



## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2020-21

### MPhil in Medical Anthropology

#### About the course

The two-year MPhil course offers coordinated training in both social and biological anthropological approaches to health and illness, with special emphasis on methods. It provides the necessary basis for future anthropological research and an excellent cross-cultural grounding for those aiming to pursue a career in anthropology, global health or other health-related fields.

The MPhil is similar in topical scope and breadth to the MSc, but it allows for a deeper engagement with the theory and practice of anthropological research. It is intended both as a standalone degree and as a broader and deeper preparation for doctoral research than is possible with the MSc.

During the first year of the MPhil you would follow the same course of instruction as MSc students through to the June examinations, which serve as qualifying (rather than final) exams for MPhil students to progress to the second year.

In the first year there is one option paper and three core papers, as follows:

- Paper 1: Critical Medical Anthropology
- Paper 2: Biocultural Approaches to Medicine
- Paper 3: Anthropologies of the Body

At the end of the first year, you then use the summer vacation to acquire a firm grounding in medical anthropological literature and develop your dissertation outline based on this background reading. Fieldwork is not a necessary component of the MPhil degree, although you can undertake it over the vacation.

Study towards the MPhil degree in the second year consists of class-based course work, participation in seminars and individual research, written up in a dissertation.

Coursework in the second year has three components: critical reading classes in Michaelmas Term (assessed by the writing of a research proposal) and participation in two different methods classes in Michaelmas term and/or Hilary term (assessed by submitted coursework).

The range of methods classes varies yearly and includes (but is not limited to):

- Ethnographic Fieldwork Methods
- Ethnographic Portraiture
- Statistical Fieldwork Methods for the Analysis of Quantitative Social Science Data
- Critical Methods of Numerical Analysis
- Language-Focused Methods
- Ethnobiology Fieldwork Methods

Together, these three components comprise one examined paper, Methods of Fieldwork and Social Research, which is assessed by a dossier of written work completed over the course of the year rather than by a final written examination.

There is one core seminar series in medical anthropology, the Medical Anthropology Research Seminars in Michaelmas term. In addition to those, there is a rich seminar culture of the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (ISCA) and the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography (SAME), and students are expected to actively participate in those.

The research component is comprised of a 30,000-word dissertation submitted in May of the second year. MPhil students receive throughout the second year individual tuition from their supervisor on their dissertation writing. They also attend MPhil classes in Hilary Term of the second year, during which MPhil dissertation projects from across the School of Anthropology are presented and discussed among students and faculty.

#### Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography.

**Changes to courses**

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description 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**

<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time Only
<b>Expected length</b>	21 months

## Costs

### Annual fees for entry in 2020-21

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£18,455
Overseas	£28,040

Course 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 course fees). 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.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

### 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. Standard travel insurance can be provided by the University. However, students may be required to pay any additional insurance premiums associated with travel to areas with an increased level of risk, and should factor this into their planning for fieldwork.

## Living costs

In addition to your course 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 2020-21 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>	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465	£3,240	£4,620
<b>Accommodation</b>	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840	£7,560	£9,120
<b>Personal items</b>	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205	£1,560	£2,940
<b>Social activities</b>	£45	£110	£405	£990	£540	£1,320
<b>Study costs</b>	£40	£95	£360	£855	£480	£1,140
<b>Other</b>	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
<b>Total</b>	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850	£13,620	£19,800

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts).