

## 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>

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 a 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 of undergraduates and postgraduates studying a wide range of courses. 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!

Find out more about colleges by visiting:

[www.ox.ac.uk/admissions](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions)

"Coming to Oxford is one of the best decisions I have ever made, and that is the case for everyone else I have met here. If you have the slightest doubt in your mind about applying: DON'T DOUBT IT! .... Oxford may very well have a place for you, and the only way you can find that out is if you apply."

Esin Akdogan  
BA History (2017-2020)



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## WHY STUDY HISTORY AT OXFORD?

The most striking thing about History at Oxford is its extraordinary range of choices. We offer more than 100 different options, reflecting the breadth of interests and expertise amongst the c. 150 professional historians who teach here. You can study options on African, Asian, American, British, European, and Global and Transnational History from the fading years of the Roman Empire to the present day. You have the opportunity to explore diverse approaches to the past, including by learning languages or by engaging with other disciplines such as art history, economics, gender and women's studies.

If you are a highly motivated student who is passionate about studying History, the University of Oxford offers an unrivalled environment in which to study. You will work alongside your tutors and fellow students to debate how we understand the past and to gain skills that will allow you to change your future.



### 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. History of the British Isles (choice of 6)
2. European and World History (choice of 4)
3. Optional Subject (choice of c. 21)
4. A paper on Historical Methods: Approaches, or Historiography, or Foreign Texts, or Quantification (choice of c. 15)



## 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. Your work will be assessed through 4 exams and 3 assignments in your own time. You will study:

1. History of the British Isles (choice of 9)
2. European and World History (choice of 18)
3. Further Subject (choice of c. 36)
4. Special Subject extended essay (choice of c. 32)
5. Special Subject exam (choice of c. 32)
6. Disciplines of History
7. A dissertation based on original research

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

