

## History and Politics Information Sheet for entry in 2016

The History and Politics course aims to bring together complementary but separate 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.



### History and Politics at Oxford

The special feature of the Oxford course is the chance to choose subjects very broadly across the two disciplines, so that it is possible to combine medieval historical options with the analysis of contemporary political systems. The expertise of a number of Oxford's political theorists and historians in the history of political thought, the thematic approach taken to the teaching of general history in the first year, and the emphasis placed on interdisciplinarity in a number of both politics and history papers strengthen the intellectual rigour of this course.

### A typical weekly timetable

You will be expected to attend about five lectures a week during the first year, participate in regular meetings with tutors to discuss work, research in libraries, and write at least one essay a week. You will be required to submit a thesis which will enable you to do a piece of independent research during your second and third years.

#### 1st year

##### Courses

Four examination papers and a short piece of assessed coursework are taken:

- Either any one of the seven periods in the history of the British Isles or any one of the four periods of general history
- Introduction to political theory: theorising the democratic state or Theories of the state (Aristotle, Hobbes, Rousseau, Marx)
- One optional subject: choice of
  - Quantification in history
  - Approaches to history
  - Historiography: Tacitus to Weber
  - or any of the optional subjects (see the Course Information Sheet for History, except Theories of the state), or any one of seven foreign texts

##### Assessment

First University examinations:  
Four written examinations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The practice of politics</li> <li>• Quantitative methods 'Political Analysis'</li> </ul>	
<b>2nd and 3rd years</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>The course has seven components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A period of the history of the British Isles</li> <li>• A period of general history</li> <li>• Any two of the five core subjects in Politics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparative government</li> <li>British politics and government since 1900</li> <li>Theory of politics</li> <li>International relations</li> <li>Political sociology</li> </ul> </li> <li>• One of the following combinations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A special subject in History (two papers) and an optional subject in Politics (either a core paper not yet taken or a further subject)</li> <li>2. A further subject in History and two optional subjects in Politics</li> <li>3. A further subject in History, one optional subject in Politics and one special subject in Politics</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Each student is required to offer a thesis in either History or Politics, which substitutes either for the period of British or general history or for a Politics optional subject</p>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: Six written papers and a thesis in History or Politics</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.

## 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
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894

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