

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021~22

Undergraduate Diploma in the History of Art

About the course

Our two-year Diploma is equivalent to the second year of a full-time undergraduate degree. You will study two modules from a choice of four, each of which allows you to immerse yourself in a specific period of art history, studying its developments in depth, and within the wider historical context.

The course reflects Oxford's exceptional richness in works of art, with museum and gallery spaces such as the Ashmolean and Modern Art Oxford right on hand. As such, you will be able to gain first-hand experience of the visual arts on a regular basis, an option not always possible elsewhere.

There are four modules offered, with two being available each year on a rotating basis. The modules will focus on four periods, with each syllabus immersing you in a specialist period of the History of Art:

- Module 1: The Late Middle Ages and the Early Renaissance
- Module 2: The High Renaissance and Baroque
- Module 3: Revolution to Modernity
- Module 4: Modern and Contemporary Art

The two modules on offer for 2021~22 are:

- Module 2: The High Renaissance and Baroque
- Module 4: Modern and Contemporary Art

Each module has three terms of weekly classes. In addition, there will be six group tutorials and five Saturday workshops per module. The weekly sessions will be conducted as seminars, combining lecture presentation with opportunities for group discussion. You will be taught by our panel of tutors; Saturday workshops may be led by guest speakers.

Four of the Saturday workshops focus on developing skills in close visual analysis through direct individual observation and group discussion led by the tutor. We will explore original artworks and the built environment in depth, as well as temporary exhibitions and permanent collections. The fifth Saturday workshop will take place in May and will be devoted to the assessed oral presentations.

As well as the time spent in teaching sessions, you will need to spend around 12 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.

Module 2: The High Renaissance and Baroque

The syllabus will centre on these themes:

Introduction to Themes and Approaches

The High Renaissance in Rome

The High Renaissance North of Rome

The Renaissance Moves North

Towards the Baroque

Baroque Architecture and Sculpture

Module 4: Modern and Contemporary Art

The syllabus will centre on these themes:

Introduction to Themes and Approaches

Beyond Two Dimensions: Between the Wars

1940s and 50s

1960s and 70s

Towards the New

Art Now

Assessment

For each module, students must complete three compulsory pieces of written work (two essays of up to 3,000 words and a research project of up to 8,000 words) and a presentation on a topic covered by the course.

Attendance and participation

The course is usually taught through face-to-face classes and study visits. In each module, candidates are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of the 30 taught classes and the five Saturday workshops.

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

| Fee Status | Course Fee |
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| 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.

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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