

The Florida State University Summer Program in

LAW AT OXFORD



JUNE 29 - AUGUST 6, 2026

Now in its 53rd year, The Florida State University Summer Program in Law at Oxford will be held June 29 to August 6, 2026. We will again reside at St. Edmund Hall, an Oxford college which traces its roots to the 13th century when it was one of the academic halls that formed the basis of the University of Oxford. As the oldest ongoing program in Oxford sponsored by a U.S. law school, it provides students with a unique opportunity to study comparative law and the history of the common law and its institutions in their original setting.

Oxford is one of the greatest architectural treasures of the world. Examples of every style in England from the 11th to 21st century are present in its buildings. It is the seat of one of the two European Universities which have preserved the medieval collegiate system.

London is one hour away by frequent train or bus service; all of England, Scotland and Wales are a short and fairly inexpensive distance from Oxford.

An organized trip to the Inns of Court and courts in London and an evening of Shakespeare at Stratford are included in the program fee.

Information regarding travel, directions to St. Edmund Hall, the program schedule and the book list will be provided to help you prepare for the trip. This information will be posted to the International Programs Student Portal as soon as available. Both FSU and non-FSU students will have access to this portal.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Summer Program in Law at Oxford is open to students in good standing at American Bar Association-approved law schools. Space is available for 35 students and acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis. 29 students (23 FSU; 6 non-FSU) attended the program in 2025.

Students who are not from Florida State University must submit a letter of good standing from their Dean (or designee) and an official transcript before being admitted into the program.

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CURRICULUM AND CREDIT

Four 2-semester-hour courses will be offered by tenured members of the Oxford and Florida State law faculties. Students may enroll in two or three courses. Course(s) for which enrollment is low may be cancelled. Classes are held on a rotating schedule that changes from week to week. Long weekends are included in the schedule.

Credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the course work. Acceptance of academic credit is at the discretion of the student's home school. Should a student's school not accept the credit, the student should contact the Director at (850) 644-6341. A problem can frequently be eliminated by direct contact between the Director and the student's dean. It is unlikely that participation in this program may be used to accelerate graduation. Students with questions concerning graduation acceleration should consult their home schools.

FACILITIES

The program fee includes a single occupancy room. Blankets and towels are provided. A pub and common room are available for student and faculty enjoyment. WiFi is accessible at St. Edmund Hall, in student rooms and classrooms. A computer lab is also available.

You are advised that the facilities at St. Edmund Hall may not be equipped to handle special physical or other requirements as stipulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education has opined that ADA and Section 504 do not apply extraterritorially.

FEES

There is a \$100 non-refundable application fee and the program fee is \$13,860 for 2026. The fee covers instructional costs for up to 6 credit hours, welcome orientation, opening and closing dinners, housing, breakfast and lunch on class days, program planned excursions, full time academic support, 24/7 student support, health insurance, and IP welcome pack. Airfare, passport, evening meals on class days, weekend meals and weekend expenses, books and supplies, university-assessed fees (e.g., per credit hour technology fee) are not included. Florida State University reserves the right to cancel the program in compelling circumstances as described on the website.

Deadlines:

\$ 1,500 Commitment Fee due by February 27, 2026

\$12,360 Balance due March 27, 2026

Information regarding fees can be found at: <https://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/England/OxfordLaw.aspx>
It is critical to understand fee liability prior to paying the commitment fee or submitting a deferment.

FINANCIAL AID

FSU students currently receiving financial aid should be eligible for aid to cover the cost of attendance by a combination of a Stafford loan (unsubsidized; automatically awarded) and a GRADPlus Loan (requires application).

Non-FSU students: Federally guaranteed financial aid must be processed through the student's home institution. Because loan application deadlines vary, you should verify your school's deadline immediately. Florida State University is able to facilitate loan applications for non-FSU students by entering into an SFA Consortium Agreement with the home institution. Florida State would be considered the "host institution" in this agreement.

VA benefits may be used for the program, however, benefits will not cover the total program fee.

Deferment of program fees may be possible if you are approved for financial aid. Deferment options differ between FSU and non-FSU students. All deferment forms are due by February 27th and are considered legally binding financial documents. To access the deferment go to <https://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/England/OxfordLaw.aspx>. Click on **Money Matters** and **Fee Deferment**. Under **Deferment Forms** there is a link to login to the International Programs Student Portal when the deferment form may be found under the **Money Matters** area.

HENRY ZHUHAO WANG

Tallahassee Alumni Professor

Florida State University College of Law

Prof. Wang's research focuses on evidence and juridical proof, exploring evidence law outside the jury context, primarily in bench trials, arbitration, and administrative proceedings. He served as a visiting professor at Indiana University Maurer School of Law during the 2022-2023 academic year and was a professor at China University of Political Science and Law from 2012 to 2022.

Wang has co-authored a book titled "Proof in Modern Litigation: Evidence Law & Forensic Science Perspectives" (Barr Smith Press 2017), and published extensively in U.S., Chinese, and international legal journals. His work has appeared or is forthcoming in the Texas Law Review, Vanderbilt Law Review, Utah Law Review, UC Irvine Law Review, Denver Law Review, Nevada Law Journal, and the peer-reviewed International Journal of Evidence & Proof. He previously worked as an international associate at Locke Lord LLP in Dallas, Texas, and as a visiting researcher at the University of Adelaide Law School in Adelaide, Australia. He teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

In the fall of 2023, Professor Wang was selected as one of two inaugural New Voices in Dispute Resolution Scholars by the Association of American Law Schools Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

Professor Wang has also been awarded a Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorship at Northumbria University (Newcastle, UK) in the summer of 2024. The award is used by UK institutions "to invite an eminent researcher from overseas for an extended stay in the UK to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution."

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) (WANG, 2 hrs.)

This ADR course is premised upon the idea that the essential task of lawyering is to help clients and society solve problems well. To do this, lawyers must be able not only to grasp and promote legal rights and positions, but also to identify and articulate the underlying interests and goals that impel people to act. Lawyers must also understand the nature, advantages, and limitations of various dispute resolution methods.

Traditionally, legal practice has emphasized adversarial processes. By contrast, consensual alternatives to trial—negotiation, mediation, and arbitration—require collaboration, understanding, and accommodation. This ADR course helps students meet these challenges by introducing them to the nature of conflict, the fundamental principles of dispute resolution, the law and ethics governing negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, and the considerations that guide lawyers and clients in selecting the most appropriate process. Students will also see how conflict can present opportunities for growth and change, and how the best lawyering strives to achieve those benefits. Final grades will be based on class participation and three major simulation exercises. There will be no final written or take-home exam.

COURTNEY BREWER

Legal Writing Instructor

Florida State University College of Law

Courtney Brewer teaches Legal Writing and Research at the College of Law. Brewer was formerly a shareholder at Bishop & Mills, P.A. and The Mills Firm, P.A. in Tallahassee. She also previously worked as a deputy solicitor general with the Office of the Attorney General of Florida and was a law clerk for Florida Supreme Court Justice Charles Wells. Brewer is a past president of the First District Court of Appeal American Inn of Court, chair-elect of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, and past chair of The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee. She previously served as an adjunct professor at the College of Law, teaching Appellate Advocacy, and has served as a coach for the FSU Law Moot Court Team since 2010.

COMPARATIVE APPELLATE ADVOCACY (BREWER, 2 hrs.)

This course will compare appellate practice in the UK versus the US. We will explore and consider differences in the court hierarchies, briefing, oral arguments, judicial selection, advocates, and histories of the appellate court system. There will be a take-home exam for this course.

JOANNA BELL

Associate Professor, Jeffrey Hackney Fellow and Tutor in Law
St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford

Prof. Bell teaches Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and Tort for the college, as well as Environmental Law for the Faculty. Previously she spent a number of years as a College Associate Lecturer at St. John's College, University of Cambridge and Affiliated Lecturer at the Cambridge Law Faculty. In earlier years, she was a student at the University of Oxford and graduated with a BA in Law from Keble College sharing the Wronker Prize for best overall performance in FHS examinations. She then read for the BCL (obtaining a distinction) and the DPhil in Administrative Law.

AN INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH PUBLIC LAW (BELL, 2 hrs.)

The course will offer an introduction to constitutional and administrative law in the England. Week 1 will offer an overview of three main actors in English public law – the UK Parliament, the courts and the executive – as well as beginning to highlight some of the debates about the scope of their powers and the relationships between them. Weeks 2 and 3 will build on the first week by considering more specifically how the executive is held to account in English law. The main focus will be on judicial review, including the grounds on which it can be sought and the various barriers to access. However, the course will also consider other methods of legal accountability, including the role of tribunals in the English legal system and the possibility of bringing a private law claim against a public authority. Week 4 will consider and evaluate methods of rights protection in the UK, including the Human Rights Act 1998 and common law rights.

The course will aim to foster legal expertise, especially in case law analysis. Each class will be focused on a case which will serve as a springboard for broader discussion of the themes raised. Assessment will be based on both class participation (15%) and a three hour exam (85%) sat at the end of the course.

JEFFREY HACKNEY

Emeritus Fellow and Lecturer, Wadham College
University of Oxford

Mr. Hackney holds M.A. and B.C.L. degrees from Oxford where he was a Vinerian Scholar. He is a member of Middle Temple and a senior Oxford faculty member, having served as Fellow and Tutor in Law at St. Edmund Hall from 1964 to 1976 and Fellow and Tutor in Law at Wadham College until his retirement in 2009. He is now an Emeritus Fellow of both colleges and continues to teach in the Faculty. Mr. Hackney's special interests are legal history, Roman law, land law and equity.

ENGLISH LEGAL HISTORY (HACKNEY, 2 hrs.)

The institutional framework of the Common Law and how that framework influenced the structure of the substantive law. Discusses the early courts; the emergence of the dominant 'common law' courts, King's Bench and Common Pleas, and the competing/complementary Equity jurisdiction in the Chancery; the writ system and development of the pleading forms and the methods of proof used in trials. Considers tenures, the principal Real Actions for the recovery of land at Common Law and selected writs. There will be a 2-1/2 hr. closed book handwritten exam.