

## Geography Information Sheet for entry in 2016

Geography is a diverse discipline that bridges the arts, social and natural sciences, providing a broad education and addressing pressing issues, including: environmental change, regional and global inequalities and the transformation of global economy and culture. Students obtain a coherent view of the rapidly changing world and the ways in which society influences and is influenced by it.



### Geography at Oxford

The Oxford Geography degree focuses on the interrelationships between society and the physical and human environment. Students are introduced to the full range of geographical topics in the foundational courses, which they can then follow up in more detail in the optional papers. There is considerable emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches in the course, with opportunities to explore the cross-fertilisation between Geography and other disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, history, political science, economics, earth sciences and biology.

The facilities available are among the best in the country, notably:

- The Radcliffe Science Library, which holds a geography collection of over 107,000 volumes and has subscriptions to more than 200 journals;
- Well-equipped Geolabs for practical physical courses and individual research projects.

### Fieldwork/international opportunities

The School of Geography and the Environment emphasises the importance of fieldwork since it believes there is no substitute for teaching subjects at first hand. In the first year, all students take part in local skills-related field days. Second-year students will undertake a week-long overseas residential field course (currently to Copenhagen and Tenerife). Independent research in the field or in archives is a key element of the dissertation. Each year, around 40% of our undergraduates choose to do their dissertation overseas.

### A typical weekly timetable

- Lectures in the morning;
- Seminars/practical classes in the afternoon;
- Tutorials: at least one college tutorial a week, and some college-based classes.

#### 1st year

##### Courses

Four core courses are taken:

- Earth systems processes
- Human geography

##### Assessment

4 written papers plus practical notebooks

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographical controversies</li> <li>• Geographical techniques</li> </ul> <p>1-day field trips: Human and Physical</p>	
<b>2nd and 3rd year</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>Geographical Research (core course)</p> <p>Foundational courses(two chosen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space, place and society</li> <li>• Earth system dynamics</li> <li>• Environmental geography</li> </ul> <p>Options (three chosen):</p> <p>Options currently offered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African societies</li> <li>• Biogeography, biodiversity and conservation</li> <li>• Climate change impacts and adaptation</li> <li>• Climate change and variability</li> <li>• Complexity</li> <li>• Contemporary India</li> <li>• Cultural spaces</li> <li>• Desert landscapes and dynamics</li> <li>• European integration</li> <li>• Forensic geography</li> <li>• Geographies of finance</li> <li>• Geographies of nature</li> <li>• Geopolitics in the margins</li> <li>• Heritage science and conservation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>6 written papers; 3 extended essays; fieldwork report; dissertation</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport and mobilities</li> </ul> Dissertation European field trip	
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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 Geography

Students are required to undertake a one week fieldtrip in their second year and have a choice between trips to Copenhagen or Tenerife. These field trips provide students with the opportunity to learn and practice the field research skills that they will employ in their own dissertation research. Some of the projects students have had the opportunity to undertake on previous trips include pilot balloon tracking of trade winds and monitoring of microclimates using i-button data in Tenerife and studying everyday youth politics and issues of ethnic assimilation in Copenhagen. Students have to write a report of their research which is assessed as part of the final examinations. Students have to pay no more than £250 towards the costs of the field trip which is less than half of the full cost.

### 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
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	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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