



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20

MPhil in Sociology and Demography

About the course

The MPhil introduces students to contemporary theories and research methods on the intersection of sociology and demography. This advanced 21-month programme takes a life-course and multilevel approach, aiming to integrate micro and macro issues in analysing social problems and the causes and consequences of population change.

The MPhil will provide you with a solid foundation for a wide range of careers, including those in academia, preparing you for doctoral work in sociology and demography and research-intense jobs.

The curriculum emphasises:

- population-level analysis and demographic measures
- a life course approach
- sociological analysis as the key approach to explanation
- advanced quantitative methods.

This emphasis is reflected in the compulsory papers. Optional papers and the thesis will reflect either a more specialised topic (eg gender, family and fertility, migration and integration of migrants, health and mortality, intergenerational relationships) or methodological work.

The MPhil programme has the following components:

- Sociological Analysis paper taught in the first year through lectures and seminars, assessed by an unseen examination
- Demographic Analysis paper taught in the first year through lectures, seminars and computer labs, assessed through a combination of examination and assignments
- Life Course Research paper taught in the first year through lectures, seminars and computer labs, assessed through a combination of methods
- Statistical Methods paper taught in the first year through lectures and computer labs, assessed through a combination of a test and assignments
- Research Design paper taught in the first year through lectures, assessed via a combination of methods
- two optional papers over both years of the MPhil, normally taught through eight weekly classes/seminars for each paper and assessed by unseen examination or appropriate coursework
- Replication project in the second year, comprising a combination of individual and group work and assessed via assignments
- MPhil thesis, a new and substantial analysis of up to 30,000 words on a sociological and/or demographic topic, to be submitted by the end of the second year

Please note that the optional papers available may vary from year to year. More information on course modules and structure is available in the course handbook.

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

21 months

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2019-20

| Fee status | Annual Course fees |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Home/EU (including Islands) | £12,570 |
| Overseas | £22,600 |

The fees shown above are the annual course fees for this course, for entry in the stated academic year.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional information section 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 below.

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. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, please note that, depending on your choice of research topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, insurance, research expenses and field trips. There may also be costs if you choose to acquire data. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your college to help you cover some of these expenses.

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 2019-20 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 | £371 | £2,387 | £3,342 | £3,183 | £4,456 |
| Accommodation | £566 | £739 | £5,093 | £6,655 | £6,790 | £8,874 |
| Personal items | £122 | £271 | £1,098 | £2,435 | £1,464 | £3,246 |
| Social activities | £42 | £126 | £380 | £1,138 | £506 | £1,518 |
| Study costs | £40 | £88 | £359 | £788 | £478 | £1,051 |
| Other | £23 | £48 | £208 | £432 | £277 | £576 |
| Total | £1,058 | £1,643 | £9,525 | £14,790 | £12,698 | £19,721 |

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2019-20, 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.