



Classics Information Sheet for entry in 2019

Classics (Literae Humaniores) is a wide-ranging degree devoted to the study of the literature, history, philosophy, languages and archaeology of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. It is one of the most interdisciplinary of all subjects, and offers the opportunity to study two foundational ancient civilisations and their reception in modern times. The degree permits students also to take extensive options in modern philosophy, a flexibility which makes Oxford's Literae Humaniores different from most other Classics courses.

Oxford has the largest Classics department and programme of courses in the world, with outstanding teaching, library and museum resources, including the Sackler and Bodleian Libraries, the Ashmolean Museum and a designated Classics Centre. The degree involves extensive study of ancient languages, with a view to studying texts in the original. Applications are welcomed from candidates with and without prior knowledge of Greek and/or Latin. The breadth of options available means you can study papers ranging from Homeric Archaeology to Byzantine Literature, and the four-year course allows all students to explore the various disciplines within this vast subject and to engage with their particular interests within the classical world in real depth.

The Philosophy Faculty is the largest in the UK and one of the largest in the world, with more than 70 full-time members and admitting around 450 undergraduates annually to read the various degrees involving Philosophy. Many faculty members have a worldwide reputation. The large number of undergraduates and graduates reading Philosophy with a variety of other disciplines affords the opportunity to participate in a diverse and lively philosophical community.

Fieldwork/international opportunities

Fieldwork is not a requirement in any part of the course, but some undergraduates may participate in archaeological excavations.

A typical week

Your time is divided between lectures, tutorials and private study. Most of your work will be in preparation of essays for your tutorials, although systematic language-learning and reading of texts also require considerable time and effort. For more information, visit the Classics website.

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. Some classes are jointly taught by two tutors at the same time. For centrally organised language classes in Classics, there are usually 8-10 students in a group.

Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by senior staff who are active researchers in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may be delivered by postgraduate students at doctorate level.

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



Course structure

Course names	Terms 1–5 Courses	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 <p>Work on the Greek and Latin languages</p>	<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) • Work on the Latin language 	<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) • Work on the Greek language 	<p>First University examinations IIB: Seven papers, including two language papers</p>
Course names	Terms 6–12 Courses	Terms 6–12 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</p>	<p>Choose eight options from more than 80 in the following subjects (no area is compulsory; in most of these subjects it is possible to offer an undergraduate thesis in place of one of the papers):</p>	<p>Eight exam subjects taken, with the possibility of offering one paper as a thesis. For some Literature options: instead of a three-hour paper, assessment involves the composition of one long essay over a three-week period</p>



<p>who have studied only Latin to A-level or equivalent) Course IC (Latin and Greek, for those who have studied only Greek to A-level or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek and Roman history (choose up to five): some are period papers, others topic-based • Philosophy (choose up to five): numerous ancient and modern options; up to four can be in modern Philosophy 	<p><i>The options listed here are illustrative and may change. A full list of current options is available on the Classics website.</i></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"> • Greek and Latin literature (choose up to five) 	<p>Final University examinations: As Course I, but Latin only, unless you take optional second classical language</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"> • Greek and Roman archaeology (choose up to two, plus a thesis if you wish) • Philology and Linguistics (choose up to two, plus a thesis if you wish) • Second classical language: Course II students can take up the second classical language if they wish (will count as two papers in the final exam) 	<p>Final University examinations: As Course I, but Greek only, unless you take optional second classical language</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

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.