

MUSLIM STUDENT GUIDE

Oxford Brookes University welcomes all faiths and observes a range of cultural values and belief systems. Our campus offers prayer rooms, facilities to perform Wudu (Ablution) and we offer the support of a Muslim chaplain.

OXFORD BROOKES FAITH COMMUNITIES

Our chaplains are a team of ministers and spiritual advisors appointed in partnership with the University and local community. They offer friendship and spiritual support to members of all faiths, as well as non-believers.

The Muslim chaplain is Sheikh Dr Ramzy. Our faith advisor provides personal confidential support and spiritual care to the University community.

For more information visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/chaplaincy

PRAYER AND QUIET ROOMS ON CAMPUS

Our multi-faith prayer rooms provide a quiet space to perform prayer and meditation, and facilities to perform Wudu (Ablution). The allocated prayer rooms are open daily to support our students:

- **Headington Campus:** the prayer room is in the Chaplaincy which is located in the Buckley building.

- **Harcourt Hill Campus:** the prayer room and washing facilities are situated by the chapel entrance.

- **Wheatley Campus:** the prayer room is located in the entrance lodge, in room EL12.

A weekly Friday Prayer Service is offered on the Headington Campus.*

*Weekly timings are confirmed by the Oxford Brookes Islamic Society.

Oxford Brookes Islamic Society (ISOC)

Oxford Brookes Islamic Society offers the opportunity to meet a diverse mix of people, and provides a platform for students to develop socially and academically. There are many other student-led societies offered by Brookes Union. These include cultural, religious, social and sports clubs.

For more information visit:

www.brookesunion.org.uk

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HALAL FOOD ON CAMPUS

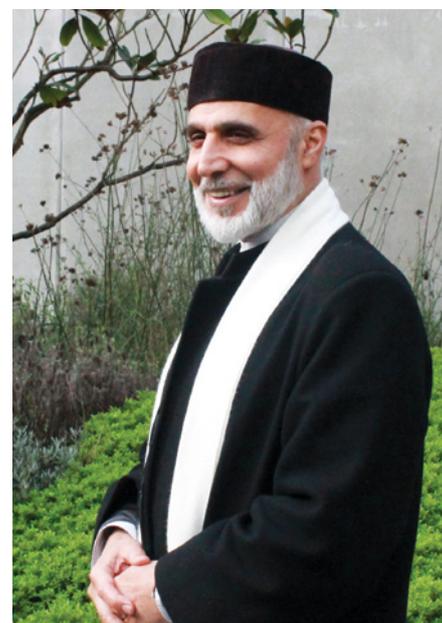
The University campus offers food shops and outlets to cater for a range of cultural and dietary requirements. Café Central supplies Halal food and the Sports Centre produces Halal menu options.

Support services

The International Student Advice Team (ISAT) sets-up schemes to promote cultural exchange and provide assistance to students who need additional support to adjust to life in the UK.

They offer specialist advice for queries on immigration, personal finance, visas, and working in the UK. Find out more at:

www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat



“I’m Sheikh Dr Ramzy and I represent the Muslim community in Oxford and I am one of the Chaplains at Oxford Brookes University. I am here to guide students on religious matters and help them to settle into University.”

Sheikh Ramzy, Muslim Chaplain

“We have a nice prayer room and Wudu facilities. I feel thankful to those who have made these facilities, it’s very respectful.”

Oussama Kaoui, Morocco
MSc Computer Science

Oxford offers something for everyone...

Oxford is a vibrant, multicultural city, with student and resident faith communities from all over the world.



We understand that coming to live in the UK may be a new experience for you, so we want to let you know about the many features of our unique city that can help you settle into life here:

- Oxford is a safe and welcoming city with a strong sense of community.
- Oxford is multicultural city and boasts cultural, recreational, and shopping facilities that match those of larger cities.
- Oxford provides amenities for many interests, including the Asian Cultural Centre. You can meet up with friends or attend local community events and activities. Also, the Islamic Centre offers short courses in Arabic.
- Oxford is a city of parks, rivers and canals, so offers a tranquil retreat from the crowds and a space to think and relax in peaceful surroundings.

- Oxford offers a range of local mosques including the Central Oxford Masjid, Central Oxford Mosque Society and the Madina Masjid and Islamic Cultural Centre. As well as the local mosques there are many other places to pray around the city including the Bangladesh Islamic Education Centre and Mosque.
- Oxford is a cosmopolitan city and offers popular eating places for a range of tastes including Turkish, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Moroccan, Lebanese and more... Many of the restaurants are located near to the Headington Campus and are situated close to popular student areas including the Cowley Road, Headington, and Oxford City Centre. There are also grocery stores around the city that supply Halal meat.

For more information visit:

www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/chaplaincy/oxford/muslim



“There is quite a prominent Islamic Society in Oxford. There are mosques that both men and women can attend. They also have a lot of events for the community. In the same area you also get a lot of Halal restaurants.”

Safiyya Winter, President of the Islamic Society at Oxford Brookes



“I did not know until I came here but I was told there was an Islamic Society and a prayer room. They are really fantastic. The people are very friendly here, and they respect and co-operate with other religions as well.”

Mohammed Abubakkar Shamim, Bangladesh, MSc Accounting and Finance



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