

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

MSc in Applied Landscape Archaeology

About the course

This two year part-time MSc course is concerned with understanding human impacts on past landscapes through the theory and methods of landscape archaeology. The course is intended for those with a degree or diploma in archaeology or a related subject.

This MSc is a part-time modular course over two years, leading to a University of Oxford graduate degree in archaeology. The course is designed for the needs of students who wish to study part-time and this includes those who are in full-time employment. Those with a personal or professional interest in landscape archaeology are welcome to apply.

Landscape archaeology is an increasingly popular and widely understood concept. Using a multi-period systematic approach, it is concerned with understanding past human impacts on the resources, topography and environment of the whole landscape, from uplands to coasts, and from farmed landscapes to urban/industrial areas.

Many new methods of research are being developed in landscape archaeology, including digital mapping and remote-sensing techniques such as geophysics. These are taking their place alongside fieldwalking, historic landscape analysis, aerial photography and selective excavation to provide a flexible and effective armoury of techniques for the researcher. Skills such as survey and historic landscape characterisation are becoming essential for anyone involved in the management of the historic environment. Effective communication of the value and potential of the historic landscape is vital in the world of planning, tourism and education.

The course involves a combination of academic study and field practice – survey and geophysics form a central theme, and the department enjoys the support of Bartington Instruments Ltd for this.

This course is designed to appeal to those who already have experience of studying archaeology (or a closely-related subject) at undergraduate degree or advanced diploma level and who wish to expand their academic, practical and professional skills in landscape archaeology.

With a strong (but not exclusive) emphasis on the archaeology of Britain, it focuses on the applications of research methods in varying landscape situations. The course format is flexible and enables students to pursue their own research interests leading to a 15,000-word dissertation.

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 2017-2018

| Fee Status | Tuition fee | College fee | Total annual fees |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Home/EU (including islands) | £2,098 | £1,511 | £3,609 |
| Overseas | £7,880 | £1,511 | £9,391 |

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Tuition and college 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 and college fees).

Additional cost information

This course has residential sessions in Oxford. You will need to meet your travel and accommodation costs in attending these sessions. Further, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

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 2017-18 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 | £250 | £350 | £2,250 | £3,150 | £3,000 | £4,000 |
| Accommodation | £538 | £619 | £4,844 | £5,569 | £6,459 | £7,425 |
| Personal items | £115 | £255 | £1,035 | £2,295 | £1,380 | £3,060 |
| Social activities | £40 | £119 | £358 | £1,073 | £477 | £1,431 |
| Study costs | £38 | £83 | £338 | £743 | £451 | £991 |
| Other | £22 | £45 | £196 | £407 | £261 | £543 |
| Total | £1,002 | £1,471 | £9,021 | £13,237 | £12,028 | £17,649 |

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.

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