

Religion and Oriental Studies Information Sheet for entry in 2018

The course in Religion and Oriental Studies enables you to learn in depth about a number of the world's great religious traditions, including Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. To engage with all the different aspects of the course, you have to be something of a historian and a philosopher, a textual and literary critic, and a linguist. These disciplines together, not only enable students to appreciate the qualities of religions that can be radically different from those in Western societies, but also equip graduates to embark on a wide range of careers.



This degree offers the opportunity to study the major world religions and their primary languages. Students can also explore the relationship between religions and science, and the place of religious ethics in public life. Religion and Oriental Studies provides an understanding of the intellectual underpinning of religious traditions, and of the social and cultural contexts for religious belief and practice.

The Theology and Religion and Oriental Studies Faculties have between them more than 270 members, ranging from experts in the ancient languages and literature of the world's religions to church historians and systematic theologians. Their reputations, together with excellent library facilities, attract scholars from all over the world.

A typical weekly timetable

Work is divided between tutorials (at least one a week), lectures (up to six a week) and language classes (at least three a week in the first year). A large part of your week will be spent in private study to prepare for tutorials.

Terms 1–3	
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religion and religions• One of the following languages:<ul style="list-style-type: none">GreekHebrewArabicTibetanPali (not always available)Sanskritwhich have three assessment components each	Assessment <p>First University examinations: Four written papers and possibly an oral examination, depending on the option</p>

Terms 4–9

Courses

Students take seven papers, three in Oriental Studies and three in Religion; the seventh may be chosen from either Oriental Studies or Religion. In addition, all students must prepare a 12,000-word thesis on a topic of their choice, which may be chosen from either Oriental Studies or Religion.

The options listed above are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the [Religion and Oriental Studies website](#).

Assessment

Final University examinations: Seven papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), plus a thesis

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 (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£16,230	£7,570	£23,800

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 Religion and Oriental Studies

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
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991

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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