

History and Economics Information Sheet for entry in 2020

The History and Economics course integrates these two subjects to form a coherent and intellectually stimulating programme. The combination allows insights that neither subject can realise alone. However, it is possible to specialise primarily in either History or Economics while still preserving the benefits of an integrated approach.

The combination of economics, economic history and history (political as well as social) means that you will be equipped to view issues in the real world from a variety of contrasting perspectives. You will learn both the historian's careful approaches to evidence and argumentation and the economist's analytical and quantitative methods, providing an excellent preparation for a range of professional, financial and academic careers.

The course is designed to equip you with the basic tools of both history and economics, while introducing you to some of the areas which you can study later in more depth. You will be given a wide choice of subjects. Everyone studies Introductory economics, which is designed to give a solid understanding of the foundations of both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. The economics core papers are identical to those for [Philosophy, Politics and Economics \(PPE\)](#) and students for both courses are generally taught together.

Oxford possesses exceptional library provision for both subjects in the [Bodleian Library](#), the History Faculty and [Social Sciences libraries](#), other faculty libraries and the college libraries.

A typical week

During the first year, you will be expected to attend around five lectures each week, participate in regular meetings with tutors to discuss work, conduct independent research and write at least one essay a week. In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to write a thesis on Economic history, which will enable you to do a piece of independent research. Generally students are very much in charge of their own timetable throughout their courses.

Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 20 students though classes for some of the more popular papers may be up to 40 students. Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are tutors in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are usually studying at doctorate level.

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

Course structure

YEAR 1	
<p>COURSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four courses are taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory economics European and World history (four options available) Quantification in History (available options: Approaches to history; Historiography: Tacitus to Weber; Foreign texts) Industrialisation in Britain and France 1750-1870 (or any other History optional subject) 	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations: four written papers</p>
YEARS 2 AND 3	
<p>COURSES</p> <p>Students must take four to six economics papers to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of the world economy since 1800 <p>Plus at least one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microeconomics Macroeconomics Quantitative Economics <p>History Core papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A period of British history or European/World history Compulsory thesis from original research, usually in Economic history <p>Optional papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two further subjects in History Two further subjects in Economics One further subject in History and one in British or European/world history One further subject in History and one further subject in Economics An additional thesis from original research in History 	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations: seven written papers and one compulsory undergraduate thesis <i>or</i> six written papers, one portfolio of submitted essays, one compulsory undergraduate thesis</p>

For the latest information on all course details and options see the [History](#) and [Economics](#) websites.

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 History and Economics

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.