



2026 Young Scholars Schedule *[updated 30 June, subject to change]*

11–12 July, Saturday–Sunday

Check-in at [Christ Church Porters' Lodge](#). Rooms will be available to Young Scholars after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, 11 July. (If you arrive before 3:00 p.m., you may check your luggage with the porters and explore the city.)

Arrivals before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:30 p.m.: If gates are closed, ring bell on the left side of the gate.

7:00 a.m.	Gates open
Sat. 7:30–9:00 a.m. Sun. 8:00–9:30 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall (For guests in Christ Church housing) Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall (For guests in Christ Church housing)
	Lunch not provided Saturday–Sunday
Saturday Sunday 6:30 p.m.	Saturday dinner on your own Sunday opening dinner at The Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street • Learn more about The Sheldonian Theatre here.

13 July, Monday

Starting Monday, 13 July, all lectures will be at Christ Church in Lecture Room 2

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall For guests in Christ Church housing
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 1: Formative Tensions in the History of Religion

**Bring to class your passport and completed Bodleian application (blank applications will also be available)*

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Brett Scharffs
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Elizabeth Clark
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall For Christ Church scholars/instructors only	
1:35–4:00 p.m.	Legal Writing & Research • 1:35 p.m. Introduction to writing tutors and program; instruction on the writing process • 2:40 p.m.: Group will walk together <i>directly</i> to the Weston Library Admissions office to receive Bodleian Library reader cards.	
	Dinner on your own	

14 July, Tuesday***Oxford day excursion for Young Scholars and ICLRS staff***

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
9:50 a.m.	Meet at Tom Gate
10:00–11:00 a.m.	Christ Church tour
11:30 a.m.	Walk to Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (Marston Rd, Oxford OX3 OEE)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and tour of Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
1:45 p.m.	Walk back to Christ Church
2:15–5:30 p.m.	Free time
5:35 p.m.	Meet at 117 St Aldate's to walk to Magdalen Bridge Boathouse
6:00 p.m.	Chauffeured punting on the River Cherwell: Magdalen Bridge to The Folly
7:00 p.m.	Dinner at The Folly (1 Folly Bridge, Oxford OX1 4JU)

15 July, Wednesday***Concurrent Workshop – The Role of Religion in Constitutional Identity (Dodgson Room)***

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>	
Casebook Reading Assignment Chapter 2: Defining Religion Chapter 3: Justifications for Freedom of Religion or Belief		
9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Dorjana Popovska Bojanovska
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m. 2:00–3:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time Sign-ups : legal writing instructor open hour (Lecture Room 2)	
	Dinner on your own	

16 July, Thursday***Concurrent Workshop – The Role of Religion in Constitutional Identity (Dodgson Room)***

7:30–8:15 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment**Chapter 4: International Human Rights Perspectives**

8:30–10:00 a.m.	Lecture	Nazila Ghanea
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Workshop attendance OR legal writing, research, tutorial time	
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–4:00 p.m.	Pedagogy training	Catherine Bramble
	Dinner on your own	

17 July, Friday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment**Chapter 5: Comparative Constitutional Perspectives on Religion-State Relationships**

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Cole Durham
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Renáta Uitz
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time	
	Dinner on your own	

18 July, Saturday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
	Lunch, dinner on your own

19 July, Sunday

8:00–9:30 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
	Lunch, dinner on your own

20 July, Monday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 6: Freedom of Conscience

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Catherine Bramble
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Young Scholars
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–2:45 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time	
2:50 p.m.	Meet at Christ Church Cathedral	
3:00–4:00 p.m.	Christ Church Cathedral tour	
4:45–6:45 p.m.	Oxford City Centre tour, beginning at the Weston Library	
	Dinner on your own	

21 July, Tuesday**Concurrent Workshop – Indigenous Ideas of Human Dignity (Dodgson Room)**

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 7: Limitations on Religious Freedom

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Dmytro Vovk
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Dmytro Vovk
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m. 2:00–3:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time Sign-ups : legal writing instructor open hour (Lecture Room 2)	
	Dinner on your own	

22 July, Wednesday***Concurrent Workshop – Indigenous Ideas of Human Dignity (Dodgson Room)***

7:30–8:15 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment**Chapter 8: Violence and Security**

8:30–10:00 a.m.	Lecture	TBA
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Workshop attendance OR legal writing, research, tutorial time	
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time	
	Dinner on your own	

23 July, Thursday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment**Chapter 17: Special Institutionalized Settings****Chapter 10: Discrimination**

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Michalyn Steele
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Lauren van Schilfgaarde
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time • Blog post peer review assignments	
	Dinner on your own	

24 July, Friday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 16: Land Use and Zoning

Chapter 9: Freedom of Speech (U.S. material)

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Michalyn Steele
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Judge Tom Griffith
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time • Work on blog post peer reviews	
	Dinner on your own	

25 July, Saturday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
	Lunch, dinner on your own

26 July, Sunday

8:00–9:30 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
	Lunch, dinner on your own

27 July, Monday***Concurrent Workshop – Religious Freedom, Flourishing Societies, and the Role of Law
(Dodgson Room)***

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 9: Freedom of Speech (non-U.S. material)

Chapter 11: Marriage and Family Life

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Lukas Opacic
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Holly Lesan
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time • Complete peer review, meet with peer on Monday or Tuesday, and submit a copy of your comments on peer's blog post to writing instructor by Tuesday	
	Dinner on your own	

28 July, Tuesday***Concurrent Workshop – Religious Freedom, Flourishing Societies, and the Role of Law
(Dodgson Room)***

7:30–8:15 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 12: Right to Association and Legal Personality

Chapter 13: Financial Relationships

8:30–10:00 a.m.	Lecture 1	Renáta Uitz
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Workshop attendance OR legal writing, research, tutorial time	
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
2:00–5:00 p.m. 2:00–3:00 p.m.	Legal writing, research, tutorial time • Sign-ups : legal writing instructor open hour (Lecture Room 2) • Finish peer review process (if you didn't on Monday)	
	Dinner on your own	

29 July, Wednesday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 18: Religion and Education

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Andrea Pin
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Luca Vanoni
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
1:30–3:30 p.m.	Legal Writing PowerPoint presentations (Day 1 of 3) • 10–12 minutes each + 5–8 minutes Q&A	
	Dinner on your own	

30 July, Thursday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment

Chapter 14: Religious Autonomy

Chapter 15: Employment

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Paul Martens
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Carmen Asiain
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
1:30–3:30 p.m.	Legal Writing PowerPoint presentations (Day 2 of 3) • 10–12 minutes each + 5–8 minutes Q&A	
	Dinner on your own	

31 July, Friday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
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Casebook Reading Assignment**Chapter 19: Religion and Public Life**

9:15–10:45 a.m.	Lecture 1	Brett Scharffs
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lecture 2	Brett Scharffs
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For Christ Church scholars/instructors only</i>	
1:30–3:30 p.m.	Legal Writing PowerPoint presentations (Day 3 of 3) • 10–12 minutes each + 5–8 minutes Q&A	
7:00 p.m.	Closing dinner at The Randolph Hotel (Beaumont St, Oxford OX1 2LN , corner of Magdalen and Beaumont Streets, across from the Ashmolean Museum)	

1 August, Saturday

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
	Scholar departures • Those with a Saturday departure date must be checked out of Christ Church rooms by 10:00 a.m.
	Lunch, dinner on your own

2 August, Sunday

8:00–9:30 a.m.	Breakfast, Christ Church Dining Hall <i>For guests in Christ Church housing</i>
	Scholar departures • All scholars must be checked out of Christ Church rooms by 10:00 a.m.
	Lunch, dinner on your own

Additional Information

Christ Church Hours

- Christ Church is open to residents 7:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
- To enter Christ Church before or after hours, use your room key fob to open the small wicket gate within the main gate OR alert the porter.
- To alert the porter, you can ring the bell at the left-hand side of the gate or call +44 1865 276150. The Porters' Lodge is open all hours.

Christ Church Accommodations at 117 St Aldates

- You will receive a lanyard and key fob when you check in at the Porters' Lodge.
 - You must show your lanyard to the porters at Tom Gate each time you want to enter Christ Church.
 - You must use your key fob to gain access to the entrance of St Aldates and to take the elevator to your floor.
 - To activate electricity in your room, you must insert your key fob in the box on the wall, just inside the door.
- Linens and towels are changed weekly. Trash is removed from rooms daily.
- A free laundry facility is on the ground floor, including two washers and two dryers, two irons, and two ironing boards. It is accessible with your key fob. You must provide your own laundry detergent (available at Sainsbury's next door). If the St Aldates laundry room is closed for repairs, two other free laundry facilities are available at Christ Church, accessible with your key fob.
- A [Guest Information booklet](#) is provided in each room.
- Free Wi-Fi (with code) is available in each room.
- All rooms have a small refrigerator, tea/coffee-making equipment, and a small safe for valuables. Other kitchen facilities are not available.
- All rooms have a small ensuite bathroom and a hairdryer. There are no electrical outlets in the bathroom, so if you need a mirror to dry your hair, you may want to bring a small mirror from home.
- A [Boots Pharmacy](#), the [Westgate Shopping Mall](#), the historic [Covered Market](#), and shops on the [High Street](#) are all within easy walking distance of 117 St Aldates, in addition to [Sainsbury's](#) and [Tesco Express](#) grocery stores.

Issues/Concerns with Accommodations. If you have issues or concerns with your accommodations, or you need to request a new check-in or check-out date/time, please inform Holly Lesan who will liaise with the porters (rather than communicate directly with the porters): holly.lesan@iclrs.org; +1 513-884-7113.