

## **Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17**

### **MSt in US History**

#### **About the course**

The MSt in US History is open to all students whose research centres on colonial North America or the United States. It is designed for graduate students who wish to deepen their knowledge of this area of history and who wish to obtain experience and training in research.

This nine month programme is intended to immerse you in the historiography and current debates in American history and to provide you with rigorous training in historical research, writing, and argumentation.

Teaching and examination comprise:

two extended essays of up to 5,000 words on the United States and its precursor colonies. Teaching is usually arranged through tutorials. This element is entitled 'History of the United States, and the colonies that preceded it, since 1600';

an examination paper in historical methodology and historiography. Teaching is arranged in weekly classes on 'Methods and Evidence in the History of the United States of America' in Michaelmas and Hilary terms. The first term covers the major developments in historical writing from the professionalization of the discipline at the start of the 20th century through to the end of the century. The second term focuses on contemporary debates in historical writing; and

a dissertation of up to 15,000 words on a topic falling within the scope of the general subject area chosen by you for the extended essays on the United States and its precursor colonies. It is expected that you will write your submitted essays and dissertation on different themes, or covering a different sequence of events in American history. You will begin to formulate and plan your dissertation in conjunction with your supervisor from the beginning of the course, and will submit it during Trinity term.

The degree programme may be taken as a terminal master's degree, but it is also conceived as a standard entry route into doctoral study if you have research interests in this region.

#### **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
<b>Food</b>	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
<b>Accommodation</b>	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
<b>Personal items</b>	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
<b>Social activities</b>	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
<b>Study costs</b>	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
<b>Other</b>	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
<b>Total</b>	£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](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs).

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