

Prospectus Supplement

A guide to our courses, fees, and charges

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SUBJECTS AVAILABLE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AT MANSFIELD

Many Colleges (including Mansfield) do not offer the full range of subjects available at Oxford, but at whichever college you study a particular subject the course will follow the same syllabus. Some of these subjects can only be taken in combination with others, and we indicate where this is the case. You will also find here the names of the College tutors who you may meet at an Open Day or at interview, and who will take the main responsibility for teaching you if you come to Mansfield.

The courses for all subjects are described in detail in the Oxford University Prospectus and on the University website (www.ox.ac.uk), and you will find it helpful to consult both of these in tandem with the Mansfield prospectus and website. For details of the subjects and courses offered at Mansfield, please see the pages below:

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ECONOMICS

Antoni Chawluk –Tutorial Fellow in Economics

Economics can only be studied at undergraduate level at Oxford as part of a joint degree. Students studying Economics at Mansfield do it as part of either Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE), Engineering, Economics and Management (EEM), or Materials Economics and Management (MEM). For further information on these subjects see the separate entries for Philosophy, for Politics, for PPE, for Engineering, and for Materials.

Economics has well identified core theories which are covered extensively in the first year course. In the second year a study of these theories and their applications is taken further in the two compulsory papers, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. A large number of optional papers are available.

The optional papers range from quantitative ones, such as Econometrics and Statistics, to more policy-oriented ones, such as Economics of Industry and Public Economics. There is some difference in the way students are taught depending on their mathematical backgrounds. However it is assumed that all students by the end of their first year will be familiar with basic calculus and its applications to economics.

Dr Chawluk's own research is on issues related to economic transition in Eastern Europe, especially fiscal and monetary policy.

ENGINEERING SCIENCE

Chris Martin – Tutorial Fellow in Engineering
Jason Smith – Hewlett Packard Fellow in Materials Science
John Sykes – Professorial Fellow in Materials Engineering

The College admits about five undergraduates each year to read for Engineering Science (ES) or the joint school Engineering, Economics and Management (EEM). For further information on these subjects see the separate entries for Economics and for EEM.

Dr Martin provides tutorials in mathematics, mechanics and structural engineering. Two other fellows of the college, Dr Sykes and Dr Smith, provide specialist tuition in the materials aspects of the ES and EEM courses. Dr Martin is a civil engineer by training, and has been a University Lecturer at Oxford since October 2000. Before deciding to embark on an academic career he spent several years designing offshore structures for the consultants Ove Arup & Partners (latterly of ‘wobbly bridge’ fame!). Dr Martin has research interests in the theory of soil plasticity (as used in the analysis and design of foundations, retaining walls, etc.). He is also involved with a number of experimental projects, including a study on the development of novel foundations for offshore wind turbines in UK waters.

Under a long-standing exchange arrangement, Mansfield students receive most of their tutorials in electrical engineering, fluid mechanics and thermodynamics from the engineering fellows of Wadham College (currently Prof. David Edwards and Dr Yiannis Ventikos). Likewise, Wadham students regularly come to Mansfield for tutorials with Drs Martin, Sykes and Smith, so the two sets of students get to know each other well.

ENGINEERING, ECONOMICS, AND MANAGEMENT

Antoni Chawluk – Tutorial Fellow in Economics
Ian Jones – Lecturer in Management
Chris Martin – Tutorial Fellow in Engineering
Jason Smith – Hewlett Packard Fellow in Materials Science
John Sykes – Professorial Fellow in Materials Engineering

Mansfield regularly takes at least one student a year in the joint school Engineering, Economics and Management (EEM), and the students are fully integrated with the year group in Engineering Science, as well as working with Mansfield’s Economics tutor Dr Chawluk.

With a tutor in Engineering, Dr Martin, two tutors in Materials Science, Dr Sykes and Dr Smith, and close links with Engineering tutors and students at Wadham, our EEM students join a lively community of scientists at Mansfield.

For further information see the separate entries for Economics and for Engineering.

ENGLISH

Ros Ballaster – Tutorial Fellow in English
Lynda Mugglestone – Lecturer in English
Lucinda Rumsey – Supernumerary Fellow in English

The seven students we take each year in English at Mansfield habitually excel in their performance in university assessments; they also contribute immeasurably to the creative life of the College. Mansfield English students have for many years been involved in student journalism and drama at the highest level and our graduates have progressed to successful careers in a variety of occupations: artistic, legal and administrative. At entrance we want people who are enthusiastic, who enjoy reading and thinking about what they read, and who are prepared to work hard. We pride ourselves on our teaching and our attention to the individual talents and interests of our students. The syllabus, designed to provide opportunities for the exploration of literary texts in English from every period, is both exciting and challenging; in our College teaching, we introduce students to a broad range of literary texts and their historical and cultural contexts as well as important issues in contemporary literary criticism and theory. Lectures and some classes are provided by the faculty. The College provides classes (with the whole year group) and tutorials (usually paired) in which students present and discuss their written work or study notes with each other and their subject tutor(s). Third year work on single authors and advanced topics is taught through single tutorials. You can expect to write between six and ten essays each term. We aim to secure the best teachers and leading scholars from within the English faculty to cover areas of the syllabus which do not fall within the subject tutors’ expertise.

The College library is well-stocked with essential texts and important critical works. Mansfield is one of the closest colleges to the English Faculty building where the majority of lectures are held, as well as the large Faculty library, which is essential for both borrowing and reference books.

We welcome students who apply both pre- and post A level with any combination of subjects alongside English Literature or English Language and Literature. Candidates taking only English Language at A-level should be prepared to demonstrate their enthusiasm and ability by wide reading of literary texts. Applicants taking IB, Scottish Advanced Highers or equivalent qualifications are also welcome. You will be asked to supply a sample of written work as part of the selection process (preferably substantial essays and not timed work, critical analysis of a single piece of writing or creative writing). Candidates called for interview will be given two interviews, which will provide a supportive environment for you to show your true potential and ability.

Dr Ballaster’s research interests lie in eighteenth-century literature and women’s writing, Lucinda Rumsey’s in medieval literature.

GEOGRAPHY

Anthony Lemon – Tutorial Fellow in Geography

Pamela Berry – Supernumerary Fellow in Geography

Mansfield has been one of Oxford's major geography colleges since the early 1970s. The College admits 8 or 9 geographers each year, and there are usually about 12 postgraduate geographers as well. Mansfield geographers have a strong academic record with 16% gaining firsts and 74% upper seconds since the division of the 2nd class was introduced in 1987. This has been assisted over the years by the strong cohesion of most groups of Mansfield geographers, both within and across year-groups. Geographers have long played a leading role in sporting, social as well as academic aspects of College life. There is a flourishing geographical society, the 1887 Society, which organises a variety of social and other events including an annual dinner to which many former Mansfield geographers return.

Mansfield is the nearest college to the School of Geography and within five minutes' walk of the Bodleian Library, Rhodes House (for Commonwealth books and journals), and the Radcliffe Science Library (for human and physical geography). Mansfield's own library has one of the best college collections of geography books.

The geography tutors all have rooms in college and are readily available to students who need help or support. Tony Lemon is a political and social geographer with particular interests in South and southern Africa as well as European integration. Pam Berry is a biogeographer with interests in plant ecology and the ecological impacts of climatic change. A further Lecturer, in Human Geography, will be appointed in July 2008. The tutors share the tutorial teaching of those parts of the geography course which are common to all students, whilst each student is normally assigned to one of the three Mansfield tutors for guidance concerning his or her undergraduate dissertation. College tutorials, normally in pairs, are supplemented by classes where appropriate. Those parts of the course which are a matter of choice – Special Subjects in the second and third years – are taught by the appropriate specialist tutors inside and outside the College.

Since 1992, the second and third year geographers have joined in reading weeks, usually in the Lake District. A former geographer has generously endowed most of the cost of renting a large house. These combine private reading, seminars and classes, walking and other pursuits. All Mansfield geographers have the chance to participate at least once.

Thanks to the generosity of former students Mansfield also has a travel fund to assist undergraduates who choose to do their dissertations overseas. The Henty Fund exists to assist 'ambitious or unusual travel' and to finance a prize for the best 2nd year performance in Geography.

We find that most employers welcome an Oxford geography degree as evidence of a broad intellectual training, development of specific IT and other skills, and understanding of many important social-economic, political and environmental issues. Some Mansfield geographers go on to do research degrees or more vocationally orientated postgraduate degrees including law conversion courses. Many pursue careers in management, consultancy or commercial research, others in teaching, health administration and local government. A significant proportion take challenging posts overseas.

We are very happy to discuss potential applications and to meet applicants at open days or other times. Provided that you have taken Geography at A level or equivalent, the precise combination of other academic subjects is not important. Applications are welcome from both pre and post A2 (or equivalent) candidates from all kinds of schools and backgrounds. We are happy to make deferred offers to candidates with worthwhile gap year plans.

We ask you to submit two pieces of recent work – preferably essays or similar pieces of AS or A2 marked coursework (or equivalent), rather than field or project work. We interview everyone who has a chance of success. You will meet all three of the geography tutors in the course of two interviews, with a chance of a further interview if you feel that you have not done yourself justice. We are interested in assessing potential and ability to think and develop arguments, rather than just factual knowledge. The emphasis in interview is on encouraging you to do justice to yourself and reveal your potential. Commitment to and enthusiasm for geography are important qualities. There will be no written test during the interview period, but you may be given short articles to read before an interview.

HISTORY

Kathryn Gleadle – Tutorial Fellow in History

Helen Lacey – Lecturer in History

History is one of the larger subjects at Mansfield and each year around 11 students are admitted for the main and the joint schools in History and English and History and Politics. For further information on these courses see the separate entries for History and English and for History and Politics.

At interview applicants will have an opportunity to talk about their school or college work in history and their wider interests. During the interviews the History tutors wish to give every applicant the opportunity to demonstrate their intellectual ability and academic potential in as relaxed environment as possible.

Having arrived at Oxford, you will find that the course offers a wide spectrum of historical periods and themes during the three years of undergraduate study. During your time here, the faculty requires you to sample some medieval, some 'early modern' and some 'later modern history'. However, beyond this, Oxford provides opportunities both to those who wish to specialise in one period and those who are keen to range more widely. In the joint schools we encourage students to make their choices in such a way as to bring the two parts of their subject together.

Dr Kathryn Gleadle specialises in 18th and 19th century History, Dr Helen Lacey is a Lecturer in Medieval History. Students are sent to tutors in other colleges when they study periods beyond these fields. Lectures and seminars are provided on a university basis. Students are therefore able to enjoy the advantages of a large faculty with a very wide range of specialisms, with the personal support which is an integral part of the college system.

Teaching is mainly conducted by tutorial, usually in pairs, sometimes individually. Tutors also like to vary the students' learning experiences through the provision of small class teaching as well. Each term, you will be required to prepare between eight and twelve essays and, in the tutorial, the tutor will encourage you to discuss and develop your understanding and views of a subject. Although the Oxford history course does not require knowledge of a foreign language, there are ample opportunities for students to take up or develop a foreign language if they wish, and to put this to use in their historical work. You will have access to the uniquely fine range of libraries which cater for students of History at Oxford. Mansfield is well-placed near the facilities of the University libraries – primarily the Bodleian and the Faculty Library – and the College Library also stocks many secondary authorities. In addition, Mansfield has its own history society in the Mahony society, which provides both an academic and social forum.

HISTORY AND ENGLISH

Ros Ballaster – Tutorial Fellow in English

Kathryn Gleadle – Tutorial Fellow in History

Helen Lacey – Lecturer in History

Lynda Mugglestone – Lecturer in English

Lucinda Rumsey – Supernumerary Fellow in English

Mansfield is one of a small number of colleges that allocates two places each year in combined honours History and English. The students are fully integrated into the year groups in both subjects. Our tutors, two in History and two in English, have an overlap of interests, with Ros Ballaster and Kathryn Gleadle being eighteenth- and nineteenth- century specialists and Helen Lacey and Lucinda Rumsey both being medievalists. These common interests lead to especially fruitful interactions between History and English in Mansfield.

Students in History and English select from the wide range of papers available in the two subjects, and can plot their individual path through their degree. All students take two Bridge papers which are jointly taught by History and English tutors in the faculty. The purpose of these papers is to relate literary and historical ideas within a single period.

For further information see the separate entries for History and for English.

HISTORY AND POLITICS

Michael Freedon – Professorial Fellow in Politics

Kathryn Gleadle – Tutorial Fellow in History

Katrin Auel – Supernumerary Fellow in Politics

Helen Lacey – Lecturer in History

Mansfield take one or two students each year for combined honours History and Politics, and they are fully integrated into the year groups of History and PPE. There are two tutors in History, Dr Gleadle and Dr Lacey and two in Politics, Professor Freedon and Dr Auel.

Students for History and Politics choose from a broad range of options across the two disciplines and to make fruitful interdisciplinary connections.

For further information see the separate entries for History and for Politics.

HUMAN SCIENCES

Andrew Gosler – Supernumerary Fellow in Human Sciences

The College accepts two students each year to study the Human Sciences course, a course which offers an opportunity to study humans as both biological and social organisms. The interdisciplinary nature of the course is unique among Oxford courses and arose from a belief, shared by academics from several faculties, that the interaction of humans and their environment could not properly be studied from a narrow specialist viewpoint.

During the three-year course the Human Scientist will study a variety of disciplines, from Social Anthropology to Human Genetics, taught by specialists in these fields, but will also have an opportunity to take optional courses dictated by a more personal interest.

Tuition is based upon lectures, many of them given in the Pauling Centre for Human Sciences, and tutorials given in College. Because of the wide range of topics covered students at all colleges receive tuition from tutors outside College as well as from their own Tutor. The relatively small number of Human Scientists in each college and in the University as a whole, and the social as well as academic focus of the Pauling Centre combine to produce a strong sense of identity, providing support and friendship among those following this challenging course.

There will be no written test at interview, but candidates will be expected to discuss some data or short piece of text presented to them during the interview. There will be at least two interviews with two different people, one at Mansfield and one at another college. We are happy to meet with potential applicants to discuss the course.

Please note that written work is no longer required as part of the application for Human Sciences.

LAW

LAW WITH LAW STUDIES IN EUROPE

Nancy Eisenhauer – Lecturer in Law
Pavlos Eleftheriadis – Tutorial Fellow in Law

Law has been taught at Mansfield since 1969. Each year the College admits about four undergraduates. The College welcomes applications for the four-year course, Law with Law Studies in Europe, as well as for the main three-year course. In addition the College usually takes two or three graduates reading for higher degrees or for a second B.A. in Law. There is a separate College law library and a vibrant student law society. Mansfield is also very conveniently located only a few minutes away from the Law Faculty and the city centre.

Law students at Mansfield are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds, both from the UK and overseas. There is no preference for any particular A level (or equivalent) subjects. We consider any candidate who demonstrates the ability to organise information quickly and efficiently and present a well-constructed argument.

The National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT) will be taken by all candidates. This test, established by eight universities in England including Oxford, is designed to provide an assessment of a candidate's potential for law degree courses. It is not a replacement for A level (or equivalent) qualifications. It will be used as an additional piece of information for selection decisions alongside A levels, GCSE results (or equivalent qualifications) and the other information available to law schools on a candidate's application form, as well as, where applicable, the candidate's performance in interview.

Mansfield is one of the smaller Oxford colleges. This creates an informal and friendly atmosphere. Contact between tutors and students is easy and frequent. The College tutors teach about six core subjects between them: Constitutional Law, Introduction to Law, Contracts, Administrative Law, Jurisprudence and European Community Law.

Dr Eleftheriadis specialises in European Union Law and Legal Philosophy. He has published a number of articles in both subjects and was a Visiting Professor in European Union Law at Columbia Law School in 2001. Before coming to Oxford he taught at the London School of Economics. He is currently working on aspects of the new European Constitution.

Nancy Eisenhauer specialises in public international law and international dispute resolution and, when not teaching, acts as a private legal consultant in primarily investor-State, treaty-based arbitrations.

Candidates will receive at least two interviews at Mansfield. These will normally cover general issues, such as why the candidate wants to study law and a discussion of topical legal issues and/or hypothetical cases. No prior knowledge of the law is required either for the interview or the LNAT.

MATERIALS SCIENCE

Peter Nellist – Lecturer in Materials Science

Jason Smith – Hewlett Packard Fellow in Materials Science

John Sykes – Professorial Fellow in Materials Engineering

Mansfield is one of a small number of Oxford colleges to take students in Materials Science and we take about five students a year. Materials Science involves both the physics and chemistry of solids and provides a broad-based scientific training highly valued by many branches of industry. The ideal A2 (or equivalent) subjects are Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, with Physics the most important, but applications from candidates with only two of these subjects are also welcomed.

Mansfield offers two Materials courses: Materials Science (MS) and Materials, Economics and Management (MEM). For further information on this course see the separate entry for MEM. Both courses last 4 years and lead to the MEng. degree.

The 4th year of the MS course is spent entirely in research, working in a research group, usually within the Department of Materials. This is particularly valued by students and potential employers. It can be carried out in industry and in some instances has been completed abroad.

Applicants can expect to be given a thorough technical interview to explore their potential for academic work. This will test their ability to think clearly and solve problems, rather than assessing depth of knowledge. Candidates are not expected to display any detailed knowledge of materials, but evidence of a genuine interest will do no harm.

We have two tutors in materials Science. John Sykes specialises in Chemical Metallurgy and researches in corrosion and Jason Smith specialises in photonic nanomaterials, including the use of inorganic semiconductor nanocrystals in photovoltaic devices.

MATERIALS, ECONOMICS, AND MANAGEMENT

Antoni Chawluk – Tutorial Fellow in Economics

Ian Jones – Lecturer in Management

Peter Nellist – Lecturer in Materials Science

Jason Smith – Hewlett Packard Fellow in Materials Science

John Sykes – Professorial Fellow in Materials Engineering

Mansfield regularly takes students for the four year course in Materials Economics and Management and they are fully integrated in the year group of Materials Science students. MEM students take additional courses in Economics and Management spread through years 2-4, with a 6-month management project in industry in the 4th year. MEM students are looked after by our two tutors in Materials Dr Sykes and Dr Smith and our Economics tutor Dr Chawluk, and join a lively community of scientists at Mansfield.

For further information see the separate entries for Economics and for Materials Science.

MATHEMATICS MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Janet Dyson – Tutorial Fellow in Mathematics
Derek Goldrei – Lecturer in Mathematics
Jonathan Marchini – Senior Research Fellow in Statistics

The College admits about six mathematicians per year. Our students have a strong academic record and over the past decade around 43% have got firsts and 41% upper seconds. Our students have been particularly successful over the past three years with 60% getting firsts.

Although most of our successful candidates have studied Mathematics and Further Mathematics at A level (or equivalent) by the time they arrive in Oxford, some have a single A-level in Mathematics or other qualifications. Such candidates are very much encouraged to apply. They have to work hard to catch up, but a number have gone on to get First Class Honours in Finals. If you can work independently you will find this a great advantage at university and particularly those not doing Mathematics as a double subject at A-level (or equivalent) should try to do some reading on their own.

We accept candidates from a wide variety of educational backgrounds and always make allowance, in the admissions process, for the amount of help candidates have received with their preparation. We are looking for candidates with academic potential and motivation, who have the necessary perseverance and are able to think for themselves.

There are three tutors in Mathematics: Janet Dyson, with interests chiefly in analysis and differential equations, Derek Goldrei whose interests are mainly in mathematical logic and algebra, and Jonathan Marchini who specialises in statistics. Mansfield is situated within a few minutes walk of both the Mathematical Institute and the Radcliffe Science Library.

All applicants sit a test. The form of the test may vary from year to year but for some specimen tests with sample solutions and a past test see:

www.maths.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/specimen-tests

Candidates generally have one interview at Mansfield, though occasionally there is a second interview. Candidates will also have an interview at another college. The majority of the interview will be spent talking about mathematics and you will be asked to work through two or three problems on a white board. We expect to have to give some help with these and we want to see how quick you are to take a hint, how well you understand the material you have learnt at school or college, and whether you can think for yourself and absorb and use new ideas. We are looking for potential rather than a large mass of accumulated knowledge. Those wishing to read Maths and Statistics will also have an interview in Statistics.

MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY

Janet Dyson – Tutorial Fellow in Mathematics
Derek Goldrei – Lecturer in Mathematics
Paul Lodge – Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy
Jonathan Marchini – Senior Research Fellow in Statistics
Katherine Morris – Supernumerary Fellow in Philosophy

Mansfield admits students to study Mathematics and Philosophy on a regular basis and is very happy to receive applications. Those admitted must satisfy the normal requirements for the single-subject degree in Mathematics and have an enthusiasm and aptitude for philosophical thinking. However, no formal study of philosophy prior to commencement of the degree is required or expected.

The course brings together two of the most fundamental and widely applicable intellectual skills. The combination provides a powerful background from which to proceed to graduate study in either mathematics or philosophy or to pursue diverse careers.

There are two Mathematics and Philosophy degrees, the three-year BA and the four-year MMathPhil. You are not asked to choose between them on your application, and so long as your exam results in the second and third years are of an appropriate standard you have the option either to complete an honours BA or continue to the fourth year for the MMathPhil.

The mathematics units in this joint course are all from the single-subject Mathematics course. The compulsory core mathematics for the joint course consists of the pure (as opposed to applied) mathematics from the compulsory core for the single-subject Mathematics course.

The philosophy units for the Mathematics and Philosophy course are mostly shared with the other joint courses with Philosophy. All parts of the course in the first year are compulsory, with students preparing for exams in General Philosophy, Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics. In the second and third years some units are compulsory, consisting of core mathematics and philosophy and bridge papers on Philosophy of Mathematics and on foundations (Logic and Set Theory), but you also choose options. In the fourth year you choose any three units from Mathematics or Philosophy, so at that stage you can specialize in either subject or continue with both.

For further information see also the separate entries for Mathematics and for Philosophy.

ORIENTAL STUDIES

Alison Salvesen – Supernumerary Fellow in Oriental Studies

Mansfield admits an average of 2 candidates each year to read Arabic, Hebrew or Jewish Studies within the department of Oriental Studies. Dr Alison Salvesen, the College Tutor in Oriental Studies, specialises in Hebrew, Jewish Studies, Aramaic and Syriac.

There are University lectures and classes systematically covering all aspects of the subjects, together with weekly tutorials, generally on an individual basis, for which students produce essays and language work. There are two public examinations, the first (Preliminary, or “Prelims”) being held at the end of the third term of the first year. The second examination (“Finals”) takes place at the end of the course. Note that Hebrew and Jewish Studies students take the same first year exams before deciding their course for Finals. As a rule the teaching for undergraduates is Faculty-based, so takes place at the Oriental Institute (off St Giles in the centre of Oxford) rather than in College.

Arabic students spend the second year of the course learning the language in an Arabic-speaking country before returning to resume the final two years of their four year course. Hebrew students have the option of spending a year in Israel improving their language skills: in this case, the course takes four years instead of three. Jewish Studies students spend all three years in Oxford, since their course is less heavily linguistic after the first year Prelims exams.

As with other Oriental Studies subjects, the courses for Arabic, Hebrew and Jewish Studies embrace a variety of fields. Although there is a strong linguistic emphasis, all three courses require knowledge of history and culture, and there is a wide range of special subjects in the fields of art, history, literature, philosophy, religion and social life. Many options and combinations are available in these courses which are outlined in the University Undergraduate Prospectus. They include the possibility of taking subsidiary languages: for instance, Arabic students may take papers in one out of Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, Aramaic and Syriac, Akkadian, Armenian, or Spanish; Hebrew students may take Arabic, Egyptology, Akkadian, or Aramaic and Syriac. Otherwise, Arabic students may take papers in Islamic Studies, Islamic History, Islamic Art and Archaeology, or Modern Middle Eastern Studies. Applicants for Arabic, Hebrew or Jewish Studies should ideally demonstrate evidence of their ability to learn a foreign language through their college or school career. However, candidates are not expected to have any previous knowledge of Hebrew or Arabic before being admitted.

Since the course at Oxford is not narrow and vocational, graduates have been able to obtain a variety of jobs, often (but by no means always) related to the areas of their specialisation, such as journalism, broadcasting, publishing, accountancy, banking, law and business, as well as academic and diplomatic posts. A knowledge of Arabic in particular has lately been regarded as a considerable asset, particularly in the world of business and journalism.

Oxford has a long and distinguished history of teaching and research in Oriental Studies. The University is one of the foremost institutions in the world in this field, and students here benefit greatly from the available resources. In addition to pursuing their formal studies, students may join various societies which have some relevance to their course, (e.g. the Middle East Society).

Candidates are required to submit two pieces of school or college written work. These should be essays or similar pieces of work which have already been written and marked with teachers' corrections. Dr Salvesen will be happy to answer any queries prospective candidates may have.

PHILOSOPHY

Paul Lodge – Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy

Katherine Morris – Supernumerary Fellow in Philosophy

Mansfield offers around 10 places a year to students who will take courses in Philosophy, which, at Oxford, must always be studied in combination with at least one other subject.

Philosophy has been studied at Oxford for as long as there has been a university here and the University Faculty is one of the largest and most distinguished in the world, with over 70 full-time members.

At Mansfield our largest contingent of students read for the BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE). However, we also have regular intakes in Philosophy and Theology and Mathematics and Philosophy. We strongly encourage and warmly welcome applications from candidates in all these subjects.

Although no formal study of Philosophy is required before students come to Oxford, the subject is a demanding one and requires a high level of commitment. The Philosophy component of each of the joint degrees is slightly different. However, there are core topics that are common and each course requires students to develop analytical skills and the ability to defend their views through rigorous argument. It is the development of these skills that makes graduates who have studied philosophy successful in a wide range of careers.

Paul Lodge's research interests are in Early Modern Philosophy and especially the work of G. W. Leibniz. He also teaches first year Logic and General Philosophy, and the final examination papers Knowledge and Reality and Philosophy of Mind.

Katherine Morris has special interests in phenomenology (particularly of the human body), and the philosophies of Descartes, Merleau-Ponty, Sartre and Wittgenstein. As well as teaching in these areas of philosophy, she covers the first year introduction to moral philosophy and teaches the final examination paper in Aesthetics.

For more information see the separate entries for PPE, Philosophy and Theology, and for Maths and Philosophy.

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (PPE)

Katrin Auel – Supernumerary Fellow in Politics

Antoni Chawluk – Tutorial Fellow in Economics

Michael Freeden – Professorial Fellow in Politics

Paul Lodge – Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy

Katherine Morris – Supernumerary Fellow in Philosophy

PPE is a strong and well-established subject at Mansfield and a popular one among students, who go on to work in areas such as government, the civil service, the media, business, banking and academic life.

The College normally admits between 7-8 undergraduates to read PPE every year and they constitute a successful mix between British students and those from the European mainland, the US and Asia. There are no specific A-levels (or equivalent qualifications) which we insist on as a condition for studying PPE, but we are looking for critical, clear, and reasoned thinking, as well as real enthusiasm for the subjects on offer.

Students develop their expertise in the subjects covered by PPE, engage their critical faculties in understanding their social environment, and are encouraged to ask the kind of questions that cast light on the different worlds we inhabit.

PPE at Oxford is a very flexible course. Students are required to study all three subjects in equal proportions in their first year, but after that they may continue with all three branches, or specialise in two. In the first year students prepare for three exams – one in each subject. The philosophy component consists of Logic, General Philosophy and an introduction to Moral Philosophy based on J. S. Mill's Utilitarianism; in Politics, students are introduced to Political Theory and Political Institutions; and in Economics, they study both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.

There are two core paper requirements for each of the subjects in years two and three, but after that choices may be made from a wide-ranging set of options.

For more information see the separate entries for Philosophy, for Politics, and for Economics.

Please note that written work is no longer required as part of the application for PPE.

PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

Paul Lodge – Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy
Peggy Morgan – Lecturer in the Study of Religion
Katherine Morris – Supernumerary Fellow in Philosophy
John Muddiman – Tutorial Fellow in Theology
Joel Rasmussen – Tutorial Fellow in Theology

Mansfield admits students to study Philosophy and Theology on a regular basis, typically one or two each year, and is very happy to receive applications.

There are no specific A-levels (or equivalent qualifications) on which we insist as a condition for studying Philosophy and Theology, but we are looking for critical, clear and reasoned thinking, as well as real enthusiasm for the subjects on offer.

Philosophy and Theology brings together some of the most important approaches to understanding and assessing the intellectual claims of religion. The degree is constructed in the belief that the parallel study of these related disciplines provides new perspectives on each, leading to deeper understanding. It fosters intellectual capacities that you can apply across both disciplines, and develops skills which you will find useful for a wide range of careers and activities after graduation.

Whilst students must choose from a number of core papers in all three years of their degree, there is great flexibility in the second and third years, with choices made from a wide-ranging set of options.

For further information see the separate entries for Philosophy and for Theology

PHYSICS

Steve Biller – Tutorial Fellow in Physics
Stephen Blundell – Professorial Fellow in Physics
Michael Johnston – Lecturer in Physics
Hans Kraus – Lecturer in Physics
Candadi Sukumar – Lecturer in Physics

Physics is a subject which seeks to understand the mechanism behind the workings of elementary particles, atoms, forces and even the Universe itself. The Physics course at Oxford University is designed to help students appreciate the ideas which underpin our understanding of physical processes and take them to the boundaries of current research areas. The Department of Physics is one of the largest in the country and is located very close to the College.

For physics, there is both a 3-year course leading to the BA and a 4-year course leading to the MPhys.

Lectures and laboratory work are organised by the Department of Physics, and take place in one or other of the Physics laboratories (these are just a few minutes walk away from Mansfield, as is the Radcliffe Science Library). The College tutorials are designed to supplement these, and to ensure that students really understand the material presented in lectures and are able to use it. In most of the first three years, students normally have two tutorials or classes a week. When studying the options chosen in the four-year course, students are taught in classes organised by the Physics Department.

Subjects studied at A level or equivalent should be Physics, Mathematics and most usually Chemistry, and/or Further Mathematics.

Professor Blundell, Dr Sukumar and Dr Biller will be happy to answer any queries prospective applicants may have.

Candidates will be asked to take two tests, one in mathematics and one in physics, each lasting one hour. All candidates applying to Oxford to read physics will be taking the same test (see the web-page www.physics.ox.ac.uk/admissions for more details). Applicants to Mansfield will also be given two thorough, but friendly, interviews and will also receive an interview at a second college. The main purpose of these interviews is to test the ability to think clearly and to solve problems, rather than the depth of knowledge.

POLITICS

Katrin Auel – Supernumerary Fellow in Politics
Michael Freeden – Professorial Fellow in Politics

Politics at Oxford is always studied in combination with at least one other subject. At Mansfield our largest contingent of undergraduates studying Politics is in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE). However, we also have a regular intake in History and Politics. For further information on these courses see the separate entries for PPE, and for History and Politics.

While the first year concentrates on a general introduction to Politics, a wide spread of core and optional papers enables students to explore their preferred paths in the subject, in consultation with their tutors. We encourage the writing of an undergraduate thesis as an area in which students can develop their ideas in greater depth and with a greater degree of independence.

The College offers a wide range of topics within Politics. Professor Freeden is a political theorist specializing in ideology, modern political theory, and liberal thought. He is also the director of the Centre for Political Ideologies in the Department of Politics and International Relations. Dr Auel works in the field of comparative government, with special emphasis on European policy-making and integration.

THEOLOGY

Peggy Morgan – Lecturer in the Study of Religion
John Muddiman – Tutorial Fellow in Theology
Joel Rasmussen – Tutorial Fellow in Theology

Mansfield admits around five students per year for Theology, which means that we have one of the largest groups of Theology students in the University.

Candidates may apply who have any combination of A levels or equivalent qualifications; it is not necessary to have taken Theology or Religious Studies, although this can be an advantage. An interest in, and aptitude for, linguistic study is desirable, since precision in the use of words is of paramount importance in our field of study, and theologians learn New Testament Greek, though prior knowledge of the language is not expected.

The Faculty of Theology at Oxford is well known and large, having more than 100 members. It received the highest rating in the most recent research assessment exercise. Library resources are extensive and excellent, including not only the central University library (the Bodleian), but also the faculty library and college libraries like our own. There are innumerable student societies in the areas of to suit all tastes and convictions.

The Theology tutors are very happy to discuss potential applications with both teachers and students, and to meet applicants at Faculty or College open days, or where possible, at other times.

ADMISSIONS CALENDAR 2008-2009

All Oxford colleges have the same application procedures. Full details of what you need to do to apply are given in the Oxford University Undergraduate Prospectus and on the University website: www.admissions.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that there is no longer a separate Oxford Application Form.

- 1 September 2008** First day for submitting UCAS application forms.
- Early September 2008** Candidates must check Oxford University Undergraduate Prospectus and on the University website to see if there is a written test for their subject, and ensure that they have registered, where required. .
- September - October 2008** Law National Admissions Test (LNAT).
- October - November 2008** International interviews take place.
- 15 October 2008** Closing date for UCAS application forms.
- 5 November 2008** Several subjects require candidates to take a written test on 5th November 2008.
English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)
History Aptitude Test (HAT)
Physics Aptitude Test
Aptitude Test for Mathematics
PPE Aptitude Test
- 10 November 2008** Closing date for submission of written work, if required by your subject.
- 30 November 2008
– 17 December 2008** Interviews take place in Oxford. If you are required to come to Oxford in December we will send you a formal invitation, which will be dispatched at least seven days before the scheduled date of interviews for your chosen subject. Please note that candidates who are resident outside Western Europe are not usually summoned for interview; this in no way prejudices their applications.
- The written test in Philosophy for candidates for Philosophy and Theology will be held during the Oxford interview period. There is no written test in Philosophy for candidates for Mathematics and Philosophy.
- 15 December 2008
– 5 January 2009** You will be notified of the outcome of your application between the end of December (after the interview period) and the beginning of January.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE FEES 2008-2009

Fees are payable both to the College and to the University.

UNDERGRADUATE FEES

College fee

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| Publicly funded undergraduates (Home/EU) | £ nil |
| Self funding undergraduates | £5,212 |
| Overseas undergraduates | £5,212 |

University fee

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| Home/EU | £3,145 |
| Overseas | |
| Humanities | £11,205 |
| Sciences | £12,810 |

GRADUATE FEES

College fee

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| All graduates | £1,939 |
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University fees

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| Home/EU | £3,300 |
| Except the following courses: | |
| BCL | £5,000 |
| MJuris | £5,000 |
| MBA (fee will include the college fee of £3,000) | £30,000 |
| MSc Biodiversity, Conservation and Management | £6,500 |
| MSc Environmental Change and Management | £6,500 |
| MSc Nature Society & the Environment | £6,500 |
| MSc Water Science Policy and Management | £6,500 |
| MPhil Economics | £7,000 |
| MPhil Geography and the Environment | £6,500 |
| Overseas | |
| Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematical Sciences | £11,205 |
| Physical and Life Sciences | £12,810 |
| Medical Sciences | £23,475 |

All costs will be subject to inflationary increases for 2009-2010 and beyond.

For information on grants, loans and bursaries visit the Oxford University website.

Room Charges

UNDERGRADUATE

College site:

Single occupancy rooms, many of which are en suite (housing all 1st years and some 3rd and 4th year students).

£15.23 (plus utilities) per night during term

£11.34 (including utilities) per night during vacations

Ablethorpe Annexe:

Single bed sitting rooms, with shared self-catering and bathroom facilities (housing 3rd and 4th year and Visting Student Programme students).

£391.50 per month (including utilities) on a 9 month tenancy

GRADUATE

Single bed sitting rooms, with shared self-catering and bathroom facilities.

£354.48 per month (plus utilities of £38.85 per month) on a 10 month tenancy

Meal Charges

Breakfast

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| Continental | £2.20 |
| Cooked | £3.36 |

Lunch (average) £3.78

Dinner (average) £3.78

Formal Hall (twice a week):

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| 3 course | £6.50 |
| 4 course (incl. linen & candles) | £10.50 |

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ACADEMIC STAFF AT MANSFIELD 2008-2009

PRINCIPAL

Diana Marion Walford, CBE MA BSc MSc MD FRCP FRCPath FFPHM

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Robert M Adams MA, BD, PhD (Senior Research Fellow in Philosophy)

Carl Anderson MSc, PhD (Junior Research Fellow in Bioinformatics & Statistical Genetics)

Rosalind M Ballaster MA, DPhil (Tutorial Fellow in English, Tutor for Women)

Jocelyn Bell Burnell CBE, PhD, FRS (Professorial Fellow in Physics)

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Jon Chapman DPhil (Professorial Fellow in Mathematics)

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