

## History and Economics Information Sheet for entry in 2021

The History and Economics course integrates these two subjects to form a coherent and intellectually stimulating programme. The combination allows insights that neither subject can realise alone. However, it is possible to specialise primarily in either history or economics while still preserving the benefits of an integrated approach.

The combination of economics, economic history and history (political as well as social) means that you will be equipped to view issues in the real world from a variety of contrasting perspectives. You will learn both the historian's careful approaches to evidence and argumentation and the economist's analytical and quantitative methods, providing an excellent preparation for a range of professional, financial and academic careers.

The course is designed to equip you with the basic tools of both history and economics, while introducing you to some of the areas which you can study later in more depth. You will be given a wide choice of subjects. Everyone studies Introductory economics, which is designed to give a solid understanding of the foundations of both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. The economics core papers are identical to those for [Philosophy, Politics and Economics \(PPE\)](#) and students for both courses are generally taught together.

Oxford possesses exceptional library provision for both subjects in the [Bodleian Library](#), the History Faculty and [Social Sciences libraries](#), other faculty libraries and the college libraries.

### A typical week

During the first year, you will be expected to attend around five 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 write a thesis on Economic history, which will enable you to do a piece of independent research. Generally, students are very much in charge of their own timetable throughout their courses.

Tutorials are usually two-four students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 20 students though classes for some of the more popular papers may be up to 40 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 usually studying at doctorate level.

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

**Course structure**

<b>YEAR 1</b>	
<p><b>COURSES</b></p> <p>Four courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory economics</li> <li>• European and world history (four options available)</li> <li>• Quantification in history (available options: Approaches to history; Historiography: Tacitus to Weber; Foreign texts)</li> <li>• Industrialisation in Britain and France 1750-1870 (or any other History optional subject)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>First University examinations: four timed, written exams</p>
<b>YEARS 2 AND 3</b>	
<p><b>COURSES</b></p> <p>Core courses in Economics and Economic history</p> <p>Economics papers required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the world economy since 1800</li> <li>• At least one of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Quantitative economics</li> <li>• Two other papers in Economics, either from those listed above or from the options list</li> </ul> <p>History core papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A period of British history or European/world history</li> </ul> <p>Compulsory thesis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thesis from original research, usually in Economic history</li> </ul> <p>Optional papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two further subjects in History</li> <li>• Two further subjects in Economics</li> <li>• One further subject in History and one in British or European/world history</li> <li>• One further subject in History and one further subject in Economics</li> </ul>	<p><b>ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: seven timed written exams and one compulsory undergraduate thesis <i>or</i> six timed written exams, one portfolio of submitted essays and one compulsory undergraduate thesis</p>

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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](#).

### 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)	£28,370

**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

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,175</b>	<b>£1,710</b>	<b>£10,575</b>	<b>£15,390</b>

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

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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](mailto: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 also outstanding. Any updates impacting students will be published on the Oxford and the EU webpage.*