

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MPhil in Classical Archaeology



### Course facts

Mode of study	Full Time Only
Expected length	21 months

### About the course

The MPhil in Classical Archaeology is designed for those interested in continuing to a doctorate in Classical archaeology, and for those with experience in other areas of classical studies wishing to develop an understanding of the material culture.

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You will then take two further option modules which will enable you to develop a deeper understanding of a particular field of research. A list of typical option subjects is provided below and more information is available on the department's website (See Further information and enquiries). (Not all modules listed will be available every year)..

- Topics in Aegean Prehistory
- Roman Architecture
- Greek Coinage
- Greek Sculpture
- Greek and Roman Landscape Archaeology
- Roman Provincial Art
- Late Roman and Byzantine architecture
- The Archaeology of Greek Religion
- Historical Narrative in Art
- Aegean Bronze Age Trade OR Religion
- Burials, settlements, and society in Iron Age Greece, 1200-650 BC
- Greek Vases
- Greek and Roman wallpaintings
- Etruscan Italy
- Hellenistic Far East

- Gandharan Art and the Classical World
- Pompeii and Ostia
- Roman Coinage
- Archaeology of the Roman Economy
- Maritime Archaeology
- Lived Religion in Late Antiquity

You may also be permitted to study an unlisted topic within Classical archaeology, or another directly related to it, provided that the topic is appropriate and teaching is available, or a subject from among those offered in a number of cognate disciplines.

Teaching is mainly through small-group tutorials or classes of usually one to five students, for which you will prepare short essays on a weekly basis, supplemented by a wide range of lecture courses and graduate seminars.

In the second year, you will take a fourth taught subject from within Classical archaeology, and work on your thesis.

### **Supervision**

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the School of Archaeology 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 Archaeology. You will meet with your supervisor at least at the start of each term.

You will have a departmental supervisor, normally your MPhil thesis supervisor in your main area of interest, who may also provide some of your teaching but will advise on option choices and monitor overall progress. Each member of the academic staff in Classical archaeology offers a different subject in his or her areas of specialism in each of the first two terms, so students can normally choose from about eight different subjects each term, covering major topics from the Bronze Age to the Byzantine period.

### **Assessment**

The three subject options are examined by pairs of pre-set essays, submitted early in the following terms. The period paper, which is the focus of the final term of the first year, is assessed by written examination at the end of that term.

The thesis subject is decided by the end of the first year, with any fieldwork taking place in the long vacation, and the research and writing occupy the second and third terms of the second year. There is also a compulsory viva voce examination for each year of the course, which is held in week nine of Trinity term.

### **Changes to this course**

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 you commence your course. These might include significant changes made necessary by any pandemic, 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>).

## Costs

### Annual fees for entry in 2024-25

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£15,300
Overseas	£29,140

### Information about course fees

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 (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

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.

## 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 2024-25 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 one month

	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£315	£495
<b>Accommodation</b>	£745	£925
<b>Personal items</b>	£190	£320
<b>Social activities</b>	£40	£95
<b>Study costs</b>	£35	£85
<b>Other</b>	£20	£35
<b>Total</b>	£1,345	£1,955

### Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£2,835	£4,445
<b>Accommodation</b>	£6,705	£8,325
<b>Personal items</b>	£1,710	£2,880
<b>Social activities</b>	£360	£855
<b>Study costs</b>	£315	£765
<b>Other</b>	£180	£315
<b>Total</b>	£12,105	£17,595

### Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£3,780	£5,940
<b>Accommodation</b>	£8,940	£11,100
<b>Personal items</b>	£2,280	£3,840
<b>Social activities</b>	£480	£1,140
<b>Study costs</b>	£420	£1,020
<b>Other</b>	£240	£420
<b>Total</b>	£16,140	£23,460

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

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).

## Document accessibility

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