

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MSt in British and European History, from 1500 to the Present

About the course

The MSt in British and European History, from 1500 to the Present, aims to improve your practical and intellectual grasp of research processes, ability to conceptualise and engage with historical problems, and enlarge your understanding of the historical and historiographical context within which your own research is set. You will have access to a wide range of both generic and subject-specific training within the field. This course may be studied in full-time or part-time mode.

This master's course is open to all students whose research focuses on post-medieval Britain and Europe (which may also include non-European elements, for example European expansion, Empire building or emigration). The course will encourage you to develop practical and intellectual familiarity with advanced research in both British and continental European history. You will be encouraged to develop your knowledge of a foreign language in parallel to your course work.

Full-time study

The full-time programme offers a nine-month introduction to graduate research. It is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to build upon their undergraduate studies through one year of further study, and also those hoping to proceed to doctoral work. The latter will be encouraged to develop their master's and doctoral proposals in tandem during the first few months, so that they will be well placed to make doctoral applications in January. You will be invited to present and receive feedback on your work-in-progress at a conference specific to this programme at the start of Trinity term.

Part-time study

The part-time programme offers a 21-month introduction to graduate research. It is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to build upon their undergraduate studies, and also for those who hope to take up doctoral research. The latter will be encouraged to develop their doctoral proposals alongside their work for the master's programme at the start of their second year, so that they will be well-placed to make doctoral applications. You will be invited to present (and receive feedback on) your work-in-progress at a conference specific to this programme in your second year. Please refer to the course webpage for further details about the part-time structure of the course.

This programme cannot be undertaken on a distance-learning basis. Please note that it is not possible to change from full-time to part-time study or vice versa once enrolled.

Teaching and examination comprises:

an introductory methodology course, comprising weekly classes on 'Sources and Resources' and on 'Theory and Methods' during Michaelmas term, complemented by your work with your supervisor on the individual research element of the programme

an optional subject, taught in eight weekly classes during Hilary term



a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic falling within the scope of this MSt, usually within the historical period of your optional subject.

You are expected to commit the Easter vacation and the first seven weeks of Trinity term to your work on finalising the dissertation, but you will begin developing a research strategy in conjunction with your supervisor from October.

Please note that not every optional subject listed may be on offer every year, depending in part on levels of student demand.

You should not apply to both the MSt and MPhil in this research area. Both courses have the same entry requirements.

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 (full time) or 21 months (part-time)

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Full-time study

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

Part-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£3,275	£1,467	£4,742
Overseas	£8,780	£1,467	£10,247

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

Full-time study

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.

Part-time study

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.

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	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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