

## **Classics and Modern Languages Information Sheet for entry in 2020**

Classics and Modern Languages enables you to combine study of Latin and/or Ancient Greek with a modern language. The course involves extensive study of major literary texts, alongside training in linguistic skills. The Greeks and Romans were active in all the countries covered by the available languages. Not only does studying this course help to give students greater access to the ancient cultures, it is also a chance to examine how classical literature and culture have shaped their modern counterparts. Some options provide an opportunity to directly compare texts from both sides of the course, focusing on classical influence on modern European literature.

Oxford has the largest Classics Faculty in the world, and the Medieval and Modern Languages Faculty is one of the largest in the country, with a major research library, the [Taylor Institution](#), and a well-equipped [Language Centre](#). Undergraduates have access to the [Sackler](#) and [Bodleian Libraries](#), the [Ashmolean Museum](#) and a dedicated Classics Centre. Students develop oral proficiency in the modern language by regular contact with native speakers.

### **Fieldwork/work placements/international opportunities**

Classics and Modern Languages students spend a compulsory year abroad. Past opportunities abroad have typically included working as a paid language assistant in a school, undertaking an internship and/or studying at a University, all of which provide valuable experiences for improving language competence. However, for students choosing to undertake activity in Europe, please note that the types and nature of activities available may be subject to variation as arrangements relating to the UK's departure from the EU are progressed. The University is working with European partners to seek to maintain the opportunities available to its students on the same terms as previously, and is committed to ensuring that funding arrangements remain similar to those for previous years, as far as reasonably possible. As negotiations relating to the UK's departure from the EU advance, the availability of paid work in the EU, and the types or terms of work available for students undertaking their year abroad, may vary. For the latest information visit [ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu](https://ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu). Students will be kept informed of any developments relating to year abroad arrangements as these become clearer.

Students are encouraged to spend as much of their vacations as possible in the countries whose languages they are studying.

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 a course's requirements for international study. Students who consider that they may be affected are asked to contact their department for advice.

### **Funding during the year abroad**

Some year abroad activities may provide a salary. Students can apply for a living costs grant, subject to the UK's continued participation in the Erasmus+ programme or an equivalent framework. In the event that agency funding is not made available for



Erasmus+ activity following the UK's departure from the EU, the University has committed to providing living costs grants on a similar basis to current Erasmus+ grants. However, some costs related to year abroad activity may increase following the UK's departure from the EU. For further information visit [ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu](https://ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu).

Currently, eligible UK students can continue to access living costs funding from the UK government (Student Finance agencies) during their year abroad. However, the level of government funding available to UK students on a year abroad may vary as a result of the UK's departure from the EU. UK students from lower-income households with means-tested assessments will remain eligible for Oxford's generous bursary provision. Travel grants may be available through your college and/or the Faculty. For students who experience particular difficulties related to their year abroad, some hardship funds are also available from the Faculty, and, for UK students with a shortfall in their finances, the University's Student Support Fund can provide additional assistance.

### **A typical week**

Your time is divided between lectures, tutorials and private study. The working week is typically structured around two tutorials in different subjects. Most of your independent work will be in preparation of essays for your tutorials, although systematic language-learning and reading of texts will also require considerable time and effort. Much of the teaching will take place in your college, but lectures are given in the Classics Faculty, the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and the Examination Schools. For particular subjects you may also work with tutors from other colleges.

Tutorials are usually up to four students and a tutor. Seminar and language class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose or the language you are studying, but there would usually be no more than around 20 students and would often be much smaller. Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are tutors in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are usually studying at doctorate level.

## Course structure

Two routes through the course, called ‘options’, are available to CML students. This is separate from whether you will study Course I (if you have studied Latin and/or Greek to A-level standard or equivalent) or Course II (if you have not). You will be asked which route you wish to take only after you have applied to Oxford. The two routes are identical in their last two years, and lead to the same final exams; they differ only in their first one or two years.

**Option A** divides its time evenly between Classics (mostly language and literature) and Modern Languages. This option (also known as the ‘Prelims route’, because you will take a Preliminary Examination similar to that taken by [Classics and English](#) or [Modern Languages](#) students) lasts three years for Course I students, and four years for Course II students. (With the year abroad, this makes a total of four or five years.)

**Option B** begins with a focus on Classics. For the first five terms, students take all the same options in Greek and/or Latin language, literature, ancient history, archaeology, philology and ancient or modern philosophy as are available to students of [Classics](#). This option (also known as the ‘Mods route’, because you will take Honour Moderations (first exams) in Classics identical to those taken by Classics students) lasts four years for students on both Course I and Course II. (With the year abroad, this makes a total of five years.)

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

### OPTION A YEAR 1 (COURSE I) or YEARS 2 AND 3 (COURSE II)

Course II students spend a preliminary year studying Latin or Greek, then follow Course I

#### COURSES

- Translation from the ancient language(s) into English (one paper)
- Literature in the ancient language or languages (two papers)
- Practical language work for the modern language (two papers)
- Literature in your modern language (two papers)

#### ASSESSMENT

First University examinations: three papers in the ancient language; four papers in the modern language

### OPTION B YEARS 1 AND 2 (TERMS 1–5)

#### COURSES

As for [Classics](#) for the first five terms. Course II students follow Classics Course II. In addition, undergraduates normally maintain their modern language through language classes.

#### ASSESSMENT

First University examinations in Classics: ten papers

**OPTIONS A AND B (plus intercalated year abroad)**  
**TERMS 4–9 (OPTION A, COURSE I), 6–12 (OPTION B), or 7–12 (OPTION A, OPTION II)**

**COURSES**

- Classics (three/four papers): a core paper in Latin or in Greek literature, two or three Classics options
- Modern Language (four/five papers)
- Possibility of a paper or a long essay exploring the links between ancient and modern literatures

**ASSESSMENT**

Final University examinations: nine papers in total (eight compulsory, one optional) plus oral exam in the modern language. A thesis may be offered in place of one of the compulsory papers in Classics.

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 2020.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£27,285

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

Please note that the course fees you pay include your fees for both University and college services and are divided between the University (including your department or faculty) and your college on a formula basis. More information is provided in your Terms and Conditions.

## Additional Fees and Charges Information for Classics and Modern Languages

During the year abroad, students currently pay significantly reduced fees to the University. For example, for students going on their year abroad in 2020, who started an undergraduate course from 2019, the course fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students: £1,385 for the year.
- International students: £8,750 for the year.

We recommend that students begin to research their year abroad options – including the financial implications – as early as possible in the second year of the course. There is plenty of support, information and advice to help you.

Actual costs (such as course fees) and living costs will vary depending on the destination and the activity undertaken. Some of the costs relating to year abroad activity may be subject to variation as arrangements relating to the UK's departure from the EU are progressed. For the latest information visit [ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu](https://ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu).

You will need to pay for living costs during the year abroad, including accommodation and travel expenses. At present, students taking part in Erasmus+ study exchanges do not pay tuition fees to other institutions, though for some destinations, additional charges, which apply to all students at that institution, may be payable. Following the UK's departure from the EU, the University's participation in the Erasmus+ programme or equivalent framework is not guaranteed. The University is committed to working with partner institutions to seek to maintain arrangements relating to fees and charges on the same terms as previously, as far as possible. If you study outside Erasmus+ (or equivalent framework) you will be liable to

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pay course fees and any other applicable charges to the relevant institution, as is currently the case.

For the latest information about the Erasmus+ programme at Oxford, please visit [ox.ac.uk/erasmus](https://ox.ac.uk/erasmus).

### Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,135 and £1,650 per month in 2020-2021. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each, but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. 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	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465
Accommodation (including utilities)	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,135</b>	<b>£1,650</b>	<b>£10,215</b>	<b>£14,850</b>

In order to provide these likely living costs, the University and the Oxford University Students' Union 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 likely lower and upper ranges above are based on a single student with no dependants living in college accommodation (including utility bills) and are provided for information only.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.