

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

MSt in Modern South Asian Studies

About the course

The MSt in Modern South Asian Studies is a joint nine-month course between the faculties of History and Oriental Studies. You will combine intensive language learning with the study of the histories, societies and cultures of South Asia.



The MSt in Modern South Asian Studies can be taken either as a free-standing degree, or as the first step towards a DPhil.

The course aims:

to provide intensive training in one of the languages of South Asia, and to develop reading skills to attain a research proficiency;

to develop an in-depth understanding of the histories, societies and cultures of South Asia and a broad expertise in the intellectual disciplines through which these may be studied;

to enable you to pursue particular areas of specialization through a wide range of optional courses;

to foster skills in research, writing, analysis and interpretation, through a combination of lectures, tutorials, essay-writing and supervision of a thesis on a subject of your choice.

Teaching and examination comprises:

a compulsory core course, History and Culture of South Asia;

a paper in a South Asian language, currently in Hindi (or Urdu, or Persian, or Bengali, or Tibetan, or Sanskrit) language and literature - language teaching will last for all three terms;

an optional paper in Hilary term, currently chosen from the following: Crises of the Indian Republic: 1977-93

Jinnah and the Making of Pakistan, c. 1920-47

Government of Rebels: the Indian Uprising of 1857

Gender in Indian History and Society, c. 1800 to the present

Societies and Economies in India, c. 1600-1800

This list may change from time to time, depending on teaching availability; and

a dissertation of up to 15,000 words on a topic falling within the scope of the general subject area. It is expected that you will write any submitted essays and the dissertation on different themes, or covering a different sequence of events. You will begin to formulate and plan your dissertation in conjunction with your supervisor from the beginning of the course.

Please note that not all language options will be available every year

If you wish to proceed to a research programme you will be encouraged to develop your master's and doctoral proposals in tandem during the first few months, so that you will be well placed to make a research application in January.

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)	£6,550	£2,933	£9,483
Overseas	£17,555	£2,933	£20,488

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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