

Classics and English Information Sheet for entry in 2019

Classics and English appeals to those interested in the interactions of historically diverse literary cultures. English may be taken with Latin or Greek or both. Course I is for candidates with an A-level or equivalent in either Latin or Greek or both: this is a three-year course. Course II is for those who have not had the opportunity to study either language at school or college. It includes a preliminary year, in which students learn Latin or Greek alongside some study of classical literature, so this course lasts four years.

Oxford has a long and distinguished tradition of research and teaching in both Classics and English, and possesses remarkable library provision in both subjects.

The first year of the course (which follows the preliminary year of language learning for those taking Course II) is divided between the classical and English elements. The highlight of the Classics and English course is the link papers, which are studied over the second and third years. They provide an opportunity to compare texts from both sides of the course and to study classical influence. Further papers are also chosen from each of the 'parent' subjects.

A typical week

Students usually have two tutorials a week, plus language classes. They are often (but not always) working on two papers simultaneously. Most students attend three to four lectures a week and produce around twelve pieces of written work during a term.

Tutorials are usually up to three students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 15 students.

Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by academics who are specialists in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by qualified postgraduate students studying at doctoral level.

This table is a summary of Course I. In Course II students have a preliminary year studying Latin or Greek, and then follow the structure outlined below.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.



Course structure

1st year	
<p>Courses Five papers are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to English Language and Literature • Literature in English 1550–1660 • Unseen translation for Classics • Greek and/or Latin literature (two papers) <p><i>Note: Course II students spend an additional preliminary year learning Latin or Greek, alongside some study of classical literature.</i></p>	<p>Assessment Four written papers form the First University Examination, together with a submitted portfolio of two essays for Introduction to English Language and Literature. All exams must be passed, but marks do not count towards the final degree.</p>
2nd and 3rd years	
<p>Courses Seven papers are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two link papers, one compulsory (Epic), and a choice from Comedy, Tragedy, Reception • Two papers from the English single honours course, including one period paper not taken in the first year • One core paper in Latin or in Greek literature • One Classics option • Dissertation of 8,000 words, either interdisciplinary or focused on English or Classics <p><i>A full list of current options is available on the Classics course website and on the English department website.</i></p>	<p>Assessment Up to three papers examined as coursework (extended essays and dissertation). The remaining papers will then be examined by final written examinations.</p>

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.

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2019.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£26,235

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University’s Terms and Conditions.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Classics and English

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs

Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,058 and £1,643 per month in 2019-20. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. As a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342
Accommodation (including utilities)	£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

In order to provide these likely living costs, the University and the Oxford University Students’ Union conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources including the UK government’s Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS). The likely lower and upper ranges above are based on a single student with no dependants living in college accommodation (including utility bills) and are provided for information only. When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.