

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MSc in Musculoskeletal Sciences

The part-time MSc in Musculoskeletal Sciences provides practising clinicians with an academic training in the sciences underlying musculoskeletal diseases, promoting an understanding of the ways in which research can be used to improve knowledge and treatment of musculoskeletal diseases.



Applicants are strongly advised to visit the Medical Sciences Graduate School website to help them identify the most suitable course and supervisors.

The course is designed to complement any graduate clinical teaching that you may be receiving as part of a specialist training programme.

Completing the course will provide a firm foundation for students wishing to progress to full-time doctoral research. The programme consists of three core modules, studied over the first four terms, followed by a specialist module in either orthopaedics or rheumatology in the final two terms.

Attendance at the University is required for short residential sessions of three to five days that take place ten times over the two years.

Core modules include:

- Scientific Aspects of the Musculoskeletal System;
- Scientific Aspects of Musculoskeletal Diseases; and
- Research, Statistics and Epidemiology.

Advanced modules include Advanced Understanding of Musculoskeletal Biology and Diseases in Orthopaedics/Rheumatology.

Teaching methods include lectures, small group sessions, problem-based learning scenarios and evaluation of academic papers. In addition, you will be expected to undertake a considerable amount of self-directed learning in your own time, to build on the information provided in the teaching sessions.

There are a number of formative & summative assessments throughout the 2-year course which include literature review of up to 4,000 words, two MCQ papers and two short answer written papers. In the final year, students are required to submit a research proposal in the form of a 'mock' grant application. In addition throughout the course students will be required to give a number of formative & summative oral presentations.

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

2 years

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£2,955	£1,467	£4,422
Overseas	£9,385	£1,467	£10,852

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

Please note that this course requires that you attend in Oxford for teaching, and you may incur additional travel and accommodation expenses for this. Further, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. 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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