Course Information Sheet for entry in 2023-24

MSc in Major Programme Management

About the course

Please note: As part of our continuous review process, elements of this programme are subject to change for the 2023 intake. Any modifications to the content will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

The MSc in Major Programme Management helps you develop the understanding, ability and confidence to address these challenges and manage programmes the scale of which can transform a company, a city, or even a country.

Designed for experienced project and programme managers, this part-time programme is rigorous, selective and intellectually challenging, and awards a master's degree from the University of Oxford.

The programme addresses the interdisciplinary approach that lies at the heart of many major programmes. The programme is structured around eight core modules and three fundamental themes: programmes as organisations, stakeholder engagement and risk management.

The programme uses a range of teaching methods including interactive lectures, small group workshops and real-world case studies.

You will attend eight modules of five days each in person at Oxford, beginning on a Monday and concluding on a Friday afternoon. During these taught modules you'll benefit from discussion and networking opportunities with classmates, faculty and industry guests.

This modular format allows you to combine work and study. Participants tend to remain in their full-time professional roles, travelling to Oxford and back for each of the eight modules. All modules must be attended in full.

In the classroom, emphasis is placed on debate. You are encouraged to read outside of the reading lists and bring this, and your professional experience, to the discussions. Please note that this course is paperless. This means that paper handouts will not be provided for most of your courses. All presentations will be uploaded to our virtual learning environment. For pedagogical reasons this may be in advance of, just before or immediately after teaching sessions. Handouts will be provided for certain courses based on specific requirements, eg unreliable internet availability or where handouts operate more like a textbook than slides.

Outside of modules, you should allow for at least 10 hours per week of study including reading, writing assessed assignments, a dissertation and writing formative assignments.

Modules

- Designing and managing successful programmes
- Major programme risk
- Systems thinking
- Governance and stakeholder management
- Commercial leadership
- Research methods
- Managing performance
- Globalisation and major programmes

Supervision

Every graduate student at Oxford is allocated an academic supervisor, with whom they may discuss their academic progression, and who can provide support and advice in response to problems or concerns in relation to their learning.

We encourage part-time students to meet with their supervisors approximately three times per year (the modular equivalent to once per term for full-time students)

For this course, the allocation of graduate supervision is the responsibility of the Saïd Business School 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 Saïd Business School.

Assessment

The assessment regime for the core courses consists of 100% individual assignments (formal coursework) with a final dissertation. Assessment is performed at the end of each course. Students who fail to achieve the required standard have one opportunity to retake/resubmit the assessments. Students may be required to make regular presentations to teachers, and business practitioners.

Students are required to pass all of the core courses and the dissertation.

Changes to courses

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. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), 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).

Expected length of course

i) Table showing expected course length and mode of study offered

Part Time Only

Expected length	24 months

Costs

Total Course Fees for entry in 2023-24

ii) Table showing Total Course Fees for entry in 2023-24

Fee status	Total Course fees
Home	£52,560
Overseas	£52,560

Information about course fees

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.

Deposits

If your application is successful, you will be asked to pay a deposit against your course fees at the application stage as a condition of your offer. The deposit amount and date by which payment must be made are shown below.

iii) Table showing deposit amount and date when it must be paid

Amount of deposit	Date by which deposit must be paid	
£7,880	30 days from the date on initial offer letter	

Additional cost information

As part of your course requirements, you will need to choose a dissertation topic. 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. Please note that this course requires that you are taught in Oxford, and you will need to incur travel and accommodation costs to attend the course if you do not live in the Oxford area.

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 2023-24 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.

Table iv) Likely living costs for one month

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£300	£470
Accommodation	£715	£860
Personal items	£180	£305
Social activities	£40	£90
Study costs	£35	£80
Other	£20	£35
Total	£1,290	£1,840

Table v) Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£2,700	£4,230
Accommodation	£6,435	£7,740
Personal items	£1,620	£2,745
Social activities	£360	£810
Study costs	£315	£720
Other	£180	£315
Total	£11,610	£16,560

Table vi) Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£3,600	£5,640
Accommodation	£8,580	£10,320
Personal items	£2,160	£3,660
Social activities	£480	£1,080
Study costs	£420	£960
Other	£240	£420
Total	£15,480	£22,080

Document accessibility

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