

College Counselling Courses Oxford – April 2012

For College Counsellors and Higher Education Advisors in schools



Applying to UK universities

Tuesday 10th April



Applying to US universities

Wednesday 11th – Thursday 12th April

- With more students applying for fewer places, it is vital that schools are able to provide effective guidance on college applications.
- Led by Gwen Martinez (see below), these courses cover everything from choosing a university or college to tips on the application processes.
- It will be held in the University of Oxford, alongside OSC's popular IB Revision Courses.
- **Applying to US universities** is the major part of the courses. US colleges are becoming more popular for students from the UK (see alongside).
- But, the diversity of opportunities in the US can create a challenge for Guidance Counsellors.
- This OSC course has been designed to help staff in schools to guide students appropriately in their applications.
- A shorter course on **Applying to UK universities** is available on 10th April. This will include sessions on applying to Oxbridge.
- For fuller information, go to the OSC website (www.osc-ib.com) and select **College Counselling Course**.

News Education

More British students choose American universities

Number of Britons studying in the US increases amid fears over tuition fees

Jeevan Vasagar Education editor
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Article history



Joshua McTaggart, a former state-school pupil from Weston-super-mare, is studying history at Harvard, and says it is cheaper for him to attend university in the US.

The number of British students studying at US universities has increased for the second year in a row to nearly 9,000, according to figures out today.

Data released by the Institute of International Education, a US not-for-profit group, in its Open Doors 2010 report shows the number of British students in the US increased to 8,861 in 2009-10, a 2% increase from the previous year. This is in contrast to a 4% decrease overall in the number of students from Europe studying in the US.

Gwen Martinez

Gwen Martinez has taught in the British, American and International Baccalaureate systems, spending much of her professional career in counselling. She is a graduate of the Slade School of Fine Art, UCL, has a Master's Degree in Counselling and Consulting Psychology from Harvard University and a doctoral degree in the field of International School Leadership from Boston University in the USA.

Gwen directed two American study abroad programs and participated in the undergraduate selection process for international students in Harvard's admissions office. She planned and chaired an ECIS Guidance Workshop and has been a workshop leader at major NACAC (*National Association for College Admission Counseling*) Conferences in the USA. She is currently serving as a member of NACAC's Membership Committee.

Gwen has been the Director of Guidance, Director of Studies and IB Diploma Coordinator at Southbank International School in London. She has also been President of OACAC (*Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling*) and was responsible for planning a conference at Washington University in St Louis, USA. In 2006 Gwen gave a comparative workshop on the differences between UK and US Higher Education at OACAC's summer conference in Texas Fort Worth.

Gwen also works for Oxford Study Courses – particularly in relation to OSC's **UK University Tour** and **University Application Course** in the US.

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