

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MPhil in British and European History, from 1500 to the Present

About the course

The MPhil in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, is an innovative and intensive two-year course that provides a thorough training in historical methods. It offers a range of specialist options that draw on the latest research, and includes a sustained period devoted to archival research and writing.

The MPhil in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, is unusual not only in offering the wider scope of a two-year degree, but also in embracing both the early modern (1500-1800) and modern (post-1800) history of continental Europe and the British Isles.

It is open to all students whose research focuses on post-medieval Britain and Europe, which may also include non-European elements, for example European expansion, Empire building or emigration. The course will encourage you to develop practical and intellectual familiarity with advanced research in both British and continental European history.

It can serve either as free-standing master's programme or as comprehensive preparation for DPhil research in the fields of history within its scope.

Teaching and examination comprises:

an introductory methodology course, comprising weekly classes on 'Sources and Resources' and on 'Theory and Methods' during Michaelmas term;

an optional subject, taught in eight weekly classes during Hilary term. It is expected that students will choose options broadly relating to the topic of their proposed research;

a 'Writing History' course, taught in Trinity term, complementing previous work done on historiography, sources and methods by exploring the challenges faced by historians regarding the framing, structuring and presentation of their work;

an extended dissertation proposal of between 2,000 and 2,500 words, submitted in week 6 of Trinity term of the first year;

a methodological master class in Hilary term of the second year, during which you are invited to relate your own dissertation research to wider historiographical, theoretical and methodological issues; and

a dissertation: the Long Vacation between the two years and the Michaelmas term of the second year is dedicated to archival research, providing the basis of a 30,000-word dissertation which is written up for submission in week 6 of Trinity term.

Please note that not every optional subject listed may be on offer every year, depending in part on levels of student demand.



If you wish to proceed to the DPhil you will be encouraged to develop your doctoral proposal in consultation with your supervisor during the first few months of their second year, so that you will be well placed to make a doctoral application. The admission of any candidate for further study at Oxford will depend on their overall performance in the master's programme, together with the viability of any proposed research topic and the availability of appropriate supervision within the faculty.

You will have access to a comprehensive menu of skills training for graduate students, as well as a systematic schedule of introductions to the unrivalled research facilities of the University of Oxford. You will be encouraged to develop your knowledge of a foreign language in parallel to your course work.

You should not apply to both the MSt and MPhil in this research area. Both courses have the same entry requirements.

Changes to courses

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.

Expected length of course

21 months

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£6,550	£2,933	£9,483
Overseas	£17,555	£2,933	£20,488

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the 2016-17 academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

Tuition and college fees are payable each year for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay tuition and college fees).

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to

apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2016-17 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
Accommodation	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894	£11,636	£17,191

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2016-17, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.

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