

Geography Information Sheet for entry in 2018

Geography is a diverse discipline that bridges the arts and social and natural sciences, providing a broad education and addressing pressing issues including environmental change, regional and global inequalities and the transformation of global economy and culture. Students obtain a coherent view of the rapidly changing world and the ways in which society influences and is influenced by it.



The Oxford Geography degree focuses on the interrelationships between society and the physical and human environment. Students are introduced to the full range of geographical topics in the foundational courses, which they can then follow up in more detail in the optional papers. There is considerable emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches in the course, with opportunities to explore the cross-fertilisation between Geography and other disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, history, political science, economics, earth sciences and biology.

The facilities available are among the best in the country, notably:

- the Radcliffe Science Library (RSL), which holds a geography collection of over 28,000 volumes on its open shelves with many more held in closed stack storage. There are over 100 print journals on the open shelves of the RSL as well as electronic access to over 600 core journals;
- well-equipped Geolabs for practical physical courses and individual research projects.

Fieldwork/international opportunities

The School of Geography and the Environment emphasises the importance of fieldwork since it believes there is no substitute for teaching subjects at first hand. In the first year, all students take part in an induction field trip at the start of term and local skills-related field days. Second-year students will undertake a week-long overseas residential field course (currently to Copenhagen and Tenerife). Independent research in the field or in archives is a key element of the dissertation. Each year, around 30% of our undergraduates choose to do their dissertation overseas.

A typical weekly timetable

- Lectures in the morning
- Seminars/practical classes in the afternoon
- Tutorials: at least one college tutorial a week, and some college-based classes.

1st year**Courses**

Four compulsory courses:

- Earth systems processes
- Human geography
- Geographical controversies
- Geographical techniques

Induction field trip

1-day field trips: Human and Physical

Assessment

Four written papers: Two fieldwork reports; submitted essay on Geographical controversies

2nd and 3rd years

Courses

Geographical Research (core)

Foundational courses (two chosen)

- Space, place and society
- Earth system dynamics
- Environmental geography

Options (three chosen)

Options currently offered include:

- African societies
- Biogeography, biodiversity and conservation
- Climate change impacts and adaptation
- Climate change and variability
- Complexity
- Cultural spaces
- Desert landscapes and dynamics
- European integration
- Geographies of finance
- Geographies of nature
- Geopolitics in the margins
- Heritage science and conservation
- Transport and mobilities
- Island life
- The Quaternary period

Dissertation

Overseas field trip

The options listed above are illustrative and may change. The University may cap the number of students who are able to take a particular one. A full list of current options is available on the [Geography website](#).

Assessment

Six written papers: Three extended essays; fieldwork report; dissertation

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

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2018.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£16,230	£7,570	£23,800

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 Geography

First year students attend a four day residential field course in the UK during their first term. The cost of the field trip is borne by the School of Geography and the Environment and there is no charge to students.

Students are also required to undertake a one week fieldtrip in their second year and have a choice between trips to Copenhagen or Tenerife. These field trips provide students with the opportunity to learn and practice the field research skills that they will employ in their own dissertation research. Some of the projects students have had the opportunity to undertake on previous trips include pilot balloon tracking of trade winds and monitoring of microclimates using i-button data in Tenerife and studying everyday youth politics and issues of ethnic assimilation in Copenhagen. Students have to write a report of their research which is assessed as part of the final examinations. The cost of the field trip is borne by the School of Geography and the Environment and there is no charge to students.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,014 and £1,556 per month in 2018-19. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but 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	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245
Accommodation (including utilities)	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

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