

History (Ancient and Modern) Information Sheet for entry in 2021

The Ancient and Modern History course enables students to study history from the Bronze Age Mediterranean and Near East, through the Roman Empire, middle ages and early modern period, right up to British, European and World history in the present day. Fruitful comparisons between societies abound, and the methods by which we study them are mutually illuminating.

The extraordinary range of choices (more than 90 options) for this course reflects the breadth of interests of those who teach here. The Oxford Classics and History Faculties are world-famous for teaching and research. The people who will teach you here will often be leading researchers in their field, with lecturers encouraged to put on new courses which reflect their own interests. Oxford also possesses exceptional library provision for History in the [Bodleian Library](#), the [History Faculty Library](#), the [Sackler](#) and the [Weston Library's](#) special collections, as well as a dedicated Classics centre.

A typical week

During the first year, you will be expected to attend around four lectures each week, participate in regular meetings with tutors to discuss work, conduct independent research and write at least one essay a week. In the second and third years, you will have the opportunity to choose from an enormous variety of lectures, and your regular tutorials will be supplemented by faculty classes where you will discuss work with a larger number of students. The third-year thesis will give you the opportunity to engage in a piece of independent research. Generally, students are very much in charge of their own timetable throughout their courses.

Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 12 students. Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are tutors in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are studying at doctorate level.

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

Course structure

YEAR 1	
<p>COURSES</p> <p>Four courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One period of <i>either</i> Greek <i>or</i> Roman history • One of the periods of European/world history offered • The world of Homer and Hesiod; <i>or</i> Augustan Rome; <i>or</i> one of the History optional subjects • A text-based paper on Herodotus; <i>or</i> Sallust; <i>or</i> Approaches to history; <i>or</i> Historiography: Tacitus to Weber from the History syllabus <i>or</i> a Greek/Latin language paper 	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations: four timed written exams</p>
YEARS 2 AND 3	
<p>COURSES</p> <p>Six courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A period of Greek or Roman history • A period of European/world history <i>or</i> one of the periods of the history of the British Isles • A choice of further subjects including work on primary sources, textual <i>or</i> archaeological (at least one of the further <i>or</i> the special subjects must be ancient) from the History syllabus; <i>or</i> an ancient further subject, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Athenian democracy in the classical age ○ Politics, society and culture from Nero to Hadrian ○ Religions in the Greek and Roman world c31 BC–AD 312 ○ The Greeks and the Mediterranean world 950–500 BC ○ Art under the Roman Empire AD 14–337 ○ The Hellenistic world: societies and cultures, c300 BC–100 BC 	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations: six timed written exams and one thesis; <i>or</i> five timed written exams, one extended essay and one thesis; <i>or</i> four timed written exams, one portfolio of submitted essays, one extended essay and one thesis; optional additional language paper</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Achaemenid Empire, 550-330 BC • Special subjects (at least one of the further or the special subjects must be ancient) including work on primary sources, textual or archaeological. A choice of about 30 special subjects from the History syllabus <i>or</i> an ancient special subject, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alexander the Great and his early successors ○ Cicero: politics and thought in the late Republic ○ The Greek city in the Roman world from Dio Chrysostom to John Chrysostom • Disciplines of history • Thesis • Optional Greek/Latin language paper 	
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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 student 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](#).

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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 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.

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

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also outstanding. Any updates impacting students will be published on the Oxford and the EU webpage.