Overview
Princeton students who are entering the Woodrow Wilson School are eligible to apply to the fall-term program at University of Oxford. Developed with the full cooperation of Hertford College, the program allows Princeton students to study as visiting students, complete the required Policy Task Force, and receive a full semester of Princeton credit.

Because the Oxford term is only eight weeks long, all Princeton students take a four-week intensive course prior to the beginning of term. Once the Oxford term begins in October, Princeton students take two Oxford tutorials. Throughout the program, all Woodrow Wilson School students participate in a Policy Task Force, taught by a Princeton-appointed professor from Oxford.

University of Oxford
The University of Oxford, established in the 12th century, is composed of 39 independent, self-contained, self-governing colleges and six Permanent Private Halls, founded at different times in the past 800 years. Of the 39 colleges, 30 admit students for undergraduate degrees. Each of these colleges and halls selects its own students, houses them for at least the first year, provides their meals, meeting rooms (called common rooms), libraries, sports and social facilities, and assumes responsibility, primarily through the tutorial system, for their academic studies. The university, on the other hand, provides the laboratories, the central lecture halls, the libraries and museums, prescribes courses and syllabi, and is in charge of university examinations and awarding degrees.

Hertford College lies at the very center of Oxford on one of its most beautiful streets. The college is immediately opposite to the main library of the university, the Bodleian, and within a short walk of all other principal libraries and laboratories of the university. It was in the first group of male colleges that admitted women and still has a higher ratio of women to men than is usual in Oxford. There are 375 undergraduates and 150 graduate students at Hertford.

The Setting
The City of Oxford is a blend of businesses and colleges (the latter representing many architectural periods) with a population of 160,000. Along with high tech industries and several publishing houses, Oxford is home to a large variety of shops, including large department stores and small shops, and many excellent bookstores. The city provides ample opportunity for sightseeing, visiting museums, and attending theater and musical performances.

Academic Program
Princeton students will arrive in Oxford five weeks before the start of the Oxford academic year. During the first four weeks, the students will begin their weekly Policy Task force

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SEMESTER AVAILABLE: Fall only

PROGRAM DATES: early September to December

ELIGIBILITY: Juniors in the Woodrow Wilson School. Applicants must have a 3.4 GPA or higher.

COURSES: Four-week intensive seminar, taught for Princeton students, two Oxford tutorials on a wide range of topics in the social sciences and humanities, Policy Task Force.

HOUSING: Single rooms in Hertford College graduate student dormitory, near other undergraduate dormitories.

FINANCIAL AID: Students who are approved to study at Oxford for Princeton credit may use financial aid to meet expenses. Students must complete a budget form, available from the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office. The budget should include tuition, room, board, travel, books, and personal expenses.

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meetings and take an intensive 30-hour seminar on modern British political history. In week five, classes do not meet to allow students to participate in “Noughth Week,” Oxford’s version of our Orientation Week.

Michaelmas Term, the first of the three, eight-week Oxford terms, begins in mid-October and ends in early December. During Michaelmas Term, students continue meeting in the weekly Policy Task Force and begin two Oxford tutorials, the topics of which they will choose beforehand.

Teaching at Oxford is based on the tutorial system. Tutorials, which normally last one hour, are given each week to students either individually or in pairs. They are supplemented by classes and seminars, sometimes organized by college tutors and sometimes by the university, for all colleges. Lectures are organized by the university. College tutors advise their students about attending lectures, participating in laboratory and field work, and how to approach their studies. Attendance at lectures is not compulsory, but undergraduates may well spend on average between six and ten hours a week attending lectures. Students may attend lectures in subjects other than those they are studying.

The character of tutorials will vary from subject to subject. Usually undergraduates present an essay or a solution to a set of problems, which they discuss with their tutor. Oxford undergraduates are encouraged to think independently and creatively, to learn to work quickly and efficiently, and to express themselves concisely and accurately. These are skills which they will find valuable in later life. Attendance at tutorials during the term is obligatory. Proper preparation for each tutorial is required.

Student Life
Princeton students have the same access to libraries, computing facilities, and health services as do regularly enrolled students. More than 200 clubs and societies are active at Oxford. At “Freshers’ Fair” in October, students can learn about the array of clubs, sports, music and drama societies, student newspapers, and the student-run radio station. The Oxford Union, founded in 1823, is famous for its debates and for attracting renowned speakers from around the world.

Each college’s Junior Common Room, open to all undergraduates, provides a place to relax with magazines and newspapers; it also functions much like the Undergraduate Student Government in representing students’ opinions and organizing a range of social events. Some colleges have their own dramatic and music groups as well as other organizations to accommodate students’ particular interests.

Housing
Princeton students will be housed in the Graduate Center at Folly Bridge, a pleasant ten-minute walk from the main site of the college on Catte Street. Each Princeton student will have a single room with a private bathroom. Each room has Internet and telephone connections. A meal card that covers one meal per day in the dining hall is provided. Students can either purchase additional meals in the dining hall or prepare meals in one of the communal kitchens in the dormitory. The dormitory provides laundry facilities and a computer room with a printer. Princeton students do not have a right to accommodation during vacations.

Application Process
Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of International Programs, 36 University Place, Suite 350. The deadline for applications is March 13. A complete application consists of the following:

1. Application form (available in the Office of International Programs or at http://www.princeton.edu/oip.sap/programs/academic_year/princeton_affiliated/hertfordwws/admission/Hertford-Application_WWS.doc
2. Two letters of recommendations from Princeton faculty who have taught you (in sealed envelopes with the recommender’s signature on the flap),
3. Official transcript
4. Samples of recent academic work in each subject area in which you intend to study
5. Two passport-size photos

The Princeton Study Abroad Approval Form (available on the Office of International Programs website at www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval) is due by May 1 for students applying to study abroad in the fall. The Princeton approval form is reviewed by the Committee on Examination and Standing, which grants final approval to participate in the program. Students who have secured the approval of the Office of International Programs and their department are normally approved by the Committee.

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