



History and Politics Information Sheet for entry in 2019

The History and Politics course aims to bring together complementary but separate disciplines to form a coherent and stimulating programme. The degree not only enables students to set contemporary political problems in their historical perspective, but also equips them to approach the study of the past with the conceptual rigour derived from political science.

The special feature of the Oxford course is the chance to choose subjects very broadly across the two disciplines, so that it is possible to combine medieval historical options with the analysis of contemporary political systems. The expertise of a number of Oxford's political theorists and historians in the history of political thought, the thematic approach taken to the teaching of general history in the first year, and the emphasis placed on interdisciplinarity in a number of both politics and history papers strengthen the intellectual rigour of this course.

A typical week

You will be expected to attend about five lectures a week during the first year, participate in regular tutorials to discuss work, research in libraries, and write at least one essay a week. You will be required to submit a thesis which will enable you to do a piece of independent research during your second and third years. Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose, but there would usually be no more than around 20 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

1st year	
<p>Courses Four examination papers and a short piece of assessed coursework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either any one of the seven periods in the history of the British Isles or any one of the four periods of European/World history • Introduction to the theory of politics <i>or</i> Theories of the state • One optional subject, choice of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantification in history ○ Approaches to history ○ Historiography: Tacitus to Weber or any of the optional subjects (see History) except Theories of the state) or any one of six foreign texts • The practice of politics • Quantitative methods: political analysis (not examined) 	<p>Assessment First University examinations: Four written papers</p>
2nd and 3rd years	
<p>Courses The course has seven components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A period of the history of the British Isles • A period of European/World history • Any two of the five core subjects in Politics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comparative government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ British politics and government since 1900 ○ Theory of politics ○ International relations ○ Political sociology • One of the following combinations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A special subject in History (two papers) and an optional subject in Politics (either a core paper not yet taken or a further subject) 2. A further subject in History and two optional subjects in Politics 3. A further subject in History, one optional subject in Politics and one special subject in Politics • A thesis in either History or Politics <p><i>For the latest information on all course details and options see the History and Politics websites.</i></p>	<p>Assessment Final University examinations: Five written papers; one portfolio of submitted essays; one thesis in History or Politics <i>or</i> four written papers; one portfolio of submitted essays; one extended essay; one thesis in History or Politics Some essays are submitted in year 2.</p>

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

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2019.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£26,235

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 History and Politics

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,058 and £1,643 per month in 2019-20. 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.

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342
Accommodation (including utilities)	£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

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 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.