



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2018-19

MSt in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology

About the course

The MSt in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology is a nine-month taught course offering a range of options for those seeking a graduate qualification in language studies and wishing to specialise in general linguistics (including phonetics but not applied linguistics), in historical and comparative linguistics, or in the linguistics of a specific language.

In addition to a compulsory paper in linguistic theory, you will specialise in general linguistics (B), or in the linguistics of one or two selected languages (D).

Occasionally, you may specialise in Indo-European historical and comparative philology and linguistics (C). However, option C is not usually feasible in the MSt unless you have an exceptional level of prior background in this area. There is scope for some work in historical and comparative linguistics in the MSt via the module in Historical and Comparative Linguistics under option B, and via options in the history and structure of specific languages. However, if you would like to specialise fully in Indo-European comparative philology via option C, you are strongly encouraged to apply for the MPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology instead.

Option B

Two exam papers are chosen from the following range:

- Phonetics and Phonology
- Syntax
- Semantics
- Historical and Comparative Linguistics
- Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics
- History and Structure of a Language
- Sociolinguistics

You may also ask for one option in another subject in general linguistics; approval will be subject to the availability of proper instruction and provision for examination.

There is an Option B paper, Experimental Phonetics, which is not normally available to MSt students unless you have some prior training in that subject sufficient to begin work on this option from your first term on the course.

Option C

You select two ancient Indo-European languages or language groups (eg Greek, Italic, Celtic, Anatolian, Indo-Iranian, Slavic etc).

You will choose two of the following three subjects, which are assessed via examination papers: (i) the comparative grammar of the two languages or language groups; (ii) the historical grammar of the two languages or language groups; and (iii) set texts for linguistic commentary in the two languages or language groups.

Option D

You may select either ancient (eg Latin, Sanskrit, Akkadian) or modern languages (eg French, Italian, German, Japanese, Slavic languages).

You will choose two of the following three subjects, which are assessed via examination papers:

- (i) the history of one language, or of two historically related languages;
- (ii) the structure of the language or languages chosen; and
- (iii) translation from, and/or linguistic comment on, texts in the language or languages chosen, or (iiib) a project on an aspect of the structure or history of the language, or family of related languages, studied.

Subject (iii) may be replaced with any of the modules listed under option B, except for the history and structure of a language.

One module from option B or D (or C, where this is taken) may be replaced by a thesis of 10,000 words.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description 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.

Expected length of course

9 months

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2018-19

Fee status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£6,945	£3,112	£10,057
Overseas	£19,915	£3,112	£23,027

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Tuition and college 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 tuition and college fees).

Additional cost information

Depending on the students choice of options, and especially the choice of thesis project, some fieldwork or experimental work may be required. Some thesis options will require laboratory experiments, for which a budget of £75 is available to pay participants. Some may require overseas fieldwork, for which the faculty has a budget of £500 towards travel and subsistence costs. The Faculty makes available some funding for language training, where relevant.

Living costs

In addition to your tuition and college fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2018-19 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245	£3,090	£4,326
Accommodation	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093	£6,432	£8,124
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364	£1,421	£3,152
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105	£492	£1,474
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765	£464	£1,020
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419	£269	£559
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991	£12,168	£18,655

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

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.