

History (Ancient and Modern) Information Sheet for entry in 2020

The Ancient and Modern History course enables students to study history from the Bronze Age Mediterranean and Near East, through the Roman Empire, middle ages and early modern period, right up to British, European and World history in the present day. Fruitful comparisons between societies abound, and the methods by which we study them are mutually illuminating.

The extraordinary range of choices (more than 90 options) for this course reflects the breadth of interests of those who teach here. The Oxford Classics and History Faculties are world-famous for teaching and research. The people who will teach you here will often be leading researchers in their field, with lecturers encouraged to put on new courses which reflect their own interests. Oxford also possesses exceptional library provision for History in the [Bodleian Library](#), the [History Faculty Library](#), the [Sackler](#) and the [Weston Library's](#) special collections, as well as a dedicated Classics centre.

A typical week

During the first year, you will be expected to attend around five lectures each week, participate in regular meetings with tutors to discuss work, conduct independent research and write at least one essay a week. In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to choose from an enormous variety of lectures, and your regular tutorials will be supplemented by faculty classes where you will discuss work with a larger number of students. The third-year thesis will give you the opportunity to engage in a piece of independent research. Generally, students are very much in charge of their own timetable throughout their courses.

Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 12 students. Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are tutors in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are studying at doctorate level. To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

Course structure

YEAR 1	
<p>COURSES Four courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One period of <i>either</i> Greek <i>or</i> Roman history • One of the periods of European/World history offered • The world of Homer and Hesiod; <i>or</i> Augustan Rome; <i>or</i> one of the History optional subjects • A text-based paper on Herodotus; <i>or</i> Sallust; <i>or</i> Approaches to history; <i>or</i> Historiography: Tacitus to Weber from the History syllabus <i>or</i> Greek/Latin language paper 	<p>ASSESSMENT First University examinations: four written papers</p>
YEARS 2 AND 3	
<p>COURSES Six courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A period of Greek or Roman history • A period of European/World history or one of the periods of the history of the British Isles • A choice of further subjects (at least one of the further or the special subjects must be ancient) from the History syllabus; <i>or</i> an ancient further subject, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Athenian democracy in the classical age ○ Politics, society and culture from Nero to Hadrian ○ Religions in the Greek and Roman world c31 BC–AD 312 ○ The Greeks and the Mediterranean world 950–500 BC ○ Art under the Roman Empire AD 14–337 ○ The Hellenistic world: societies and cultures, c300 BC–100 BC ○ The Achaemenid Empire, 550-330 BC • Special subjects (at least one of the further or the special subjects must be ancient) including work on primary sources, textual or archaeological. A choice of about 30 special subjects from the History syllabus <i>or</i> an ancient special subject, including: 	<p>ASSESSMENT Final University examinations: six written papers and one thesis; <i>or</i> five written exams, one extended essay and one thesis; <i>or</i> four written exams, one portfolio of submitted essays, one extended essay and one thesis; optional additional language paper</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Alexander the Great and his early successors○ Cicero: politics and thought in the late Republic○ The Greek city in the Roman world from Dio Chrysostom to John Chrysostom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Disciplines of history● Thesis● Optional Greek/Latin language paper | |
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For the latest information on all course details and options see the [History](#) and [Classics](#) websites.

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 2020.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£27,285

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Please note that the course fees you pay include your fees for both University and college services and are divided between the University (including your department or faculty) and your college on a formula basis. More information is provided in your Terms and Conditions.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for History (Ancient and Modern)

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,135 and £1,650 per month in 2020-2021. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. 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	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465
Accommodation (including utilities)	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
Total	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850

In order to provide these likely living costs, the University and the Oxford University Students' Union conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS). The likely lower and upper ranges above are based on a single student with no dependants living in college accommodation (including utility bills) and are provided for information only.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.