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History and Politics Course Information Sheet for entry in 2022

The History and Politics course brings together complementary but distinct disciplines to form a coherent and stimulating programme. The degree not only enables students to set contemporary political problems in their historical perspective, but also equips them to approach the study of the past with the conceptual rigour derived from political science. Students are required to study quantitative methods in preparation for year 2 Social Science papers.

A special feature of the Oxford course is the chance to choose from a broad range of subjects across the two disciplines, making it possible, for example, to combine medieval history options with analysis of contemporary political systems. The intellectual rigour of this course benefits from the expertise of Oxford's political theorists and historians in the history of political thought. It is also strengthened by the thematic approach taken to European and World history teaching in the first year, combined with an emphasis on interdisciplinarity in a number of both Politics and History papers.

Oxford also possesses exceptional library provision for History in the Bodleian Library, the History Faculty Library, and the Weston Library's special collections, as well as the Social Sciences Library.

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. You will also learn quantitative methods. In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to choose from an enormous variety of lectures, and your regular tutorials will be supplemented by faculty classes where you will discuss work with a larger number of students. The third-year thesis will give you the opportunity to engage in a piece of independent research. Generally, students are very much in charge of their own timetable throughout their course.

Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose, but there would usually be no more than around 20 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	
COURSES	ASSESSMENT

YEAR 1

Four examination papers and a short piece of assessed coursework:

- *Either* any one of the seven periods in the history of the British Isles or any one of the four periods of European/World history
- Introduction to the theory of politics *or* Theories of the state
- One optional subject from a choice of:
 - Quantification in history
 - Approaches to history
 - Historiography: Tacitus to Weber
 - Any of the optional subjects (see [History](#), except Theories of the state) or any one of six foreign texts
- The practice of politics
- Quantitative methods: political analysis (not examined)

First University examinations: four written papers

YEARS 2 AND 3

COURSES

The course has seven components:

- A period of the history of the British Isles
- A period of European/World history
- Any two of the five core subjects in Politics:
 - Comparative government*
 - British politics and government since 1900
 - Theory of politics
 - International relations*
 - Political sociology*
- One of the following combinations:

ASSESSMENT

Final University examinations: *either* five written papers; one portfolio of submitted essays; one thesis in History or Politics *or* four written papers; one portfolio of submitted essays; one extended essay; one thesis in History or Politics

YEARS 2 AND 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A special subject in History (two papers) and an optional subject in Politics (<i>either</i> a core paper not yet taken <i>or</i> a further subject) ○ A further subject in History and two optional subjects in Politics ○ A further subject in History, one optional subject in Politics and one special subject in Politics ● A thesis in <i>either</i> History <i>or</i> Politics <p>*these papers require Quantitative methods</p> <p><i>For the latest information on all course details and options see the History and Politics websites.</i></p>	

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 registration. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's [Terms and Conditions](#). For the latest information on the University's Covid-19 response and how it affects students please go to the [Oxford University Covid-19 Response](#) site.

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2022.

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

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

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Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students– see Note below)	£29,500

Note: Following the UK's departure from the EU, most EU students starting a course in 2022/23 will pay fees at the 'Overseas' rate. Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme will be eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) and the [Oxford and the EU](#) pages for more information.

Living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2022 are estimated to be between £1,215 and £1,755 for each month you are in Oxford. Our academic year is made up of three eight-week terms, so you would not usually need to be in Oxford for much more than six months of the year but 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	£290	£410	£2,610	£3,690
Accommodation (including utilities)	£680	£810	£6,120	£7,290
Personal items	£135	£260	£1,215	£2,340
Social activities	£45	£120	£405	£1,080
Study costs	£45	£100	£405	£900
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
Total	£1,215	£1,755	£10,935	£15,795

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. In addition to reviewing the information above, you should fully consider and research your personal likely living costs.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2022-23, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

[Additional Fees and Charges Information for History and Politics](#)

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