

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MPhil in Modern Jewish Studies

About the course

The MPhil in Modern Jewish Studies aims to provide you with the opportunity for specialised study from a range of options relating to the modern Jewish world, to ensure a sufficient grasp of modern Hebrew or Yiddish to enable you to read both primary and secondary sources in these languages, and to teach methods of research and critical thought which will advance your ability to write a substantial dissertation.

The course consists of one compulsory Hebrew or Yiddish language paper which constitutes the qualifying examination, four options which you will choose from a list, a final language paper, and a 30,000 word dissertation. Courses will be taught through a combination of lectures, classes and tutorials and you will be expected to write a significant number of essays for each option.

For the qualifying examination at the end of the first year, one examination will be taken, consisting of a paper testing modern Hebrew or Yiddish grammar, comprehension, translation and composition. For the final language examination at the end of the second year one examination will be taken, consisting of a paper testing modern Hebrew or Yiddish grammar, comprehension, translation and composition. Papers from the list of options below will be examined either by written examination or by take-home essay examination.

The dissertation will not be longer than 30,000 words on a topic selected by you in consultation with your supervisor.

The list of optional modules is as follows:

Modern Jewish History

Modern Judaism: Arguments for Change

Modern Jewish Thought

Modern Hebrew Literature (with prescribed texts)

Israel: History, Politics, Society

The Holocaust: From History to Memory

Jewish Literature in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Modern Yiddish Literature

This course generally has one or two students, allowing for intensive and close interaction with faculty. Small numbers, however, do not imply intellectual isolation. Students are encouraged to participate in the active Jewish studies programme at the University, incorporating a range of lectures offered both by university postholders and many visiting international academics, along with seminars, workshops, conferences and other activities.



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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