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### Oriental Studies Course Information Sheet for entry in 2022

Arabic, Chinese, Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Hebrew, Japanese, Jewish Studies, Persian, Sanskrit, Turkish.

Oriental Studies is unique in its sole focus on introducing students to civilisations that are different from the Western ones upon which the curriculum in most British schools and colleges is based. The courses present both the major traditions and cultural trends of the regions studied and, in most cases, their modern developments. All courses include a combination of linguistic, literary, historic and cultural studies and there is a wide range of options in fields such as art and archaeology, history, literature, philosophy, religion and modern social studies.

Oriental Studies has a long history in Oxford. The Bodleian and other libraries have acquired extensive collections. The Nizami Ganjavi Oriental Institute library, the KB Chen China Centre, and the Bodleian Japanese and Indian Institute libraries are all specialists in their respective fields. Around the corner from the Oriental Institute is the Ashmolean Museum, which houses superb collections, the Leopold Muller Memorial Library at the Clarendon Institute for Hebrew and Jewish Studies material, and the Sackler Library which contains the renowned Griffith Institute Archive, one of the finest libraries in the world for the study of ancient Egypt and the Ancient Near East.

#### Work placements/international opportunities

Most courses offer the opportunity to spend time in the region being studied. The Arabic course includes a year in the Middle East, the Turkish course a year in Turkey and the Hebrew course an optional year in Israel. The Chinese and Japanese courses also include a year in China and Japan respectively. For Persian, the faculty decides each year whether it is advisable for its students to spend their year abroad in Iran. In years when Iran is not possible, they study in Tajikistan instead.

In certain circumstances, for example due to difficulties arising from government restrictions and health concerns relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to a course's requirements for international study. Students who consider that they may be affected are asked to contact their department for advice.

#### A typical week

Your time will be divided between lectures, tutorials (up to three students and a tutor) and language classes that will develop your writing, speaking and comprehension skills. The rest of your time will be dedicated to independent study, working on regular assignments in reading, writing and translation. Seminar and language class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose or the

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language you are studying, but there would usually be no more than around 10 students and often fewer, while lectures are normally around 15-25 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

Arabic T601, Persian T613, Turkish T600

| YEAR 1   | YEAR 2   | YEARS 3 AND 4  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elementary language</li><li>• Middle Eastern history and cultures</li></ul> | <b>COURSES</b><br>Year abroad: approved course of language instruction | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Core work on language and literature</li><li>• History</li><li>• Specialisation or subsidiary language</li><li>• Islamic Religion (Arabic only)</li></ul> |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>First University examinations after term 3: three written papers; an oral exam (Arabic only)              |  | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>Final University examinations at the end of Year 4: oral exam and eight or nine written papers (one of which must be a dissertation)  |

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### Chinese T101

| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2         | YEARS 3 AND 4  |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elementary language in</li></ul> | <b>COURSES</b> | <b>COURSES</b> |

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| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2   | YEARS 3 AND 4   |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Modern and Classical Chinese</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History and civilisation of China</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year abroad in China</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extended language classes in modern and classical Chinese</li> <li>Interdisciplinary course on modern China</li> <li>Options: China and the World; Contemporary Chinese cities in literature, art and cinema; Organization and ideology of the Chinese Communist Party; Literary worlds and cultural flows in Pre-Modern China; Angst in Early China; Chinese painters on painting; Chinese ceramics; Women and writing in Republican China; Chinese law and society; <i>or</i> subsidiary languages: Tibetan, Japanese or Korean</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>First University examinations: three written papers; an oral exam</p>                       |  | <p><b>ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: oral examination; seven written papers; dissertation; extended essay (for candidates who have taken options)</p>   |

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Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies Q401, Egyptology Q400, Ancient Near Eastern Studies Q402

| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2  | YEAR 3   |
|---|---|--|
| <p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad survey of civilisations of Egypt and the Ancient Near East</li> <li>Language teaching in Egyptian or Akkadian</li> </ul> | <p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of second language, or Archaeology and Anthropology</li> <li>Language options: Akkadian, Egyptian, Arabic, Aramaic and Syriac, Coptic, Hebrew (Biblical and Mishnaic), Old Iranian, Sumerian or Hittite (if available)</li> </ul> | <p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essay writing and dissertation work</li> <li>Intensive classes in the first and second terms</li> <li>Artefact classes</li> </ul> |

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| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2   | YEAR 3   |
|---|--|--|
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literary and historical topics through study of texts and essay writing</li> <li>Intensive class work</li> <li>Artefact classes</li> </ul> <p><i>Subject to acceptance, students may also have the option of Classical Greek or Latin from the <a href="#">Classics with Oriental Studies</a> degree.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field of concentration</li> </ul> |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>First University examinations: four written papers |  | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>Final University examinations: ten units        |

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### Hebrew Q480

| YEAR 1   | YEAR 2   | YEARS 3 AND 4  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive study in Hebrew language in all periods</li> <li>Introduction to Jewish history and culture</li> </ul> | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive language study</li> <li>Study of history and culture through texts</li> <li>Choice of options from Jewish Studies</li> </ul> | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued language study</li> <li>Tutorials in history, culture and society</li> </ul> <p><i>Year 3 is a compulsory year abroad for students on the four-year track.</i></p> |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b>  |  | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>Final University examinations: seven written papers; dissertation 4-year  |

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| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2 | YEARS 3 AND 4  |
|---|--------|--|
| First University examinations:<br>four written papers |        | course only: oral examination if taking<br>a year abroad |

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### Japanese T201

| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2  | YEARS 3 AND 4  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History and culture</li> <li>Intensive Japanese language classes</li> </ul> | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year abroad at Kobe University</li> </ul> | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued language classes</li> <li>Classical Japanese</li> <li>Options with tutorials (five subjects to be chosen), from a range of specialised subjects within: Classical literature; Modern literature; Linguistics; History; Politics; Economics; Society, Art; Subsidiary language (counts as three subjects) from: Chinese, Korean or Tibetan</li> </ul> |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br>First University examinations: three written papers  | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br>Test at end of course  | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br>Final University examinations: oral examination; eight written papers; dissertation   |

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### Jewish Studies QV91

| YEAR 1         | YEAR 2         | YEAR 3         |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>COURSES</b> | <b>COURSES</b> | <b>COURSES</b> |

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| YEAR 1  | YEAR 2  | YEAR 3   |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive study in Hebrew language in all periods</li> <li>Introduction to Jewish history and culture</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive language study</li> <li>Options (three subjects to be chosen)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options (two subjects to be chosen)</li> <li>Tutorials in history, culture and society</li> </ul> |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>First University examinations: four written papers   |   | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>Final University examinations: seven written papers; dissertation   |

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### Sanskrit Q450

| YEAR 1   | YEAR 2  | YEAR 3   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive language learning</li> <li>Introduction to the study of ancient Indian civilization</li> </ul> | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued language learning and text reading</li> <li>Study of the historically and culturally most important genres of Sanskrit literature</li> <li>Begin subsidiary language options: Hindi, Early Iranian, Pali, Prakrit or Tibetan</li> </ul> | <b>COURSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued language learning and text reading</li> <li>Specialisation in one area of Sanskrit literature</li> <li>Additional special subject or dissertation</li> </ul> |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>First University examinations: three written papers   |   | <b>ASSESSMENT</b><br><br>Final University examinations: ten papers (seven in Sanskrit and three in subsidiary languages)   |

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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](#).

| <a href="#">Fee status</a>                                    | Annual Course fees |
|---|--------------------|
| Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man) | £9,250             |
| Overseas (including most EU students– see Note below)         | £32,480            |

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.

### Oxford 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           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>£1,215</b> | <b>£1,755</b> | <b>£10,935</b>     | <b>£15,795</b> |

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 Oriental Studies

Students taking Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Persian or Turkish will take the second year abroad. Students of Hebrew can choose to take a year abroad, but it is not compulsory.

During the year abroad, students currently pay significantly reduced fees to the University. For example, for students going on their year abroad in 2022, who started an undergraduate Humanities course from 2020, the course fees are:

- Home students: £1,385 for the year.
- Overseas students: £11,045 for the year.

The Faculty of Oriental Studies covers the cost of language tuition abroad, but not living costs and flights.



Please refer to the 'Living costs support during the year abroad' section below for information about sources of funding.

### Living costs support during the year abroad

There are a number of sources of funding which you may be eligible for to contribute to your living costs on your year abroad and these are detailed below. Please note that dependent on your placement(s) and country, it is possible that the combination of available sources of funding will not cover your living costs in full. You should therefore carefully research the likely living costs in your host country and consider your own expected outgoings to identify whether you may need to explore alternative sources of funding through your college, faculty, the University or other means.

Some funding towards year abroad placements is currently available through the Turing scheme, which provides living costs grants to all students on eligible placements, with enhanced support available for disadvantaged students. The University plans to bid for Turing scheme funding to support year abroad activity in future academic years. [This page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments.

All UK students can continue to access living costs funding from the UK government (Student Finance agencies) during their year abroad in conjunction with any Turing scheme funding available. The level of funding available to you will be assessed based on your household income and your placement type. Further information about the amount of funding which may be available can be found at: [Student finance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). UK students from lower-income households with means-tested assessments will also remain eligible for Oxford's generous [bursary provision](#), which is separate to the living costs support mentioned above. For UK students who are struggling financially, the University's Student Support Fund may be able to provide additional assistance.

Some faculty bursaries and scholarships are currently available for students of Chinese and Japanese, and a number of colleges have funds, including travel grants to support their students' period of study abroad.

*Please note, at the time of publishing the CIS, full details about Turing scheme funding arrangements for living costs support during the year abroad were outstanding. [This page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments.*