Studying Oriental Studies at St Anne’s College

Teaching in all Oriental Studies subjects is arranged centrally by the Faculty of Oriental Studies, and takes place either in the Oriental Institute or the Institute for Chinese Studies.

Though Oriental Studies is not a College-based subject, St Anne’s offers particular advantages to Oriental Studies students. Chief among them is the College Library: we have the largest collection of books required for Chinese classes and tutorials, and are among the largest in Japanese. Arabic, Hebrew, Jewish Studies, Turkish, Korean and Tibetan are also well catered for. The library can acquire new books requested by students, often at very short notice.

Oriental Studies subjects are as demanding as they are rewarding, and the support offered in College can make a considerable difference. St Anne’s also has a Fellow in Oriental Studies – Dr Robert Chard – who acts as personal tutor to all Oriental Studies students, and we have a good community of undergraduates across a range of Oriental Studies subjects. St Anne’s benefits further from being adjacent to St Antony’s College, which contains the Bodleian (main University library) collection in Japanese, as well as the Modern Middle East Centre Library.

Tutorials in Chinese subjects taught by Dr Chard are usually held at St Anne’s; some tutorials in all subjects may be held in external tutors’ colleges.

Oriental Studies graduates have a high employment success rate; St Anne’s graduates can be found all over the world, working in sectors as diverse as banking, business, law, government, media, education and charities.