

Classics and Oriental Studies Information Sheet for entry in 2020

This course allows you to combine the study of an Oriental language and culture with Latin and/or Greek and the study of the ancient world. There are two options: Classics with Oriental Studies (Q8T9) and Oriental Studies with Classics (T9Q8). In each case the subject mentioned first is the main subject (about two-thirds of the degree) and the second is an additional subject (about one-third of the degree). This joint honours degree provides an exciting opportunity for students who want to focus on interdisciplinary studies. It enables students to explore the cultural development and crossover in places such as Iran, Egypt and India. You will study the relationship between the languages and cultures of the great monotheistic religions within their various Greek and Roman contexts.

Oxford is ideally placed for the combined study of Classics and Oriental Studies, not least due to the numerous and varied teaching staff in each faculty, and the resources of the [Ashmolean Museum](#), the [Sackler Library](#) and the [China Centre](#). The Bodleian Oriental Institute Library has core collections comprising Islamic, South Asian and Jewish Studies. Oxford has the largest Classics faculty and programme of courses in the world, with outstanding teaching, library and museum resources and a designated Classics Centre.

A typical week

Your time will be divided between lectures, tutorials (typically two a week, in different subjects) and private study. Most of your work will involve preparing essays for your tutorials, although systematic language-learning and reading of texts also require considerable time and effort. Much of the teaching will take place in your college, but lectures are given in the Classics Faculty, Oriental Institute and the Examination Schools, and for particular subjects you may work with tutors from other colleges.

Tutorials in colleges usually involve up to three students and a tutor. Class sizes will vary depending on the options you choose, and there are usually 5-20 students in a class. Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by academics who are specialists in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by qualified postgraduate students studying at doctoral level.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

Course structure (Classics with Oriental Studies)

YEARS 1-2 (TERMS 1–5)	YEARS 2, 3 AND 4 (TERMS 6–12)
COURSES Follow the course for Classics (refer to Classics page)	COURSES Carry on with Classics options and start with chosen Oriental language from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akkadian • Arabic • Aramaic and Syriac • Armenian • Coptic • Egyptian • Hebrew • Old Iranian • Pali • Persian • Sanskrit • Turkish <p><i>The options listed here are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the Classics and Oriental Studies websites.</i></p>
ASSESSMENT First University examinations in Classics (refer to Classics page)	ASSESSMENT Final University examinations: eight written papers (five in Classics, three in Oriental Studies); one paper may be substituted by a thesis.

Course structure (Oriental Studies with Classics)

YEAR 1	YEAR 2 (with year abroad)	YEARS 2 AND 3 (without a year abroad) OR YEARS 3 AND 4 (with a year abroad)
COURSES Select main language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akkadian • Arabic* • Egyptian 	COURSES Year abroad: approved course of language instruction	COURSES Carry on with Oriental Studies options and choose either Greek or Latin

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hebrew• Persian*• Sanskrit• Turkish* <p><i>*These languages include a year abroad in Year 2.</i></p>		<p><i>A full list of current options is available on the Oriental Studies websites.</i></p>
<p>ASSESSMENT First University examinations in Oriental Studies (refer to Oriental Studies page)</p>		<p>ASSESSMENT Final University examinations: eight to ten written papers (five to seven in Oriental Studies, three in Classics)</p>

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions 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.

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2020.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£27,285

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Please note that the course fees you pay include your fees for both University and college services and are divided between the University (including your department or faculty) and your college on a formula basis. More information is provided in your Terms and Conditions.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Classics and Oriental Studies

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,135 and £1,650 per month in 2020-2021. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. As a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465
Accommodation (including utilities)	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
Total	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850

In order to provide these likely living costs, the University and the Oxford University Students' Union conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS). The likely lower and upper ranges above are based on a single student with no dependants living in college accommodation (including utility bills) and are provided for information only.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.