

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019~20

Undergraduate Diploma in English Social and Local History

About the course

The Diploma in English Social and Local History is a part-time, modular course, lasting two years. The level is that of a second-year undergraduate programme. The course covers the main themes and sources of English social and local history and the techniques needed for interpreting historical evidence.

The Diploma has two modules, which divide into pre-1600 (Module One) and post-1600 (Module Two). You can take the modules in either order.

In 2019~20 *Module 2: English Social and Local History from c.1660* will be running.

Each year there will be 6 residential weekends of 12 hours each, plus fieldtrips and online chat tutorials (3x).

The residential weekends are expected to run from 09:30 to 17:30 with breaks for tea, coffee and lunch, on the following dates:

Saturday, 28 September 2019 - Sunday, 29 September 2019

Saturday, 7 December 2019 - Sunday, 8 December 2019

Saturday, 25 January 2020 - Sunday, 26 January 2020

Saturday, 14 March 2020 - Sunday, 15 March 2020

Saturday, 2 May 2020 - Sunday, 3 May 2020

Saturday, 13 June 2020 - Sunday, 14 June 2020.

Module 1: English Social and Local History to c.1660

This module covers the period from the later Anglo-Saxons (roughly c. 800CE) to the Restoration of the monarchy following the Civil Wars and Republic (1640-60). Its emphasis is on the lives, occupations, beliefs and environments of people, and the communities they lived in. It covers such diverse topics as Church and religion, monasteries, the changing nature of towns and rural communities, the worlds of work and leisure, migration and population change, and the Black Death. Later parts cover the Reformation, social change under the Tudors and early Stuarts, and the breakdown of English society leading up to and during the Civil Wars. Additional activities will include work at Oxford Castle on the medieval city, a field trip to Winchester, a handling session at the Ashmolean museum, and a tour of the pre-Reformation chapels of the Oxford colleges. Special subjects might include 'Population and Society after the Black Death', 'The English Civil War: Social and Local Impacts', 'Riot, Rebellion and Popular Politics, 1450-1650'.

Module 2: English Social and Local History from c.1660

This module covers the period after the Restoration and up to the late twentieth century. It looks at how the dramatic social changes of modernity have changed the lives of English people and their communities. Topics span from the vibrancy of Restoration society – the age of Samuel Pepys, the

Great Fire of London, coffee houses, William Hogarth, and the East India Company – through the Georgian and Victorian worlds. It covers the impact of enclosure, industrialization, and the growth of empire, as well as the wealth and poverty of Victorian England. Later topics include the impact of the World Wars, and the drastic social changes brought by the twentieth century. Additional activities include a field trip to Georgian Bath, work on sources about eighteenth and nineteenth century crime at Oxford castle, and a workshop on oral history. Special subjects might include ‘Migration to England from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Centuries’, ‘Pepys’s London’, ‘The Victorian House and Home’, ‘Crime and Punishment in the Age of the Bloody Code’.

Assessment

For each module, students will be required to complete three coursework assignments, each of which shall not exceed 2,500 words in length; one extended essay which shall not exceed 6,000 words in length, based on material taught during the course; and one source work exercise which shall not exceed 2,000 words in length commenting on selected primary sources.

Students who achieve an overall pass rate of 70%+ and pass each element of assessed work at the first attempt will be considered by the examiners for the award of a distinction.

Attendance

In each module candidates are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of the weekend class-based sessions.

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 fee includes tuition, lunches, coffee and tea on both days during the residential weekend school and dinner on the Saturday night. Accommodation may be available at Rewley House during the residential weekend at an additional charge.

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.