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Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (formerly known as Oriental Studies) Course Information Sheet for entry in 2023

This course allows you to combine the study of an Asian or Middle Eastern language and culture with Latin and/or Greek and the study of the ancient world. There are two options: Classics with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Q8T9) and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Classics (T9Q8). In each case the subject mentioned first is the main subject (about two-thirds of the degree) and the second is an additional subject (about one-third of the degree). This joint honours degree provides an exciting opportunity for students who want to focus on interdisciplinary studies. It enables students to explore the cultural development and crossover in places such as Iran, Egypt and India. You will study the relationship between the languages and cultures of the great monotheistic religions within their various Greek and Roman contexts.

Oxford is ideally placed for the combined study of Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, not least due to the numerous and varied teaching staff in each faculty, and the resources of the Ashmolean Museum, the Sackler Library and the China Centre. The Bodleian Asian and Middle Eastern Institute Library has core collections comprising Islamic, South Asian and Jewish Studies. Oxford has the largest Classics faculty and programme of courses in the world, with outstanding teaching, library and museum resources and a designated Classics Centre.

A typical week

Your time will be divided between lectures, tutorials (typically two a week, in different subjects) and private study. Most of your work will involve preparing essays for your tutorials, although systematic language-learning and reading of texts also require considerable time and effort. Much of the teaching will take place in your college, but lectures are given in the Classics Faculty, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the Examination Schools, and for particular subjects you may work with tutors from other colleges.

Tutorials in colleges usually involve up to three students and a tutor. Class sizes will vary depending on the options you choose, and there are usually 5-20 students in a class. Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by academics who are specialists in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by qualified postgraduate students studying at doctoral level.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

Course structure (Classics with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

YEARS 1-2 (TERMS 1–5)	YEARS 2, 3 AND 4 (TERMS 6–12)
<p>COURSES</p> <p>Follow the course for Classics (refer to Classics page)</p>	<p>COURSES</p> <p>Carry on with Classics options and start with chosen Asian or Middle Eastern language from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Akkadian Arabic Aramaic and Syriac Armenian Coptic Egyptian Hebrew Early Iranian Pali Persian Sanskrit Turkish <p>The options listed here are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies websites.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations in Classics (refer to Classics page)</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations: eight written papers (five in Classics, three in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies); one paper may be substituted by a thesis.</p>

Course structure (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Classics)

YEAR 1	YEAR 2 (with year abroad)	YEARS 2 AND 3 (without a year abroad) OR YEARS 3 AND 4 (with a year abroad)

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<p>COURSES</p> <p>Select main language:</p> <p>Akkadian</p> <p>Arabic*</p> <p>Egyptian</p> <p>Hebrew</p> <p>Persian*</p> <p>Sanskrit</p> <p>Turkish*</p> <p>*These languages include a year abroad in Year 2.</p>	<p>COURSES</p> <p>Year abroad: approved course of language instruction</p>	<p>COURSES</p> <p>Carry on with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies options and choose either Greek or Latin</p> <p>A full list of current options is available on the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies website.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (refer to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies page)</p>		<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations: eight to ten written papers (five to seven in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, three in Classics)</p>

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description 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 2023.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students– see Note below)	£35,080

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Note: Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme are eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) pages for more information.

Living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2023 are estimated to be between £1,290 and £1,840 for each month you are in Oxford. Our academic year is made up of three eight-week terms, so you would not usually need to be in Oxford for much more than six months of the year but 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	£300	£470	£2,700	£4,230
Accommodation (including utilities)	£715	£860	£6,435	£7,740
Personal items	£180	£305	£1,620	£2,745
Social activities	£40	£90	£360	£810
Study costs	£35	£80	£315	£720
Other	£20	£35	£180	£315
Total	£1,290	£1,840	£11,610	£16,560

In order to provide these likely living costs (which are rounded to the nearest £5), the University and the Oxford SU conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources, including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS).

The current economic climate and high national rate of inflation make it very hard to estimate potential changes to the cost of living over the next few years. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2023-24, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary significantly depending on how the national economic situation develops. UK inflationary increases will be kept under review and this page on [Living costs for 2023-entry](#) will be kept updated. During March to September last year (2022) inflation in the UK was between 7% and 10%.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.