

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE 2012



Where do I start?

Set in a historic student city, Oxford Brookes is one of the UK's leading modern universities with an international reputation for teaching excellence and strong links with business and industry. Find out what makes us unique...



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Oxford Brookes at a glance

18,669 students –

women and men of all ages from a broad range of social and cultural backgrounds



17%

of our students are from outside the UK and come from 132 countries worldwide



We have been named the UK's **leading modern university** for the **10th year** running in the *Sunday Times University Guide 2011*



We are host to **two** national centres of excellence in teaching and learning

The university is investing **£150m** to make significant improvements to its campuses



340 students

at Oxford Brookes on study abroad and exchange programmes in 2010/11



Oxford Brookes is the only modern UK university to have achieved **24 subjects rated as excellent** for teaching



The university can trace its history back as far as **1865** with the foundation of the Oxford School of Art

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Brookes is excellent for the academics. It's also magnificent for the social scene. I think it's the balance of the two that makes it an amazing university to go to.

Zachary Hornback,
study abroad student
from Columbia College
Chicago, USA



Study Abroad and Exchange at Brookes

You can study at Oxford Brookes for one or two semesters and build your study programme across a wide range of subjects.

Academic workload

Oxford Brookes courses are broken down into equal-sized units of study called modules, each of which is self-contained in teaching, learning and assessment. You normally study four modules per semester.

Most of our modules are one semester long and require about 150 hours of study over the 12 weeks. Some double modules run over a whole academic year and are not available if you are studying at Oxford Brookes for one semester.

Formal contact hours per module are likely to be between three hours per week in subjects such as humanities and social sciences, and six hours per week in science or technology and some vocational subjects.

Formal teaching takes place over the first 12 weeks of the semester, with the last weeks available for examinations if these are part of the module assessment.

Teaching style

The teaching methods in the UK may be different from your previous experience. You will learn through a combination of:

- Lectures – a formally delivered talk, probably one-hour or longer.
- Seminars – usually a one or two-hour session in which students, either individually or in groups, prepare and present discussion papers for fellow students.
- Practicals – usually apply to science, technological and vocational subjects.
- Tutorials – for one or more students to have discussions with the staff member(s) teaching the module.
- Brookes Virtual – our online learning environment with the latest teaching technologies such as wikis, discussion boards, blogs and podcasts to complement your seminars and lectures.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means such as coursework, examination, or a combination of the two.



Choosing modules for your course

While you are studying at Oxford Brookes you will need to select modules from our undergraduate modular handbook – follow the link from www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad. You will normally take four single modules or the equivalent per semester at Brookes.



The teachers are very involved and interested in what they are teaching and their passion is infectious. The learning facilities are great, the university became a home very quickly.

Jessie Wilkie, exchange student from Deakin University, Australia

Gaining credit for your studies at Oxford Brookes

All credits gained at Oxford Brookes can be transferred to your home university degree. You will earn either UK CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme) credits or European ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits. US credits are normally recognised as in the table below.



Oxford Brookes modules	CATS credits	ECTS credits	US credits
1 single module	15	7.5	3.75
1 double module	30	15	7.5
1 semester workload (4 modules)	60	30	15
2 semesters' workload (8 modules)	120	60	30

Entry requirements

To apply for our exchange or study abroad programmes you will need to meet our academic and English language requirements. Some modules may have additional academic pre-requisites – if these are noted in the undergraduate modular handbook (referring to other Oxford Brookes modules) you should ensure that your transcript shows a good background in the relevant subject.

English language requirements

If you are not a native speaker of English you will have to meet our English language requirements of IELTS 6.0 (with 6.0 in reading, 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in listening and speaking) or equivalent. Some courses, such as Law and Psychology, require IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.

We offer a wide range of English language courses if you need English language tuition before you begin with your studies. See page 9 for more information.

Academic requirements

You should have completed at least one year of university studies and have a good academic record, with a GPA of 2.8 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent.

How to apply

Guidance notes and application procedures are available at www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad. You will need to provide the following information:

- a copy of your passport
- an up-to-date academic transcript from your home university
- one academic reference letter
- your personal statement (approximately 300 words)
- evidence of your English language qualifications (if applicable)

For Exchange students, including Erasmus (European Exchanges), you should contact the exchanges office in your home university for application forms and list of required support documents.

After receiving your application, we will liaise with the faculty at Oxford Brookes University to obtain approval for your study programme.

Application deadlines

- For Semester 1 (September – December 2012): **18 May 2012**
- For Semester 2 (January – May 2013): **12 October 2012**

What you can study

Oxford Brookes offers a wide range of academic subjects.

Arts and Humanities

- Drama
- English Literature
- History
- History of Art
- Music

Biological and Biomedical Sciences

- Animal Biology and Conservation
- Biotechnology
- Equine Science

Built Environment

- Architecture
- City and Regional Planning
- Interior Architecture
- Real Estate and Construction Management

Business and Management

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Information Systems
- International Business Management
- Marketing

Computing and Mathematical Sciences, Multimedia and Sound Technology

- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Media Technology
- Multimedia Production
- Sound Technology and Digital Music

Education, Early Years and Teacher Training

- Early Childhood Studies
- Education Studies

Environmental Sciences

- Environmental Management

Health and Social Care

- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Osteopathy
- Physiotherapy
- Social Work

Hospitality and Tourism

- International Hospitality Management

Languages

- French
- Japanese Studies
- Mandarin Chinese
- Spanish

Law

- Law

Mechanical, Automotive and Motorsports Engineering

- Computer Aided Mechanical Engineering
- Motorsport Technology

Media and Communications

- Communication, Media and Culture
- Film Studies
- Publishing Media

Philosophy and Theology

- Philosophy
- Religion and Theology

Social Sciences

- Anthropology
- International Relations
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

Sport, Exercise and Nutrition

- Exercise, Nutrition and Health
- Sports Science

For a more detailed list of modules available please see the insert at the end of this prospectus or follow the link to the Undergraduate Modular Handbook at www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad

English language courses

If your level of English is below the language requirements for study you can study on one of our English language courses.

University English

Our University English course is designed to improve your English to study in any academic subject. The course will:

- improve your ability to prepare and write essays, reports, articles and examinations
- help you understand and analyse a wide range of online and printed academic texts
- help you take part in lectures, seminar discussions and tutorials, and to develop your presentation skills.

After successfully completing a course at the appropriate level, you can then progress onto undergraduate study for a semester or a year. You will not be required to take an external language test to meet the university's language requirements. The course duration is 12 weeks. During the summer there are also options to do either an eight-week or a four-week course to help you enter academic courses starting in September.

Other English courses

During the summer we offer a range of short courses, such as:

- IELTS preparation
- General English
- Business English

Find out more at www.brookes.ac.uk/international/pathways

How to apply

You can find the application www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad



Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
	12 weeks				12 weeks				12 weeks			
									8 weeks			
										4 weeks		

Find out more, including entry levels and progression, at www.brookes.ac.uk/international/pathways



Oxford – an amazing city

Located in the heart of England, Oxford is a beautiful city with a rich cultural and academic history.

A world-famous student city, Oxford is big enough to offer something for everyone, yet small enough to feel welcoming and accessible. The city's many museums and galleries, like the Ashmolean and Modern Art Oxford, are world renowned and there is a wide range of theatres, cinemas and live music venues, as well as parks and scenic riverside walks.

With around 30,000 students from all over the world living in Oxford, you are guaranteed a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. The city is full of

restaurants and cafes, so you will find plenty of places to eat and relax. As well as a wide range of independent shops and international chain stores, Oxford is well known for its covered market, established in 1774, selling food, clothing, jewellery, arts and crafts.

You'll also find a great nightlife, with plenty of bars and nightclubs on offer. One of the most famous pubs is the Eagle and Child where Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien met with other authors to discuss their work. The multicultural Cowley Road is a popular area for students.

London is only one hour away by train and there are also cheap and frequent bus services between the main campus and the capital, running 24 hours a day. Oxford's location also makes it a great base for exploring other parts of the UK. The city's user-friendly transport networks make it easy to visit major cities like Bristol and Birmingham, or you can enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside in the Cotswolds, an area of small towns and villages considered to be 'typically English'.



Oxford provided the entertainment level and activities that you would expect to find in a city while still exhibiting the small town feel.

Colleen Sharp, exchange student from Calgary University, Canada

Some highlights in and around Oxford

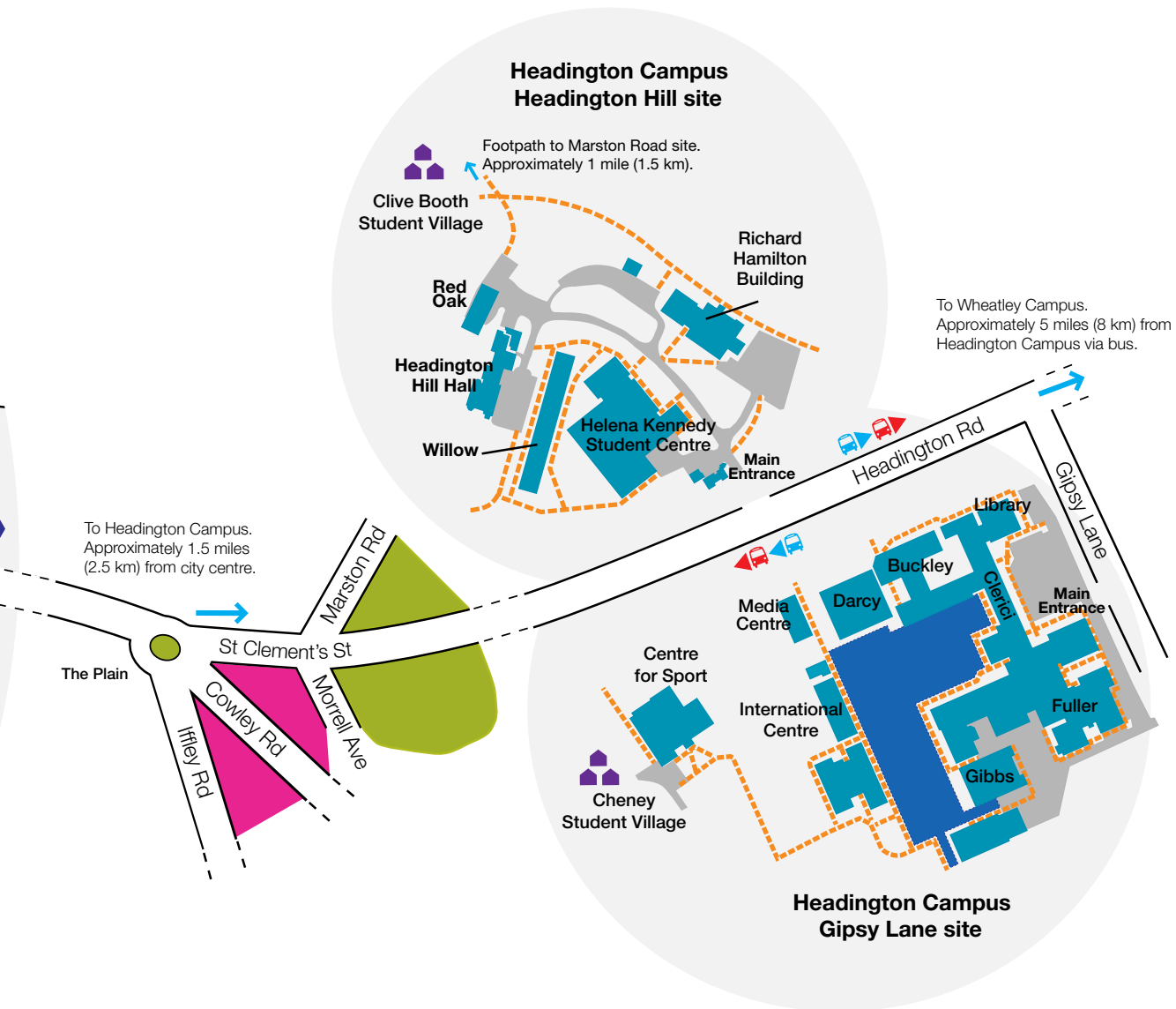
- Art in Action – www.artinaction.org.uk
- Artweeks – www.artweeks.org
- Cowley Road Carnival – www.cowleyroadcarnival.co.uk
- Dancin' Oxford Festival – www.dancinoxford.co.uk
- Oxford Castle – www.oxfordcastle.com
- Oxford Jazz Festival – www.oxfordjazzfestival.com
- Oxfordshire Science Festival – www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.co.uk
- Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival – www.oxfordliteraryfestival.com

For more information about Oxford visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/international/why/oxford













Oxford – a great place to be





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	High-street shopping and restaurants		Coach Station
	University of Oxford Colleges		Footpath
	1 Oxford Playhouse 2 New Theatre 3 Old Fire Station Theatre		U1 BROOKESbus to Headington & Wheatley Campuses
	Museums and Art Galleries		U1 BROOKESbus to Harcourt Hill Campus
	Cinema		Buses to and from London and airports

Campus facilities

On our campuses you will find all the facilities, services and support you need.

Our campuses

We have three campuses in Oxford. Each campus has its own library, student accommodation, and sports facilities. There are also plenty of places for you to relax and take a break in cafes and food outlets where you can meet up with friends, have fun and socialise. Headington Campus, the largest campus, is home to the Students' Union, banking facilities and a bookshop.

Transport

The BROOKESbus network links together the campuses, halls of residence and city centre. All undergraduate students will receive a free BROOKESbus pass. We also have a safety bus for returning home late at night, which runs to all halls of residence and anywhere within central Oxford.

Study facilities

- Three libraries with half a million books, DVDs and CDs available to borrow, plus access to databases, electronic journals and e-books both on and off campus.
- Around 875 networked PCs in open access rooms, many available 24 hours a day.
- Graphics workshop offering supervised facilities for video editing, desktop publishing, computer-aided design and graphics.
- Students on specific courses will have access to specialist equipment.

Academic support

Throughout your studies there will always be plenty of help available. You will be allocated a member of staff as an academic adviser to support you, for example advising on your choice of modules and helping to monitor your progress.

There is also specialist support to help you get the most out of your studies, including free English language classes and Upgrade, our confidential study advice service.

Campus redevelopment

Brookes is investing in a £150m redevelopment of our campuses. Our first major development is a new library and teaching building which will become the focus of the Headington Campus. The first stage will open in 2012, offering improved Built Environment workshops and a professional gallery to showcase the best of our students' work.

The other parts of the building will open in 2013, providing a new library, high-quality lecture theatres and teaching rooms as well as a new Students' Union and a range of student support services. Improved social learning and catering facilities will also be provided, enhancing the whole experience of being a student at Oxford Brookes.

This building is a central part of our ongoing plan to provide the best facilities for all our students.

For more information, please visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/spacetothink



Life at Brookes

We have a lively sports and social scene, and advice is available when necessary – everything you need to make Brookes your new home.

Advice services

Our International Student Advisory Service can advise you before and during your time here about issues such as visas, finance and employment.

The Students' Union can also help you with finance, housing, legal and welfare issues. The Careers and Employment Centre will support you looking for work both in the UK and your home country.

For more information visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/support

Religion and worship

Oxford Brookes is home to students from many different cultures. We provide worship facilities for a range of faiths on campus, while our student societies are a great way for you to meet other students with similar interests. Oxford itself is home to a number of faith communities who offer a warm welcome to international students.

Medical facilities

The medical centre on Headington Campus has doctors and nurses who offer a full, confidential medical service. We deliver a personal, efficient and friendly service to our patients.

Most students are entitled to free medical services. To find out more visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/prearrival

You can also use Studental, the on-campus dental clinic. Fully-qualified dentists provide high-quality treatment in a friendly and modern environment.

Sport

Sport is a great way to meet new people. We have more than 40 sports clubs on offer, and six dedicated sports of excellence: basketball, cricket, hockey, rowing, rugby and climbing on our very own Rock Solid climbing wall. There are sports facilities on all three campuses, with indoor and outdoor activities for all levels. Find out more at www.brookes.ac.uk/sport



Helping you settle in

We understand that coming to live and study in the UK may be a new experience for you, so we do all we can to help you settle in.

- A *Pre-Arrival Guide* to help you prepare before you leave home.
- Social events where you can meet other new students.
- Airport meet and greet service during the September arrivals weekend.
- Campus and city tours.
- Workshops about finance, employment, extending visas and accessing our support services.
- Over 80 Students' Union societies – giving you the chance to meet students with similar interests or from the same country.
- Join our Facebook group to help you contact other students before you arrive at www.facebook.com/oxford.exchanges.



Where you will live

The university has several halls of residence on and around the campus. All halls have wardens and security guards to make your stay here trouble free.



Coming for one semester

You will automatically be allocated a room in our halls of residence and will receive your tenancy agreement one month before your arrival. Most one semester students will be allocated to non en suite self-catering single rooms close to the Headington Campus, such as Clive Booth Hall.

European non-Erasmus students will need to apply to the Accommodation Office. For more information see www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad_exchange/coming/living

Coming for two semesters

You will need to apply directly to the Accommodation Office as you will not be allocated a room automatically. You should apply online using the password that will be sent to you once you have accepted your offer from the university.

What is included in your accommodation

(Clive Booth Hall non en suite)

- Single study bedroom
- Self-catering
- Kitchen and bathroom allocated to groups of 5-6 in self-contained flats
- Room facilities: Bed-base and mattress, mattress protector, desk and desk chair, reading lamp, wardrobe and curtains, pinboards for posters
- Duvet, pillows and bed linen are not provided but a bedding pack may be purchased on arrival
- Internet access
- BROOKESbus pass (10 minutes to city centre)
- Laundrette available on site
- Computer room
- Basic possessions insurance
- Food outlets, sports facilities, ATM and shops within walking distance
- Hall wardens on site between 6.00pm and 8.00am Monday to Friday and weekends.



Oxford Brookes is a perfect combination of excellent learning experience and social interaction. Living in halls is the best opportunity to assimilate into different cultures.

Li Qi, exchange student from Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Fees and living costs

Studying at Oxford Brookes is a great investment in yourself and in your future.

Tuition and accommodation fees

Study Abroad (International)

If you are applying through an Oxford Brookes overseas representative, or an institution with which Oxford Brookes has an agreement, for example your current college, there is a package fee which includes tuition, accommodation and additional benefits. The institution you are applying through can supply you with the most up-to-date fees. If you are applying independently, the following fees apply for undergraduate courses.

If your university is one of the Santander Universities there may be additional funding opportunities.

Period	Approximate Accommodation costs	Tuition 2012/13
Semester 1 (Sept – Dec)	£1,650	£5,490
Semester 2 (Jan – May)	£2,500	£5,490
Semesters 1 and 2	£120-£140 per week	£10,980

Visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad for more information.

Study Abroad (European)

The tuition fees for EU Associate students will be confirmed in September 2011. Please visit our website for the latest information. Accommodation costs are the same as for Study Abroad (International) students.

Exchange (International and Erasmus)

Tuition fees are paid through your home institution. You will normally have to pay accommodation fees and other expenses such as travel, food, etc. For a list of our Exchange partners, see www.brookes.ac.uk/international/exchange/partners

English language courses

For fees for English language and pathways courses, please see www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/finance/tuition/international_prep

Financial Aid

If you are from the USA you may be able to use your Federal Financial Aid towards the cost of the Oxford Brookes study abroad programme as we are registered with the US Department of Education (registration number G20879). Please check with your home institution.



Estimated living expenses per week

(based on living in halls)

Telephone	£5
Transport (BROOKESbus pass included in hall price)	£10
Food	£45
Household goods (toiletries, cleaning products, laundry, etc)	£5
Leisure and sport	£30
Books/stationery/printing/course-related expenses	£10
Insurance	£2
Total weekly expenditure	£107
Total monthly expenditure	£428

Global opportunities

Studying at Oxford Brookes is an excellent way to internationalise your degree experience.

International students – international city

- Oxford has approximately 150,000 residents, 30,000 of which are students.
- 9.3 million tourists visit the city of Oxford each year.
- 17% of students at Brookes are overseas (non-UK) students coming from 132 countries worldwide.

Travel to London and elsewhere in the UK

There are two direct coach services from London, both running as often as every 10-15 minutes during most of the day, every 20-30 minutes in late evenings and hourly through the night. Travel time is 70-100 minutes depending on traffic. Both drop you off outside our Headington Campus as well as in Oxford city centre.

The Airline coach runs from London Heathrow every 30 mins from about 6am until 11pm. It takes about 90 minutes to reach Oxford. There is also a direct bus from Gatwick and Stansted airports. There are good rail links to cities throughout the UK: to Birmingham in 70 mins, Bristol in 90 mins, and Manchester in 3 hours

Travel to Europe

Eurostar travels through the Channel Tunnel to Paris from London in 2hrs 15 minutes. Costs are from £69. There are flights from Birmingham and London airports to cities all over Europe.

Visa information

Students staying for one semester

You should apply for a student visitor visa. If work placement is part of your course (such as nursing students), you will need a Tier 4 student visa. Please note that a Tier 4 student visa is required even if your work is voluntary and unpaid. Oxford Brookes will not automatically issue a CAS number (needed for a Tier 4 student visa) if you are coming to Brookes for one semester.

Students staying for two semesters

You will automatically be issued with a CAS number (needed for a Tier 4 student visa). Please check the UK Border Agency web page for more details: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk

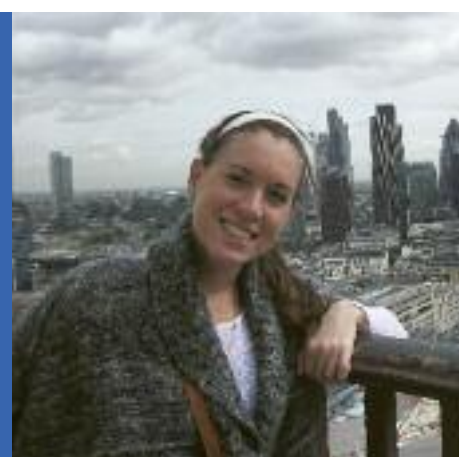
English language requirements

If you need a Tier 4 student visa to come to the UK you will need to meet the UK Border Agency's English language requirements. Please visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/apply/english for more information.



The education abroad office is extremely helpful. Studying abroad is also the chance to meet people from different places and to travel to new cities. You will never have another chance like this.

Hannah Findley, exchange student from Virginia Tech, USA



Find out more

For more information about studying here visit
www.brookes.ac.uk/international/studyabroad



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Oxford Brookes is committed to the principle of equality. Our policies and practices promote equality of opportunity for all who study, work and visit our community. We seek to make the university an inclusive place to work and study and welcome applications from all sections of the community and from people at all stages of their life.

To find out more see www.brookes.ac.uk/services/hr/eod or contact the HR Team & Business Partnership Manager (Equal Opportunity and Diversity) **+44 (0) 1865 485929**

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