

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019~20

Undergraduate Certificate in the History of Art

About the course

This two-year, part-time course in the History of Art is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree. It offers a broad framework and acts as an introductory course for students who wish to develop their knowledge of the subject by structured study.

In the first year, you will gain an understanding of visual analysis, techniques, methods of art criticism, and the necessary terms that will underpin all further study. Tutors will lead visits to museums and art galleries and, wherever possible, visits will be made to current exhibitions. Oxford itself is very rich in its museums and buildings and every opportunity will be taken to introduce these to you.

The second year is more chronologically focused, allowing you to apply the skills you have learnt in the first year to a sustained examination of the major developments within Western art across the last millennium. Both well and lesser-known artists from the Medieval, Renaissance or Modern periods will be examined alongside major themes. Each module will move across mediums, to include painting, sculpture and architecture, as well as more period-specific media, such as manuscript illumination, printing and land art.

Each year has three terms of weekly classes. The sessions will be lively, structured and informative with plenty of time for discussion. Each class will be illustrated with slides and, occasionally, with video material.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

YEAR 1

UNIT 1:

- *Learning to look at the visual arts. A study of colour, subject matter, space, tone, form, composition, etc*
- *The materials and techniques of painting*

UNIT 2:

- *An introduction to critical theory and the use of primary texts*
- *Understanding Sculpture*

UNIT 3:

- *Understanding Architecture*
- *Understanding the Decorative Arts*

YEAR 2

UNIT 1:

- *Medieval art and the significance of context*

UNIT 2:

- *The Renaissance*

UNIT 3:

- *Towards the 20th century*

Assessment

- For Year 1, you must complete five assignments of not more than 1,500 words and one 3,000 word project.
- For Year 2, you must complete three assignments of not more than 2,000 words and one 5,000 word project.

In Year One each of the five assignments counts for 12%; the research project counts for 40%. In Year Two each of the three assignments counts for 20%; the research project counts for 40%. Both years contribute equally to the final mark.

Candidates are also expected to complete slide tests. These are formative only and do not contribute to the final mark. There is no formal examination at the end of the Certificate course.

Attendance

Candidates are expected to attend a minimum of:

- 75% of the taught classes per module, and
- Three study visits per module.

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

The course fee does not cover transport or entry fees to museums, art galleries or exhibitions. Usually, group rates are available and every attempt will be made to keep costs as low as possible by car sharing or by group coach travel. Some books will be recommended for you to purchase but recommendations will be made with costs in mind.

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.