

History and English Information Sheet for entry in 2017



A joint degree in History and English requires students to think critically about how we define 'history' and 'literature', and about how the two disciplines interrelate and, in large measure, overlap. Close attention is given to changing methodologies, to the nature of evidence and to styles of argument. It is assumed that historical documents are just as much 'texts' as are poems, plays or novels, and are therefore subject to interpretation as works of narrative, rhetoric and, fundamentally, language. Equally, it is assumed that poems, plays and novels represent historically grounded ways of interpreting a culture.

The History and English Faculties are among the largest in Britain, with long and distinguished traditions of teaching and research. Students are offered a great deal of choice in the course over their three years, and whether their interests are in the medieval period, the Renaissance or the later periods, intellectually fruitful combinations are always possible.

The course structure at Oxford is intended to enable students to relate literary and historical ideas as effectively as possible in the investigation of their chosen historical periods, topics or authors, while recognising that some students will wish to opt for variety rather than close congruity between their historical and literary papers. Interdisciplinarity is embedded in each year of the course with dedicated classes in the first year as part of the Introduction to English Language and Literature paper, a bridge paper taken in the second year and examined by extended essay, and an interdisciplinary dissertation in the final year.

Oxford possesses exceptional library provision for both subjects in the Bodleian Library, the History Faculty and English Faculty libraries, other faculty libraries and the college libraries.

A typical weekly timetable

Most students have up to two tutorials a week and are often, but not always, working on two papers simultaneously. Most students attend three to four lecture courses a week. In the first and second years, students will also attend interdisciplinary classes with both English and History tutors present, in preparation for the interdisciplinary bridge paper. For the final-year dissertation they will have an adviser from each discipline.

1st year

Courses

Four papers are taken:

- Introduction to English Language and Literature
- One period paper from single honours English Language and Literature
- One British history paper from single honours History
- One of: Approaches to history; Historiography; optional subject (from single honours History)

Assessment

Three written papers form the First University Examination, together with a submitted portfolio of two exam essays of 2,000 words for Introduction to English Language and Literature.

All exams must be passed, but marks do not count towards the final degree.

2nd and 3rd years

Courses

Seven papers are taken:

- One interdisciplinary bridge essay (6,000 words)
- Two of papers 1–6 from single honours English Language and Literature
- One British period paper from single honours History
- Either:
One History Special Subject (counts as two papers)
Or two from:
 1. European/world history paper from single honours History
 2. Further subject from single honours History
 3. British history period paper from single honours History
 4. One of papers 1–6 from single honours English Language and Literature
- Interdisciplinary dissertation (10,000 words)

Assessment

Final University examinations: between two and four papers will be examined by final written examinations at the end of the third year; plus a combination of one portfolio of submitted essays; one or two extended essays; one bridge essay; one interdisciplinary dissertation; some essays are submitted in year 2.

The curriculum for this course is currently under review and is likely to change. For the latest information on all course details and options see the [History](#) and [English](#) 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

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2017.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£15,755	£7,350	£23,105

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

Additional Fees and Charges Information for History and English

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 £1,002 and £1,471 per month in 2017-18. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but 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	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150
Accommodation (including utilities)	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407
Total	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237

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