

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

MSt in International Human Rights Law

About the course

This is a part-time degree offered over two academic years. It involves both distance learning and summer schools. It is designed for lawyers and other human rights professionals who wish to pursue advanced studies in international human rights law.

This course is offered jointly by the Department for Continuing Education and the Faculty of Law. It is conducted on a part-time basis over 22 months and includes two periods of distance learning via the internet as well as two summer sessions held at New College, Oxford.

The course is designed in particular for lawyers and other human rights advocates who wish to pursue advanced studies in international human rights law, but may need to do so alongside work responsibilities. A central objective of the course is to ensure that you not only know but can also use human rights law. The curriculum places roughly equal emphasis on the substance of human rights law, its implementation and research.

Students come from all over the world and from a variety of advocacy settings: in private and corporate practice, with various international and non-governmental organisations, the armed forces, universities, foundations, the media, medicine and other fields. The faculty is also diverse and includes internationally-recognised human rights scholars and advocates, seeking the widest possible cultural, belief, identity and socio-economic diversity among its students and tutors.

The first period of distance learning comprises six units of guided online study each of four weeks duration. Each unit includes a reading period, tutor-guided online discussions and submission of a 2,000-word assignment. For the second period of distance learning students work independently on researching and writing their dissertation with one-to-one support from an online supervisor. Summer sessions in Oxford comprise three weeks of tutor-led small group seminars plus a week for independent revision and two examinations. In addition, the first summer session includes a further week of dissertation-related exercises to prepare students for the independent dissertation work they will undertake in their second year.

The degree is assessed by coursework (20%), examinations (50%) and a dissertation (30%).

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

22 months



Annual fees for entry in 2017-2018

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£11,075	£1,511	£12,586
Overseas	£11,075	£1,511	£12,586

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

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

This course has residential sessions in Oxford so you will need to meet any travel costs you may incur in attending these sessions. The tuition fee includes the cost of all compulsory reading materials plus board and lodging at the summer residential sessions. Students who do not stay in the accommodation provided at New College during the residential period receive a reduction or refund of fees (please see the department's MSt fees webpage for further information). 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 2017-18 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	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
Accommodation	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
Total	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237	£12,028	£17,649

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, 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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