

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MSc in Teacher Education



Course facts

Mode of study	Part Time Only
Expected length	2 years

About the course

This is a professional development course for new and experienced teacher educators involved in pre-service and in-service education who are interested in increasing their knowledge and skills base required for effective and inspirational teacher education whilst 'on the job'.

This two-year, part-time course is a world first, bringing together teacher educators in the UK, EU and internationally and provides an Oxford University master's-level qualification for anyone involved in pre-service and in-service teacher education:

- school-based teacher educators, coaches and mentors
- university tutors involved in teacher education, such as university tutors on taught education programmes or based in university subject departments with some teacher education responsibilities
- advisory teachers and fieldworkers
- professional development providers.

The course focuses on developing teacher educators' day-to-day practice as well as developing areas such as the design and teaching of teacher education programmes, the ability to conduct research to develop practice, and the ability to participate in debates about teaching and teacher education in your own subject. It is designed to be integral to the participants' day-to-day practice as teacher educators and blends online distance learning with one-week residential components in Oxford in years one and two.

The three distance online units comprise investigations focused on participants' own practice and tasks that involve individual and group work. For example, participants do an inquiry task where they observe and interview their learner teachers in order to learn more about the knowledge and beliefs they bring to teacher education. This is then brought together with key literature and participants share the findings from their inquiry task with their study group for further discussion and analysis. These tasks also contribute significantly to the work for each unit's assignment.

Students on this course will be expected to participate in a course of instruction for six terms part-time, including two one-week residential sessions and a series of online lectures and seminars.

The University's Virtual Learning Environment is used to support the work on each task and sustain critical discussion.

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.

Supervision of students' work will mainly be offered within small groups, and from a University supervisor. Small groups of three called study groups will meet every two to three weeks. In addition, to support assignment work, individual meetings will occur at least twice a term with the participants' supervisor.

Assessment

Assessment will be through an assignment for each of the three distance online units, plus a dissertation in the second year of the course.

Areas covered in the assessments include:

- exploring teachers' beliefs about teaching and learning in your subject
- developing teachers' knowledge bases in your subject
- analysing and developing teacher education sessions and programmes
- analysis and critique of research articles
- links between theory and practice
- construction of arguments for particular processes
- implications for teacher education.

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

You will be required to cover your own accommodation costs in Oxford the residential weeks. 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 meals during your stay.

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

	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.

Document accessibility

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