

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

DPhil in Ancient History

About the course

The DPhil in Ancient History is a research degree awarded on the basis of a doctoral thesis of up to 100,000 words. As a doctoral student at Oxford you may offer a thesis covering any period in ancient history from early Aegean to Byzantine history.

As you embark on a research degree in a humanities subject at Oxford you are assigned a supervisor, who will guide and support you through your research. You are also assigned a college adviser, whose main role is to provide pastoral care and support. In addition, training and support in developing subject-specific research skills and for personal and professional development are provided by the faculty, the Humanities Division, IT Services, the Bodleian Libraries and the Careers Service.

The choice of a thesis subject and title is normally the result of a process of discussion in which you and your supervisor play a joint role. Relatively few titles are directly assigned to you. Supervisors usually prefer to make suggestions in the light of your interests, temperament, and style of work, as these become clearer. The title should emerge by progressive definition over the period of probation and be put forward in time for the Graduate Studies Committee to give it proper consideration.

The supervisor will be drawn from the Oxford Classics Faculty. In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, Oxford's Classics Faculty presented the largest number of academics in UK Classics (71), of whom 70% were assessed at either 4* or 3*, the highest proportion in UK Classics. The department also received the top rating of 24 in the last Quality Assurance Exercise (2000). All successfully completed doctoral theses are considered for inclusion in the Oxford Classical Monographs series, which, since its inception in 1988, has published more than a hundred volumes deriving from Oxford theses.

Examples of recent DPhil thesis topics are available on the Classics website.

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 2016-2017

Full-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	c. £4,200	£2,933	c. £7,133
Overseas	£15,295	£2,933	£18,228

Part-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	c. £2,100	£1,467	c. £3,567
Overseas	£7,650	£1,467	£9,117

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college 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.

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 2016/17, is currently £440, 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 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.

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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