



## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20

### MPhil in Medical Anthropology

#### About the course

The two-year MPhil course offers coordinated training in both social and biological anthropological approaches to health and illness, with special emphasis on methods. It provides the necessary basis for future anthropological research and an excellent cross-cultural grounding for those aiming to pursue a career in anthropology, global health or other health-related fields.

The MPhil is similar in topical scope and breadth to the MSc, but it allows for a deeper engagement with the theory and practice of anthropological research.

During the first year of the MPhil you would follow the same course of instruction as MSc students through to the June examinations, which serve as qualifying (rather than final) exams for MPhil students to progress to the second year.

In the first year there is one option paper and three core papers, as follows:

- Paper 1: Concepts of disease, illness, health and medicine in global perspective
- Paper 2: Theory and practice of bio-medicine and of other medical systems
- Paper 3: Critical medical anthropology

Prospective applicants for 2019-20 should note that the paper titles above are likely to be changed to the following from that academic year onward:

- Paper 1: Critical Medical Anthropology
- Paper 2: Biocultural Approaches to Medicine
- Paper 3: Anthropologies of the Body

There is no intention to substantively change the content of Papers 1, 2 and 3, only the titles of each paper to better reflect their existing content. Please note that currently-titled Paper 3: Critical Medical Anthropology is not being re-numbered as Paper 1; instead it is proposed that that title be transferred to Paper 1.

At the end of the first year, you then use the summer vacation to acquire a firm grounding in medical anthropological literature and develop your dissertation outline based on this background reading. Fieldwork is not a necessary component of the MPhil degree, although you can undertake it over the vacation.

Study towards the MPhil degree in the second year consists of class-based course work, participation in seminars and individual research, written up in a dissertation.

Coursework in the second year has three components: critical reading classes in Michaelmas Term (assessed by the writing of a research proposal) and participation in two different methods classes in Michaelmas term and/or Hilary term (assessed by submitted coursework).

The range of methods classes varies yearly and includes:

- Ethnographic Fieldwork Methods
- Ethnographic Portraiture
- Statistical Fieldwork Methods for the Analysis of Quantitative Social Science Data
- Critical Methods of Numerical Analysis
- Language-Focused Methods
- Ethnobiology Fieldwork Methods

Together, these three components comprise one examined paper, Methods of Fieldwork and Social Research, which is assessed by a dossier of written work completed over the course of the year rather than by a final written examination.

There is one core seminar series in medical anthropology, the Medical Anthropology Research Seminars in Michaelmas term. Apart from those, there is a rich seminar culture of the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (ISCA) and the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography (SAME), and students are expected to actively participate in those.

The research component is comprised of a 30,000-word dissertation submitted in May of the second year. MPhil students receive throughout the second year individual tuition from their supervisor on their dissertation writing. They also attend MPhil classes in Hilary Term of the second year, during which MPhil dissertation projects from across the School of Anthropology are presented and discussed among students and faculty.

**Changes to courses**

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.

**Expected length of course**

21 months

## Costs

### Annual fees for entry in 2019-20

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£17,745
Overseas	£26,960

The fees shown above are the annual course fees for this course, for entry in the stated academic year.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional information section below, course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information below.

Course 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 course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

### 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. Standard travel insurance can be provided by the University. However, students may be required to pay any additional insurance premiums associated with travel to areas with an increased level of risk, and should factor this into their planning for fieldwork.

## Living costs

In addition to your course 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 2019-20 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>	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342	£3,183	£4,456
<b>Accommodation</b>	£566	£739	£5,093	£6,655	£6,790	£8,874
<b>Personal items</b>	£122	£271	£1,098	£2,435	£1,464	£3,246
<b>Social activities</b>	£42	£126	£380	£1,138	£506	£1,518
<b>Study costs</b>	£40	£88	£359	£788	£478	£1,051
<b>Other</b>	£23	£48	£208	£432	£277	£576
<b>Total</b>	£1,058	£1,643	£9,525	£14,790	£12,698	£19,721

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts).