

A levels (the A levels for lower-division courses in the U.S.A.). A reasonable figure is approximately 28 to 32 credits per year. Transfers will generally be found to have accumulated more credit than required in one or two fields and to be lacking in the broad educational experience usually required of students in institutions of the U.S.A. Therefore, a transfer who receives 90 credits may still have as many as two more years of study in order to meet U.S.-degree requirements.

Transfer may be based on the results of Part I examinations,<sup>16</sup> on the recommendations of teachers and tutors, or on a combination of these.

## 17. Degrees

### a. General Statement

See Chapter Eight for degrees of the Council for National Academic Awards, Chapter Twelve for university degrees, and Chapter Thirteen for degrees in medicine and dentistry and degree-equivalent professional qualifications. NOTE: At a given university, a bachelor's degree may actually be a higher degree or a master's a first (bachelor's) degree.<sup>17</sup>

### b. Tables of Degrees

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| (1) First degrees classified as pass (or third class or ordinary or, sometimes, general).                          | Should be considered comparable to bachelor's degrees in the U.S.A.   |
| (2) First degrees with first-class or second-class honours (upper or lower) or in divisions I or II. <sup>18</sup> | May be considered for graduate admission.   |
| (3) Master's degrees. <sup>19</sup>  | Should be comparable to a master's degree in the U.S.A.   |
| (4) Doctoral degrees.  | Should be considered comparable to doctoral degrees in the U.S.A.   |
| (5) Special degrees.   | Special degrees listed in the program listings <sup>20</sup> may be considered comparable to higher degrees in the U.S.A. (British universities award them to their graduates who have contributed to the advancement of knowledge through research and publication done outside the universities.) |

<sup>16</sup> See pp. 142-144.

<sup>17</sup> See pp. 149-163 for university program listings.

<sup>18</sup> Degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and law are first degrees; degrees in architecture are often followed by a two-year diploma course that may be considered a continuation of a five-year program.

<sup>19</sup> The B.Phil. at most universities and the B.Litt. at many is a higher degree, more nearly comparable to a doctoral degree than a master's. The M.A. is the first degree at Aberdeen, Glasgow, and St. Andrews. The M.A. is not an academic qualification at Oxford and Cambridge but an honorific.

<sup>20</sup> See pp. 149-163.

exam. or hons. (moderations) exam. The last pt. of the BM course (devoted to clin. studies), may be spent either in the Oxford clin. sch. (2 yrs. 10 mos.) or in a clin. sch. elsewhere (further information from the med. sch. offices, John Radcliffe Hosp., Oxford OX3 9DU).

**Classification.** BA hons. and BFA may be awarded with class I, II div. 1 or 2 or III; students whose achievement is insufficient for hons. may be awarded pass degree. BM not awarded with hons.

**Structure of BA degree.** A prelim. exam. in appropriate subjs. is normally taken during 1st yr. In many courses an hons. (moderations) exam. is taken in either 1st or (in certain 4-yr. courses) 2nd yr. The remainder of the course is devoted to work for final exam. In chem. and metall. 4th yr. is spent in res.

**Subjects of specialization.** BA hons. in anc. & mod. hist.; archaeol. & anthropol.; classics & Engl.; classics & mod. langs.; engin. & computing sci.; engin. & materials; engin., econ. & management; Engl. & mod. langs.; Engl. lang. & lit.; exper. psychol.; geog.; human sci.; jurisp.; litera humaniores (Greek & Latin, philos. & anc. hist.); maths.; maths. & computation; maths. & philos.; metall., econ. & management; mod. hist.; mod. hist. & econ.; mod. hist. & Engl.; mod. hist. & mod. langs.; mod. langs. (1 or 2 of Czech (with Slovak), French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, mediev. & mod. Greek, Portuguese); music; nat. sci. (biochem., biol. scis., chem., engin. sci., (1 of chem., civil, electr. or information engin.), geol., metall. & sci. of materials, phys. or physiol. sci.); oriental studies (Arabic, Chinese, Egyptol., Hebrew, Japanese, Persian, Sanskrit or Turkish); philos. & mod. langs.; philos., pol. & econ. (2 or 3 of these subjs.); philos. & theol.; phys. & philos.; psychol., philos. & physiol. (2 or 3 of these subjs.); theol.

**Higher Degrees.** Applicants for admission must normally hold an appropriate first degree (but see also below). All degrees except MA, BMus, BD and the superior doctorates (see below) are open to approved grads. of other univs. Where a specific period of advanced study or res. is indicated below, that period must be spent in this univ. Higher degrees are not classified.

**MA**—open only to Oxford BAs, and awarded without further exam. after 7 yrs. from matric. on payment of certain fees.

**BMus**—min. 1 yr. from BA (residence in Oxford not necessary); open only to those who have been admitted to the Oxford BA with 1st or 2nd class hons. in music. Candidates must submit musical exercises for approval; no instructn. provided.

**BCL**—2 yrs. full-time (for certain grads., 1 yr.); by course of instructn. and exam. The written exam. is in 2 parts, pt. I comprising 3 subjs., or one subj. and a thesis, and pt. II 4 subjs. The exam. is open either to BAs of the univ. with 1st or 2nd class hons. in jurisp., or to other grads. approved by the fac. bd.

**MJuris**—1 yr. full-time in compar. and European law.

**BD**—granted to candidates who have passed or been exempted from a qualifying exam. in Christian theol. and have submitted a thesis of sufficient merit in some branch of the subj. The qualifying exam. is open to Oxford MAs and to persons who have, not less than 5 terms previously, passed all exams. for the Oxford BA; 1st or 2nd class hons. in the final honour sch. of theol. or other comparable qualif. exempts from the qualifying exam.

**BPhil, MPhil**—min. 2 yrs. full-time; by course of instructn. and exam. BPhil in philos. MPhil in one of: anc. hist.; Byzantine studies; Celtic studies; classical archaeol.; Commonwealth & American hist.; compar. soc. res.; Eastern Christian studies; econ. & soc.

hist.; econ.; Engl. studies; ethnol. & museum ethnog.; European archaeol.; European lit.; European pol. & society; gen. linguistics & compar. philol.; Greek & Latin langs. & lit.; internat. relns.; Judaism & Christianity in the Graeco-Roman world; Latin-American studies; management studies; maths. for industry; music; oriental studies (one of: classical & mediev. Islamic hist., classical Indian religion, cuneiform studies, Egyptol., Islamic art & archit., Jewish studies in the Graeco-Roman period, mediev. Arabic thought, mod. Jewish studies, mod. middle eastern studies, Ottoman studies); philos. theol.; pol.; prehistoric archaeol.; Russian & E. European studies; soc. anthropol.; sociol.; theol. A thesis may be offered in addition to the written exams.

**MSt** (intended particularly as preparation for advanced res.)—min. 1 yr. full-time; by course of instructn. and exam. in one of: anthropol. archaeol., archaeol., Byzantine studies, Celtic studies, Chinese studies, classical archaeol., classical Armenian studies, ethnol. & museum ethnog., European archaeol., European lit., gen. linguistics & compar. philol., Greek &/or Latin langs. & lit., Greek &/or Roman hist., Islamic art & archaeol., Jewish studies in the Graeco-Roman period, law & econ., local Engl. hist., mod. hist., mod. Jewish studies, music (musicol.), philos., philos. theol., prehistoric archaeol., soc. anthropol., Syriac studies, theol.

**MSc**—min. 1 yr. full-time; either by thesis after res. in approved topic in one of: agric., anthropol., biol. sci., clin. med., geog., maths., phys. sci., physiol. sci., psychol.; or by course work in one of: agric. econ., appl. soc. studies (2 yrs.), appl. stats., biol., compar. soc. res., computation, diagnostic imaging, econ. & soc. hist., econ. for devel., educnl. res. methodol., educnl. studies, educnl. studies (govt. of educn.), forestry & its reln. to land use, human biol., management (indust. relns.), mathl. modelling & numerical analysis, public policy in Latin America, sociol.

**MLitt**—min. 2 yrs. full-time; by thesis after res. in approved topic. A candidate is admitted as a probationary res. student and upon completion of qualifying test, transfers to MSc or MLitt status.

**DPhil** (in all facs.)—min. 2 yrs. full-time; by thesis after res. in approved topic. This degree presupposes prelim. trg. in res., or outstanding ability; it is usually required that the applicant should either have obtained the Oxford degree of BPhil, MPhil, MLitt or MSc or have served an apprenticeship in res. approximately equal in value to that implied by those degrees. Candidates are admitted initially as probationary res. students, and transfer to DPhil status upon completion of qualifying test.

The following are open only to Oxford grads. of many yrs.' standing:—

**DLitt, DSc**—awarded on publ. work.

**DMus**—awarded for a major musical work or works of outstanding merit.

**MCh**—by written and practical exam. on principles and practice of surg. and thesis on an approved subj.

**DCL**—awarded for published work.

**DD**—by thesis, or published work, in some branch of Christian theol.

**DM** (open to bachelors of med. at Oxford who have entered upon 36th term from matric. and masters of arts of Oxford who have previously been entered in the register of univ. med. students, have passed 1st BM of Oxford, hold a med. degree of another British univ. qualifying them to practise med. and have entered upon 36th term from matric.)—by thesis, or published work, on an approved subj.

**Honorary Degrees.** MA, DSc, DLitt, DMus, DM, DCL, DD.

**Diplomas.** The following are of postgrad. standard and in gen. are open only to grads. with 1st class or good 2nd class hons. (min. period of study is 1 yr. unless otherwise stated) (may be awarded with distinction): appl. stats., hist. of art, human biol., Slavonic studies, theol. Pt-time postgrad. dipl. available in field archaeol. and software engin.

**Spec. dipls. in soc. studies, soc. admin. and other studies, open to non-grads.** Dipl. in legal studies (intended particularly for students from abroad min. 1 yr. full-time, non-grad.

**Certificates** (see also 'Continuing Educn.' below). Educn., 1 yr. postgrad.; management studies, 1 yr. (of postgrad. standard). Not postgrad. theol. 2 yrs.

**Research facilities** in most fields of study (see also 'Higher Degrees', 'Libraries', 'Laboratories, etc.' and 'Museums', above). Full particulars publ'd in *Grad. Studies Prospectus*, available from Grad. Admissions Office, Wellington Sq., Oxford OX1 2JD. Some details of recent res. activities are given in annual reports of various univ. depts. publ'd in *Univ. Gazette* from time to time.

**Formal Links/Exchanges with Universities Abroad.** An internat. cttee. (for sec., see 'Univ. Admin. and Other Staff', above) has the function of stimulating interest in devel. of higher educn. overseas, encouraging links with overseas univs., assisting with recruitment of staff, esp. by secondment and furthering co-op. generally.

**Study Leave.** The gen. bd. is empowered, subj. in certain cases to the approval of council, to grant sabbatical leave to univ. teachers for 1 term for every 6 completed terms of service.

**Fees** (1992-93). Undergrads. pay an annual fee to the univ. (£1855 (arts), £2770 (sci.) and £4985 (clin. med.) for home and E.C. students) and to their coll. (up to approx. £3400 p.a. for all students). For grad. students, termly composition fees are payable to the univ. (£2200 p.a. for home and E.C. students for most courses) and to the coll. (£1375-£1765 p.a. for most courses), for up to a max. of 3 yrs. for DPhil and 2 yrs. for other courses. For overseas students, the annual univ. fees will be £5320 (arts), £7055 (sci.) and £12,990 (clin. med.).

The living costs for an overseas student in Oxford for a full yr. are estimated to be at least £5400.

**Academic Year.** 3 terms each of 8 wks., with vacs. of 6 wks. each at Christmas and Easter and of 16 (or sometimes 17) in the summer. 1993-94: 10 Oct.-4 Dec.; 16 Jan.-12 March; 24 April-18 June.

**Continuing Education dept.** (see also end of 'Academic Staff', above) provides a wide range of courses which give adults opportunities for pt.-time study in most univ. subjs. These consist of wkly. classes throughout Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and of residential courses in Oxford. Rewley House, Wellington Sq., Oxford OX1 2JA (tel.: (0865) 270360) incls. a residential centre for 58 students. In many areas the dept. co-operates with local educn. authorities, the W.E.A. and other voluntary orgns. Dept's provision incls. a no. of cert. courses and on its recommendation adult students may be exempted from the univ's. normal entrance requirements.

**Continuing professional development.** Dept. is also increasingly involved in conjunction with other depts. and instns. in arranging courses which meet the needs of industry, comm., govt. depts., etc. and it co-ordinates univ.'s work under the U.F.C. pick-up initia-