



CAMPION HALL UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



Graduate Study



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Campion Hall is one of six Permanent Private Halls at the University of Oxford. Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1896, the Hall opened originally for the benefit of Jesuit undergraduates, but is now home to a thriving international community of graduate students, fellows, and staff who share the motivation to serve “all things human.”

Campion Hall welcomes graduate students from all walks of life. We combine the academic excellence of the University of Oxford with Jesuit educational philosophy to provide a unique learning experience that attends to the individual's academic and non-academic needs. Our aim is to help students flourish in life and learning by offering a holistic learning environment that engages the heart and soul as well as the mind.

Message from the Master

As Master of Campion Hall, I'm delighted to share with you what makes the Hall distinctive among Oxford Colleges and Halls.

During your time here, Campion Hall will become another home for you. As a small, international graduate community, you will find us to be friendly and welcoming to everyone. We pride ourselves on being one of the most egalitarian of all the Colleges and Halls, as you will find yourself sitting next to fellows and students at mealtimes and in the Common Room. You will get to know members of the Jesuit community, and be free to share in their spirituality and the Hall's liturgical life. Academically, the Hall has a rich programme of academic events and always-lively interdisciplinary conversations. Even by Oxford standards, Campion Hall is a beautiful place with a rich tradition: a historic building, in a peaceful place yet in the heart of Oxford, adorned by a rich and fascinating art collection.

The Jesuit tradition of education sees learning at the service of the flourishing of the whole person and of the common good. We welcome students who are looking to grow through their studies and who hope to make a contribution to the greater good.

“It is always a delight to welcome students to the Hall and to see them grow and flourish. I warmly invite you to consider choosing Campion Hall as a supportive, vibrant, and enjoyable ‘home from home’ as a student at the University of Oxford.”

Revd Dr Nick Austin SJ



Academic Subjects

Campion Hall accepts applicants from a wide variety of disciplines. Our resources are well suited to students in the Humanities and Social Sciences; we regularly admit students working on theological, philosophical, ecological, political, ethical, and other topics that contribute to the understanding and promotion of human flourishing.

Message from the Senior Tutor

Campion Hall warmly welcomes postgraduate students who hope to excel in higher education. In my experience as Senior Tutor, I have found that students who flourish tend to share three common traits: 1) a clearly focused aim; 2) linked to a genuine excitement for the topic of research; 3) coupled with personal self-confidence.

For those interested in applying, it is important to be aware that Campion Hall is a religious as well as academic institution. The current student body consists of students who are members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), members of other religious orders, and lay students.

“The life of the Hall is grounded in an intellectual commitment to the *humanum*, that is, to propelling everything that might help human beings and humanity to flourish in the future.”

Revd Dr Philip Kennedy, Senior Tutor



Meet our Current Students

What attracted you to apply to Campion Hall?

I chose Campion Hall because I've always found being in a Jesuit environment intellectually stimulating and inspiring given the Jesuit commitment to justice and working for a better world for all. Campion Hall for me, therefore, is a great place to belong.

Alexander Ezechukwu OCD, Nigeria, DPhil Student in Biblical Studies



What social activities are there for graduate students?

As MCR President, one of my favourite roles is organising the Hall's busy social calendar. From more informal games nights, film nights, and walks in the Oxfordshire countryside to MCR dinners, cheese and wine evenings, and gin tastings, we are a very active and friendly community. We also enjoy making great use of the lovely garden for summer parties and barbeques. I always find our termly exchange dinners with other MCRs across Oxford to be a particular highlight! There is very much something for everyone on the Campion MCR term card!

Lucinda Armstrong, UK, DPhil student in Oriental Studies

What do you value about community life at Campion Hall?

The community life at Campion Hall has been fundamental in allowing me to socialize, make friends, and unwind from the intensity of my studies. During the day, there is a contemplative atmosphere in the Hall that is great for quiet work, solitude, and prayer. During downtime, I really enjoy spending time with the other students and residents, whether it's going on walks or cycling trips together, or just having a great chat over coffee or dinner.

Cristóbal Emilfork SJ, Chile, MSt Student in the Study of Religions



Has Campion Hall added anything to the quality of your research experience?

Absolutely. I admire the vibrant community of academics that gathers at Campion Hall. It is great cycling back after a day working at the department and finding myself immersed with members of the Hall in different activities. These offer me a nice break from the learning and teaching experience, and force me to think about other realities beyond my research questions. The Hall also organizes many seminars and talks that engage with people of different backgrounds and disciplines, which is an added value and makes our home a very active and open-minded space.

Wilin Buitrago Arias SJ, Colombia, DPhil student in Political Science

What's a typical day like during term time?

Days vary depending on your supervision and seminar schedules. We are generally entrusted to set our own rhythms for the majority of the day. I usually skip breakfast and have coffee and morning prayer in my room. Then I do some work until exercise before lunch. After lunch and coffee conversations, I may go for a walk around Christ Church Meadow, or head to a seminar presentation, and then return to studies for another few hours. In the evening, I might watch a TV program with other students, or head out for a pint with a friend. Having friends from other colleges means occasional formal dinners around Oxford, which is a nice change of pace.

Joseph Simmons SJ, USA, DPhil student in Theology and Literature



What is it like to study and live at Campion Hall?

Campion Hall is the smallest college in Oxford and, while this may not appeal to some, for me it is precisely the Hall's small dimensions, both in space and student body, that make it such a unique and special place. The sense of community that characterises daily life at Campion Hall is one of the many advantages that come with living in such a small college. Thanks to this familial ambience, along with the Christian values that structure life at Campion Hall, I am able to call this place my home in Oxford.

Carl Scerri, Malta, MSt student in Modern Theology

What do you hope to do with your learning after you graduate?

By engaging in studies related to the Syriac language and its patristic literature, I wish to help preserve and revive this endangered language, and hope to publish research on the roots of Christianity and its early doctrines. As I belong to an East Syrian Christian community in India (the Syro-Malabar Church), I hope to use my studies to foster unity among the divided Syriac Churches worldwide.

Jijimon Joseph SJ, India, DPhil student in Oriental Studies



What advice would you give to prospective students?

Take advantage of Campion Hall's unique opportunity for daily personal interaction with the delightful members of the Jesuit community. No matter your field of study and faith convictions, getting to know these kind-hearted, tenacious intellectuals who have taken radical, counter-cultural life decisions is fun and a great way to deepen your own academic pursuits.

Andrew Hochstedler OFM Conv, Turkey, DPhil student in Oriental Studies (Syriac)



Campion Hall is the Jesuit PPH in the University of Oxford, founded in 1896 by the Society of Jesus.

How to Apply

All graduate applications are made to the University of Oxford centrally. If a department or faculty accepts your application, you will then be considered for a place at a college or hall. If you are interested in coming to Campion Hall, you will have the opportunity to choose Campion Hall as your preference on your application form.

As admission is competitive and the application process can take time, we strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible. Most courses at the University of Oxford have November, January, and March deadlines.



To find out more about the application process, see:

[www.campion.ox.ac.uk/
application-process](https://www.campion.ox.ac.uk/application-process)



“The Laudato Si’ Research Institute at Campion Hall can provide support and resources for students from a natural or social sciences background. Students interested in tackling the big questions arising from the current eco-social planetary crisis will find Campion Hall a good base for their studies.”

Dr Celia Deane-Drummond, Director of the Laudato Si’ Research Institute

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