

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MPhil in Judaism and Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World



### Course facts

Mode of study	Full Time Only
Expected length	21 months

### About the course

This degree is offered jointly by the Faculty of Theology and Religion and the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. The course is ideal for students wishing to learn more about the origins of Christianity by coming to grips with the complex evidence for the state of Judaism in the Graeco-Roman World in the first century.

An emphasis is placed on the detailed study of primary evidence for both Judaism and Christianity in the first and early second centuries CE. You will therefore require a good existing knowledge of both Hebrew and Greek.

The structure and content of the course ensures that you have the opportunity to pay equal attention to the history and primary texts of both religious traditions.

Core modules examine the literature, history, and institutions of each tradition and you may choose to specialise in one further theme within each tradition:

- Judaism from 200 BCE to 200 CE
- Christianity to 200 CE

You will choose to specialise in one further theme within each tradition. In the case of Judaism, these themes are:

- Jewish Historiography
- Jewish Bible Interpretation
- Jewish Eschatology
- Jewish Wisdom Literature

In the case of Christianity, these themes are:

- The Gospels and the Historical Jesus
- The Acts and the Pauline Corpus
- The Apostolic Fathers
- The Apologists

You may choose a dissertation research topic which explores a facet of one or other tradition or inter-relating aspects of the two traditions in the period.

The Oxford Faculties of Theology and Religion and of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, together with Oxford's wider library resources and collections, provide an unmatched research environment for the study of Judaism and Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World. Many graduates of this course have found their in-depth engagement with the Jewish background to early Christianity an excellent preparation for doctoral study in New Testament, in the history of religions in the early Roman Empire and in Jewish studies.

### Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, in conjunction with the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Faculty of Theology and Religion and Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

### Assessment

Assessment consists of:

- two exams in Trinity term of the first year on the literature, history, and institutions of Judaism or Christianity;
- two further exams in Trinity term of the first year consisting of essay questions and passages for translation and comment from set texts relating to your chosen themes in both Judaism and Christianity; and
- a dissertation due in Trinity term of the second year on a topic in Judaism and Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World.

### Changes to this course

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after you commence your course. These might include significant changes made necessary by any pandemic, epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

## Costs

### Annual fees for entry in 2024-25

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£14,340
Overseas	£32,640

### Information about course fees

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

### Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

## Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2024-25 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

### Likely living costs for one month

	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£315	£495
<b>Accommodation</b>	£745	£925
<b>Personal items</b>	£190	£320
<b>Social activities</b>	£40	£95
<b>Study costs</b>	£35	£85
<b>Other</b>	£20	£35
<b>Total</b>	£1,345	£1,955

### Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£2,835	£4,445
<b>Accommodation</b>	£6,705	£8,325
<b>Personal items</b>	£1,710	£2,880
<b>Social activities</b>	£360	£855
<b>Study costs</b>	£315	£765
<b>Other</b>	£180	£315
<b>Total</b>	£12,105	£17,595

### Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£3,780	£5,940
<b>Accommodation</b>	£8,940	£11,100
<b>Personal items</b>	£2,280	£3,840
<b>Social activities</b>	£480	£1,140
<b>Study costs</b>	£420	£1,020
<b>Other</b>	£240	£420
<b>Total</b>	£16,140	£23,460

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts).

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