

## **History and Modern Languages Information Sheet for entry in 2016**

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past contextualises literary artefacts, while the forensic literary skills of the linguist are vital for interrogating historical documents.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



### **History and Modern Languages at Oxford**

Oxford has a long and enduring commitment to the teaching of European history and European languages, leading to a particularly rich environment in terms of staff expertise, library resources, language training and overseas contacts. 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 most directly in a Bridge Essay, where students can make their own innovative contributions.

### **Work placements/international opportunities**

History and Modern Languages is a four-year course with a compulsory year abroad in your third year. Please see the Course Information Sheet for Modern Languages for further information. Students are encouraged to travel and speak their specialist language in the vacations, and travel grants and scholarships may be available to assist.

### **A typical weekly timetable**

Your week's work will include

- tutorials in history and in the literature and culture of the language you study
- language classes involving different skills, eg translation
- about three or four lectures for each subject
- preparing essays for your weekly tutorials.

<b>1st year</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>Six courses are taken:</p> <p>Modern Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two language papers (including translation)</li> <li>• Two literature papers</li> </ul> <p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General history (four options: 370–900; 1000–1300; 1400–1650; 1815–1914)</li> <li>• Either a British history period, or a historical methods paper, or a foreign text or an optional subject</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>First University examinations:</p> <p>Six written papers</p>
<b>2nd and 4th years</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A period of literature</li> <li>• A paper on prescribed authors, or linguistics, or medieval texts</li> <li>• Two language papers</li> <li>• A bridge essay on the relationship between history and literature</li> <li>• A period of general history</li> <li>• Either a special subject in History (two papers, see History page 56), with one additional history or literature option; or three papers selected from history (British history, further subject, thesis) or literature (special subjects, prescribed authors, extended essay)</li> <li>• An optional additional thesis in History</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Final University examinations:</p> <p>Nine written papers (including at least one extended essay)</p> <p>Oral examination in the modern language</p>

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 History and Modern Languages

During the year abroad, students pay significantly reduced fees. For students who started an undergraduate course from 2012, who are going on their year abroad in 2015, the tuition fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students, studying their first degree: £1,350 for the year.
- International students: £7,425 for the year.

These fees are subject to annual increases, so the tuition fees for students going abroad in later years may be higher. Please note that International students do not pay a college fee during their year abroad. (Home/EU and Islands students do not pay the college fee in any year of their course.) Living costs will vary according to the destination.

We recommend that students begin to research their year abroad options – including the financial implications – as early as possible in the second year of the course. There is plenty of support, information and advice to help you. You may choose to work or study during your year abroad, or you may do both. Students undertake a range of activities while on their year abroad, some activities may receive a salary and thus - depending on individual choices - it is possible for the year abroad to be cost neutral. Actual costs (such as course fees) and living costs will vary depending on the destination and the activity undertaken.

You will need to pay for living costs during the year abroad, including accommodation and travel expenses. Students taking part in Erasmus study exchanges will not need to pay tuition fees to other institutions. However, if you decide to study outside Erasmus you will be liable to pay tuition fees to the relevant institution.

You may receive salary payments or grants to offset some or all of these costs. Also, if you receive government funding for the rest of your course, you will still be entitled to government support during your year abroad. Hardship funds are available from the Faculty of Medieval & Modern Languages for students who can demonstrate particular difficulties related to their year abroad. These are awarded through a termly application process.

### 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	
	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£970</b>	<b>£1,433</b>	<b>£8,727</b>	<b>£12,894</b>

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