

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

DPhil in Ancient History

About the course

Both in Classical languages and literature, and in ancient history, the DPhil programme is a research degree intended to make it possible for the successful candidate to aspire to a career in research and teaching at university level anywhere in the world where the Classical subjects are studied.

The DPhil takes the form of the composition of a substantial dissertation, of up to 100,000 words, based on new research on a subject of your choice. You will be appointed a supervisor or supervisors with relevant expertise, who will support you throughout your doctoral work, beginning with the formulation of the topic and ending with the final examination.

The best dissertations are published, many in the Oxford University Press series of Classical Monographs which exists for this purpose.

The vision of the DPhil as a necessary stage of an academic career, following on from master's-level education and preparing for postdoctoral work and beyond, is reflected in five other ways:

1. Doctoral students are required to set the topics of their individual specialisation in a larger understanding of developments in the field across the world.
2. They are encouraged to pursue a diversity of scholarly interests on the side of working on their doctoral dissertation, so as to start building a larger portfolio of specialities. They may produce articles or review books in areas somewhat different from that of their dissertation, and towards the end of their doctoral may begin to contemplate a postdoctoral project.
3. The Classics Faculty assists doctoral students in continuing to develop necessary research skills, and acquiring or improving knowledge of relevant ancient and modern languages. Competence in Latin and/or Greek is an admission requirement.
4. Doctoral students can be trained and given experience (with mentoring) in undergraduate teaching of several different kinds, eg class, lecture, tutorial.
5. There are other structures, within the Classics Faculty, the Humanities Division and the wider University, to help with career-development and with academic placement.

Finally, it is fully recognised that some students will choose not to pursue a professional career in Classics, and the structures mentioned in the points above are tailored to their needs too. The experience of the Classics DPhil programmes is intended to be personally fulfilling and intellectually enriching in itself, and the cognitive skills required are highly transferable to other walks of life.



Examples of recent DPhil thesis titles include:

Thesis title	Supervisor name(s)
Monetary Practices in the Roman Empire from Hadrian to the Severi: A Study of Attitudes to Money	Professor A Bowman
Crocodiles and Crocodile Cults in Graeco-Roman Egypt	Professor A Bowman
A Study of Sozomen's 'Historia Ecclesiastica'	Professor F Millar
Fleets and Empire in the Roman Republic: Administration and Command Domi Militiaequae	Dr J Prag
A Decision Support System for the Reading of Ancient Documents	Professor A Bowman
Proxenia: Inter-Polis Networks and Relations in the Classical and Hellenistic World	Dr J Ma
Byzantium and the Bosphorus: Regionality, Identity, Institutions	Dr P Thonemann
Hope and Conceptions of the Future under Augustus and Tiberius	Dr K Clarke
Crisis and Continuity-Institutions, Culture, Policy and Wealth in Macedonia c. 323-221 BC	Dr P Thonemann
Continuity and Change in 3rd Century Asia Minor: Studies into Politics, Society and Culture	Dr C Kuhn
A Study of a Late Antique Corpus of Biographies [Historia Augusta]	Dr N McLynn
Christian Networks and the Exclusion of Enemies-Cyprian of Carthage and Ambrose of Milan	TBA
The Developing Significance of the Cult of the Dioscuri in Rome and Italy Between the First Century BC and the Second Century AD	Dr E Bispham
Ideas of Love and Kinship in Early Christian Self Definition From the Earliest Period to the Mid-Third Century	Dr T Morgan
Foreign Soldiers and Citizens in the Greek Cities of Hellenistic Asia Minor	Dr J Ma
An Investigation into the Cultural, Social and Economic Importance of the Roman Imperial Fleets from 31 BC - AD 193	Professor N Purcell
The Coastal Interface in the North Aegean: Regional Studies in the Historical Geography of the Polis (7th c. - 1st c. BC)	Dr P Thonemann
Economy and Ideology: The Elite Estate and the Landscape of Attica in the Antonine Period	Dr A Moreno

Part-time study

The faculty welcomes applications for part-time study on the DPhil. Part-time students are fully integrated into the research culture of the Classics Faculty and afforded all the same opportunities and support as full-time students.

The faculty appreciates that part-time research students will have non-standard attendance and work patterns. Although there is no requirement to reside in Oxford, part-time research students must be able to commit to attendance in Oxford at least once a week during Weeks 0 to 9 of each term, in order to meet with their supervisor, participate in research seminars and undertake skills training.

It is not possible to study for the DPhil in Ancient History by distance learning.

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

3 years (full time) or 6 years (part time)

Annual fees for entry in 2017-2018

Full-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£4,195	£3,021	£7,216
Overseas	£15,755	£3,021	£18,776

Part-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£2,098	£1,511	£3,609
Overseas	£7,880	£1,511	£9,391

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Tuition and college 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 and college fees).

Graduate students who have reached the end of their standard period of fee liability may be required to pay a termly University and/or college continuation charge.

The University continuation charge, per term for entry in 2017/18, is currently £455, please be aware that this will increase annually.

For part-time students, the termly charge will be half of the termly rate payable by full-time students.

If a college continuation charge applies (not applicable to non-matriculated courses) it is likely to be in the region of £100 to £400 per term. Please contact your college for more details.

Additional cost information

Full-time study

There are no compulsory elements of this programme that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, please note that, depending on your choice of research topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses,

research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Part-time study

Please note that you are required to attend in Oxford for a minimum of 30 days each year, and you may incur additional travel and accommodation expenses for this. Also, depending on your choice of research topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur further additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

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 2017-18 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	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
Accommodation	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
Total	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237	£12,028	£17,649

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.

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