

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016~17

Undergraduate Diploma in British Archaeology

About the course

This is a two-year, part-time modular course equivalent to one year full-time undergraduate degree study at second-year level. Upon successful completion of two different modules (within a nine-term period) students will be granted the award of the Oxford University Undergraduate Diploma in British Archaeology.

This course aims to provide you with an academic grounding in British Archaeology within the context of different chronological periods. It is designed to increase your understanding of the skills and techniques needed to recover, process and evaluate archaeological evidence for the particular periods under investigation.

It is a modular course and there is a choice of three modules, with one 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 2016~17 is *Module 1: Early Prehistoric Britain*.

In each year there are evening teaching sessions during term time, plus tutorials, weekend field visits and the choice of either two practical weekends or a one-week practical fieldwork programme. Teaching sessions include the use of visual material and handouts both for information for individual and group assignments, and as the basis for group discussion and directed interactive student learning.

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.

In the first year assessment is based on two assignments each term and a practical logbook. In the second year assessment is based on two assignments each term and either a practical logbook or an extended project.

Assessment

Students are required to complete for each module:

- 5 out of 6 assignments of up to 2,500 words;
- In the first year a practical logbook of up to 8,000 words, to include a range of learning tasks based on the practical sessions, visits to archaeological sites and/or museums and comparative site/artefact accounts, and a reflective discussion. In the second year either a practical logbook or an extended project of up to 8,000 words.

Attendance

The course requires attendance at:

- A minimum of 80% of the teaching sessions;
- Either two practical weekends or one week (or equivalent) practical fieldwork
- Attendance at two tutorials per module.

Students who achieve an overall pass rate of 70%+ and pass each element of assessed work at the first attempt will be considered by the examiners for the award of a distinction.

Changes to courses

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.

Expected length of course

2 years

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College Fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU(including islands)	£2,240	N/A	£2,240
Overseas	£4,210	N/A	£4,210

The fees shown above are the annual tuition fees for this course for entry in the 2016- 17 academic year; 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. College fees are not generally payable for non-matriculated courses although a small number of courses may permit college affiliation for which a charge will be made.

Tuition 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 tuition fees).

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.

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.

The likely living costs for 2016-17 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 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	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
Accommodation	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
TOTAL	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894	£11,636	£17,191

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2016-17, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.