

## **Archaeology and Anthropology Information Sheet for entry in 2016**

### **What is Archaeology and Anthropology?**

Archaeology and anthropology together encompass the study of humankind from the origins of the human species to the present day. Both disciplines have a long history: archaeology grew from 18th-century antiquarianism, while anthropology began even earlier in the first days of colonial encounter. Today both subjects involve a range of sophisticated approaches shared with the arts, social sciences and physical sciences.



### **Archaeology and Anthropology at Oxford**

The Oxford degree is unique in the way it combines archaeology and anthropology throughout the course, offering an unusually broad perspective on human societies from earliest prehistory to the present. Six institutions specialise in these subjects: the Institutes of Archaeology and of Social and Cultural Anthropology, the Ashmolean Museum, the Pitt Rivers Museum, the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, and the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art. All play a key role in the degree, are supported by world-class libraries and are well equipped with laboratories and computing resources.

Oxford's Archaeology and Anthropology course offers a comprehensive guide to the richness and diversity of human cultural experience throughout space and time.

By choosing to study here you will be able to:

- explore how humans evolved
- get to grips with major transformational processes in human history such as the development of farming, the emergence of towns and trading systems and the spread of world religions
- assess the relative importance of environmental, genetic and social factors in understanding patterns of human growth and nutrition
- learn why societies structure their families, economies and political systems in the ways that they do
- investigate how material culture represents and reproduces beliefs and ideologies.

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

As part of your course you will undertake at least three weeks of fieldwork, anywhere in the world (subject to approval by tutors). Recent destinations include South Africa, the Andes and Georgia. Fieldwork can take place in field settings, or in a laboratory or museum. Financial support for this fieldwork is available from the University and may also be available from your college. You may also engage in fieldwork as part of your final year dissertation, while other opportunities may exist for work-based learning in the University's museums.

### **A typical weekly timetable**

Your work is divided among lectures, tutorials and practical classes. In the first year, you will spend about six hours a week in lectures, closely tied to the course's core papers. Lectures for core and

option papers take up about ten hours a week in years 2 and 3. Throughout the course, there are one or two tutorials a week (normally a total of twelve in each term).

<b>1st year</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>Four core courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to world archaeology</li> <li>• Introduction to anthropological theory</li> <li>• Perspectives on human evolution</li> <li>• The nature of archaeological enquiry</li> </ul> <p>Practical classes Fieldwork</p>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>First University examinations: Four written papers</p>
<b>2nd and 3rd year</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>Four core courses taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social analysis and interpretation</li> <li>• Cultural representations, beliefs and practices</li> <li>• Landscape and ecology</li> <li>• Urbanisation and change in complex societies</li> </ul> <p>Options (three from a broad range of anthropological and archaeological courses) Thesis</p>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: Seven written papers; thesis</p>

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

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2016.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Overseas	£15,295	£7,135	£22,430

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 Archaeology and Anthropology

All Archaeology and Anthropology students take part in a two-week training excavation run by members of the School of Archaeology. This trip is fully funded, so you will not need to pay for it yourself.

You will also need to undertake at least three further weeks of fieldwork, which gives you the chance to participate in other archaeological or anthropological projects. While some students choose to pursue an archaeological project (excavation or field survey), others take part in museum-based work or participate in anthropological fieldwork. Recent students have taken part in anthropological fieldwork in the UK, Bangladesh and Cuba, have worked with curators in major museums around the world or have pursued archaeological excavations in locations ranging from Peru to Japan. The cost will depend on the location that you choose. Up to £300 is available to help cover expenses, and a grant may also be available.

## Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £970 and £1,433 per month in 2016-17. 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	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673

Accommodation (including utilities)	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894

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