

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy

About the course

This nine-month master's degree investigates diverse policy issues and the equally diverse structures of governance and diplomacy regulating them – at the international, transnational, state and sub-state levels. The course will equip you to understand, explain and practise governance and diplomacy in the contemporary global era.



Aims

The aim of the MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy is to provide high-quality graduate training in debates about the institutions and processes of global governance, multilateralism, regional integration and diplomacy.

Structure

You will take a foundation course; two optional courses from a list of choices; a course on research methods; and prepare a dissertation.

The foundation course is a two-term course consisting of 16 two-hour seminars. You may choose either the Global Governance course or the International Diplomacy course.

The optional courses cover important aspects of global governance and/or diplomacy. Each option consists of eight two-hour seminars.

There is also a mandatory, two-term course on qualitative and quantitative research methods in the social sciences.

Lastly, you will research and prepare a 10,000- to 12,000- word dissertation under the direction of a supervisor, to be submitted towards the end of the final term.

Over the duration of the course you will benefit from a series of plenary lectures. These weekly lectures introduce important issues of global governance and diplomacy and/or provide research-led presentations on related topics, followed by discussion. More information can be found in the Course Handbook.

Teaching

This generally takes place in small classes to encourage active participation and enable students to learn from each other. Teaching styles are diverse and include lectures, seminars, workshops, and student presentations.

You will be allocated a general supervisor who supports your academic development and with whom you meet regularly. Allocation is based on your research interests, optimal fit with the supervisor's academic expertise, and staff availability. In cases where dissertation supervision requires expertise that is not available among GGD core staff, the department will try to find a dissertation supervisor

with expertise in your chosen field. In addition, you will have a college advisor whom you may consult on issues concerning your personal wellbeing.

Assessment

During the course, you will receive regular feedback on presentations and practice essays. Such feedback will not count towards your final mark but will prepare you for the formal assessment of your performance at the end of the year. In June, you will be examined in your four courses: your foundation course; your two options; and research methods. The final mark will be aggregated from the results of these examinations and the mark for your dissertation.

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)	£16,280	£2,933	£19,213
Overseas	£21,500	£2,933	£24,433

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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