

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021-22: MSc in Major Programme Management



About the course

The MSc in Major Programme Management is an intellectually rich, part-time programme informed by cutting-edge research and grounded in the best of international practice.

This specialised master's degree combines the highest standards of academic rigour with a practical approach to managing large-scale, complex and transformational programmes, bringing together experienced programme managers to share their challenges and knowledge.

How do leaders face the uniquely complex challenges presented by planning and delivering major programmes? The MSc in Major Programme Management helps you develop the understanding, ability and confidence to address these challenges and manage programmes the scale of which can transform a company, a city, or even a country.

Designed for senior executives who may well have already undertaken a number of project management courses, this part-time programme awards a master's degree from the University of Oxford whilst allowing participants to study alongside full-time employment.

Rigorous, selective and intellectually challenging, this part-time postgraduate degree programme consists of eight themed courses of four days each, studied in person at Oxford University's Saïd Business School over 18 months. During these courses, students are expected to stay in or around Oxford. The courses are complemented by flexible study (reading, research, writing assignments) completed away from the business school. During the final six months of study you will write a 10,000-word dissertation on a subject of your choosing, so the total study period will be 24 months. Each module consists of approximately 24 hours of supported study. Students are advised that approximately 10 hours of self-directed study per week outside of the modules is required.

The MSc in Major Programme Management offers you:

- the skills and ability to be responsible for programmes amongst the most expensive, complex and transformational in the world;
- access to top-level teaching and research from world-leading experts including those from the business school and the wider university;
- membership of a unique network of peers and practitioners from around the globe;
- a postgraduate degree from the University of Oxford which builds on your existing professional development and experience; and
- lifelong association with the university through the business school, university networks and college membership.

Please note that this course is paperless. This means that paper handouts will not be provided for most of your courses. All presentations will be uploaded to our virtual learning environment. For pedagogical reasons this may be in advance of, just before or immediately after teaching sessions. Handouts will be provided for certain courses based on specific requirements, eg unreliable internet availability or where handouts operate more like a textbook than slides.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision is the responsibility of the Saïd Business School and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. A supervisor may be found outside the Saïd Business School. Students will generally meet with their department supervisor once a term.

Assessment

The assessment regime for the core courses consists of 100% individual assignments (formal coursework) with a final dissertation of not more than 10,000 words. Assessment is performed at the end of each course. Students who fail to achieve the required standard have one opportunity to retake/resubmit the assessments. Students may be required to make regular presentations to teachers, and business practitioners.

Students are required to pass all of the core courses and the dissertation. The Gateway and Capstone courses are not presently assessed.

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. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For

further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

	Part Time Only
Expected length	24 months

Costs

Total course fees for entry in 2021-22

Fee status	Total Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£46,800
Overseas (including EU)	£46,800

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.

Deposits

If your application is successful, you will be asked to pay a deposit against your course fees at the application stage as a condition of your offer. The deposit amount and date by which payment must be made are shown below.

Fee status	Amount of deposit	Date by which deposit must be paid
Home/ROI (including Islands)	£7,050	30 days from the date on initial offer letter
Overseas	£7,050	

The department's website provides further information about deposits for this course.

Additional cost information

As part of your course requirements, you will need to choose a dissertation topic. 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. Please note that this course requires that you are taught in Oxford, and you will need to incur travel and accommodation costs to attend the course if you do not live in the Oxford area.

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.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2021-22 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 2021-22

	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	£280	£400	£2,520	£3,600	£3,360	£4,800
Accommodation	£655	£790	£5,895	£7,110	£7,860	£9,480
Personal items	£130	£250	£1,170	£2,250	£1,560	£3,000
Social activities	£45	£115	£405	£1,035	£540	£1,380
Study costs	£45	£100	£405	£900	£540	£1,200
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
Total	£1,175	£1,710	£10,575	£15,390	£14,100	£20,520

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2021-22, 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.

Document accessibility

If you require an accessible version of the document please contact Graduate Admissions and Recruitment by email (graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk) or via the online form (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/ask>).