Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MSc in Learning and Teaching

Course facts

Mode of study	Part Time Only
Expected length	2 years



About the course

This is a professional development course for qualified teachers who are currently working in schools or similar educational settings. It focuses on developing your pedagogical practice in schools and classrooms, through engagement with and in research

The course is part-time, intended for teachers, in both primary and secondary schools, and including school leaders, who are interested in developing a research-informed approach to their existing practice. It focuses on the processes of learning and teaching, and is rooted in your own practice in school (or a similar educational setting). It is not possible to enrol if you are not currently working in a school (or similar setting).

The course is built around four main themes:

- Teachers and learners
- Curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment
- · Responding to pupils
- · Schools, equity and achievement

The course involves attending in-person teaching weekends and carrying out investigations in school, which are supported by set readings.

Throughout the course there is a strong emphasis on collaboration within your school and across the course. The University's Virtual Learning Environment is used to support the school-based tasks and sustain critical discussion with peers. In addition to attendance at the seminars, all students are expected to engage in online activities, reporting and reflecting on their reading and school-based investigations.

In the first year of the course, you will be required to attend five teaching weekends at the Department of Education in Oxford over a Friday afternoon and Saturday. Supervision will mainly be offered within small subject-specific support groups, and from a University supervisor with expertise in a particular subject. In the second year, you will largely work with a specialist supervisor on your own project. You will be expected to attend an additional teaching weekend at the end of September as well as the annual conference held for course participants in Oxford in June.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Department of Education 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 Department of Education. You can expect to receive six hours of individual supervision each year, with additional guidance given within small support groups.

Assessment

Assessment is through one formally submitted assignment at the end of the first year, drawing on the content of the units studied. In the second year you will be required to complete a research and development project, which involves implementing a new strategy and reviewing its progress, while working with colleagues.

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	£7,445
Overseas	£15,990

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

One overnight stay may be required on the Friday of each of the seminar weekends. There will be five weekend seminars in the first year and two weekend seminars in the second year. The department estimates that accommodation costs can start at around £70 per night in a college or around £150 in a hotel (single rate). Students should also factor in costs for an evening meal.

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.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these 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
Food	£315	£495
Accommodation	£745	£925
Personal items	£190	£320
Social activities	£40	£95
Study costs	£35	£85
Other	£20	£35
Total	£1,345	£1,955

Likely living costs for nine months

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

Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£3,780	£5,940
Accommodation	£8,940	£11,100
Personal items	£2,280	£3,840
Social activities	£480	£1,140
Study costs	£420	£1,020
Other	£240	£420
Total	£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.

 $More\ information\ about\ how\ these\ figures\ have\ been\ calculated\ is\ available\ at\ www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.$

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