

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MSt in Yiddish Studies



Course facts

Mode of study	Full Time Only
Expected length	9 months

About the course

The MSt in Yiddish Studies is designed to enhance the linguistic proficiency, academic competence, and cultural literacy of aspiring scholars, instructors and educators in the field of Yiddish language and literature. The MSt in Yiddish Studies is suitable both for candidates wishing to proceed to a research degree and for those who wish to spend only one year at Oxford.

The MSt in Yiddish Studies offers a variety of subjects central to the linguistic, literary and socio-cultural history of pre-modern and modern Ashkenazic (Yiddish-speaking) society. Subjects will be taught by Yiddish specialists and the degree comprises:

- a paper in Modern Yiddish literature
- a paper in the history of the Yiddish Language
- an option paper (previous options have included: Old Yiddish Literature: Between Folklore and Literature; Nineteenth-Century Yiddish Literature; Modern Yiddish Poetry; Yiddish Drama and Theatre; Sociology of Yiddish; and History of Yiddish Studies)
- a dissertation.

The MSt in Yiddish Studies provides an appropriate introduction for you if you are contemplating higher research in a DPhil or PhD programme in this area. Personalised and small-group teaching will equip you with a range of transferable skills and give you an opportunity to develop your particular interests. Both compulsory papers are taught in six tutorials, while the teaching for the option paper will be in tutorials or seminars (depending on the option). You will be expected to undertake a significant amount of self-directed learning in your own time, building on the information provided in the teaching sessions and preparing your formative and summative assessments.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages 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 Medieval and Modern Languages. All students will meet with their course supervisor at the beginning and end of each term to receive advice about useful lectures and seminars and review the progress made. Supervisors are also likely to be responsible for part of the your teaching.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a variety of methods, which include examinations (for the compulsory papers) and an extended essay or portfolio of essays (for the special option paper). You will also write a dissertation on a subject you have proposed in consultation with your supervisor.

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	£14,890
Overseas	£33,970

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
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.

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