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## History and Economics Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024

The History and Economics course integrates these two subjects to form a coherent and intellectually stimulating programme. The combination allows insights that neither subject can realise alone. However, it is possible to specialise primarily in either history or economics while still preserving the benefits of an integrated approach.

The combination of economics, economic history and history (political and social) means that you will be equipped to view issues in the real world from a variety of contrasting perspectives. You will learn both the historian's careful approaches to evidence and argumentation and the economist's analytical and quantitative methods. These approaches provide an excellent preparation for a range of professional, financial and academic careers.

The course is designed to equip you with the basic tools of both history and economics, while introducing you to some of the areas which you can study later in more depth.

You will be given a wide choice of subjects. Everyone studies Introductory economics, which is designed to give a solid understanding of the foundations of both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. The economics core papers are identical to those for [Philosophy, Politics and Economics \(PPE\)](#) and [Economics and Management](#) and students for these courses are generally taught together.

Oxford possesses exceptional library provision for both subjects in the [Bodleian Library](#), the History Faculty and [Social Sciences libraries](#), other faculty libraries and the college libraries.

### A typical week

During the first year, you will be expected to attend around five lectures each week, participate in regular meetings with tutors to discuss work, conduct independent research and write at least one essay a week.

In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to write a thesis on Economic history, which will enable you to do a piece of independent research. Generally students are very much in charge of their own timetable throughout their courses.

Tutorials are usually two-four students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 12 students though classes for some of the more popular papers may be up to 20 students.

Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are tutors in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are usually studying at doctoral level.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

## Course structure

YEAR 1	
<p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four courses are taken:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introductory economics</li> <li>○ European and world history (four options available)</li> <li>○ Approaches to history; Historiography: Tacitus to Weber; Foreign texts</li> <li>○ Industrialisation in Britain and France 1750-1870 (or any other History optional subject)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>First University examinations: four timed written exams.</p>
YEARS 2 AND 3	
<p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core courses in Economics and Economic history</li> <li>• Economics papers required:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ History of the World Economy</li> <li>○ At least one of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Quantitative economics</li> <li>○ Two other papers in Economics, either from those listed above or from the options list</li> </ul> </li> <li>• History core papers:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A period of British history or European/world history</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compulsory thesis:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A thesis from original research, usually in Economic history</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Optional papers:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two further subjects in History</li> <li>○ Two further subjects in Economics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: seven timed written exams and one compulsory undergraduate thesis <i>or</i> six timed written exams, one portfolio of submitted essays and one compulsory undergraduate thesis.</p>

### YEARS 2 AND 3

- One further subject in History and one in British or European/world history
- One further subject in History and one further subject in Economics
- One further subject in Economics and one paper in British or European/world history.

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 registration. For further information, please see the University's [Terms and Conditions](#).

### Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2024.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students – see Note below)	£38,550

**Note:** Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme are eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) pages for more information.

### Living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2024 are estimated to be between £1,345 and £1,955 for each month you are in Oxford. Our academic year is made up of three eight-week terms, so you would not usually need to be in Oxford for much more than six months of the year but may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs. For further details please visit our [living costs webpage](#).

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### Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£315	£495	£2,835	£4,455
Accommodation (including utilities)	£745	£925	£6,705	£8,325
Personal items	£190	£320	£1,710	£2,880
Social activities	£40	£95	£360	£855
Study costs	£35	£85	£315	£765
Other	£20	£35	£180	£315
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,345</b>	<b>£1,955</b>	<b>£12,105</b>	<b>£17,595</b>

In order to provide these likely living costs (which are rounded to the nearest £5), the University and the Oxford SU conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources, including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS).

The current economic climate and high national rate of inflation make it very hard to estimate potential changes to the cost of living over the next few years. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of around 5% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation. UK inflationary increases will be kept under review and the [living costs webpage](#) updated.

### Additional Fees and Charges Information for History and Economics

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.