

## **Oriental Studies Information Sheet for entry in 2017**



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 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 subsidiary language T6TY**

1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary language</li> <li>• Islamic history and culture</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <p>Year abroad: approved course of language instruction</p>	<b>Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core work on language and literature</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Specialisation or subsidiary language</li> </ul> <p><i>Options listed are only illustrative of what is available. A full list of current options is available on the <a href="#">Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>
<b>Assessment</b> <p>First University examinations after term 3: Three written papers; an oral exam (Arabic only)</p>	<b>Assessment</b> <p>Qualifying examination at the end of the course</p>	<b>Assessment</b> <p>Final University examinations: Oral exam and eight or nine written papers (one of which may be a dissertation)</p>

<b>Chinese (T101)</b>		
<b>1st year</b>	<b>2nd year</b>	<b>3rd and 4th years</b>
<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary language in classical and modern Chinese</li> <li>• History and culture</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year abroad at Peking University</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended language classes and historical study</li> <li>• Options: Ancient history; Literature; Modern society and politics; or subsidiary languages: Tibetan, Japanese or Korean</li> </ul> <p><i>Options listed are only illustrative of what is available. A full list of current options is available on the <a href="#">Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>
<b>Assessment</b>  First University examinations: Three written papers; an oral exam.		<b>Assessment</b>  Final University examinations: Oral examination; eight written papers; dissertation

**Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies Q401****Egyptology Q400****Ancient Near Eastern Studies Q402**

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broad survey of civilisations of Egypt and the Ancient Near East</li><li>• Language teaching in Egyptian or Akkadian</li></ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition of second language, or Archaeology and Anthropology</li><li>• Language options: Akkadian, Egyptian, Arabic, Aramaic and Syriac, Coptic, Hebrew (Biblical and Mishnaic), Old Iranian, Sumerian or Hittite (if available)</li><li>• Literary and historical topics through study of texts and essay writing</li><li>• Intensive class work</li><li>• Artefact classes</li></ul> <p>Subject to acceptance, students may also have the option of Classical Greek or Latin within the <a href="#">Classics with Oriental Studies</a> degree.</p>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essay writing and dissertation work</li><li>• Intensive classes in the first and second terms</li><li>• Artefact classes</li><li>• Field of concentration</li></ul> <p><i>Options listed are only illustrative of what is available. A full list of current options is available on the <a href="#">Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>
<b>Assessment</b> <p>First University examinations: Four written papers.</p>		<b>Assessment</b> <p>Final University examinations: Ten units</p>

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

1st year	2nd year	3rd and 4th years
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intensive study in Hebrew language in all periods</li><li>• Introduction to Jewish history and culture</li></ul>	<p><b>Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handling Hebrew texts and developing knowledge of historical and cultural background</li><li>• Choice of options from Jewish Studies</li></ul>	<p><i>3rd year can optionally be spent abroad</i></p> <p><b>Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Texts</li><li>• Historical and cultural background</li></ul> <p><i>Options listed are only illustrative of what is available. A full list of current options is available on the <a href="#">Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>
<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>First University examinations: Four written papers.</p>		<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: Seven written papers; dissertation 4-year course only: oral examination</p>

**Japanese T201****1st year****Courses**

- Elementary Japanese language
- History and culture

**Assessment**

First University examinations: Three written papers

**2nd year****Courses**

- Year abroad at Kobe University

**Assessment**

Test at end of course

**3rd and 4th years****Courses**

- Extended language classes
- Options (five subjects to be chosen): Classical Literature; Modern Literature; Linguistics; History; Politics; Economics; Subsidiary language (counts as three subjects): either Chinese, Korean or Tibetan

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**Assessment**

Final University examinations: Oral examination; eight written papers; dissertation.

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

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive study in Hebrew language in all periods</li> <li>• Introduction to Jewish history and culture</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options (three subjects to be chosen)</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options (two subjects to be chosen)</li> </ul> <p><i>A full list of current options is available on the <a href="#">Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>
<b>Assessment</b> First University examinations: Four written papers		<b>Assessment</b> Final University examinations: Seven written papers; dissertation

Sanskrit Q450		
1st year	2nd year	3rd year
<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive language teaching</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation for Final University examinations in final year</li> <li>Study of Sanskrit grammar</li> <li>Subsidiary language options: Hindi, Old Iranian, Pali, Prakrit and Tibetan</li> </ul>	<b>Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanskrit literature</li> <li>Special subject</li> </ul> <p><i>Options listed are only illustrative of what is available. A full list of current options is available on the <a href="#">Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>
<b>Assessment</b> First University examinations: Three written papers		<b>Assessment</b> 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

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2017.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£15,755	£7,350	£23,105

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 second 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 2017, the tuition fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students: £1,385 for the year.
- International students: £7,880 for the year.

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 £1,002 and £1,471 per month in 2017-18. 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	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150
Accommodation (including utilities)	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,002</b>	<b>£1,471</b>	<b>£9,021</b>	<b>£13,237</b>

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