

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019~20

Undergraduate Certificate in Archaeology

About the course

This two-year part time course is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree. It will outline the development of archaeology as a discipline and introduce how archaeologists find out about past people and their societies. The practice and theory of archaeology will be explored using evidence from Britain and other parts of the world.

The first year considers the development of the modern discipline and covers the fundamentals of archaeological theory and practice. Workshops will investigate artefacts and environmental evidence; fieldwork sessions will introduce essential practical skills in survey and excavation and field trips will investigate sites and landscapes. Classroom sessions provide the foundation for practical workshops studying archaeological evidence and fieldwork elements teaching essential survey and excavation skills.

The second year studies key themes and turning points in archaeology from prehistory to the medieval period, and deals with practical and scientific topics in more detail. Saturday field trips, fieldwork and workshops are woven through both years, while each year also focuses broadly on Prehistory in the first term, later Prehistory and the Roman period in the second term, and post-Roman and Medieval archaeology in the third term.

Each year has three terms, each of these with evening classes and Saturday field trips, fieldwork and workshops. At the end of the first year there is a one-week programme of practical fieldwork.

Year 1: Introduction to Archaeology: Practice and Purpose

Themes covered include:

- What is archaeology? Current organisation and purpose of the modern discipline
- The birth of the discipline: Key archaeologists
- Archaeological evidence
- Archaeological theory
- Key site: Troy

- Finding sites from the air
- The development of urban archaeology
- Landscape archaeology in the field
- Artefacts in archaeology
- Key sites: Palmyra and Petra

- Survey in archaeology: topography and geophysics
- Excavation in practice
- Relative dating and stratigraphy in archaeology
- Key site: Oxford

Year 2: Key Themes in Archaeology

Year Two covers the key themes and turning points in archaeological eras from prehistory to the medieval period, and deals with certain topics introduced in Year One in more detail: for example science in archaeology and excavation report writing. Practical workshops studying archaeological evidence and fieldwork elements continue building on the foundation laid in Year One.

Themes covered include:

- Landscapes of prehistoric monumentality
- Rural and urban Roman landscapes
- Post-Roman and Medieval agricultural and religious landscapes

Assessment

- 5 assignments per year of up to 2,000 words in length (the first assignment in Year 1 is formative and does not count towards the final assessment)
- A field training programme learning journal accompanied by an assignment of not more than 1,000 words (up to 2,000 words in total) at the end of the first year covering work undertaken during the training programme;
- A two-hour written examination, covering the subjects taught in the first year of the course;
- An extended assignment of up to 5,000 words in the second year.

Students must achieve a mark of 40% or over in each year of the course.

In Year One, the assignments and learning journal count for 60% of the final assessment and the examination counts for 40%. In the Second Year the five 2,000-word assignments count for 60% and the extended assignment for 40%.

Overall the first year counts for 40% and the second year for 60%.

Attendance

- Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of taught sessions per year of the course (including classroom and practical sessions);
- A minimum of 2 tutorials;
- A one-week practical fieldwork programme or equivalent at the end of the first year;
- A two-hour examination in the first year.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions 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.

Expected length of course

2 years

Annual fees for entry in 2019-20

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College Fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU(including islands)	£2,475	N/A	£2,475
Overseas	£4,650	N/A	£4,650

The fees shown above are the annual tuition fees for this course for entry in the 2019-20 academic year; 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. College fees are not generally payable for non-matriculated courses although a small number of courses may permit college affiliation for which a charge will be made.

Tuition 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 tuition fees).

Additional cost information

Students are not required to buy books, but there may be a few recommended key texts which you may choose to buy. Transport for field trips and the practical fieldwork is normally arranged on a car sharing basis by the students themselves except where a hired minibus is used. In some cases, entry fees to museums or sites are paid individually by the students.

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.

The likely living costs for 2019-20 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 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342
Accommodation	£566	£739	£5,093	£6,655
Personal items	£122	£271	£1,098	£2,435
Social activities	£42	£126	£380	£1,138
Study costs	£40	£88	£359	£788
Other	£23	£48	£208	£432
TOTAL	£1,058	£1,643	£9,525	£14,790

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.