

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MPhil in Greek and or Roman History

About the course

This two-year MPhil is the course taken by the majority of master's students in Ancient History. It is a research training degree designed to equip you with a range of both knowledge and skills in Greek and/or Roman history.

For the MPhil you will produce a thesis of up to 25,000 words (D), two pieces of work based on graduate seminars run by members of the faculty in Greek and Roman History (E) and three options, one from the list of options in A, one from B and one from either B or C:

A. Classical and modern languages

These options give you the opportunity to acquire or reinforce knowledge of ancient languages or the modern languages of scholarship. Teaching is provided in the form of University classes and/or individual or small-group tutorials. These options are assessed by a 3-hour written examination.

B. Methods and techniques of scholarship

These options are usually assessed by a pair of pre-submitted essays.

C. Specified historical topics

All of the options in this section are examined by a pair of pre-submitted essays.

D. Dissertation

Your dissertation can be up to 25,000 words long. You decide on a subject in consultation with your supervisor. The dissertation enables you to work in greater depth on a subject that particularly interests you and is particularly valuable if you are hoping to go on to work for a doctorate.

E. Graduate Seminar Series

There are two graduate seminar series in ancient history, one covering Greece and the East and the other Rome and the West. These working seminars, organised by members of the faculty in areas of current interest to them, run fortnightly in Michaelmas and Hilary terms. As a master's student you are required to attend and participate in them. You will produce two pieces of written work derived from the seminars as part of your submission for the degree.

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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