

## 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. Take the Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)  
<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/tests/mlat>
4. Submit **one essay on an historical topic** and **one essay relating to the language you are applying to study**.
5. Attend an interview, if shortlisted.

For full details of how to apply, see:

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

Find out more about how to develop your interests and skills in history and modern languages:

<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.

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

"What I enjoy the most about my Joint Honours Degree is just how much scope there is for interdisciplinary study. Mirroring the periods for my History and Italian papers has allowed me to gain an insight into the socio-cultural, political, economic, literary and intellectual contexts of my set texts, helping me to produce more well-rounded and in-depth analyses in my essays."

Anna Zakonyi  
BA History & Modern Languages  
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# BA HISTORY & MODERN LANGUAGES AT OXFORD



## WHY STUDY HISTORY & MODERN LANGUAGES AT OXFORD?

History and Modern Languages brings history, literature, and language together into a single rewarding course. Students explore complementary, but intellectually distinct, approaches to understanding literary texts and their historical contexts. The degree offers enormous flexibility. Some students choose to specialise in the history, literature, and culture of a particular country or century, while others use the degree to range widely across the globe and historical periods.

In this four-year degree you study History with one of eight different modern languages: Czech, French, German, Modern Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish. In Oxford, you will receive three years of high-quality language training and access to exceptional resources, including use of the biggest research library in Britain devoted to modern languages. You will also benefit from spending a year studying or working abroad, so as to become fluent in writing and speaking another language. Your knowledge of language, literature and culture will become integral to your skills as an historian.



### 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 History and Modern Languages students 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 and Modern Languages 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 literature, while also learning crucial academic and language skills. You will study:

1. Three language papers
2. Two literature papers
3. Europe & World History (choice of 4)
4. Either British History, or Optional Subject, or Approaches, or Historiography, or a Foreign Text (choice of c. 40)



### YEARS 2, 3 & 4 (FINAL HONOURS SCHOOL)

In the final three 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 that combines your historical, literary, and linguistic skills. Your third year will be spent working or studying abroad. You will study:

1. European & World History (choice of 18)
2. Two literature papers
3. Two language papers
4. Oral examination
5. Combination of Further/Special Subjects in History and/or Modern Languages (choice of c. 80)
6. A Bridge Essay based on original interdisciplinary research

Find out more about your paper choices:  
[www.history.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions)

