Studying at Corpus

Corpus Christi is a centrally-located college, offering a range of subjects and with a focus on enabling undergraduates to thrive during their time as students in Oxford.

Teaching and learning
Corpus is an academically-ambitious college, and our ethos of teaching and learning is consistent with that across Oxford: you are given responsibility for much of your own learning through independent study, but are closely supported through the tutorial system. You are guided through your studies by a subject tutor, and teaching through small group tutorials is a crucial addition to the lectures, classes, seminars, and lab practicals.

Facilities
Corpus has outstanding study facilities. With plenty of work space and a large collection of books for students in all subjects, our sixteenth-century library provides an ideal environment for private study and is open 24 hours a day. Science students will find themselves close to university lab facilities. There is a regular offering of academic discussion beyond the degree syllabus, such as the activities of the Medical Society and the Corpus Classics Centre.

Welfare support
Welfare support, both academic and non-academic, is extensive. The tutorial system provides the ideal basis for academic support through direct liaison with tutors, and the Senior Tutor is always on hand to discuss any issues that you may have. Peer support is strong, whilst the College’s Dean of Welfare oversees non-academic well-being.
Living at Corpus

Accommodation and location
We are pleased to guarantee all our undergraduates accommodation for all years of their degree. We benefit from a range of accommodation, including en-suite rooms in the sixteenth-century Main Quad and the recently-refurbished Hugh Oldham Building, and off-site annexes dotted around the city. No Corpus accommodation is too far from either the main site or the university teaching facilities, or from central Oxford’s pubs, clubs, restaurants, museums and cinemas, and the open spaces of Oxford are also easily accessible from the College.

Catering
Corpus food is generous and healthy; reasonably-priced food is offered in the Hall three times a day on most days during term, with at least one vegetarian option always available. On Friday there is an optional formal dinner and Saturday brunch is particularly popular. Most rooms also have access to self-catering facilities, and specific dietary requirements can be supported.

Junior Common Room (JCR)
The JCR is the hub of student life at Corpus. The common room – filled with comfy sofas and free tea and biscuits – is centrally located beneath the TV room and next to the Hall. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming, aided by the College’s compact size and strong community spirit. You’ll find yourself mixing across subjects and year groups, as well as with the College’s graduate students.

Social life
Our students are active across a range of sports and in a huge variety of musical, dramatic and political endeavours. Corpus Cinema make frequent use of the Auditorium to show films, whilst the College has an inclusive approach to sport. The College’s Beer Cellar provides you with opportunities to relax with friends away from your studies and is the venue for regular student-run events.
Subjects available at Corpus

Corpus offers the following subjects at undergraduate level:

- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classics*
- Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
- English Language and Literature
- Experimental Psychology
- History*
- Law
- Materials Science
- Mathematics*
- Medicine
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- Physics*
- Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

Please visit our website for more information on courses offered. Those marked * include the option to study a joint course degree.

Finding out more
We hold three open days each year (two in late June/early July, and one in mid-September), and further details of these will be posted on our website throughout the year. We also encourage you to visit independently, and contact details can be found on the back of this prospectus. We look forward to welcoming you to Corpus!

Junior Common Room

what it’s like as a Corpus student...

“Year groups integrate a lot… There is a lot of cohesion and it makes the JCR and college in general a really lovely environment.”

“The great strength of Corpus is the fact that it is a small and inclusive community.”

“Corpus is one big happy family (clichéd but true)… I was one of the first in my group of friends to start referring to university as ‘home’.”

“Everyone’s so friendly and there’s such a great vibe – I wouldn’t rather be anywhere in the world, let alone in Oxford.”