

History and Politics Information Sheet for entry in 2020

The History and Politics course brings together complementary but distinct disciplines to form a coherent and stimulating programme. The degree not only enables students to set contemporary political problems in their historical perspective, but also equips them to approach the study of the past with the conceptual rigour derived from political science.

A special feature of the Oxford course is the chance to choose from a broad range of subjects across the two disciplines, making it possible, for example, to combine medieval history options with analysis of contemporary political systems. The intellectual rigour of this course benefits from the expertise of Oxford's political theorists and historians in the history of political thought. It is also strengthened by the thematic approach taken to European and World history teaching in the first year, combined with an emphasis on interdisciplinarity in a number of both Politics and History papers.

Oxford also possesses exceptional library provision for History in the Bodleian Library, the History Faculty Library, and the Weston Library's special collections, as well as the Social Sciences Library.

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 course.

Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose, but there would usually be no more than around 20 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 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	
<p>COURSES Four examination papers and a short piece of assessed coursework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Either</i> any one of the seven periods in the history of the British Isles or any one of the four periods of European/World history • Introduction to the theory of politics <i>or</i> Theories of the state • One optional subject from a choice of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantification in history ○ Approaches to history ○ Historiography: Tacitus to Weber ○ Any of the optional subjects (see History, except Theories of the state) or any one of six foreign texts • The practice of politics • Quantitative methods: political analysis (not examined) 	<p>ASSESSMENT First University examinations: four written papers</p>
YEARS 2 AND 3	
<p>COURSES The course has seven components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A period of the history of the British Isles • A period of European/World history • Any two of the five core subjects in Politics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comparative government ○ British politics and government since 1900 ○ Theory of politics ○ International relations ○ Political sociology • One of the following combinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A special subject in History (two papers) and an optional subject in Politics (<i>either</i> a core paper not yet taken <i>or</i> a further subject) ○ A further subject in History and two optional subjects in Politics ○ A further subject in History, one optional subject in Politics and one special subject in Politics 	<p>ASSESSMENT Final University examinations: <i>either</i> five written papers; one portfolio of submitted essays; one thesis in History or Politics <i>or</i> four written papers; one portfolio of submitted essays; one extended essay; one thesis in History or Politics</p>



- A thesis in *either* History or Politics
For the latest information on all course details and options see the [History](#) and [Politics](#) 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 and Politics

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.