



**Saint Mary's College of California  
with Centre for Medieval & Renaissance  
Studies (CMRS)**

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**DESTINATION:  
CENTRE FOR  
MEDIEVAL AND  
RENAISSANCE  
STUDIES**

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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Study in England while earning SMC credit
- Immerse yourself in British culture through campus clubs and societies
- Explore England through hands-on excursions

**CITY INFORMATION**

Oxford, *The City of Dreaming Spires*, is famous the world over for its university and place in history. For over 800 years, this intellectual community has been a home to royalty and scholars and medieval architecture coexists comfortably with the modern and Victorian. Nowadays, this city of 170,000 is a bustling cosmopolitan town that is famous for the social, cultural and intellectual activities that enrich its college life. Students enjoy museums, art galleries, good shopping, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities and a wealth of entertainment. London is about two hours away by train or bus and is well situated as a center for rail and coach travel to all parts of the United Kingdom.

**UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

The Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies was founded in 1975 by Dr John Feneley to achieve two purposes: to establish in Oxford a permanent institute for the interdisciplinary study of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and to provide an academic training for overseas students who wish to complete part of their education in Oxford but are not matriculated members of the University.

**STUDY ABROAD IN OXFORD, ENGLAND**

**Application Requirements**

3.5 GPA, open to juniors or seniors. CMRS will consider between a 3.0 and 3.5 GPA

**Application Deadline**

March 20, 2009 for Fall 2009 study abroad

**Cost**

SMC tuition, international room and half the cost of roundtrip airfare

**Financial Aid**

Federal, State, and SMC aid will travel with you

**Fall 2009 Calendar**

- September 3** Arrival; Residence Hall opens at 9:00 am
- September 4** Orientation and tour of Oxford
- September 6** First Field Trip
- September 7** Academic Orientation and Courses begin
- October 8** Integral Examinations
- December 9** Final Day of Seminars
- December 12** Semester Ends. Depart by Noon

**Courses Offered in:**

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| <b>TUTORIAL COURSES</b>       | <b>INTEGRAL COURSES</b>        |
| Art History                   | The Making of Europe 1000-1400 |
| Studio Art, History           |                                |
| History of Science, Languages | <b>SEMINAR COURSES</b>         |
| Literature                    | Art History                    |
| Music                         | History                        |
| Philosophy                    | Literature                     |
| Political Thought             | Philosophy                     |
| Religious Studies             | Political Thought              |
| Women's Studies               | Religious Studies              |
|                               | Interdisciplinary              |

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

CMRS gives its students a thorough introduction to the colleges, museums and art galleries of Oxford at the beginning of the term. There are also four field trips outside Oxford to places of historical importance.

**HOUSING**

Students live and study in St. Michael's Hall and the adjacent St. Peter's College that are situated in the heart of the city. St. Michael's Hall contains a lecture hall, seminar and tutorial rooms, library, computer room, studio, and accommodations for 40 students.

**BOARD** CMRS students can purchase meal plans to eat at St. Peter's College throughout the semester. Breakfast, lunch and dinner (brunch on Sundays) are served in the College's Hall.

**KITCHEN** There is a fitted kitchen and dining room in St Michael's Hall where CMRS students may prepare their own meals. It is equipped with standard and microwave ovens, and refrigerators.

**UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM**

During a semester a student takes four courses: two tutorial courses, one seminar course, and the Integral Course.

The Integral Course is designed for students to obtain a comprehensive overview of the Middle Ages, or Renaissance and early modern period; a first-hand knowledge of seminal writers of each period; and a deeper understanding of the relationship between faith and learning. The seminars focus on the development of presentational and other scholarly skills and the writing of a research paper; and the tutorials develop skills in reading, critical analysis and essay writing.

FIONA KILBY IS THE ON-SITE PROGRAM COORDINATOR while students are in Oxford. With much experience in student services and British life, she provides students with an in-country orientation, overseas housing arrangements and provides on-going support during the semester.