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## History and Modern Languages Course Information Sheet for entry in 2022

In recent years History has experienced a ‘linguistic turn’ while literary studies have undergone a ‘historical turn’, making this combination of subjects more exciting than ever. Knowledge of the past contextualises literary artefacts, while the forensic literary skills of the linguist are vital for interrogating historical documents. While historians have to be aware of genre, plot and rhetorical techniques in the creation both of their sources and their own arguments, linguists need to appreciate the social and political concerns that are woven into literary works. This degree brings these two skill sets together.

Oxford has a long and enduring commitment to the teaching of history and European languages, leading to a particularly rich environment in terms of staff expertise, library resources, language training and overseas contacts. Undergraduate students have access to the Taylor Institution Library, the biggest research library in Britain devoted to modern languages, as well as the History Faculty Library housed in the Radcliffe Camera. The University’s well-equipped Language Centre has resources specifically tailored to the needs of History and Modern Languages students.

The fullness and variety of the curriculum means that students can combine papers from the two faculties in stimulating ways. The two parts come together directly in the bridge essay, where students can make their own innovative contributions.

### International opportunities

History and Modern Languages is a four-year course with a compulsory year abroad in your third year. Past opportunities abroad have typically included working as a paid language assistant in a school, undertaking an internship and/or studying at a University, all of which provide valuable experiences for improving language competence.

Since the UK’s departure from the EU, the University has worked closely with European partners to maintain the opportunities available to its students. University exchanges, language assistantships and work placements are all available as opportunities for your year abroad. You can find the latest information [here](#).

Students are also encouraged to spend as much of their vacations as possible in the countries whose languages they are studying.

In certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to a course’s requirements for international study. Students who consider that they may be affected are asked to contact their department for advice.

## A typical week

Your time will be divided between the Faculties of History and Medieval and Modern Languages, and your college. A week's work will include tutorials in history and in the literature and culture of the language you study, around 3 or 4 lectures/classes for each subject and language classes involving different skills, e.g. translation, oral and grammar. The rest of your time will be allocated to independent study preparing essays for your weekly tutorials.

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 usually studying at doctorate level.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

## Course structure

| YEAR 1  |  |
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| <p><b>COURSES</b><br/>Six courses are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ European/World history (four options: 370–900; 1000–1300; 1400–1650; 1815–1914)</li> <li>○ <i>Either</i> a British Isles history period, <i>or</i> a historical methods paper, <i>or</i> a foreign text <i>or</i> an optional subject</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Modern Language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Practical language work (two papers)</li> <li>○ Two literature papers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>ASSESSMENT</b><br/>First University examinations: six written papers</p>   |
| YEARS 2 AND 4 (YEAR 3 SPENT ABROAD)   |  |
| <p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A period or theme paper European/World history</li> <li>• <i>Either</i> a special subject in History (two papers, see <a href="#">History</a>), with one additional history or literature option; <i>or</i> three papers selected from history (British history, further subject, thesis) or Modern Languages</li> </ul>   | <p><b>ASSESSMENT</b><br/>Final University examinations: between six and nine written papers; between one and four submitted essays, including the compulsory bridge essay;</p> |

## YEARS 2 AND 4 (YEAR 3 SPENT ABROAD)

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| (special subjects, prescribed authors, extended essay)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An optional additional thesis in History</li> <li>• Practical language work (two papers)</li> <li>• A period of literature</li> <li>• A paper on one of a wide range of options</li> <li>• A bridge essay</li> </ul> | oral examination in the modern language |
| For the latest information on all course details and options see the <a href="#">History</a> and <a href="#">Modern Languages</a> websites.   |   |

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description 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. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's [Terms and Conditions](#). For the latest information on the University's Covid-19 response and how it affects students please go to the [Oxford University Covid-19 Response](#) site.

## Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2022.

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

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

| Fee status  | Annual Course fees |
|---|--------------------|
| Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man) | £9,250             |
| Overseas (including most EU students– see Note below)         | £32,480            |

**Note:** Following the UK's departure from the EU, most EU students starting a course in 2022/23 will pay fees at the 'Overseas' rate. Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme will be eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

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Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) and the [Oxford and the EU](#) pages for more information.

### Oxford living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2022 are estimated to be between £1,215 and £1,755 for each month you are in Oxford. Our academic year is made up of three eight-week terms, so you would not usually need to be in Oxford for much more than six months of the year but 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                                | £290          | £410          | £2,610             | £3,690         |
| Accommodation (including utilities) | £680          | £810          | £6,120             | £7,290         |
| Personal items                      | £135          | £260          | £1,215             | £2,340         |
| Social activities                   | £45           | £120          | £405               | £1,080         |
| Study costs                         | £45           | £100          | £405               | £900           |
| Other                               | £20           | £55           | £180               | £495           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>£1,215</b> | <b>£1,755</b> | <b>£10,935</b>     | <b>£15,795</b> |

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. In addition to reviewing the information above, you should fully consider and research your personal likely living costs.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2022-23, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

### Additional Fees and Charges Information for History and Modern Languages

During the year abroad, students currently pay significantly reduced fees to the University. For example, for students going on their year abroad in 2022, who started an undergraduate Humanities course from 2020, the course fees are:

- Home students: £1,385 for the year.

- Overseas students: £11,045 for the year.

We recommend that students begin to research the costs associated with the various year abroad options as early as possible in the second year of the course. There is plenty of support, information and advice to help you.

Work placement costs, study costs, living costs (such as accommodation) and travel expenses will vary depending on the destination and the activity undertaken. You should also refer to the latest information on the UK's departure from the EU, which is signposted [here](#), for details of other costs that may apply when studying or working in the EU. Costs are likely to include visa costs and currently include costs of testing relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. For study abroad you may also be liable to pay course fees and any other applicable charges to your host institution. Please refer to the 'Living costs support during the year abroad' section below for information about available sources of funding.

### Living costs support during the year abroad

There are a number of sources of funding which you may be eligible for to contribute to your living costs on your year abroad and these are detailed below. Some year abroad activities may provide a salary, depending on placement type and terms. Please note that dependent on your placement(s) and country, it is possible that the combination of available sources of funding will not cover your living costs in full. You should therefore carefully research the likely living costs in your host country and consider your own expected outgoings to identify whether you may need to explore alternative sources of funding through your college, the University or other means.

Some funding towards year abroad placements is currently available through the Turing scheme, which provides living costs grants to all students on eligible placements, with enhanced support available for disadvantaged students. The University plans to bid for Turing scheme funding to support year abroad activity in future academic years. [This page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments.

In the event that the University is not successful in securing Turing scheme funding, it will provide grants towards living costs at a similar level to Turing grants to support undergraduates undertaking approved EU study exchanges or EU work placements required for their course.

All UK students can continue to access living costs funding from the UK government (Student Finance agencies) during their year abroad in conjunction with any Turing scheme funding available. The level of funding available to you will be assessed based on your household income and your placement type. Further information about the amount of funding which may be available can be found at: [Student finance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). UK students from lower-income households with means-tested assessments will also remain eligible for Oxford's generous [bursary provision](#), which is separate to the living costs support mentioned above. For UK students who are struggling financially, the University's Student Support Fund may be able to provide additional assistance.

Travel grants may be available through your college and/or the Faculty and some hardship funds are also available from the Faculty.

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*Please note, at the time of publishing the CIS, full details about Turing scheme funding arrangements for living costs support during the year abroad were outstanding. [This page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments.*