

SCIO ONLINE FROM OXFORD APPLICATION

We are delighted you are interested in SCIO Online from Oxford. Each of the sections below includes important application questions. Please complete the information electronically in the fields provided and be sure to read instructions carefully.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Costs and scholarships are listed on Page 7. Please view the dates and deadlines below:

December Term: 1 December 2020 – 6 January 2021 (orientation and classes start on 1 December)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 NOVEMBER 2020

January Term: 7 January – 5 February 2021 (orientation and classes start on 7 January)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 6 JANUARY 2021

Spring Term: 21 January – 23 April 2021 (orientation and classes start on 21 January)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 20 JANUARY 2021

A completed application includes 1) this form, 2) a faculty recommendation, and 3) an unofficial transcript emailed to scio.admin@scio-uk.org. Please see Page 7 titled "Guidance" for more information.

A. Personal information

First name(s)	
Last name	
Date of birth (day/month/year)	
Email address	
Gender (optional)	
GPA (if relevant)	
Home institution (if relevant)	
Major/Discipline	
Minor (if relevant)	

B. Select the status of how you wish to participate in SCIO Online:

- ☐ Undergraduate student
- ☐ Graduate student
- ☐ Non-traditional student

C. Address for communication

Address Line 1	
Address Line 2 (if relevant)	
City	
State	
Zip code or postcode	
Country of citizenship	
Telephone number as dialled from USA	

D. Application Questions

Please briefly explain why you are interested in this programme and what you hope to get from it.	
Please tell us how you heard about this programme.	
<i>If an alumnus/a recommended SCIO to you, s/he qualifies for a \$50 book voucher.</i> If you were referred by an alumnus/a, please give their name and email address.	
Have you ever been in breach of any academic institution's regulations? If so, please explain.	
Application Term (October Term, December Term, and/or January Term)	

E. SCIO Alumni Status

Alumni qualify for a scholarship of \$150 towards the cost of a seminar.

Are you an alumnus/a?	Yes	No
If so, which semester/summer did you attend?		

F. SCIO Online Course Selections

Each seminar consists of three discussion classes, four gobbets classes, two tutorials, and a student presentation class (gobbet is Oxford's word for a small mouthful of text for close reading or translation and then discussion). Select your first and alternate selections for each seminar from the dropdown lists below. Each title you list must be different. Seminars will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seminar List:

- J.R.R. Tolkien: Oxford's Creator of Other Worlds
- Intellect and Imagination: The Rational Religion and Theological Stories of C.S. Lewis
- Faith and Reason in the British Enlightenment
- Jane Austen in Context
- Science and the Christian Tradition
- Psychology and Literature: From Margery Kempe to Sylvia Plath
- C.S. Lewis and the Classics
- Prohibition and Transgression: The Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Gothic Novel
- Creative Writing
- Oxford and the Pursuit of Beauty: Art and Criticism in the Nineteenth Century
- Contemporary British Culture: History, Politics, and Society

Seminar A	
Seminar A Alternative	
Seminar B (Optional)	
Seminar B Alternative	

G. SCIO Online Essay

Oxford teaching is designed to help you develop your academic writing. To help us see the strengths and weaknesses of your present academic writing so that we can provide focused guidance on the course, we may ask you to write an essay:

- Applicants who are currently students MUST complete the essay as described below.
- Applicants who are SCIO alumni need not complete the essay.
- Applicants who are neither current students nor alumni may complete the essay or choose to have a short interview with an Oxford tutor instead. The decision to have an interview should be noted in your email when you submit your application.

Please write no more than 200 words on one of the topics listed below. Do not write a full-length essay, but rather tell us how you would go about testing one of the statements below. Tell us what assumptions you might use to make to construct an argument (e.g. 'I shall assume that demand for healthcare is effectively limitless') and what kind of information you would need and how you might get it. Please adopt the tone and language appropriate for an academic essay: write concisely and edit your work carefully. We are not looking for a mastery of the subject but an ability to construct an argument and decide which evidence you would need to do so.

Topic List:

1. The arts should be publicly funded.
2. It does not matter if some species of plants and animals die out.
3. Text talk has caused English to degenerate.
4. Sport is 'war minus the shooting'.
5. Political slogans are intended to provoke action, not thought.
6. Advertising necessarily involves deceit.
7. The government serves the common good by publicly funding religious schools.
8. Church attendance is the best way of measuring Christian belief.
9. The literary canon is simply a device for maintaining Western patriarchy.
10. Philosophy has no practical use.
11. History does not repeat itself.
12. It is appropriate to make moral judgments about other societies.
13. Poetry is a luxury.

Maximum of 200 words

H. Certification Form

All participants will receive a grade report; however, if you are seeking COURSE CREDIT toward your DEGREE, you must be certified by your home institution. The certification form confirms that your home institution will grant credit for your participation in the program.

NOTE: Each applicant is responsible for knowing and complying with his/her home campus' policies, processes, and deadlines for approval and certification.

For those seeking course credit, please provide the name and email of your institution's Off-Campus Study Coordinator and Registrar so that a Certification Form may be created on your behalf:

Off-campus study coordinator name	
Off-campus study coordinator email	
Registrar name	
Registrar email	

I. Faculty Recommendation (*NOT required for SCIO alumni)

Please ask a faculty member to provide a brief recommendation for you. Below are the guidelines you should send to them. **They should email their recommendation to scio.admin@scio-uk.org by the application deadline.**

For faculty:

Please include your name, title and contact information, as well as how long you have known the applicant and in what capacities. As well as your general comments on the applicant's academic performance to date and potential, we'd especially value your thoughts on the applicants ability to thrive at Oxford where courses demand close reading, excellent writing skills, and willingness to engage in debate.

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Applicants to CCCU GlobalEd programs are asked to commit themselves to the statement below. In your judgment, will this applicant have difficulty living under the following behavioral code that exists for the program?

By signing below, I HEREBY RECOGNIZE that I will be participating in a Christ-centered program, requiring a commitment to learning, and respect for members of this online community. While in my online tutorials and seminars, I will endeavor to conduct myself in accordance with a Christ-centered life, cultivating actions it commends such as love, compassion, truthfulness, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I will likewise refrain from dishonesty, plagiarism, disruptive behavior, racism, and sexual harassment. I will also honor any additional standards required by my home institution.

J. SCIO and the CCCU are Christian organisations and seminars will give participants the opportunity, though not the requirement, to consider seminar materials from a Christian point of view. Participants will be asked to agree to the SCIO Online behavioural code.

I confirm I have read and understand the above statements.

K. Behavioural Code

Students enroll in SCIO Online from Oxford from a variety of backgrounds and religious traditions, and bring their different values and insights to the program. SCIO seeks to provide an environment within which all members can co-exist harmoniously and learn respect for each other. Faculty and students are asked to avoid all expressions of racial, religious, and gender discrimination. While we do not require our students to uphold the Christian faith and tradition (Catholic, Orthodox, or Protestant), we do require that each student respect the tradition and, while a participant in this online community, live according to its historically held precepts. This virtual community requires participants to remember the “Golden Rule” in their dealings with one another: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Each student is also asked to commit himself/herself to the following statement prior to admission to the program:

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I UNDERSTAND that violation of any of these standards is grounds for disciplinary action, including possible immediate dismissal from the program or any of its constituent seminars.

By checking this box and typing my name below, I agree to the conditions of the behavioral code.

Name	Date

GUIDANCE

- To submit your application, please send an email to scio.admin@scio-uk.org with the subject line '[Your Name] application to SCIO Online' attaching:
 1. Your completed application form
 2. An academic transcript(s) for your highest academic qualification. An unofficial transcript is sufficient. (Non traditional students who are having an interview need not submit a transcript, but if they can readily do so this would be helpful.)
- Privacy notice: your application details are stored and managed by SCIO, in compliance with GDPR regulations according to United Kingdom law. Details are available at www.scio-uk.org/privacy where you are identified as a participant on a project (not a student on a programme).
- The programme dates and application deadlines are below:
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- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that transcripts, Certification Forms, and faculty recommendations are received by this deadline.
- Incomplete applications may not be considered. (SCIO alumni are not required to submit a faculty recommendation as part of this application)
- Applicants will be notified of an admission decision within one week of submitting an application.
- SCIO Online from Oxford costs and scholarships:
 - \$550 per credit hour, each tutorial seminar is worth 3 credit hours (\$1,650 per seminar)
 - Select two tutorial seminars and receive a \$150 Multi-seminar scholarship
 - SCIO alum receive a \$150 discount
 - Apply for the December Term by 17 November and receive a \$150 scholarship
 - Apply for the January Term by 14 December and receive a \$150 scholarship
 - Apply for the Spring Term by 1 January and receive a \$150 scholarship
 - Applicants can receive a maximum of two discounts/scholarships for a maximum of \$300

More information is available at <https://www.scio-uk.org/scio-online-from-oxford>.

Please email scio.admin@scio-uk.org should you have questions.