

## HOW TO APPLY

All applicants are required to –

1. Have achieved, or be predicted to achieve, grades AAA at A-level (or equivalent).
2. Take the History Aptitude Test (HAT).  
Details can be found on the History Faculty webpage:  
[www.history.ox.ac.uk/history-aptitude-test](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/history-aptitude-test)
3. Submit one essay on an historical topic.
4. Attend an interview, if shortlisted.

For further details of how to apply, see:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses-listing/history-ancient-and-modern>

Find out more about how to develop your historical interests and skills:

<https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/develop-your-skills-historian>

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COLLEGE?

All students who study at Oxford University belong to an Oxford College. You will be part of one of the world's largest History Faculties with around 1,000 undergraduate historians, but also a member of a small and friendly community where you will work alongside c. 5-18 other historians in your year-group. Much of your tutorial teaching will be within your college. Oxford colleges are unique places to study and live. They all offer affordable accommodation, excellent facilities, and a diverse and supportive community. You can name a college when you apply, but it is not necessary to do so. One in three Oxford students settle happily at a college that they did not apply to!

Check which colleges offer Ancient and Modern History by visiting: [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions)

“Ancient and Modern History at Oxford was a deeply enriching intellectual experience combining argumentative and analytical skills with a real flexibility that allowed me to shape my learning and research to my own interests as they developed over the course of the degree.”

Connor Beattie

BA Ancient & Modern History  
(2016–2019)



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# BA ANCIENT & MODERN HISTORY AT OXFORD



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## WHY STUDY ANCIENT & MODERN HISTORY AT OXFORD?

The Ancient and Modern History course enables students to study 3,000 years of human history. From the Bronze Age Mediterranean and Near East to British, European and World history right up to the present day. With more than 90 options the most striking thing about this course is the extraordinary range and enormous amount of choice.

Students of Ancient and Modern History benefit from being part of two Oxford departments. You study with experts and resources from both the Classics Department and the Faculty of History. Both are world-famous for research and teaching, and our lecturers regularly establish new courses that reflect the latest historical research. You can explore diverse methods for finding out about the past, such as archaeology, art, literature, or classical languages, including learning Latin or Ancient Greek. The course will be shaped around your unique interests as you explore comparisons, connections, and change across three millennia.



### WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU

- **An exceptional education** – The tutorial system means that topics are tailored to individual interests. Pairs of students meet weekly with world experts to develop their skills and knowledge.
- **World class resources** – With access to many amazing libraries and online facilities, students never need to buy a book. They have the study space and tools for outstanding research at their fingertips.
- **Financial and personal support** – Generous bursaries and scholarships ensure that studying at Oxford is affordable. The University and colleges also provide a wide range of professional services to ensure that students with health conditions, disabilities or welfare concerns have the personal support that enables them to thrive.
- **Learn in amazing places** – From colleges and gardens to libraries and museums Oxford historians study in some of the city's most historic and beautiful spaces.
- **Skills for the future** – Employers know the value of an Oxford University undergraduate degree. The Oxford history degree allows students to develop transferrable skills that are highly sought after in the workplace.

Find out more about why Oxford University might be the right choice for you:

<https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/10-reasons-study-history-oxford>

### YEAR 1 (PRELIMS)

As a first-year student, you will study a wide range of time periods, places and methods. You will be introduced to new ways of studying history and you will learn crucial academic skills. You will study:

1. European and World History (choice of 4)
2. Greek History or Roman History (choice of 2)
3. Optional Subject (choice of c. 21)
4. A paper on Historical Methods: Approaches, or Historiography, or Classical Texts (Herodotus or Sallust) or Classical Language (Greek or Latin) (choice of 11)



### YEARS 2 & 3 (FINAL HONOURS SCHOOL)

In the final two years of study you have enormous choice. Some students range widely over time and space, others prefer to develop focused specialist interests, but you are all trained to do original research as historians. You will study:

1. Greek History or Roman History (choice of 4)
2. British History or European and World History (choice of 27)
3. Further Subject (choice of c. 44)
4. Special Subject extended essay or exam (choice of c. 35)
5. Special Subject exam (choice of c. 35)
6. Disciplines of History
7. A dissertation based on original research.
8. Optional Classical Language Paper (Greek or Latin)

Find out more about your paper choices:  
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