

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021~22

Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in British Archaeology

About the course

This Advanced Diploma aims to give you a grounding in British Archaeology within the context of the particular period under investigation. You will further your understanding of the skills and techniques needed to recover, process and evaluate archaeological evidence. You will also research and write a dissertation in a topic of your choice in British Archaeology.

As well as the time spent in teaching sessions, you will need to spend around 12 hours a week studying in term-time. This might include reading, preparing course work, and visiting museums, libraries and sites (where possible depending on the Coronavirus pandemic).

There are three modules, with one module being offered each year.

The modules are:

- Module 1: Early Prehistoric Britain
- Module 2: Later Prehistoric and Roman Britain
- Module 3: Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Medieval Britain

The module on offer for 2021~22 is *Module 3: Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Medieval Britain*

Each year has three terms, and in each of these you will attend weekly classes, which are usually on Thursday evenings and two hours long. You will also have group tutorials, dissertation tutorials, weekend field visits either a practical course held over two weekends or approximately one week of practical fieldwork. Most teaching events and practical elements are usually held in-person, but may be moved online, rescheduled or revised if necessary e.g. as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. You will be given a programme of reading for the teaching sessions and the written work. Assessment is based on three assignments, a practical logbook and a dissertation.

Module 3: Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Medieval Britain

This module explores the period from roughly AD 400 to 1500 – an important time that set the scene for the development of Britain as we know it today. Following the collapse of the Roman Empire and leading up to the Reformation, this period witnessed social collapse, migration, and successive waves of influence from Scandinavia and Europe. The story of Britain during this time can be traced in the archaeology of settlements, buildings, landscape, trade and material culture, and we will use a range of evidence to examine the spread of new states, religions, beliefs and identities, towns, industries and patterns of consumption. In addition, dramatic crises such as the Viking attacks, the Norman Conquest and the Black Death will be investigated alongside long-term incremental changes.

Assessment

Students are required to complete:

- 3 assignments of up to 2,500 words;
- A practical logbook of up to 4,000 words, to include a choice of learning tasks based on the practical training, visits to archaeological sites and/or museums (where possible depending on the Coronavirus pandemic) and comparative site/artefact accounts, and a reflective discussion.
- A 10,000-word dissertation on a topic agreed with the Course Director.

Attendance

Candidates are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of the module.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course information sheet. 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. The safety of students, staff and visitors is paramount and major changes to delivery or services may have to be made in circumstances of a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. In addition, in certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to course requirements for international study.

You can find full information under “Changes to Courses” (sections 29 to 41) in the [Terms and Conditions](https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/terms-and-conditions-for-entry-in-2021-2022-for-non-matriculated-courses.pdf) for this course (<https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/terms-and-conditions-for-entry-in-2021-2022-for-non-matriculated-courses.pdf>).

Expected length of course

1 year

Annual fees for entry in 2021~22

Fee Status	Course Fee
Home (UK/Republic of Ireland/ Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£2,678
Overseas (including EU)	£5,031

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. For details, please see our [guidance on likely increases to fees and charges](#).

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 accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also do not cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

EU applicants should refer to our detailed [fee status information](#) and the [Oxford and the EU webpage](#) for details of the implications of the UK’s exit from the EU.

Additional cost information

Students are not required to buy books, but there may be a few recommended key texts which you may like to buy. Transport for field trips and the practical fieldwork is normally arranged on a car sharing basis by the students themselves. Costs of any additional hire of transport would be paid for by the students. Any entry fees to museums or sites are paid individually by the students.

You will also need a computer which meets our minimum specification, with access to the internet and various other software programmes. Please see the [course webpage](#) for full details.

Living costs

In addition to your fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

For the 2021-22 academic year, the range of likely living costs for full-time study is between c. £1,175 and £1,710 for each month spent in Oxford. Full information, including a breakdown of likely living costs in Oxford for items such as food, accommodation and study costs, is available on our [living costs](#) page. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2021-22, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

The living costs above are based on single, full-time students living in Oxford. While it may be the case that, as a part-time student, you will not be based in Oxford during your studies, you will still need to cover your cost of living on a full-time basis. If this applies to you, you should calculate your living costs to be sure that you have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course. In particular, part-time students who are not based in Oxford will need to calculate travel and accommodation costs carefully. Please note that living costs outside Oxford may be different from those shown above.

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