

Classics and Oriental Studies Information Sheet for entry in 2021

This course allows you to combine the study of an Oriental language and culture with Latin and/or Greek and the study of the ancient world. There are two options: Classics with Oriental Studies (Q8T9) and Oriental Studies with Classics (T9Q8). In each case the subject mentioned first is the main subject (about two-thirds of the degree) and the second is an additional subject (about one-third of the degree). This joint honours degree provides an exciting opportunity for students who want to focus on interdisciplinary studies. It enables students to explore the cultural development and crossover in places such as Iran, Egypt and India. You will study the relationship between the languages and cultures of the great monotheistic religions within their various Greek and Roman contexts.

Oxford is ideally placed for the combined study of Classics and Oriental Studies, not least due to the numerous and varied teaching staff in each faculty, and the resources of the [Ashmolean Museum](#), the [Sackler Library](#) and the [China Centre](#). The Bodleian Oriental Institute Library has core collections comprising Islamic, South Asian and Jewish Studies. Oxford has the largest Classics faculty and programme of courses in the world, with outstanding teaching, library and museum resources and a designated Classics Centre.

***International opportunities**

Where students are taking an Oriental Studies language as their main subject, they will be offered the opportunity to spend time in the region being studied. The Arabic course includes a year in the Middle East, the Turkish course a year in Turkey and the Hebrew course an optional year in Israel. The Chinese and Japanese courses also include a year in China and Japan respectively. For Persian, the faculty decides each year whether it is advisable for its students to spend their year abroad in Iran. In years when Iran is not possible, they study in Tajikistan instead.

There is no year abroad for students studying Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

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 a course's requirements for international study. Students who consider that they may be affected are asked to contact their department for advice.

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A typical week

Your time will be divided between lectures, tutorials (typically two a week, in different subjects) and private study. Most of your work will involve preparing essays for your tutorials, although systematic language-learning and reading of texts also require considerable time and effort. Much of the teaching will take place in your college, but lectures are given in the Classics Faculty, Oriental Institute and the Examination Schools, and for particular subjects you may work with tutors from other colleges.

Tutorials in colleges usually involve up to three students and a tutor. Class sizes will vary depending on the options you choose, and there are usually 5-20 students in a class. 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.

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

Course structure

COURSE NAME	YEAR 1-2(TERMS 1-5) COURSES	YEAR 1-2 (TERMS 1-5) ASSESSMENTS
<p>Course IA (Latin and Greek, for those who have studied Latin and Greek to A-level or equivalent)</p> <p>Course IB (Latin and Greek, for those who have studied only Latin to A-level or equivalent)</p> <p>Course IC (Latin and Greek, for those who have studied only Greek to A-level or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homer’s <i>Iliad</i> • Virgil’s <i>Aeneid</i> • Texts and contexts: integrating literary/ archaeological material • A special subject in Philosophy (ancient or modern) • A classical special subject: historical, archaeological or philological • Greek and Latin language work 	<p>First University examinations IA: ten papers, including four language papers (Latin and Greek)</p> <p>First University examinations IB: ten papers, including four language papers (Greek language work at a less advanced level than IA, Latin at the same level as IA)</p> <p>First University examinations IC: ten papers, including four language papers (Latin language work at a less advanced level than IA, Greek at the same level as IA)</p>
<p>Course IIA (Latin only, for those who have not studied Greek or Latin to A-level or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virgil’s <i>Aeneid</i> • Special subjects and Texts and contexts (as Course I) • Latin language work 	<p>First University examinations IIA: seven papers, including two language papers</p>
<p>Course IIB (Greek only, for those who have not studied Latin or Greek to A-level or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homer’s <i>Iliad</i> • Special subjects and Texts and contexts (as Course I) • Greek language work 	<p>First University examinations IIB: seven papers, including two language papers</p>

COURSE NAME	YEAR 1-2(TERMS 1-5) COURSES	YEAR 1-2 (TERMS 1-5) ASSESSMENTS

YEAR 2, 3 AND 4 (TERMS 6-12)	
<p>COURSES Carry on with Classics options and start with chosen Oriental language from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akkadian • Arabic • Aramaic and Syriac • Armenian • Coptic • Egyptian • Hebrew • Early Iranian • Pali • Sanskrit • Turkish <p><i>The options listed here are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the Classics and Oriental Studies websites.</i></p>	<p>ASSESSMENT Final University examinations: eight written papers (five in Classics, three in Oriental Studies); one paper may be substituted by a thesis.</p>

Course structure (Oriental Studies with Classics)

YEAR 1	YEAR 2 (with year abroad)	YEARS 2 AND 3 (without a year abroad) OR YEARS 3 AND 4 (with a year abroad)
<p>COURSES Select main language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akkadian • Arabic* • Egyptian • Hebrew • Persian* • Sanskrit • Turkish* <p><i>*These languages include a year abroad in Year 2.</i></p>	<p>COURSES Year abroad: approved course of language instruction</p>	<p>COURSES Carry on with Oriental Studies options and choose either Greek or Latin <i>A full list of current options is available on the Oriental Studies websites.</i></p>
<p>First University examinations after term 3 in Oriental Studies (refer to Oriental Studies page)</p>		<p>Final University examinations: eight to ten written papers (five to seven in Oriental Studies, three in Classics)</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](#).

Teaching delivery

At the time of writing course information sheets for 2021/22 entry, the COVID-19 pandemic was still impacting the University. A range of measures have been put in place to comply with Government legislation and guidance in response to the pandemic, and to help keep students, staff and the wider community safe.

Inevitably, some changes have been necessary to teaching and students services during the pandemic (for example, a greater amount of online teaching and examinations, and restrictions on numbers allowed to access facilities at one time).

Whatever the circumstances in the 2021/22 academic year, the University will deliver core services and learning outcomes for each course, even though the modes of delivery may change.

All course information sheets should be read in that context, and we will keep offer holders and students regularly informed if circumstances change. Further details are available on our [website](#) and within the [Student Terms and Conditions](#).

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2021.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the [University's Terms and Conditions](#).

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students– see Note below)	£31,230

Note: Following the UK's departure from the EU, most EU students starting a course in 2021/22 will no longer be eligible to pay fees at the 'Home' rate and will instead be charged

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the higher 'Overseas' rate. This change will not apply to Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, who will continue to be charged fees at the 'Home' rate for the duration of their course.

The government has issued guidance stating that EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme may be eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. However, until the government formally updates its fee status regulations the University is unable to confirm fee statuses for students who may qualify on this basis. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) and the [Oxford and the EU](#) pages for more information.

***Additional Fees and Charges Information for Oriental Studies**

Students taking Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Persian or Turkish will spend the second year abroad. Students of Hebrew can choose to take a year abroad, but it is not compulsory.

During the year abroad, students currently pay significantly reduced fees to the University. For example, for students going on their year abroad in 2021, who started an undergraduate course from 2019, the course fees are:

- Home/Republic of Ireland/Islands students: £1,385 for the year.
- International students: £10,620 for the year.

The Faculty of Oriental Studies covers the cost of language tuition abroad, but not living costs and flights. Students who are eligible for government maintenance support will also be assessed for an Oxford Bursary during their year abroad.

Some bursaries and scholarships are currently available for students of Chinese and Japanese, and a number of colleges have funds to support their students' period of study abroad.

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Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,175 and £1,710 per month in 2021-22. 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.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£280	£400	£2,520	£3,600
Accommodation (including utilities)	£655	£790	£5,895	£7,110
Personal items	£130	£250	£1,170	£2,250
Social activities	£45	£115	£405	£1,035
Study costs	£45	£100	£405	£900
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
Total	£1,175	£1,710	£10,575	£15,390

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 2021-22, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

Document accessibility

If you require an accessible version of the document, please contact Undergraduate Admissions by email (uao.comms@admin.ox.ac.uk) or via the online form (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/ask>).

Please note, at the time of publishing the CIS, further details regarding the availability and eligibility of financial support for some EU students with settled or pre-settled status remained outstanding. Confirmation about funding arrangements for the year abroad were also outstanding. Any updates impacting students will be published on the Oxford and the EU webpage.