CONFERENCES, CATERING & ACCOMMODATION AT UNIV
University College – known simply as Univ – is the oldest college in Oxford; it owes its origins to William of Durham, who died in 1249.

We began life as a small, poor college with just enough funds to support four Fellows reading theology. Growing slowly in size and wealth over the next five hundred years, by the eighteenth century Univ was one of the most intellectually active colleges in Oxford with former students and Fellows found in senior positions in both government and the judiciary. We now house in excess of 650 students and over 100 Fellows and lecturers.

Today our guests can enjoy our beautiful and historical setting, and experience iconic architecture, a welcoming atmosphere and outstanding service. Our hospitality team excels in delivering exemplary food, accommodation and conference facilities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Univ.
CONFERENCE ROOMS

University College welcomes residential conferences outside of the academic term and non-residential meetings and events during term. Situated in the heart of Oxford, Univ is ideally located for conferences and meetings as well as corporate and private events and is easily accessible by rail and buses, with direct links to London and Birmingham international airports.

Conveniently located on the High Street, we’re next door to the Examination Schools and close to most University departments and hospitals. The city’s many attractions are all within easy reach.
THE SWIRE SEMINAR ROOM

The Swire Seminar Room is versatile meeting space with multiple layout options; a bright, comfortable and fully accessible venue. It has built-in equipment including computer, DVD, Video and CD players, sound system, ceiling-mounted projector, wall-mounted screen, induction loop system and wireless microphones. There’s a foyer area perfect for welcome drinks receptions or refreshments.

Available to book all year around.
10 MERTON STREET

This first floor, fully accessible lecture room is flanked by a library and garden making it a quiet meeting space. It seats up to 80 people theatre style layout and has built in equipment: computer, DVD and CD players, sound system with recording facilities, ceiling-mounted projector and screen, and wireless microphones. On the ground floor there is a pleasant lobby that is used as both a meeting space, and a refreshments and drinks reception area.

Available all year

12 MERTON STREET, ROOM 2

With its high ceilings and an abundance of light this is the perfect boardroom space. Fully equipped with Computer, DVD, Video and CD players, sound system, ceiling-mounted projector, wall-mounted screen, and iPad presentation capability.

Available all year
BOATHOUSE CLUBROOM

Idyllically located on the banks of the river Thames the Boathouse Clubroom is the ideal place for both meetings and celebrations – the perfect example of an Oxford College “hidden gem”. It holds up to 70 people for drinks parties and includes access to the balcony.

Available to book from May to October.
Our largest meeting room is spacious with abundance of natural light and an undisturbed location. Located on the first floor (and with no lift access) it overlooks the Fellows’ Garden and Library. It seats a maximum of 90 people theatre style and 60 classroom style. It has built-in equipment: including computer, DVD, video and CD players, sound system, ceiling-mounted projector, wall-mounted screen; induction loop system and wireless microphones.

*Available only out of term*
SYKES ROOM I AND II

Sykes Rooms I and II can be used together as a meeting space and breakout or catering area. Sykes I has a relaxed feel to it whilst Sykes II is perfectly suited for boardroom meetings. Both have built-in equipment and seat a maximum of 14 people.

Available out of term.
THE BUTLER ROOM

The Butler Room is a multipurpose venue suitable for meetings, lunches, dinners and drinks receptions. Its proximity to the Alington room makes it perfect for use as a pre-dinner drinks venue. A lift accessible first floor room that overlooks the Master’s Garden this is a bright, modern space in the heart of College.

Available to book all year.
Dining and Catering Facilities

Univ’s Chefs produce delicious and imaginative seasonal menus with an emphasis on fresh ingredients that are sustainable and locally sourced whenever possible. Menus are personalised to the client preferences and wines matched accordingly.

The location for drinks receptions varies on numbers, availability and season, but whenever possible take place in the Fellows’ garden. Subject to availability the college Bar can also be used for drinks receptions and after dinner socialising.

Our 17th century gothic-style dining Hall is undoubtedly amongst the most beautiful in Oxford. Surrounded by stained glass windows and portraits, and with a magnificent hammer beam ceiling, the Hall offers a uniquely memorable dining experience. Smaller dining rooms, such as the 20th century Alington room with its fine panelled walls, offers an intimate, but traditional, formal setting expected of an Oxford College.
HALL

Built in 1656 the Hall offers iconic architecture and outstanding food. Dining in such an elegant and beautiful setting is an experience you'll always remember.

Available for hire mostly out of term.
THE ALINTON ROOM
A beautiful wood panelled room, bright and traditional in an Oxford College style. This elegant room offers a relaxed and intimate setting and seats up to 55 in u-shaped arrangement or 60 in two rows.

Available to hire mostly out of term.
THE BUTLER ROOM
This is a multipurpose room suitable for meetings, lunches, dinners and drinks receptions. Due to its proximity to the Alington Room it is perfect to use for pre-dinner drinks. A lift accessible first floor room that overlooks the Master’s Garden, this is an ideal space for any occasion.

Available to book all year.
**REFRESHMENTS**

**Simple Option**
*Tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit and fruit juice.*

**Healthy Option**
*Granola topped yogurt, fruit platter, tea, coffee and fruit juice.*

**Pastry Option**
*Selection of mini pastries, croissants and pain au chocolat, tea, coffee and fruit juice.*
Lunch

Working Lunch
Selection of sandwiches, vegetable crisps, bake selection, fruit, tea, coffee and fruit juice.

Univ Lunch
Selection of sandwiches and wraps, popcorn, cookies, fruit, tea, coffee and fruit juice.

Executive Lunch
Selection of sandwiches and wraps, finger food, vegetable crisps, patisserie selection, tea, coffee and fruit juice.
**SAMPLE LUNCH MENUS**

**Buffet Lunch**

Pesto Marinated Chicken with Sun Blushed Tomatoes  
Salmon Gravadlax with Cucumber and Yoghurt  
Marinated Artichoke, Brie and Shallot Tarte  
Mixed Leaf Salad  
Plum and Beef Tomato Salad with Tarragon  
Sliced Cucumber  
Herb Pasta Salad  

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Fresh Fruit Salad  
Cream and Coulis

Rare Cooked Striploin of Beef, Horseradish Cream  
Poached Salmon with Dill and Lemon Mayonaise  
Marinated Tomato, Olive and Feta Salad  
Mixed Leaf Salad  
Tomato and Sliced Cucumber  
Cous Cous Salad  

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Praline Opera Gateau,  
Cream and Coulis  

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Coffee and Mints

**Served Lunch**

Warm Butternut and Sage Tart with Sunblushed Tomatoes and Baby leaves  

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Pan-fried Black Bream with Asparagus, Crushed Potatoes and Turned Carrots, Red Wine Syrup  

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Fresh Summer Fruit Tuille with Clotted Cream  

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Smoked Duck Breast, Celeriac Remoulade and Chive Oil  

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Pan Fried Salmon and Scallops with Baby Leeks, Turned Potatoes and Carrots, Saffron Cream  

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Lemon Tarte with Fresh Berries and Clotted Cream
SAMPLE DINNER MENUS

Cauliflower and Roast Garlic Risotto

Confit Duck Leg, Sage Crushed New Potatoes and Baby Vegetables, Red Wine Reduction

Apple tarte with Cinnamon Cream

Coffee and Mints

Ham Hock Roulade, Piccalilli and Baby Rocket

Rump of Lamb, Garlic and Thyme Parmentier Potatoes, Turned Carrots and Courgettes, Rosemary Jus

Black Forest Ganache Slice with Chantilly Cream and Raspberry Coulis

Coffee and Mints

Chicken Liver Parfait, toasted Brioche, Red Onion Marmalade, Baby Leaves

Pan Fried Hunch of Venison, Juniper Scented Mashed Potato, Braised Red Cabbage, French Beans and Port Jus

Chocolate Truffle Torte, Raspberries and Vanilla Anglaise

Coffee and Mints
Univ welcomes residential conferences during vacation and non-residential meetings during term. Our facilities include 200 standard study bedrooms with shared facilities and 50 en-suite rooms. All our bedrooms vary in size and shape. The Stavertonia annex is located in the affluent area of North Oxford, 15 minutes walking distance from Oxford City Centre. Consisting of five separate buildings that are positioned within spectacular gardens it offers close to 100 single study bedrooms with shared facilities. Our B&B rate includes English/Continental buffet breakfast in the Hall. Check-in from 2pm and check out by 10am.
**Contact and directions**

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**Getting to Oxford From London Airports**

London Heathrow and Gatwick airports are served by The Airline coach service, 24 hours a day – see airline.oxfordbus.co.uk. Trains link Heathrow to Oxford via London, and from Gatwick via Reading, see thetrainline.com. London Stansted airport is linked to Oxford by the National Express coach service – details and booking at nationalexpress.com.

**Getting to Oxford by Train**

A direct service operates between London Paddington and Oxford Station (approximately every 30 minutes with a journey time of 58 minutes). Univ is 1km from the station.

Trains also run between London and Oxford via the London Marylebone to Oxford Parkway route – details at chilternrailways.co.uk. Please note that Oxford Parkway is located to the north of the city centre, necessitating a taxi or bus journey of around 20-30 minutes.

Trains run between Birmingham New Street and Oxford. Other services operate from the north via Birmingham New Street; from the South via Reading; and from the west via Didcot or Reading. For information see nationalrail.co.uk.

**Getting to Oxford by Coach**

Oxford and London are connected by coach with frequent 24-hour services. For details of the X90 see x90.oxfordbus.co.uk or the “Oxford Tube” coach at oxfordtube.com. For information on coaches to or from other major cities see nationalexpress.com.

**Getting to Oxford by Car**

Many Oxford streets are closed to traffic and parking is severely limited. Visitors are encouraged to use the Park and Ride bus services which operate between the city centre and parking areas on the outskirts at Pear Tree, Woodstock Road (north); Water Eaton (north); Seacourt, Botley Road (west); Redbridge, Abingdon Road (south); and Thornhill, London Road (east).