

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2026-27: MSc in Global Women's Health



Course facts

Mode of study	Part Time Only
Expected length	24 months

About the course

The MSc in Global Women's Health is a two-year, part-time course, taught online with two one-week residential in Oxford.

The MSc in Global Women's Health is delivered online on a part-time basis and is intended for clinicians and non-clinicians, including policymakers, researchers, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and programme managers from donor organisations working in the field of women's health.

It provides a comprehensive understanding of the practical and theoretical aspects of global women's health ensuring high-quality, person-centred and intersectional approaches to women's health in line with the United Nation's Goals for Sustainable Development.

Women experience specific biological and gender-related challenges that can impact on their health, including sexuality, pregnancy, menopause chronic diseases, cancers and their socioeconomic and cultural development. Historically, women have been under-represented in drug-development, clinical trials, large-scale databases powering artificial intelligence algorithms, and policymaking. Collectively, this has resulted in widening health and social inequalities on a global scale. The strategies and methods that could be used to improve the health of women and achieve gender equity in health, span several disciplines, and are not usually taught in a systematic manner.

The MSc in Global Women's Health is innovative, multidisciplinary and utilizes an online and blended learning approach. Modules are led by Oxford and international experts, ensuring that the course has a specific global outlook on how we can tackle the major current issues in global women's health. The course is delivered on a part-time basis over two-years, allowing those working in low-, middle-income and high-income settings to study flexibly alongside their work and family commitments.

The overall aim of the MSc in Global Women's Health is to provide in-depth training in the principles and practice of women's health in a variety of global contexts, to nurture an interdisciplinary forum to develop future leaders in global health. The course will equip students with research, advocacy, leadership and policymaking skills so that our graduates can implement and effect local change, ultimately improving health outcomes for women globally.

Course structure

Details of the core and option modules, and other compulsory elements of the course, are provided in the *Course components* section of this page.

The course is completed over a 24-month period and consists of five core compulsory modules. In addition, you will select two optional modules from a list of six for further study. The modules vary in length from between 4 weeks to 11 weeks.

The course is designed to support you with flexible part-time study; therefore, lecture delivery will consist of pre-recorded lectures that introduce and explore important concepts and current literature. 'Live' online sessions which will take place, typically at weekly intervals during taught modules to allow engagement. This will be supported by one-week residential courses in Oxford at the beginning of both years 1 and 2.

The course will be taught by a multi-disciplinary team of Oxford staff and international co-leads to fully encompass the global context of women's health. Teaching will include recorded lectures, live discussions, problem-based learning in groups and individually as well as personal reading time.

Attendance

This part-time postgraduate course is delivered online over two years, with a one-week residential component in Oxford each year.

Over the units of study during the course term time it is expected that students devote an average of 20 hours per week to their studies. All resources, including lecture presentations and recommended further reading, as well as material for problem-based learning sessions and/or small-group discussion classes, are made available through Canvas, a virtual learning environment. All students will receive training on the use of Canvas at the beginning of the course. During the research projects, students will become a member of the hosting research group and will conduct a desk-based project with

remote support from the host group and a main supervisor. The Course Team will also maintain contact with you and your peers during this time.

If you choose to take the optional Module XI: Practical Skills in Obstetric Ultrasound in your second year, you will need to extend your stay in Oxford by four weeks, either immediately before or after the residential school.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Nuffield Department of Women's and Reproductive Health and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. A supervisor may be found outside the Nuffield Department of Women's and Reproductive Health.

The Course Directors will be your primary supervisor throughout the course. You will have the opportunity to meet with them online regularly to discuss your progress. During the research project, supervision is devolved to the project supervisor; however the Course Directors remain available to meet with you and will continue to monitor progress.

Assessment

There are nine summative assessments in total.

During the course, you will be assessed through a variety of formats designed to be authentic, which may include presentations, written coursework such as policy papers and grant proposals, and examinations. In the second year of the course, you will complete a dissertation, which may also include the submission of an academic poster.

Students who complete all core modules and two optional modules in a satisfactory manner, but are unable to progress with the course, may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma.

Course components

Core modules

The following modules are compulsory:

- Module I: Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights
- Module II: Maternal & Neonatal Health
- Module III: Women's Health: Climate, Conflict & Migration
- Module IV: Advocacy, Leadership and Policy & Practice for Women & Girls
- Module V: Integrated Research Skills for Global Women's Health

Option modules

In order to complete the masters, you will also be required to complete two option modules, chosen from a list of six:

- Module VI: Women's Mental Health: Global Challenges
- Module VII: Women & Cancer: The Global Picture
- Module VIII: Innovation in Women's Health
- Module IX: Menstruation Disorders: Global Trends and Solutions
- Module X: Infertility: A Global Perspective
- Module XI: Practical Skills in Obstetric Ultrasound

Dissertation

In addition to the taught modules listed above, you will be encouraged to develop your own research question in a topic relevant to your own country and work where applicable.

Residentials

You will also be required to attend two one-week residentials held in Oxford (one per year); these residential weeks will allow full engagement with course staff and your class peers. These residential weeks will be held at a college in the city of Oxford.

Changes to this course

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course page. 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. The safety of students, staff and visitors is paramount and major changes to delivery or services may have

to be made if a pandemic, epidemic or local health emergency occurs. In addition, in certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to course requirements for international study.

Where possible your academic supervisor will not change for the duration of your course. However, it may be necessary to assign a new academic supervisor during the course of study or before registration for reasons which might include illness, sabbatical leave, parental leave or change in employment.

For further information please see our page on [changes to courses](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/changes-to-courses) (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/changes-to-courses>) and the [provisions of the student contract](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/after-you-apply/your-offer-and-contract) (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/after-you-apply/your-offer-and-contract>) regarding changes to courses.

Costs

Annual course fees

The fees for this course are charged on an annual basis.

Fees for the 2026-27 academic year at the University of Oxford

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£17,410
Overseas	£17,410

What do course fees cover?

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional information section 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 costs information below.

How long do I need to pay 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 fees will usually increase annually, as explained in the University's [Terms and Conditions \(//www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/contract\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/contract).

Our [fees and other charges \(//www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges) pages provide further information, including details about:

- [course fees and fee liability \(//www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges/courses-fees-and-liability\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges/courses-fees-and-liability);
- [how your fee status is determined \(//www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges/fee-status\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges/fee-status); and
- [changes to fees and other charges \(//www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges/changes-to-fees-and-charges\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-and-other-charges/changes-to-fees-and-charges).

Information about how much fees and other costs will usually increase each academic year is set out in the University's [Terms and Conditions \(//www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/contract\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/contract).

Additional costs

To participate in this course, students must have a computer (Windows or iOS) with a webcam and microphone. A stable internet connection is also essential; a minimum bandwidth of 1 Mbps is recommended for the course software. Financial assistance for internet access can be applied for.

The course includes a mandatory one-week residential school at the University of Oxford at the start of each academic year. The department will cover accommodation at St Hilda's College and college meals. Students are responsible for their own travel and other incidental costs. Financial aid is available to help a portion of students with overseas travel expenses. Detailed information on eligibility and application procedures can be found on the department's scholarships and funding pages.

Students who select the optional ultrasound module in their second year must extend their stay in Oxford by four weeks, either immediately before or after the residential school. While students are responsible for the associated accommodation and living costs for this extended period, the department offers various funding opportunities to help offset these expenses. A dissertation is a core requirement of the course. Depending on the research topic, students may incur additional costs for travel or data collection. While students are responsible for these costs, small departmental or college grants may be available to help cover a portion of them.

All other compulsory course elements are covered by tuition fees and the costs outlined above.

Living costs

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

Living costs for part-time study

Your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you will still need to cover your cost of living on a full-time basis for the duration of your course, even if you will not be based in Oxford throughout your studies. While the range of likely living costs for a single, full-time student living in Oxford in the 2026-27 academic year is between £1,405 and £2,105 per month, living costs outside Oxford may be different.

Part-time students who are not based in Oxford will need to calculate travel and accommodation costs carefully. Depending on your circumstances and study plans, this may include the cost of a visitor visa to attend for short blocks of time (<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs>) (if visitor visa eligibility criteria (<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/before/visitors>) are met).

Further information about living costs

The current economic climate and periods of high national inflation in recent years make it harder to estimate potential changes to the cost of living over the next few years. For study in Oxford beyond the 2026-27 academic year, it is suggested that you budget for potential increases in living expenses of around 4% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

A breakdown of likely living costs for one month during the 2026-27 academic year are shown below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford.

Likely living costs for one month in Oxford during the 2026-27 academic year

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£315	£545
Accommodation	£825	£990
Personal items	£160	£310
Social activities	£50	£130
Study costs	£35	£90
Other	£20	£40
Total	£1,405	£2,105

For information about how these figures have been calculated as well as tables showing the likely living costs for nine and twelve months, please refer to the living costs (<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs>) page of our website.

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