

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Course Information Sheet for entry in 2025

This course allows you to combine the study of an Asian or Middle Eastern language and culture with Latin and/or Greek and the study of the ancient world.

There are two options: Classics with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Q8T9) and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Classics (T9Q8). In each case the subject mentioned first is the main subject (about two-thirds of the degree) and the second is an additional subject (about one-third of the degree).

This joint honours degree provides an exciting opportunity for students who want to focus on interdisciplinary studies. It enables students to explore the cultural development and crossover in places such as Iran, Egypt and India. You will study the relationship between the languages and cultures of the great monotheistic religions within their various Greek and Roman contexts.

Those who choose Arabic, Persian or Turkish as their main language for the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Classics degree will spend their second year undertaking immersive language study abroad.

Oxford is ideally placed for the combined study of Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, not least due to the numerous and varied teaching staff in each faculty, and the resources of the [Ashmolean Museum](#), the [Bodleian Art, Archaeology and Ancient World Library](#) and the [China Centre](#). The Nizami Ganjavi Library has core collections comprising Islamic, South Asian and Jewish Studies.

Oxford has the largest Classics faculty in the world, with over sixty full-time academic staff-members. It has outstanding teaching, library and museum resources, including the Bodleian Art, Archaeology and Ancient World Library and other Bodleian Libraries, the Ashmolean Museum and a designated Classics Centre.

A typical week

Your time will be divided between lectures, tutorials (typically two a week, in different subjects) and private study. Most of your work will involve preparing essays for your tutorials, although systematic language-learning and reading of texts also require considerable time and effort.

Much of the teaching will take place in your college, but lectures are given in the Classics Faculty, the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Faculty and the Examination Schools, and for particular subjects you may work with tutors from other colleges.

Tutorials in colleges usually involve up to three students and a tutor. Class sizes will vary depending on the options you choose, and there are usually 5-20 students in a class.



Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by academics who are specialists in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by qualified postgraduate students studying at doctoral level.

Visit our [Academic Year](#) page to find out more about how our teaching year is structured.

Course structure

Classics with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

YEARS 1-2 (Terms 1-5)	YEARS 2, 3 AND 4 (Terms 6-12)
<p>COURSES</p> <p>Follow the course for Classics (refer to Classics page)</p>	<p>COURSES</p> <p>Carry on with Classics options and start with chosen language from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akkadian • Arabic • Aramaic and Syriac • Armenian • Coptic • Egyptian • Early Iranian • Hebrew • Pali • Persian • Prakrit • Sanskrit • Turkish <p>The options listed here are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies websites.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations in Classics (refer to Classics page)</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations: eight written papers (five in Classics, three in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies); one paper may be substituted by a thesis.</p>

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Classics

YEAR 1	YEAR 2 (with year abroad)	YEARS 2 and 3 (without a year abroad) or YEARS 3 AND 4 (with a year abroad)
<p>COURSES</p> <p>Select main language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akkadian • Arabic* • Egyptian • Hebrew • Persian* • Sanskrit • Turkish* <p>*These languages include a year abroad in Year 2.</p>	<p>COURSES</p> <p>Year abroad: approved course of language instruction</p>	<p>COURSES</p> <p>Carry on with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies options and choose either Greek or Latin</p> <p>More information about current options is available on the Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies websites.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (refer to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies page)</p>		<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations: eight to ten written papers (five to seven in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, three in Classics)</p>

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. For further information, please see the University's [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2025.

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](#).

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<u>Fee status</u>	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,535
Overseas (including most EU students – see Note below)	£41,130

Note: 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 are 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](#) pages for more information.

Oxford living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2025 are estimated to be between £1,425 and £2,035 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. For further details please visit our [living costs webpage](#).

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£330	£515	£2,970	£4,635
Accommodation (including utilities)	£790	£955	£7,110	£8,595
Personal items	£200	£335	£1,800	£3,015
Social activities	£45	£100	£405	£900
Study costs	£40	£90	£360	£810
Other	£20	£40	£180	£360
Total	£1,425	£2,035	£12,825	£18,315

In order to provide these likely living costs (which are rounded to the nearest £5), the University and the Oxford SU 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 current economic climate and high national rate of inflation make it very hard to estimate potential changes to the cost of living over the next few years. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2025-26, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of around 4% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

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. Some year abroad activities may provide a salary, depending on placement type and terms. 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, 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.

In the event that the University is not successful in securing Turing scheme funding, it will provide grants towards living costs at a similar level to Turing grants to support undergraduates undertaking approved study exchanges or work placements required for their course.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://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.