being close to shared bathrooms and kitchenettes.

Most of our undergraduates live out in their second year, and then return to college accommodation for their third (and in some cases fourth) years. Teddy Hall has an annexe at Norham Gardens adjacent to the beautiful expanse of the University Parks, as well as annexes towards Cowley in East Oxford, an area popular with students where many live in their second year.

 Landmark	 Walking Time
Bus Stop to London	Less than 1 minute
Bodleian Library	5 minutes
Nearest Supermarket	6 minutes
Science Area	11 minutes
University Parks	12 minutes
University Sports Centre	12 minutes
Railway Station	19 minutes

“Everyone lives on the main site in first year, which means it's very easy to meet new people and you'll always be bumping into people you know! You'll live out of college in second year, which is a great chance to live with a group of friends, and generally comes with a bit more freedom than living in College!”

Peter, Maths, from Sheffield

“My college room was larger than I expected – there was plenty of storage space and it provided me with everything I needed for work and relaxation.”

Adam, History, From Berkshire

“It's great that first years live on the main Teddy Hall site because it makes it really easy to get involved with college life and you get to know how things work. Plus, it's not only first years living in College, so there's lots of inter-year socialising which you don't get everywhere.”

Esther, French and German, from Coventry



Financial Support

College Grants

Every student can claim up to £300 for academic expenses. This keeps costs down and ensures every student can make the most of the opportunities here, for instance you won't be out of pocket for dissertation printing, specialist software used for data analysis, attending conferences or workshops, or buying books. We also have a dedicated Financial Assistance Fund to make sure that no student cannot complete their studies for financial reasons.

Awards and Prizes

St Edmund Hall is unique in offering Masterclass Awards of up to £1,000 for coaching and tuition. These awards are for non-academic activities like sports coaching or music tuition and are one of the ways we support our students to flourish, whatever their area of interest. These are just one of over 150 awards and prizes distributed by the College each year, and this breadth of support is one of the reasons we have such a diverse community engaged in such a wide range of activities, somewhere everyone can find their niche.



Our Community

The Junior Common Room (JCR) is the name of the undergraduate community at the College, as well as a shared social space.



The room is spacious and comfortable, offering students free tea, coffee (and chocolate milk!), a large TV with Sky, games consoles, boardgames and various newspaper subscriptions.

The JCR is run by the students, for the students. Committee members are elected to represent welfare, gender and sexual diversity, disabilities, BAME students, international students, as well as sports, arts and culture, access and outreach, charities, academic affairs, and the environment. The

committee runs lots of social events, including a busy and varied Freshers' week, as well as film nights, yoga classes and parties throughout the year. The JCR also provides a free weekly 'JCR tea' of snacks and treats for everyone to help themselves.

The JCR contributes to a charities' fund and helps to support scholarships, as well as organising a welfare team of peer supporters. The committee works hard to serve and better the College Community as a whole.

"Teddy Hall is a place with so many different people from different backgrounds, with totally different interests and passions, who are all completely invested in what they've come here to study and pursue. Being around these people is the perfect place to learn and live."

Amelia, English, from Hertfordshire



Students meet a tutor's dog, during a 'bring a pet to work day'

College Meals



Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all available in the dining hall, and students have access to kitchenettes both on the College site and in all our annexes.

You pay for a minimum number of breakfasts and dinners at the start of each term, making it easier for you to budget, and there is no kitchen surcharge. As residents of our Queen's Lane site, some meals may be refunded to you if not used by the end of the term.

Our award-winning chef provides an excellent quality and choice of meals. Optional Formal Hall dinners take place twice a week, with restaurant-quality food and wine included, to which you can invite guests.

"I expected it to be like standard canteen food, but the quality is so much better! Portions are aimed at university students, so you'll never go hungry!"

Ben, Materials Science, from Wiltshire

Masterclass Funding

Our students can apply for up to £1,000 per year from the College to fund individual coaching to develop their extra-curricular interests, from music, sport and drama to photography, wilderness medicine and woodworking.



Get Involved



The College Freshers' Fair

“We’re a very sporty College, but every team welcomes participation by people of any ability, and we also excel in other areas, for example our recent success on University Challenge.”

Emily, Geography, from Derbyshire

“Creative writing is one of the Hall’s strongest areas. The weekly writing workshop is extremely friendly and allows anybody to receive deeply nuanced and particular feedback on their work, as well as affording you the chance to be exposed to the work of a large number of extremely talented writers. It almost can’t help but improve your writing, and is great fun in the process.”

Alex, PPE, from Leicester



“There are lots of opportunities here – sporting, musical, theatrical and they’re a really good way of getting to know students in other years as lots of people give them a go and pitch in where numbers are needed. There are also opportunities at university level for the more serious!”

Lizzie, Geography, from Worcestershire



St Edmund Hall has a dedicated Clubs Fund to support our existing college clubs and societies, and to help students establish new ones.

Writing

There is a strong tradition of writing at the Hall, with regular events including involvement from high-profile alumni such as Samira Ahmed and Stewart Lee. Weekly creative writing workshops are open to all our students.

Music

Our Director of Music, James Whitbourn, is an award-winning conductor and international-renowned composer who encourages involvement in music of all kinds. We offer organ and choral scholarships, plus instrumental awards, and have a well-supported and sociable choir who have recently sung in France and Poland.

There are termly open mic nights, and coaching opportunities such as jazz workshops. The annual ‘Teddy Hall’s Got Talent’ showcases a wide range of acts, and is always popular with singers and musicians.

Drama

The College has a dedicated drama society who recently performed an original musical and a stage production of ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’. Our students are also involved in a variety of acting projects within the wider university, as well as directorial and design roles behind the scenes.

Sport

Traditionally, St Edmund Hall has excelled at sport. Today, there are a

wide range of social and competitive teams, including rugby, netball, cricket, hockey, darts, dancesport, football, karting and basketball.

Community and Welfare

The JCR supports various fundraising activities, including the Venus Society who raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It also organises an annual Equality and Diversity Week, with workshops, debates and a popular international food fair.

A number of current students undergo training each year to become Peer Supporters. They form an important part of the welfare team in the College and are there to listen to and support their fellow students.

History of the Hall

The College is named after St Edmund of Abingdon, who lived and taught in a house on the site of the present-day Front Quad, in the 12th century. He later became Archbishop of Canterbury.

The earliest surviving written record of St Edmund Hall dates back to 1317 although it may be much older.



St Edmund statue in front of the College library - image by Marie Wong, entry in the Hall Photography Competition

Apply

We welcome applications from anyone who fulfils the admissions criteria, regardless of background or circumstance. We have a comprehensive application guide at seh.ac/apply full of advice for writing your personal statement, preparing for an Oxford admissions test, and interviews at Oxford.

Careers

We are keen to support our students in the next stage after their studies, through events such as drop-in sessions with alumni.

For the last few years, we have also offered students an annual 'Bridge to Business' programme: four days of transferable business skills taught by leading academics from the Saïd Business School with contributions from our own alumni.

Open Days

We take part in the University Open Days three times a year in June/July and September.

At our Open Days we offer guided tours of the College including our student accommodation, as well as the opportunity to meet tutors, with current students and admissions staff on hand all day to answer questions.

Find out more at seh.ac/opendays

Hear from our students

Read about student life: seh.ac/profiles

See what sets our college apart: seh.ac/whytddy

Watch our Q&As and 'Day in the Life' [videos on YouTube](#)

Discover the student written Alternative Prospectus: seh.ac/alternative

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