

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2022~23

Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in British Archaeology

About the course

This Advanced Diploma aims to give you a grounding in British Archaeology within the context of the particular period under investigation. You will further your understanding of the skills and techniques needed to recover, process and evaluate archaeological evidence. You will also research and write a dissertation in a topic of your choice in British Archaeology.

This is a one-year part-time course, taught over three terms. You will attend weekly classes during term-time, which are usually on Thursday evenings and two hours long. You will also have group tutorials, dissertation tutorials, weekend field visits and either a practical course held over two weekends or approximately one week of practical fieldwork. Most teaching events and practical elements are usually held in-person, but may be moved online, rescheduled or revised if necessary e.g. as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. You will be given a programme of reading for the teaching sessions and the written work. Assessment is based on three assignments, a practical logbook and a dissertation.

As well as the time spent in teaching sessions, you will need to spend around 12 hours a week studying in term-time. This might include reading, preparing course work, and visiting museums, libraries and sites.

There are three modules, with one module being offered each year.

The modules are:

- Module 1: Early Prehistoric Britain
- Module 2: Later Prehistoric and Roman Britain
- Module 3: Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Medieval Britain

The module on offer for 2022~23 is *Module 1: Early Prehistoric Britain*

Module 1: Early Prehistoric Britain

The first humans arrived in Britain more than 800,000 years ago when the climate and geography of the British Isles were very different from what they are today. This course will examine the early prehistory of Britain from the time of these earliest inhabitants until c. 1000 BC. The dramatic environmental changes and the behaviour of early hominin populations will be considered within a European context, and the cultural developments of the British Palaeolithic will be examined. Hunter-gatherers of the Mesolithic, the society and settlement of the first farmers, trade and exchange, and the emergence of new technologies including the use of metals will be explored.

Assessment

Students are required to complete:

- Three coursework assignments of up to 2,500 words;
- One practical logbook of not more than 4,000 words, made up of two tasks, each of not more than 2,000 words. Subject matter is selected from a choice provided.
- A 10,000-word dissertation on a topic agreed with the Course Director.

Attendance

Candidates are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of the module.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course information sheet. 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. The safety of students, staff and visitors is paramount and major changes to delivery or services may have to be made in circumstances of a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. In addition, in certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to course requirements for international study.

You can find full information under “Changes to Courses” (sections 29 to 41) in the [Terms and Conditions](https://conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/policies-and-legal/2022-23/terms-and-conditions-non-matriculated-2022-2023.pdf) for this course (<https://conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/policies-and-legal/2022-23/terms-and-conditions-non-matriculated-2022-2023.pdf>).

Expected length of course

1 year

Annual fees for entry in 2022~23

Fee Status

Course Fee

Home (UK/Republic of Ireland/ Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£2,780
Overseas	£5,230

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](#).

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 accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also do not cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Information for applicants from the EU, EEA and Switzerland

On 11 May 2021 the UK Council for International Student Affairs published [new regulations and guidance](#) to be used in assessing the fee status of students commencing courses in August 2021 and later. We will be using this guidance to carry out fee status assessments for students commencing courses in 2022/23, including students from the EU, EEA and Switzerland.

If you are an EU national and do not live in the UK then you are likely to be charged Overseas fees. Students with settled and pre-settled status in the UK and some other categories of students who work in the UK can qualify for Home fee status as long as they meet the residence criteria.

Additional cost information

Students are not required to buy books, but there may be a few recommended key texts which you may like to buy. Transport for field trips and the practical fieldwork is normally arranged on a car sharing basis by the students themselves. Costs of any additional hire of transport would be paid for by the students. Any entry fees to museums or sites are paid individually by the students.

You will also need a computer which meets our minimum specification, with access to the internet and various other software programmes. Please see the [system requirements webpage](#) for full details.

Living costs

In addition to your fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

For the 2022-23 academic year, the range of likely living costs for full-time study is between c. £1,215 and £1,755 for each month spent in Oxford. Full information, including a breakdown of likely living costs in Oxford for items such as food, accommodation and study costs, is available on our [living costs](#) page. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2022-23, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

The living costs above are based on single, full-time students living in Oxford. While it may be the case that, as a part-time student, you will not be based in Oxford during your studies, you will still need to cover your cost of living on a full-time basis. If this applies to you, you should calculate your living costs to be sure that you have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course. In particular, part-time students who are not based in Oxford will need to calculate travel and accommodation costs carefully. Please note that living costs outside Oxford may be different from those shown above.

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