

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2023-24: MSt in Global and Imperial History



About the course

The MSt in Global and Imperial History offers a nine month introduction to graduate research. It is open to all students who have the desire to explore the history of the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Australasia or the Americas (excluding the US) in a global perspective.

The MSt in Global and Imperial History can be taken either as a free-standing degree, or as the first step towards a DPhil.

The course will encourage you to develop intellectual and practical familiarity with advanced research in the global history of the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Australasia and the Americas (excluding the US). Global and imperial history in this context implies transoceanic and transcontinental connections, comparisons, and exchanges between cultures, polities and societies. It also examines broad patterns and systems in history, whether religious, political, economic, cultural or ecological.

Global history, in other words, is history with a global scope (often including European dimensions) that emphasises comparative perspectives. You are not expected to master the histories of multiple regions, but to use a global approach to cast light on your own research area.

Research training is combined with broad conceptual approaches that encourage students to learn from the recent historiographies of different periods and areas and with focused studies of periods or themes. This class work parallels supervised pursuit of a research project.

All students will be encouraged to attend some of the faculty's many advanced research seminars. The admission of any candidate for further study at Oxford will depend on their overall performance in the master's programme, together with the viability of any proposed research topic and the availability of appropriate supervision at Oxford.

If you wish to apply for the DPhil you will be encouraged to develop your doctoral proposal in consultation with your supervisor during the first few months of your course, so that you will be well placed to make a doctoral application.

You should indicate your region of interest from the start, so that an assessor can be allocated to your application.

Course structure

The course comprises:

- Core course in Concepts and Themes in Global and Imperial History, taught in weekly classes in Michaelmas term
- Optional subject taught in weekly classes in Hilary Term
- Dissertation on an agreed topic

Full details of core and optional papers are available on the Faculty of History's course webpage. Please note that not every optional subject listed may be on offer every year, depending in part on levels of student demand.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision is the responsibility of the Faculty of History and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Faculty of History.

An Oxford academic's pre-application indication of willingness to supervise an enquiring applicant is not a guarantee that the applicant will be offered a place, or that the supervisor in question has capacity in that particular year.

You should meet your supervisor early in Michaelmas term to plan your research, identify training needs, and agree a definitive title. You should arrange to meet your supervisor up to three times in Hilary term to discuss your progress. You should meet your supervisor several times Trinity term to finalize plans for finishing your dissertation.

Assessment

In addition to a dissertation submitted at the end of Trinity term, the core course is examined by an assessed essay submitted at the start of Hilary term, and the optional subject is examined by an assessed essay submitted at the end of Hilary term.

It is expected that you will write your extended essays and dissertations on different themes or periods. The dissertation is written up during the Easter vacation and the first five weeks of Trinity term, but it is essential that you begin to formulate and plan your dissertation in conjunction with your supervisor from the beginning of the course.

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. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

| | Full Time Only |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Expected length | 9 months |

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2023-24

| Fee status | Annual Course fees |
|------------|--------------------|
| Home | £13,550 |
| Overseas | £30,910 |

Information about course fees

Course 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 course fees). 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 (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your course 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 2023-24 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 one month

| | Lower range | Upper range |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Food | £300 | £470 |
| Accommodation | £715 | £860 |
| Personal items | £180 | £305 |
| Social activities | £40 | £90 |
| Study costs | £35 | £80 |
| Other | £20 | £35 |
| Total | £1,290 | £1,840 |

Likely living costs for nine months

| | Lower range | Upper range |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Food | £2,700 | £4,230 |
| Accommodation | £6,435 | £7,740 |
| Personal items | £1,620 | £2,745 |
| Social activities | £360 | £810 |
| Study costs | £315 | £720 |
| Other | £180 | £315 |
| Total | £11,610 | £16,560 |

Likely living costs for twelve months

| | Lower range | Upper range |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Food | £3,600 | £5,640 |
| Accommodation | £8,580 | £10,320 |
| Personal items | £2,160 | £3,660 |
| Social activities | £480 | £1,080 |
| Study costs | £420 | £960 |
| Other | £240 | £420 |
| Total | £15,480 | £22,080 |

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2023-24, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary significantly depending on how the national economic situation develops.

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

Document accessibility

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