

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MSc in Contemporary India

About the course

The MSc in Contemporary India examines India as an emerging global power. To ensure a multi-dimensional and critical enquiry into the contradictory features of contemporary India, the course approaches this study from a number of disciplinary and analytical perspectives, through six compulsory modules.

This MSc is a pioneering degree; it is the first interdisciplinary post-graduate degree to take contemporary India as its focus. It examines India as an emerging global power and seeks to understand both India's achievements and its persistent problems. It probes the connections between the country's democratic and developmental successes and failures.

You will receive research methods training to start you off on a sound basis for your own research and so that you better understand what lies behind much of what you read.

You will be offered a free choice of topic for your 10,000-word dissertation and will receive expert supervision from the core staff. You will be assessed through a combination of coursework and end-of-year written examinations.

Modules include:

Political Economy

Indian Politics since 1947

Environment

Culture and Society

International Relations

Human Development

Research Methods (qualitative and quantitative)

Hindi Language*

* The Hindi Language module is an optional, non-assessed module for which bookings are required

Each module will involve weekly lectures combined with seminars or classes. The modules run in Michaelmas and Hilary terms. Trinity term is dedicated to the preparation of coursework and exams.

A range of India-related seminars take place at the University in term-time. The Contemporary South Asia Seminar held at the Department of International Development is a compulsory part of the course. Another seminar series which may be of special interest to you is the seminar in South Asian history held at St Antony's College.

The final examination for the MSc in Contemporary India comprises:



one 5,000-word critical theory of India essay

one test in quantitative analysis and one exercise in qualitative analysis

one 2,500-word research proposal and one essay, titled 'What is India?'

one 10,000-word dissertation

two three-hour examination papers.

You will also be assigned a personal supervisor to help you with your dissertation and your critical theory essay. You will have one-to-one meetings with your supervisor throughout the year.

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

9 months

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£11,940	£2,933	£14,873
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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