

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

### MSt in Ancient Philosophy

#### About the course

This one-year taught graduate course offers graduate training in ancient philosophy of the highest possible quality, and aims to provide a foundation on which you can go on to pursue doctoral work in the area. You will study two subject options, assessed by three 5,000-word essays, as well as a thesis of 10,000 to 15,000 words.

Teaching and learning on the MSt in Ancient Philosophy consists of individual supervisions with members of the faculty during term-time, classes and lectures, and ongoing independent research.

You must choose two subject options, offer a thesis of 10,000-15,000 words, and show that you have attained a satisfactory standard in Ancient Greek.

The first subject option must be chosen from the following list of undergraduate papers in ancient philosophy offered in the original language:

- Plato: Republic, in Greek
- Plato: Theaetetus and Sophist, in Greek
- Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics, in Greek
- Aristotle: Physics, in Greek
- Sextus Empiricus: Outlines of Pyrrhonism, in Greek
- Latin philosophy, in Latin

Tuition for these subjects is offered in the form of one-to-one supervisions, as well as lectures and classes. Assessment is by one 5,000-word essay on a topic chosen by you and approved by the course co-ordinator.

The second subject option consists of two classes, which change every year, and you must attend both classes. Assessment is by two 5,000-word essays in topics linked to the area covered in the two classes. You may choose to write both essays on topics linked to one class or to write one essay on a topic linked to the first class and the other essay on a topic linked to the second.

Students must also offer a thesis of 10,000 to 15,000 words on a topic they choose in consultation with the course co-ordinator and a prospective supervisor.

It is a requirement for students without any (or with little) Ancient Greek to attend the language classes run by the Faculty of Classics - this will be determined on a case-by-case basis - while any MSt student should be allowed to attend any of these classes, whether a beginner, intermediate, or advanced. There is no related exam requirement.

If you pass the MSt in Ancient Philosophy, you will have the opportunity to apply to continue to the DPhil in Philosophy via a year as a Probationary Research Student.

Upon completion of the course, you should have:

- pursued a course requiring a high standard in each of the three examined elements (a thesis and two subject options);



- selected at least two areas of ancient philosophy and studied them through individual supervisions with an expert supervisor and either by lectures (offered by an expert or experts in the relevant field) or by classes (convened by an expert or experts in the relevant field) at which students give presentations;
- written a thesis under the guidance of an expert supervisor;
- been examined on your chosen areas by a requirement to write three essays of up to 5,000 words each;
- attained knowledge of Ancient Greek;
- had many opportunities to hear and give talks in philosophy, by attending an annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, talks by invited speakers, philosophy societies, and discussion groups; and
- been a member of a college graduate community, associating with graduates from many countries, cultures, and academic disciplines.

You may attend any graduate or undergraduate classes, seminars and lectures in and outside of the Faculty of Philosophy which are of interest to you, provided those classes, seminars and lectures are open to you.

A weekly workshop during term time allows members of the Faculty of Philosophy and graduate students to discuss work in progress in ancient philosophy by speakers from Oxford and elsewhere. All graduate students specialising in ancient philosophy are encouraged to attend this workshop.

The course has no fieldwork, industrial placement or year abroad element, but you may decide to attend conferences, workshops or research training elsewhere.

### **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**

9 months

### **Annual fees for entry in 2017-2018**

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£8,715	£3,021	£11,736
Overseas	£18,080	£3,021	£21,101

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**

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, 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
<b>Food</b>	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
<b>Accommodation</b>	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
<b>Personal items</b>	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
<b>Social activities</b>	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
<b>Study costs</b>	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
<b>Other</b>	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
<b>Total</b>	£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](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs).

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