Now in its 50th year, The Florida State University Summer Program in Law at Oxford will be held June 26 to August 3, 2023. 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 Royal Courts of Justice in London and an evening of Shakespeare at Stratford are included in the program fee.

Information regarding travel, directions to St. Edmund Hall, book lists and initial assignments will be provided to help you prepare for the trip.

**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 38 students and acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis. 29 students attended the program in 2022 (program was canceled due to COVID 2020 and 2021).

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.

Apply: https://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/England/OxfordLaw.aspx

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www.law.fsu.edu/academics/jd-program/study-abroad/oxford
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. Each course consists of 20 class meetings held on a rotating schedule that changes from week to week.

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 $9,975 for 2023. The fee covers instructional costs for up to 6 credit hours, welcome orientation, 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:**

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Information regarding fees can be found at: [https://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/England/OxfordLaw.aspx](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 March 1 and are considered legally binding financial documents. To access the deferment go to [https://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/England/OxfordLaw.aspx](https://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/England/OxfordLaw.aspx). Click on Money Matters, Deferment and under Deferment Forms click on login.
**Christopher F. Busch**  
Legal Writing Professor  
Florida State University  

Professor Busch received his J.D. from Florida State University in 2011. He teaches Legal Writing and Research I and II, and Lawyers as Leaders. Professor Busch is co-creator of the school’s Peer Elevation Program for mentor support, and was the 2021 recipient of the Open Door Faculty Teaching Award, as voted on by the graduating class. Before joining FSU Law, he was co-founder and partner at Busch & Kelley, P.A. in Tallahassee and an associate at Theriaque & Spain. He also worked as an actuarial analyst for the Florida Department of Financial Services and as an assistant actuary for Allstate Financial in Jacksonville. He has served as president of the Board of Directors for the Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association and has also been a member of the Board of Directors for the Tallahassee Bar Association.

**Lawyers as Leaders** *(Busch, 2 hrs.)*

This course will help students recognize and develop the skills needed for success in future leadership positions, both in their employment and within their communities at large. Leadership skills and advice from experts in various fields will be studied, and students will also engage in guided self-examination to identify personal interests, strengths, and areas of potential growth. The course assignments are prepared course materials: A combination of excerpts from texts (featuring authors such as Dolly Chugh, Adam Grant, and Todd Rose), along with occasional video (e.g. TED Talks) and/or audio (e.g. an episode of a podcast) assignments. The grade for the course will be a combination of class participation and a take-home exam.

**Fernando Tesón**  
Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar Emeritus  
Emeritus Professor, Florida State University  

Professor Tesón has a J.D. from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, an LL.M. from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and an S.J.D. from Northwestern University. He is the leading authority on humanitarian intervention and the philosophy of international law. In addition, he has written on diverse topics such as immigration and political rhetoric. Originally from Buenos Aires, Professor Tesón has dual U.S. and Argentine citizenship. He has authored several books and has also published dozens of articles in law, philosophy and international relations journals and collections of essays. Professor Tesón has presented his scholarship around the world.

**Public International Law** *(Tesón, 2 hrs.)*

This course we will examine the law that governs sovereign nations and international organizations, as well as the relations of individuals and groups with them. The course covers, inter alia, the nature and sources of international law, international adjudication, territory, jurisdiction, human rights, and war. Prepared course materials will be posted on Canvas and there will be an in-class 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 initial courts; the emergence of the dominant ‘common law’ courts, King’s Bench and Common Pleas, and the competing/complimentary Equity jurisdiction; 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.