Oxford Women's Colleges

'Degrees by degrees' timeline

Universities other than Oxford

University of Oxford

	1857
	1866
	1867
College for Women (later Girton College, Cambridge) founded	1869
Newnham College, Cambridge founded and women	1871
admitted to Owens College, Manchester	
	1873
	1875
University of London began to award degrees to women	1878
	1879
	1880
	1882
	1884

1857	Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations (ODLE) created
1866	First classes for women at Oxford organized by Miss Eleanor Smith
1867	ODLE opened its exams to school-age girls
1869	
1871	legislation passed permitting married men to be college fellows
	growing number of women in Oxford seeking education
1873	new classes and lectures organized by Mrs Mandell Creighton
	Annie Henley [Rogers] entitled to exhibition at Worcester College
1875	ODLE introduced special examinations for women over 18, on a par with finals
1878	Lady Margaret Hall founded, admitted first students 1879; AEW (Association for
	Promoting the Higher Education of Women) founded
1879	Somerville Hall founded; Society of Home Students created (later St Anne's)
1880	first mixed classes in chemistry at Christ Church laboratory
1882	first women admitted to lectures in Arts subjects
1884	some Honours Examinations opened to women
1886	St Hugh's founded

	1891	qualifying examinations adopted by Somerville
	1893	St Hilda's founded – recognised by the AEW 1896
		rules on obligatory chaperonage at mixed lectures relaxed
	1894	Somerville Hall renamed Somerville College
	1896	Degrees for women proposed, rejected by Congregation
Trinity College Dublin admitted women to full membership	1904	
	1908	First entrance examination for women introduced at Somerville
	1910	Delegacy for the Supervision of Women Students established
	1911	first women included in the Schools lists
	1913	LMH incorporated as a College
First World War began	1914	all women allowed to attend lectures unchaperoned
	1915	first women invited to lecture at the University
	1916	Bachelor of Medicine degree opened to women
	1917	University financially responsible for women's exams
First World War ended	1918	
	1920	Women admitted to degrees of the University of Oxford
	1025	Companyilla College granted David Charter

Somerville College granted Royal Charter 1925 LMH & St Hugh's received Royal Charters 1926

St Hilda's became a college by Royal Charter

	1927
Second World War began	1939-1945
	1942
Women admitted to degrees of the University of Cambridge	1948
	1952
	1956

1927	University imposed quotas to limit number of women admitted
1939-1945	
1942	Society of Home Students became the St Anne's Society
1948	
1952	St Anne's became a college by Royal Charter
1956	restrictions on numbers of women undergraduates removed
1959	the 'women's societies' became full colleges of the University
1962	women admitted to full membership of the Oxford Union Society