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
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-and-politics

Find out more about how to develop your interests and skills in history and politics: 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 History and Politics by visiting: www.ox.ac.uk/admissions

"Studying History and Politics gives you the opportunity to share papers with PPE-ists and also straight History students, it's the perfect balance between contextual depth and scientific analysis of world events."

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BA History & Politics
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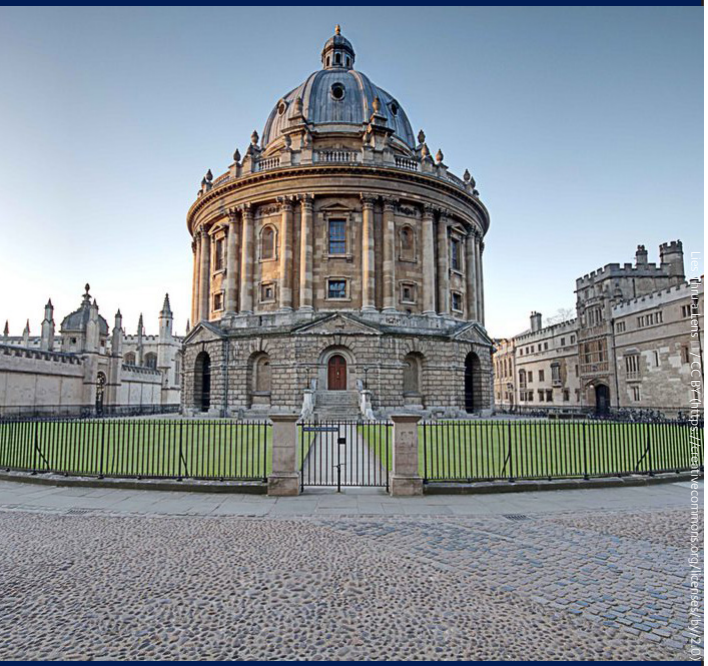
Why Study History & Politics at Oxford?

The History and Politics course enables students to set contemporary political problems in their historical perspective. It will teach you to approach the study of the past with the conceptual rigour derived from political science.

The Oxford course benefits from the expertise of leading political theorists and historians in the history of political thought. It offers the chance to choose from a broad range of subjects across the two disciplines. It is possible, for example, to combine medieval history options with analysis of contemporary political systems. The thematic approach taken to European and World history teaching in the first year strengthens and complements the combination of these two subjects.



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 faclities, 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 Politics 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 Politics 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 politics, and you will learn crucial academic skills. You will study:

1. British History or European and World History (choice of 10)
2. Introduction to the Theory of Politics or Theories of State
3. A paper on Historical Methods: Approaches, or Historiography, or Foreign Texts, or Quantification (choice of c. 15)
4. Introduction to the Practice of Politics

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 in history or politics. You will study:

1. History of the British Isles and/ or European and World History (choice of 27)
2. Two core subjects in Politics (choice of 5)
3. A combination of History Further Subject/ History Special Subject/Politics Option papers (choice of c. 89)
4. A dissertation based on original research in History or Politics

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