

ADMISSIONS AND FEES

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The academic programme is planned primarily for undergraduates in their junior and senior years, and first-year graduate students. Applicants may apply for one or two semesters. CMRS follows a rolling admissions policy, accepting suitably qualified candidates as they apply until all available spaces are filled. In order to be considered for admission, candidates should have a Grade Point Average of around 3.50 on a 4.00 point scale. In considering each applicant, the Admissions Committee looks first at the transcript(s) but attaches the greatest importance to faculty recommendations, whereby the GPA requirement may on occasion be reconsidered.

VISAS

Following the advice of the UK Borders Agency, CMRS requires all students to obtain either a 'Student Visitor Visa' or a 'Tier 4 General Adult Student Visa' before travelling to the UK. Although legislation states that American citizens eligible for Student Visitor status do not need to obtain a Visa prior to arrival, we have found that students without visas have encountered problems or have not had the necessary documentation on arrival and have been refused entry into the UK. Full details are available at: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/> Applications should be made at least 6-8 weeks prior to your departure date.

FEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011: £8,300 per semester		
Tuition	Two Tutorial Courses with personal tutors (8 Credits) One Seminar Course (4 Credits) One Integral Course (4 Credits) Integral Course Field Trips Computer facilities CMRS Library The Bodleian and most Oxford University libraries (Details overleaf).	£5,030
Room	Shared room for fourteen weeks at St Michael's Hall or in student lodgings.	£1,700
Board	Breakfast, Lunch and dinner at St Peter's College (Details overleaf)	£807
Facility Fee	St Peter's College fee for use of facilities.	£763
Total		£8,300

CALENDAR OF PAYMENTS		
Autumn Semester 2010:		
June 1	Deposit	£600
August 1	Balance	£7,700
Spring Semester 2011:		
November 1	Deposit	£600
December 1	Balance	£7,700

REFUNDS: The deposit is not refundable under any circumstances once the student has been accepted. Participants are advised to take out insurance cover against illness and unforeseen circumstances that may arise between payment of the deposit and completion of the semester. A student who withdraws after making the final payment but not less than fourteen days before the beginning of term will receive a full refund of fees minus the deposit. No fees can be refunded after that date. Students will not be permitted to commence any course or part thereof unless all fees have been paid in full or payment dates have been guaranteed in writing by their scholarship or institutional loan provider. In the case of a student refused visa entry clearance into the UK, CMRS may make a full refund of fees after a full investigation of the reason for refusal.

MONEY AND BANKING

PAYMENT: Fees should be paid by either wiring money into the CMRS bank account (information supplied with invoice) or by bank draft in pounds sterling made payable to 'The Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies' (normally arranged through your local bank). **Please note:** CMRS does not have the facilities to accept dollar cheques or credit card payment.

INSURANCE: All students must be covered by comprehensive medical insurance as a safeguard against the need for medical, hospital or other specialized treatment. Personal possessions should also be properly insured. Check your existing policy to see whether it extends to international coverage. The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) provides limited medical and emergency advice alongside special rates for travel in the UK and Europe and reduced entry fees at many museums and theatres. The card is obtainable at offices throughout the United States listed on www.isic.org.

BANK ACCOUNTS: Before you travel, it is advisable to set up an International Account with a US bank that offers an international service in Oxford (for example, HSBC). Many UK banks are reluctant to open accounts for overseas students staying less than 6 months and those which do take about 2 weeks to set up a new account, with a further 7+ days for sterling cheques and up to a month for US dollar cheques to clear.

CREDIT CARDS: It is wise to carry a credit card. Remember to tell your card provider that you will be using your card regularly in the U.K. Some American credit cards (**Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Plus and Cirrus**) are widely used in the U.K., and there are many ATMs in Oxford where you can use them to withdraw cash in pounds sterling.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrivals & Departures: Students must arrive and depart on the days printed in the Calendar below.

Oxford University Libraries: CMRS students have full access during the ten week period of each semester that falls within the University terms to all thirty-eight libraries of the Oxford University Library Services, including the world-famous Bodleian Library.

Computers: CMRS has a networked AppleMac computing system with permanent access to the internet. The Computer Room, open 24 hours a day, has AppleMacs and a cross-platform printer for general use. St Michael's Hall is covered by wireless networks and there are ethernet points in teaching rooms and every study-bedroom. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops with adequate insurance.

Board: The cost of board is included in fees. St Peter's College provides cafeteria-style meals for CMRS students throughout each semester. The service extends to breakfast, lunch and dinner every day during the ten weeks of each University term, with 'brunch' in place of breakfast and lunch on Saturdays and Sundays. During the four weeks of each semester outside the University term, meals will only be available from Monday to Friday. There are kitchen and dining facilities in St Michael's Hall and the student annexes where students may prepare meals. Occasionally meals may not be available as the result of formal competing functions in the College, at CMRS, or unforeseen kitchen closures.

Security Cards: In common with the practice at St Peter's College, CMRS students will be issued with cards to allow them access to the College. Replacement cards will be charged at £5 each.

Medical Care: Dr John Sichel serves as the medical officer to CMRS - <http://www.28beaumontstreet.co.uk/>. All students are private patients unless registered for at least six months entitling them to free care under the National Health Service.

Telephones: Each study-bedroom in St Michael's Hall has phones for incoming and internal calls; for outgoing calls there is a payphone. Credit and calling cards may be a more convenient way of paying for calls to the USA.

The Future: A high proportion of CMRS students proceed to graduate studies after completion of their Bachelor's degree. The training provided by CMRS is designed in part as a useful preparation for such research. CMRS staff and tutors are happy to advise on graduate studies and to write references.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUTUMN SEMESTER 2010		SPRING SEMESTER 2011	
Sept. 2 Thurs.	Residence Hall opens at 9.00 a.m.	Jan. 6 Thurs.	Residence Hall opens at 9.00 a.m.
Sept. 3 Fri.	Orientations and tour of Oxford.	Jan. 7 Fri.	Orientations and tour of Oxford.
Sept. 5 Sun.	First Field Trip.	Jan. 9 Sun.	First Field Trip.
Sept. 6 Mon.	Academic Orientation. Integral Course begins on <i>The Making of Europe</i> .	Jan. 10 Mon.	Academic Orientation. Seminars begin. Orientation on Oxford College Life.
Oct. 4 Mon.	Orientation on Oxford College Life. Seminars begin.	Jan. 11 Tues.	Meeting with tutors to arrange tutorial times.
Oct. 5 Tues.	Meeting with tutors to arrange tutorial times.	March 18 Fri.	Final Day of Seminars.
Oct. 7 Thurs.	Integral Examination.	March 21 Mon.	Integral Course begins on <i>Renaissance to Enlightenment</i> .
Dec. 8 Wed.	Final Day of Seminars.	April 14 Thurs.	Integral Examination.
Dec. 11 Sat.	Autumn Semester ends. Departure by Noon.	April 16 Sat.	Spring Semester ends. Departure by Noon.