

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021-22: PGDip in Financial Strategy



About the course

The Oxford Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Financial Strategy is an opportunity for you to accelerate your career to the most senior levels whilst gaining a University of Oxford qualification. Designed for experienced finance practitioners and managers, it provides its graduates with highly-developed financial acumen, strategy techniques and business knowledge.

Rigorous, selective and intellectually challenging, the part-time programme delivers the finance and strategy components from Oxford's Executive MBA. It is taught in four modules of four days each (Wednesday to Saturday), allowing you to study alongside employment and complete the qualification in one year. Each module (see further details) consists of approximately 24 hours of supported study. Students are advised that approximately 6-8 hours of self-directed study per week outside of the modules is required.

The modules currently offered are:

- Strategy
- Business Finance
- Corporate Valuation
- Financial Strategies for Growth

The Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Strategy offers:

- the ability to apply expert analysis techniques in corporate and business strategy, investment appraisal, capital structure and corporate valuation;
- access to top-level teaching from world-leading experts, drawing on Oxford University's strengths in finance and strategy;
- membership of a unique network of peers and practitioners from around the globe;
- a graduate-level qualification which builds on your existing professional development and experience; and
- lifelong association with the university through the Business School, university alumni networks and associate college membership, as well as a pathway to Oxford's Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA).

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 for this course 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.

Assessment

The Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Strategy adopts an assessment regime that requires participants to take four courses and satisfy the examiners in the assessment associated with each core course. Assessment will be a combination of written examinations, and individual assignments.

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	12 months

Costs

Total course fees for entry in January 2022

Fee status	Total Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£28,081
Overseas (including EU)	£28,081

The fees shown above are inclusive of a £500 fee for college associate membership. College associate membership is optional.

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)	£4,212	30 days from the date on initial offer letter
Overseas	£4,212	

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 final project 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 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>).