

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016~17

Undergraduate Certificate in the History of Art

About the course

This two-year, part-time course in the History of Art is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree. It offers a broad framework and acts as an introductory course for students who wish to develop their knowledge of the subject by structured study.

In the first year, you will gain an understanding of techniques, ways of looking at the visual arts, and the necessary terms that will underpin all further study. Tutors will lead visits to museums and art galleries and, wherever possible, visits will be made to current exhibitions. Oxford itself is very rich in its museums and every opportunity will be taken to introduce these to you.

In the second year, you will be exploring various historical periods in greater depth. Again, visits to museums and galleries will be arranged as appropriate.

Each year has three terms of weekly classes. The sessions will be lively, structured and informative with plenty of time for discussion. Each class will be illustrated with slides and, occasionally, with video material.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

YEAR 1

UNIT 1: Learning to look at the visual arts

A study of colour, subject matter, space, tone, form, composition, etc

The materials and techniques of painting

UNIT 2: An introduction to museum studies

An introduction to critical theory and the use of primary texts

UNIT 3: Looking at architecture and sculpture

YEAR 2

UNIT 1: Medieval art and the significance of context

UNIT 2: The Renaissance

UNIT 3: Towards the 20th century

Assessment

For Year 1, you must complete four assignments of 1,500 words, one assignment of 2,000 words and three class tests (one per term).

For Year 2, you must complete three assignments of 2,000 words and three class tests (one per term).

There will be an additional project submission per year, enabling you to cover ideas and subjects not covered in coursework assignments. The Year 1 project will be 3,000 words in length; the Year 2 project will be 5,000 words.

There is no formal examination at the end of the Certificate course. There is, however, an attendance requirement of at least 75% of the total class hours, and study visits are compulsory.

Changes to courses

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.

Expected length of course

2 years

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College Fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU(including islands)	£2,240	N/A	£2,240
Overseas	£4,210	N/A	£4,210

The fees shown above are the annual tuition fees for this course for entry in the 2016- 17 academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges. College fees are not generally payable for non-matriculated courses although a small number of courses may permit college affiliation for which a charge will be made.

Tuition 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 tuition fees).

Additional cost information

The course fee does not cover transport or entry fees to museums, art galleries or exhibitions. Usually, group rates are available and every attempt will be made to keep costs as low as possible by car sharing or by group coach travel. Some books will be recommended for you to purchase but recommendations will be made with costs in mind.

Living costs

In addition to your 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 2016-17 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 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
Accommodation	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
TOTAL	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894	£11,636	£17,191

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2016-17, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.