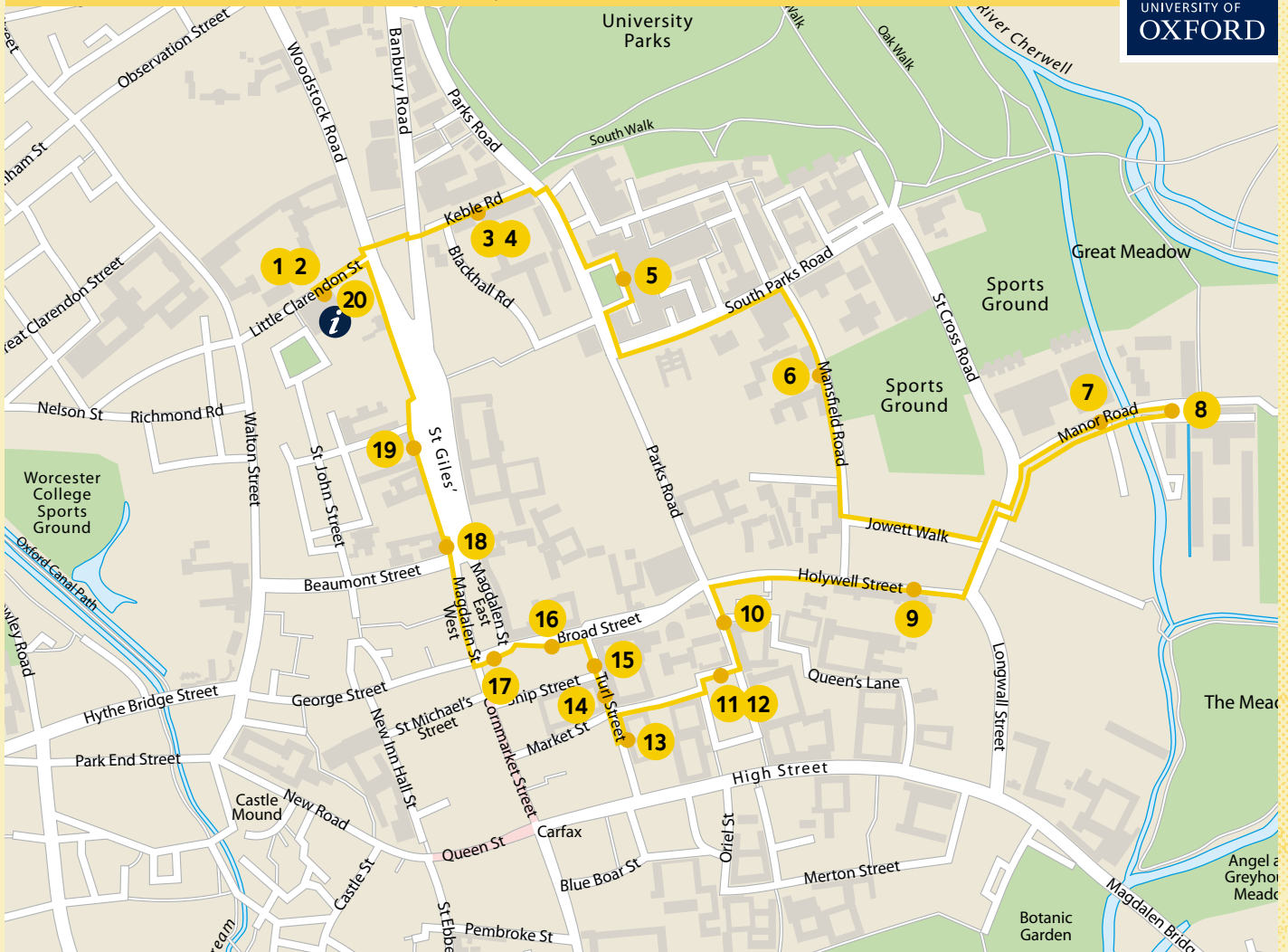




# Oxford Audio Admissions Tours - Yellow Route - Social Sciences

**Time:** 90 minutes, **Distance:** 3.8 km/2.4 miles



This Yellow Route will give you an insight into Social Sciences at Oxford, and take you to some of Oxford's undergraduate colleges, the Pitt Rivers Museum and other University locations.


It will take you approx 90 minutes to take the full walking tour and listen to all the tracks along the route. Alternatively, you can pick any particular tracks that you would like to listen to and choose your own route.

The five undergraduate colleges included have been chosen because they are near the other stops on this route – they are not specifically colleges for the social sciences. No colleges specialise in any particular subject, and most colleges offer most courses. To see around the grounds of a college please visit the porter's lodge (reception) at that college, and ask if you can have a look around. Most colleges have specific opening times during the day so please check their individual websites or ask in the Admissions Information Centre on Little Clarendon Street.

Central Oxford is relatively flat but there are several cobbled streets, steps and narrow pavements, as well as other pedestrians and traffic. Please be careful, especially when crossing roads, and take extra care to look out for bicycles. We recommend that you don't listen to the tour while you are walking: the tracks are designed for you to listen to when you arrive at each location.



Bodleian Library (see 10)

 We have attempted to make both the route and the information on this tour as accessible as possible. If you require the guide in an alternative format please contact the Admissions Information Centre. We will be glad to help with any queries about specific accessibility requests.

## 1 2 How to use & navigate the tour

These introductory tracks explain how to use the tour and how to safely navigate your way around the city of Oxford. It is recommended to listen to these first two tracks so that you can plan your visit and consider whether you will have time for the full walking tour. If you have arrived at the Admissions Information Centre you may like to listen to these introductory tracks before you set off.

From Little Clarendon Street turn left into Woodstock Road but immediately cross the road using the pedestrian crossing. Slightly to the left of the crossing, there is a walkway through the grounds of St Giles' Church that takes you to another pedestrian crossing over the Banbury Road. Keble Road is directly ahead of you. Walk down the right hand side of the road.

## 3 4 College life at Oxford

These two tracks explain how the collegiate system works at Oxford and what facilities you can expect to find in any of Oxford's 30 undergraduate colleges.

This audio tour takes you past five colleges to demonstrate how the University is spread across the city. All of the colleges have more similarities than differences.

You may like to stop and listen to these tracks as you proceed along the right hand side of Keble Road.

To reach your next stop, turn right at the end of Keble Road and cross immediately at the pedestrian crossing. Walk down the left hand side of Parks Road, being careful because the walkway and the cycle path are next to one another. You will see the Museum of Natural History on your left.

## 5 Pitt Rivers Museum



The Pitt Rivers Museum of anthropology and world archaeology is entered through the Museum of Natural History. With some 600,000 artifacts it is second in size, in its field, only to the British Museum. During most of the year it is open between 10am and 4.30pm from Tuesday to Sunday. The most suitable place to listen to this track, which gives an overview of the history of the museum, is directly in front of the museum on the lawn

Beyond the Pitt Rivers Museum, use the pedestrian crossing and turn left down South Parks Road where you will see various science departments of the University.

## 6 Mansfield College

**Founded: 1886 Number of undergraduates: 213**  
Half way along South Parks Road, turn right down Mansfield Road. After a short distance you will see Mansfield College on the right hand side of the road. It has an open courtyard, which you can see from the road.

## 7 Social Sciences at Oxford



Proceed down Mansfield Road. You will come to Harris Manchester College on your right hand side, opposite the Department of International Development. At this point turn left down Jowett Walk.

There are few rest stops before reaching the next stop so you may like to pause before you continue the tour. Turn left into St Cross Road, use the pedestrian crossing, continue down St Cross Road

past St Cross Church on your right, and then turn right into Manor Road.

Down Manor Road on the left you will see the Manor Road Building. This houses the Social Sciences Library, the Department of Politics and International Relations, the Department of Economics and others. You may like to listen to this track outside the Manor Road Building.

## 8 St Catherine's College

**Founded: 1963 Number of undergraduates: 453**  
At the end of Manor Road you will see St Catherine's College. Listen to this track outside St Catherine's before the next stop.

## 9 Social Sciences student life



Return along Manor Road, turn left into St Cross Road and cross back over the pedestrian crossing. Proceed down the right hand side of St Cross Road and then turn right into Holywell Street. Listen to

this track at a quiet stop along this road. This gives you the opportunity to listen to a Law student's perspective on life at Oxford.

At the end of the road turn left into Catte Street.

## 10 Bodleian Library & Sheldonian Theatre

As you walk down Catte Street look to your left and you will see Hertford College's Bridge of Sighs spanning New College Lane. On the right hand side of Catte Street you will see some steps leading up to a wide gravel area. When standing in the gravel area, the Bodleian Library is on your left hand side and the Sheldonian Theatre is directly ahead. Listen to the next track here. There are benches nearby should you need a rest.

## 11 12 Radcliffe Camera & History of the University



Return down the steps and turn right along Catte Street into Radcliffe Square. The Radcliffe Camera – part of the Bodleian Library – is the round building in the centre of the square. Find

somewhere safe to stand and listen to these two tracks. Then proceed with the Bodleian Library on your right and the Radcliffe Camera on your left, and head down Brasenose Lane.

Please note that the north side of Radcliffe Square is cobbled so head back towards Broad Street and continue to Turl Street if you will have difficulty travelling across the cobbles.

## 13 Lincoln College

**Founded: 1427 Number of undergraduates: 283**  
At the end of Brasenose Lane turn left into Turl Street and then immediately on your left is Lincoln College. Please find somewhere safe to stand while you listen to this track, because Turl Street can be very busy. Benjamin Ramsden, an undergraduate currently at Lincoln College has recorded this track.

## 14 Jesus College

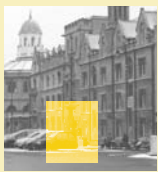
**Founded: 1571 Number of undergraduates: 325**  
Turn back up Turl Street and on the left hand side of the road you will see Jesus College.

## 15 Exeter College

**Founded: 1314 Number of undergraduates: 328**  
Just a little further up from Jesus College towards Broad Street, on the other side of the road, you will

see Exeter College. Rebecca Rees, an undergraduate currently at Exeter College has recorded this track.

## 16 Making an application



Continue towards Broad Street. This street is very wide and extremely busy with vehicles and bicycles so please be careful. There are benches located along this street to stop and listen to this

track, which explains how to make an application to Oxford University for an undergraduate course. You may like to discuss a potential application in more depth with one of our staff in the Admissions Information Centre.

## 17 The City of Oxford

You will see there are a number of colleges and shops on Broad Street. Head towards the end of the road where Broad Street meets with Cornmarket Street – a main shopping street that is closed to vehicles during the day. Find an appropriate place to safely stop and listen to this track. Use the pedestrian crossing outside Debenhams and walk up Magdalen Street West.

## 18 Social Sciences student life 2



Once you have crossed the pedestrian crossing across Beaumont Street into St Giles you will see the Ashmolean Museum on the corner. Stop and listen to this track here. This gives you the

opportunity to listen to a PPE student's perspective on life at Oxford.

## 19 Interviews at Oxford

Continue along St Giles. There is a bench outside St Cross College that you might like to sit on while you listen to the Interviews tracks. This track will help you to understand what to expect from an interview at Oxford and how you might go about preparing for an interview.

## 20 Finish

Continue up St Giles until you reach Little Clarendon Street on the left.

Now that you have reached the end of the tour you may like to listen to this final track before you return home or continue with the rest of your visit to Oxford. If you have any further questions about the University, the colleges or anything else, our experienced admissions staff at the Admissions Information Centre will be happy to help. You may prefer to browse our web pages at [www.admissions.ox.ac.uk](http://www.admissions.ox.ac.uk).

Thank you for listening to the Oxford Audio Admissions Tour.

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