

## **Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics Information Sheet for entry in 2018**

There are close connections between these three subjects, so studying a combination of them makes a lot of sense. Psychology includes subjects as diverse as social interaction, learning, child development, schizophrenia and information processing. Philosophy is concerned with a wide range of questions including ethics, knowledge and the nature of mind. Linguistics is the study of language in all its aspects, including the structure of languages, meaning (semantics), how children learn language, pronunciation, and how people understand, mentally represent and generate language.



Psychology at Oxford is a scientific discipline, involving the rigorous formulation and testing of ideas. It works through experiments and systematic observation rather than introspection. The Oxford Experimental Psychology Department is widely regarded as one of the leading psychology departments in the UK. At present, there are particularly strong groups in the fields of human cognitive processes, neuroscience, language, developmental and social psychology.

The Oxford Philosophy Faculty is the largest philosophy department in the UK, and one of the largest in the world. Philosophy at Oxford has active interests in the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of science, and has very close links with those working in neuroscience and psychology.

The Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics brings together scholars working in theoretical and descriptive linguistics (especially syntax, semantics and phonology), experimental phonetics, psycholinguistics, linguistics of the Romance languages, historical linguistics and comparative philology. Unlike other subjects in the humanities, it includes two scientific research laboratories – the Language and Brain Laboratory and the Phonetics Laboratory.

### **Work placements/international opportunities**

A wide choice of third-year research projects is available, including research projects based in other departments and outside the University.

### A typical weekly timetable

- Terms 1 and 2: About six lectures and two–three tutorials
- Terms 3–9: About six lectures, one–two tutorials and one practical class. You may also do independent research by carrying out your own research project, library dissertation or thesis

| Terms 1 and 2   |  |
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| <b>Courses</b><br>Three introductory courses are taken from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology</li><li>• Philosophy</li><li>• Linguistics</li><li>• Neurophysiology</li><li>• Probability theory and statistics*</li></ul> <p><i>*Students studying Psychology must sit the examination in Probability theory and statistics either at Prelims (first University examinations) or as a qualifying examination.</i></p> | <b>Assessment</b><br>First University examinations: Three written papers |

## Terms 3–9

### Courses

After the second term, students can continue to follow a bipartite degree (Psychology and Philosophy, Psychology and Linguistics, or Philosophy and Linguistics) or, exceptionally and subject to their college's approval, a tripartite degree (Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics).

Students choosing Psychology will study a choice of core subjects in terms 3–5, plus a course in Experimental design and statistics, followed by one, two or three advanced Psychology options in terms 6–8.

*A full list of current options is available on the [Psychology website](#).*

Students choosing Philosophy take from three to five courses in Philosophy, from a wide range including Philosophy of mind and Philosophy of cognitive science. For details see [www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/courses).

Students choosing Linguistics take from three to five courses in Linguistics. For further details, see the Paper A and Paper B options at <https://www.psy.ox.ac.uk/study/undergrad/ppl-course>

Students opting for a bipartite degree may take a single paper in the third subject. Students who are exceptionally permitted to take the tripartite degree must take at least two courses in each of the three subjects of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics.

### Assessment

Final University examinations: Eight papers; two practical portfolios (for Psychology); a research project or thesis may also be taken (depending upon the combination of courses)

Students choosing Psychology take the equivalent of two written papers in Psychology in the second year based on the core subject areas (see [Experimental Psychology](#))

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

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2018.

| Fee Status                                    | Tuition fee | College fee | Total annual fees |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Home/EU                                       | £9,250      | £0          | £9,250            |
| Islands<br>(Channel Islands<br>& Isle of Man) | £9,250      | £0          | £9,250            |
| Overseas                                      | £18,620     | £7,570      | £26,190           |

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 Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics**

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 £1,014 and £1,556 per month in 2018-19. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but 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                                | £258          | £361          | £2,318             | £3,245         |
| Accommodation (including utilities) | £536          | £677          | £4,824             | £6,093         |
| Personal items                      | £118          | £263          | £1,066             | £2,364         |
| Social activities                   | £41           | £123          | £369               | £1,105         |
| Study costs                         | £39           | £85           | £348               | £765           |
| Other                               | £22           | £47           | £202               | £419           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>£1,014</b> | <b>£1,556</b> | <b>£9,127</b>      | <b>£13,991</b> |

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

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