Ask most people what makes Worcester distinctive and it's an easy answer – our 26 acres of award-winning gardens. When you're relaxing by the lake or having a picnic under the centuries-old trees, it's easy to forget that this green oasis is less than a 10-minute walk from the train station. And with the University’s libraries and departments only a short walk away too, it's hard to think of a better place to be a student in Oxford. If that's not enough, the lively neighbourhood of Jericho is just on our doorstep. Here you can make the most of the independent cinema, shops, bars and cafés which bring this part of town to life.

With green spaces so important to us at Worcester, we're working hard to champion sustainability and biodiversity. Our gardens support 65 species of birds, many small mammals and millions of invertebrates. Aside from the gardens, we're looking at ways to make the whole college more sustainable – like printing this single sheet of paper instead of our old 24-page prospectus. Head to our website to read more about our courses, academics and research.

What do our students think? Read their new Alternative Prospectus

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WELCOME TO WORCESTER

At Worcester, you’ll find a community which supports your academic success, gives you the space you need to flourish, and offers you a helping hand when you need it.

We’re the only college in Oxford to have sports pitches on site and we also excel in extra-curricular music and drama. And with accommodation for three years in college or just over the road, you’re guaranteed to be able to make the most of our award-winning gardens – by the time graduation arrives most people are firm friends with our resident ducks!

As one of Oxford’s most diverse colleges, we take equality of opportunity seriously and admit students with the most potential, whatever their background. Over the past three years, 84% of our UK students have come from state schools – the second highest intake in the University - and a third have had Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

We’ve been here since 1714 but some of our buildings were already hundreds of years old when we arrived. Plenty has changed over the last 300 years while some things have stayed the same. Whether its tradition or innovation you’re after (or probably something in between), Worcester is a place you can make your own.

P.S. If you hadn’t guessed, our college colour is pink...
Enjoy 3 meals a day in our beautiful 18th century dining hall (just brunch and dinner on Sundays). We always have vegetarian and vegan options as well as Halal meat. You can dress up to enjoy formal dinners 3 times a week and also make use of the communal kitchens. Catering is pay-as-you-go so it’s easy to be flexible. Our café offers coffee, pastries and made-to-order sandwiches, while the Cellar Bar is the perfect spot to chill with affordable drinks, darts, pool & foosball.

WHAT’S FOR DINNER?

A typical weekly menu could include: roast chicken & stuffing, spicy bean chilli, fish pie, beef casserole with dumplings, jerk-spiced jackfruit, pulled pork wraps, and a curry night with tandoori chicken, samosas, saag paneer, aloo gobi and mango rice pudding!

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Worcester is so much more than a collection of buildings. This is your place to learn and thrive; your place to make friendships and pursue passions that’ll endure long after you’ve graduated. Find out why Worcester is the perfect home away from home.

YOUR PLACE TO LEARN

Work in the historic lower library for a great view of college or head to the upper library to browse the modern collection

Separate law library open to all students

24-hour library facilities in college

Around 700 new volumes purchased each year

Special collections of international significance

YOUR PLACE TO BELONG

Buskins drama society and a century-old tradition of summer garden plays

Inclusive sports teams with regular training and socials for everything from football to frisbee

On-site sports pitches, gym and 3 hard tennis courts

Student-run music society with weekly recitals and regular concerts plus an orchestra, jazz orchestra and non-auditioning choir

Chapel choir sing 3-4 services per week and offer scholarships with singing lessons in all parts

Multi-faith prayer room for individual and group reflection with adjacent washrooms

Purpose-built dance studio beside the lake

YOUR PLACE TO LIVE

* Three years of guaranteed college accommodation on site or less than 300m from the perimeter
* 20 buildings to choose from spanning 7 centuries
* More than two thirds of our rooms have en-suite bathrooms
* Access to spacious shared kitchens

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

We’re committed to keeping rent and bills affordable at Worcester. Accommodation pricing is spread across 6 grades which reflect the facilities, size and age of different rooms. In 2022–2023, first-year rents at Worcester (excluding utilities and meals) ranged from £2,700 to £4,480 for 187 nights.

Catering prices in 2022–2023 were:

- 52p/item breakfast
- £4.25 lunch
- £4.99 dinner
- £13.08 formal

You can book events and track spending on our catering app.

A PLACE TO THRIVE

Professional welfare lead and a team of on-call graduate students to provide advice and support 24/7

College Nurse providing on-site and remote appointments every weekday

Chaplain always available for pastoral support (and walks with Harry the dog)

Your college tutor supports both your academic and personal development

Learning Support Officer to offer training and guidance on study skills and work to build an inclusive learning environment

Equality & Diversity Fund to support student projects and initiatives

We firmly believe that no students should be unable to attend Oxford due to financial concerns. In addition to the University’s Oxford Bursaries and Crankstart Scholarships, Worcester offers book allowances and vacation study grants. We also award prizes and scholarships to reward excellent academic work. College funds can offer short-term support to those facing unforeseen financial difficulties through a mix of grants and loans.