

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021~22

### Undergraduate Certificate in the History of Art

#### About the course

Equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree, the Undergraduate Certificate in the History of Art offers an excellent introduction for students who want to develop their knowledge of art through structured study. You will learn more about how artworks are made, and receive an overview of the development of Western art from the classical period to the 20th century. You do not need to have any formal qualification or previous study in the subject area.

Tutors will lead visits to museums and art galleries throughout the course, with trips to current exhibitions if possible. Oxford has many museums and gallery spaces, and you will be encouraged to visit these.

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.

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 of Modern periods will be examined alongside major themes.

Each year 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 time for discussion.

As well as the time spent in teaching sessions, you will need to spend around 8-10 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).

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.

#### OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Year 1 will centre on these themes:

- *Learning to look at the visual arts. A study of colour, subject matter, space, tone, form, composition, etc*
- *The materials and techniques of painting*
- *Understanding sculpture*
- *An introduction to critical theory and the use of primary texts*
- *Understanding architecture*
- *Understanding the decorative arts*

Year 2 will centre on these themes:

- *Medieval art and the significance of context*
- *The Renaissance*
- *Towards modern*

#### **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.

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 year.

#### **Changes to courses**

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course page. 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**

2 years

#### **Annual fees for entry in 2021~22**

<b>Fee Status</b>	<b>Course Fee</b>
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**

The course fee does not cover transport or entry fees to museums, art galleries or exhibitions. Group rates may be available and students are expected to make their own travel arrangements. Some books will be recommended for you to purchase but recommendations will be made with costs in mind.

You will 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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