

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

Undergraduate Diploma in English Local History

About the course

The Diploma in English Local History is a part-time, modular course, lasting two years. The level is that of a second-year undergraduate programme. The course covers the main themes and sources of English local history and the techniques needed for interpreting historical evidence.

The Diploma has two modules, which divide into pre-1600 (Module One) and post-1600 (Module Two). You can take the modules in either order.

In 2017-18 *Module 1: English Local History up to the 16th century* will be running.

In addition to the weekly evening sessions, there will be a Saturday induction session and residential weekend in the first term and an optional Presentation Day and Field Trip in the summer.

Module 1: English Local History up to the 16th Century

This module covers the period from the Anglo-Saxons to the eve of the Reformation. Its emphasis is on local communities, and the lives, occupations, beliefs and environments of those who formed them. The communities are those of family and household, manor and village, parish, town and guild. The evidence is exciting and diverse, extending from Anglo-Saxon charters and place-names, through Domesday Book, to the letters and wills of the later medieval period. The unwritten evidence is that of archaeological finds, the landscape of countryside and town, and buildings, including houses, farm buildings, market halls, and parish churches.

Module 2: English Local History since the 16th century

This module covers the period from the Reformation to the twentieth century. It concentrates on local communities - of family, household, village, town, parish, city, suburb or workplace - and the lives, education, religion, work and leisure of their members. It explores the impact of central government on local government and the measures taken to relieve poverty and improve public health, as well as the effects of civil and national war and industrial and agrarian revolution. The evidence ranges from parish registers, census returns, Parliamentary papers, social surveys, and estate records and maps to the personal testimony of wills, letters and diaries. In addition, there is the unwritten evidence of landscape archaeology and ecclesiastical and vernacular architecture.

Attendance

Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of the class-based sessions, and a minimum of 80% of each of the two weekend schools (ie. one weekend school for each module).

Assessment

For each module, students will be required to complete three out of a choice of four written assignments of no more than 2,500 words in length, one extended essay of no more than 5,000 words in length and one portfolio of work on primary sources of 4,000 words in length.

Students who achieve an overall pass rate of 70%+ and pass each element of assessed work at the first attempt will be considered by the examiners for the award of a distinction.

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

2 years

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

| Fee Status | Tuition fee | College Fee | Total annual fees |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Home/EU(including islands) | £2,305 | N/A | £2,305 |
| Overseas | £4,335 | N/A | £4,335 |

The fees shown above are the annual tuition fees for this course for entry in the 2017-18 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. College fees are not generally payable for non-matriculated courses although a small number of courses may permit college affiliation for which a charge will be made.

Tuition 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 fees).

Additional cost information

The fee includes tuition, lunches, coffee and tea on both days during the residential weekend school and dinner on the Saturday night. It also includes morning coffee and afternoon tea during the Induction Day and three Saturday schools. Accommodation may be available at Rewley House during the residential weekend at an additional charge.

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.