

Oriental Studies Information Sheet for entry in 2016

Among subjects in the humanities, Oriental Studies is unique in introducing students to civilisations that are different from the Western ones that form the basis of the curriculum in most British schools and colleges. The courses present both the major traditions of the regions studied and, in most cases, their modern developments. All courses include language, literature, history and culture, and there is a wide range of options in such fields as art and archaeology, history, literature, philosophy, religion and modern social studies.



Oriental Studies at Oxford

Oriental Studies has a long history in Oxford. The Bodleian and other libraries have acquired magnificent collections. The Oriental Institute, Institute for Chinese Studies, Bodleian Japanese and Indian Institute Libraries are specialists in their respective fields. Adjacent to the Oriental Institute is the Ashmolean Museum, which houses superb collections. The Sackler Library includes the principal library for Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

Work placements/international opportunities

Most courses offer the opportunity to spend time in the region being studied. The Arabic course includes a year in the Middle East, the Persian and Turkish courses a year in Iran (due to visa restrictions, some students are unable to travel to Iran, in which case separate individual arrangements are made) or Turkey respectively, and the Hebrew course an optional year in Israel. The Chinese and Japanese courses also include a year in China and Japan respectively.

Arabic and Islamic Studies T601, Arabic with subsidiary language T6T9, Persian T613, Persian with subsidiary language T6TX, Turkish T600, Turkish with Islamic Art and Archaeology TQP9, Turkish with subsidiary language T6TY

1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elementary language• Islamic history and culture	Courses <p>Year abroad: approved course of language instruction</p>	Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core work on language and literature• History• Specialisation or subsidiary language
Assessment <p>First University examinations after term 3: Three written papers; an oral exam in Arabic</p>	Assessment <p>Qualifying examination at the end of the course</p>	Assessment <p>Final University examinations: Oral exam and eight or nine written papers (one of which may be a thesis)</p>

Chinese (T101)		
1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary language in classical and modern Chinese History and culture 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year abroad at Peking University 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended language classes and historical study Options: Ancient history; Literature; Modern society and politics; or subsidiary languages: Tibetan, Japanese or Korean
Assessment First University examinations: Three written papers; an oral exam.		Assessment Final University examinations: Oral examination; eight written papers; dissertation

Egyptology (Q400), Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Q402), Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Q401)		
1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad survey of civilisations of Egypt and the Ancient Near East Language teaching in Egyptian or Akkadian 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of second language, or Archaeology and Anthropology Options: Akkadian, Egyptian, Arabic, Aramaic and Syriac, Archaeology, Classical Greek, Coptic, Hebrew (Biblical and Mishnaic), Old Iranian, Sumerian or Hittite (if available) Literary and historical topics through study of texts and essay writing Intensive class work 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay writing and dissertation work Intensive classes in the first and second terms Artefact classes Field of concentration
Assessment First University examinations Four written papers		Assessment Final University examinations Ten units

Hebrew Studies: (primarily languages, literature, culture and history) (Q480)

1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intensive study in Hebrew language in all periods• Introduction to ancient and modern Jewish history	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handling Hebrew texts and developing knowledge of historical and cultural background• Choice of options from Jewish Studies	3rd year can optionally be spent abroad Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texts• Historical and cultural background
Assessment First University examinations Four written papers		Assessment Final University examinations Seven written papers; dissertation 4-year course only: oral examination

Japanese (T201)

1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elementary Japanese language• History and culture	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year abroad at Kobe University	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extended language classes• Options (five subjects to be chosen): Classical Literature; Modern Literature; Linguistics; History; Politics; Economics; additional language (counts as three subjects): either Chinese, Korean or Tibetan
Assessment First University examinations: Three written papers	Assessment Test at end of course	Assessment Final University examinations: Oral examination; eight written papers; dissertation.

Jewish Studies: (primarily focused on the history, religion and culture of the Jews from biblical to modern times) (QV91)

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive study in Hebrew language in all periods Introduction to ancient and modern Jewish history 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options (three subjects to be chosen) One tutorial a week, with essay 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options (two subjects to be chosen) One tutorial a week, with essay
Assessment First University examinations Four papers		Assessment Final University examinations Six written papers; dissertation

Sanskrit (Q450)

1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive language teaching 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for Final University examinations in final year Study of Sanskrit grammar Subsidiary language options: Hindi, Old Iranian, Pali, Prakrit and Tibetan 	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanskrit literature Special subject
Assessment First University examinations: Three written papers		Assessment Final University examinations: Nine papers: seven in Sanskrit and two in subsidiary languages

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.

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2016.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Overseas	£15,295	£7,135	£22,430

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Oriental Studies

Students taking Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Persian or Turkish will take the third year abroad. Student of Hebrew can choose to take a year abroad, but it is not compulsory.

During the year abroad, students pay significantly reduced fees. For students who started an undergraduate course from 2012, who are going on their year abroad in 2015, the tuition fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students, studying their first degree: £1,350 for the year.
- International students: £7,425 for the year.

These fees are subject to annual increases, so the tuition fees for students going abroad in later years may be higher. Please note that International students do not pay a college fee during their year abroad. (Home/EU and Islands students do not pay the college fee in any year of their course.) Living costs will vary according to the destination.

The Oriental Institute covers the cost of language tuition abroad, but not living costs and flights. Students who are eligible for government maintenance support will also be assessed for an Oxford Bursary during their year abroad.

Some bursaries and scholarships are currently available for students of Chinese and Japanese, and a number of colleges have funds to support their students' period of study abroad.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £970 and £1,433 per month in 2016-17. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but as a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673
Accommodation (including utilities)	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894

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