



OISE Oxford - The Personal Competency Programme™



At OISE Oxford, learning takes place in situations which replicate as closely as possible the real-world contexts in which the student has to perform, honing their cognitive competences in English.

The Personal Competency Programme™:

- eliminates the divide between the classroom and the real world
- delivers intellectually challenging content
- focuses on specific learner contexts

This approach ensures that learning is relevant, meaningful and perfectly matched to each student's goals.

Course Components

8:45 - 9:00 News Review

Students develop comprehension skills and cultural understanding by focusing on current news stories and the language and influence of the press.

9:00 - 10:30 Discourse

Learners refine their presentation and writing skills by delivering an oral or written task, followed by individual feedback and language analysis that provides key learning points for further self-study.

10:45 - 11:45 Skills Development

Quatorial class in which participants master universal skills such as complex problem solving, people management, decision making and negotiation in a life-like environment through role-plays, simulations and scenarios.

11:45 – 12:45 Culture in Context

Learners develop the ability to think in English and broaden their understanding of the nuances of multicultural environments, enabling them to participate actively in social and professional interactions and use contextually appropriate cultural references.

13:30 - 14:00 Lecture

A series of live and recorded lectures and presentations on topics such as technology, economy and politics enhances learners' extended listening and note-taking skills.

14:00 - 14:45 Critical Reasoning

Learners' perfect their ability to articulate elaborate ideas in English and sustain their argument in discussions.

On Wednesdays: Cultural outing

Wednesday early afternoons are reserved for cultural visits to sites of historic and cultural interest in Oxford, such as the Ashmolean Museum or the Bodleian Library.

15:15 - 16:15 Project Seminar

Learners gain confidence in their public speaking skills while also using language and terminology of direct relevance to their needs. Each student selects a topic for an individual project based on their needs and interests.

16:30 - 17:30 Self-Study

Allotted time to complete work set by tutors, make progress with the individual project or develop English skills using online resources.

The Personal Competency Programme™ includes a total of 30.5 hours of tuition per week, divided into: 21 hours of Quatorial sessions (4:1), 5 hours of Culture in Context (8:1), 2.5 hours of Plenary sessions and a 2-hour Cultural Outing.
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