

Studying History at Oxford

Oxford's History course combines the examination of large regions over extended periods of time with more focused work on smaller social groups, shorter periods and particular themes. It provides a distinctive education by developing an awareness of the differing political, cultural, social and economic structures within past societies and how they interrelate.

The course combines vigorous debate over questions of interpretation with rigorous attention to source material, while the constant enrichment by cross-fertilisation from other disciplines leads to new questions about the past.

Oxford is celebrated for the broad chronological sweep of its courses and the enormous amount of choice offered. Students can study options on any part of British and European history from the declining years of the Roman Empire to the present day.

The geographical range is also broad: there are options on North American, Latin American, Asian and African history. Students are encouraged to adopt a variety of interdisciplinary approaches to their work and the department is strong on intellectual and cultural history options.

Studying History at St Anne's

The History Faculty at Oxford is one of the largest and most prestigious in the world, with more than 150 teaching staff within an overall community of around 1500 historians. It is at the forefront of academic research.

Oxford tutors are also active researchers, with many being leading authorities in their areas. Many historians are attracted to Oxford because of the wealth of archival material in the libraries and museums, which are also available to undergraduate students.

St Anne's faculty expertise covers a wide range of historic fields including ancient history, modern history, intellectual and environmental history. Visiting students can often work directly with College faculty and fellows.

Study durations

You can apply to study History as a single or joint subject for any study duration.

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History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classical Archaeology and Ancient History; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Classics; English; History of Art; Medical Humanities; Modern Languages; Music; Philosophy; Economics; Law; Politics; Computer Science; Experimental Psychology; Maths

Courses

If you are offered a place to study History at St Anne's you will study 4 courses across an academic year. This consists of one course in each of the three terms, and a fourth course taught over two terms. If studying for Fall Term you will study two history courses during Michaelmas. If studying for Hilary and Trinity terms you may study 3 or 4 courses across the two terms depending on course selection.

Students are taught through a mixture of tutorials, classes and lectures. Tutorials and the individual feedback these entail are the foundation of history teaching at Oxford.

Your courses might include the following –

- **British History**
A survey course encompassing some period in British history from early Medieval times to the present.
 - o depending on your background and interest you may express a preference for a [first-year course](#) or for a [second or third year course](#).
- **European and World History**
A similar course in European or world history, either in relation to a specific period, or in relation to a particular theme studied over a longer period of time.
 - o depending on your background and interest you may express a preference for a [first year course](#) or for a [second or third year course](#).
- **Two other courses** which might include
 - o an introduction to historiography - courses in historical methods, [options found here](#)
 - o a document-based course - courses in primary texts and documents, options [here](#) and [here](#)
 - o a document-based course in a specialist subject for advanced students, [options here](#)

Please note that specialist subjects are usually only available to visiting students with a deep knowledge of their chosen area already and where suitable supervision is available. A visiting student would not be able to study more than one of these subjects during their year at Oxford. Please note documents will be read in their original languages.

Please note the following –

- All courses are dependent on a student possessing the appropriate academic background, as deemed by St Anne's tutors, and having fulfilled any required or necessary prerequisites.
- We cannot ever guarantee a particular course can be offered in any particular year, courses are always subject to change.
- Visiting students do not sit University examinations so your assessment methods will be based on your tutorials, essays etc. to be set by your tutor at the commencement of the course.

Pre-requisites

You need to already be studying history at your home institution, and be majoring in, or intending to major/minor in history at university, to apply to study history at St Anne's. We would expect you to have already undertaken introductory level history courses as well some intermediate or speciality courses based around your own academic interests. If you wish to study a specialist subject you need to have undertaken studies in this area previously.

Additional information

Faculty website: <https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/>