

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MSc in Software and Systems Security



About the course

A security professional needs to understand principles of architecture, design, management, interoperability, and evolution, and to apply them effectively in a world of rapidly-changing technologies and expectations. The MSc in Software and Systems Security teaches these principles and their application.

You will take between two and four years to complete a minimum of ten courses on the MSc in Software and Systems Security, typically at a rate of three courses per year, earning your degree while in full time professional employment.

Each short course is based around a week of intensive teaching in Oxford, with some initial reading to consider beforehand, and a six-week assignment to complete afterwards. The teaching week allows you the chance to explore a subject in depth, with expert teaching and supervision, away from the demands of work and family. The reading gives you the opportunity to prepare yourself; the assignment, an opportunity to deepen and to demonstrate your understanding.

The programme also offers an alternative master's degree, the MSc in Software Engineering.

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 to 4 years

Modular fees for entry in 2016-17

One registration fee is payable for this course. This is split into four instalments, which are due at or before the beginning of each year of study. Each MSc can be undertaken in a minimum of two and a maximum of four years and all instalments will be due regardless of duration of study. Extension fees will apply at £100 per term beyond the four years. An additional administration fee of £100 is charged for each approved assignment, if it is in the same subject module as attended previously.

The fees for this course are charged on a modular basis. Students enrolled on this course pay a programme or registration fee and an additional fee for each module studied. The fees shown below include college fees, where applicable.

This course requires 10 modules and a dissertation.

Fee Status	Annual course fee	Fee per module
Home/EU (including islands)	£8,040	£1,850
Overseas	£12,640	£1,850

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

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.

The fees shown above are the annual fees for this course for entry in the 2016-17 academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that these fees will increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

	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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