

Classics and Modern Languages Information Sheet for entry in 2016

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. Some papers on offer provide an opportunity to compare texts from both sides of the course, and to study classical influence on modern European literature.



Classics and Modern Languages at Oxford

Oxford has the largest Classics department in the world, and the Modern Languages Faculty is also one of the largest in the country, with a major research library and a well-equipped Language Centre. Undergraduates also develop oral proficiency in the modern language by regular contact with native speakers.

International opportunities

Students spend a year abroad in a foreign country before their final year. Please see the Course Information Sheet for Modern Languages for more information. College support may also be available to help undergraduates with academic-related travel to Italy or Greece.

A typical weekly timetable

Your time is divided between lectures, language classes, tutorials and private study. Most of your work will be in preparation of essays for your tutorials, although the systematic reading of literary texts, not necessarily aimed at any particular tutorial, also requires a considerable input of time and effort.

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 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 3 years for Course I students, and 4 years for Course II students. (With the year abroad, this makes a total of 4 or 5 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 in Classics' identical to those taken by Classics students) lasts 4 years for students on both Course I and Course II. (With the year abroad, this makes a total of 5 years.)

Option A	
1st year (Course I) or 1st and 2nd year (Course II)	
<p>Course II students spend a preliminary year studying Latin or Greek, then follow Course I</p> <p>Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature (in your modern language) (two papers) • Literature in the ancient language or languages (two papers) • Translation from the ancient language(s) into English (one paper) • Language exercises (including translation) for the modern language (two papers) 	<p>Assessment</p> <p>First University examinations: four papers in the modern language; three papers in the ancient language.</p>
Option B	
1st and 2nd year (terms 1–5)	
<p>Courses</p> <p>As for Classics (see Course Information Sheet for Classics for the first five terms).</p> <p>Course II students follow Classics Course II</p> <p>In addition, undergraduates normally maintain their modern language through language classes</p>	<p>Assessment</p> <p>First University examinations in Classics:</p> <p>Ten papers</p>
Options A and B (plus intercalated year abroad)	
Terms 4–9 (Option 1 Course I), 6–12 (Option 2), or 7–12 (Option 1 Course II)	
<p>Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Language (four/five papers) • Classics (three/four papers): a core paper in Latin or in Greek literature, two or three Classics options • Possibility of a paper or a long essay exploring the links between ancient and modern literature 	<p>Assessment</p> <p>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.</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 Classics and Modern Languages

During the year abroad, students pay significantly reduced fees. For students who started an undergraduate course from 2012, who are going on their year abroad in 2015, the tuition fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students, studying their first degree: £1,350 for the year.
- International students: £7,425 for the year.

These fees are subject to annual increases, so the tuition fees for students going abroad in later years may be higher. Please note that International students do not pay a college fee during their year abroad. (Home/EU and Islands students do not pay the college fee in any year of their course.) Living costs will vary according to the destination.

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. You may choose to work or study during your year abroad, or you may do both. Students undertake a range of activities while on their year abroad, some activities may receive a salary and thus - depending on individual choices - it is possible for the year abroad to be cost neutral. Actual costs (such as course fees) and living costs will vary depending on the destination and the activity undertaken.

You will need to pay for living costs during the year abroad, including accommodation and travel expenses. Students taking part in Erasmus study exchanges will not need to pay tuition fees to other institutions. However, if you decide to study outside Erasmus you will be liable to pay tuition fees to the relevant institution.

You may receive salary payments or grants to offset some or all of these costs. Also, if you receive government funding for the rest of your course, you will still be entitled to government support during your year abroad. Hardship funds are available from the Faculty of Medieval & Modern Languages for students who can demonstrate particular difficulties related to their year abroad. These are awarded through a termly application process.

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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