



democratising access to higher education

Introductory Session  
Graduate Studies in Social Sciences



# Project EduAccess

Access to higher education is a privilege most people from marginalised communities are systematically denied through cost, information and dispositional barriers.

**Project EduAccess** is a modest attempt to improve inclusivity in HEIs by removing these barriers for marginalized communities in South Asia.

We hope to achieve this by providing expert mentorship, support and guidance to learners in South Asia.

# Outline for the Day

	SESSION TOPIC	TIME
SESSION 1	INTRODUCTORY SESSION	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
SESSION 2	WRITING YOUR CV	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
LUNCH		
SESSION 4	WRITING PERSONAL STATEMENTS/ SoPs	2 PM – 3.30 PM
SESSION 5	FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS	3.30 PM – 4.30 PM
SESSION 6	ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS	4.30 PM – 4.45 PM
SESSION 7	PhD APPLICATIONS	4.45 PM – 5.45 PM
SESSION 8	CONCLUDING REMARKS	5.45 PM – 6 PM

# Why consider an education abroad?

1

## University Repute

World renowned in respective fields

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## Scholarships

Several funding opportunities can help finance your studies **AND** give you access to excellent scholar/alumni networks

3

## Career prospects

Jobs in academia, public sector, government advisory, consulting

Access to career counselling and mentorship within Universities

Alumni networks

4

## Student Communities

100s of diverse and inclusive student communities- explore your passions, lead, be a changemaker, make friends from across the world!

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## Student Welfare

Universities usually have a strong student welfare support system in place- to help you fit in, help you feel you belong

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## Libraries and Museums

Access to 100s of libraries, museums and archives to help with your research



# BACK TO BASICS

Where to start?

- Under Graduate v. Graduate v. Post Graduate
- Types of Applications – University v. Scholarship
- Identifying University Rankings
- Websites
- Peers, Seniors, Professors
- Third Party Paid Support

# How to find a course you are interested in?

Step 1: Identify Universities you wish to apply to

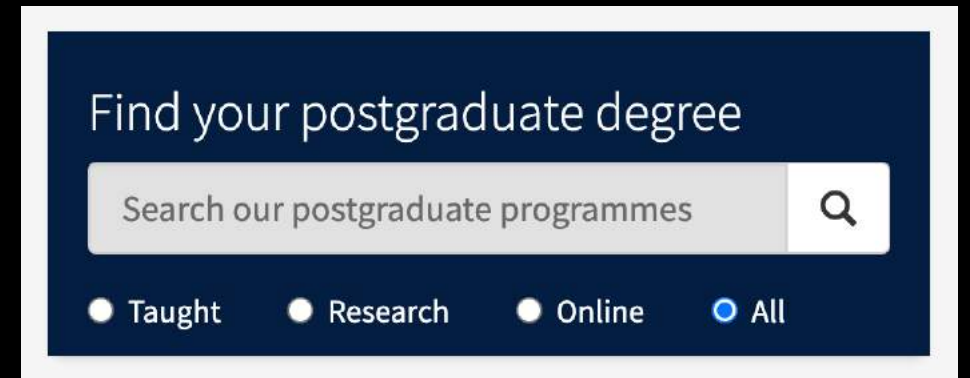
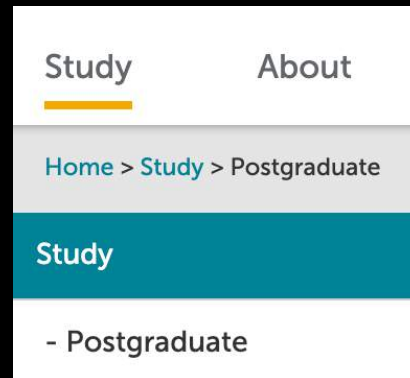
Step 2: Check their graduate study website or postgraduate admissions website

Step 3: Find out from list of courses which best suits your interest for higher studies

Step 4: Check if you are eligible to pursue the course of interest

Step 5: Check if they have funding options available

Throughout the process, talk to us or other mentors/seniors/advisors you may have!



## Social Sciences Division ([www.socsci.ox.ac.uk](http://www.socsci.ox.ac.uk))

- Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, School of
- Archaeology, School of
- Business School, Saïd
- Economics, Department of
- Education, Department of
- Geography and the Environment, School of
- Global and Area Studies, Oxford School of
- Government, Blavatnik School of
- International Development, Department of
- Internet Institute, Oxford
- Law, Faculty of
- Oxford Martin School
- Politics and International Relations, Department of
- Social Policy and Intervention, Department of
- Sociology, Department of




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## MPhil in Development Studies

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 **Course closed:** Development Studies is no longer accepting new applications.

The MPhil in Development Studies seeks to provide students with a critical and reflexive program that eschews the norm. This approach to development enables a rethinking of who benefits from explicit and implicit contemporary approaches, allowing for a repositioning of who development is for. This MPhil aims then to give students a rich and inspired program that will allow them to build an approach to development that is grounded in thoughtfulness and reflection of the historical, racial and political terms of the paradigm as it stands.

The MPhil in Development Studies is taught within the Centre of Development Studies and in collaboration with the Centres of African Studies, South Asian Studies, and Latin American Studies, as well as the Faculty of Economics, the Departments of Land Economy, Geography, Politics and International Studies, Social Anthropology, and the Judge Business School. It therefore provides a framework within which students can construct a pathway suited to a wide range of different interests and needs, drawn from different institutional locations.


### Key Information

 **9 months** full-time


 **Master of Philosophy**

 **Centre of Development Studies** This course is advertised in multiple departments. Please see the Overview tab for more details.

 [Course - related enquiries](#)

 [Application - related enquiries](#)

 [Course on Department Website](#)

 **Dates and deadlines:**



# MSt in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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## How to apply

You are not expected to make contact with an academic member of staff before you apply.

The set of documents you should send with your application to this course comprises the following:

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▼ **Official transcript(s)**

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▼ **CV/résumé**

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▼ **Statement of purpose/personal statement:**  
*A maximum of 700 words*

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▼ **Written work:**  
*Two essays of a maximum of 2,000 words each **or** one essay of a maximum of 4,000 words*

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▼ **References/letters of recommendation:**  
*Three overall, generally academic*



# General Eligibility Requirements

## Academic

- Minimum of an upper second class honours in your respective discipline
- Completion of, or release from, any current training or education course
- You should also make sure that you meet the **entry requirements for the specific course** you are applying to

## Financial

Proof of finance

## Competence in English

English language tests – TOEFL/IELTS

# Applications / Contact us

Applications for 2022/23 are now closed.

## LLM admission requirements

The LLM programme is open to applicants who have an undergraduate degree in law and places are normally only offered to applicants with very good grades in their law studies (for example, a first or very high upper second in the UK LLB), and who rank amongst the best graduates in their law schools. Applicants with a very good degree in another discipline together with very good grades in an appropriate graduate diploma in law (such as the UK's Graduate Diploma in Law) may apply also qualify for a place. The LLM selectors must choose from a large pool of well-qualified candidates. In evaluating applications, the selectors take into consideration the applicant's grades and class rank, letters of reference, the coherence of the applicant's proposed programme of study, and any significant professional accomplishments. LSE's LLM applicants typically originate from up to 100 countries and the grades normally required for admission are tailored to the system of legal education in the countries from which applicants have obtained, or will obtain, their qualifications.

# Application guide 1- documents

What do you need to make a graduate application?

1

## Statement of Purpose (SoP)

-Describe your reasons for applying, study and research interests, career plans, other relevant aspects of your background

2

## Curriculum Vitae (CV)

-Summary of your educational qualifications, experience and skills

3

## Writing Sample/Essays

-Writing samples demonstrating your research skills

-Scholarship essays

4

## Academic Qualification documents

-Official degree transcripts

-TOEFL/IELTS scores (for English language competency)

5

## Letters of Recommendation

-References from professors, mentors or supervisors

# Application guide 2- the process

## Document upload, submission

- Upload all documents- SoP, CV, scholarship essays, writing samples, official degree transcripts, TOEFL/IELTS results and submit

## Actually filling up the form

- Fill in your details- personal, education, work experience
- Request for references

## Starting your application

- Find the graduate course you are interested in (Which University? Which department?)
- Check deadlines

# Interdisciplinary Studies

- Course and University Selection - Because of the expansive nature of the discipline, it is hard to identify specific courses abroad that might interest you.

Explore interdisciplinary courses or region-specific courses such as Modern South Asian Studies, development studies, public policy, gender studies, social conflict, social anthropology

## MA South Asian Area Studies (2022 entry)

Select year of entry: 2022 2021

Overview

Structure

Teaching and Learning

Fees and funding

Employment

Apply

### Overview and entry requirements

The MA South Asian Area Studies programme provides exceptional opportunities for advanced study of one of the world's most diverse and important regions.

Students can choose to concentrate on pre-modern or modern South Asia and can acquire a basic knowledge of one of the area's languages, or build upon pre-existing knowledge by taking some languages at an intermediate or advanced level.

This degree provides a wide-ranging interdisciplinary analysis of the South Asian countries – India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, with more limited coverage of Bangladesh and Bhutan. Disciplines available include Politics, Economics, Anthropology, Law, Literature, Cinema, Culture, Religion and History.

The South Asian Area Studies MA programme attracts students from a variety of backgrounds. While some wish to broaden their previous studies or experience of South Asia, others approach the programme without having a South Asian element to their first degree, but with a desire to focus their previous training on the region.

See [School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics](#)

## MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies

Overview

Study

Requirements

Finance

How To Apply

Testimonials

**Course closed:** Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies is no longer accepting new applications.

The MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies is a 9-month course designed to provide students with rigorous advanced training in a variety of traditions and methods, including those from feminist and queer theories, as well as thorough examination of frontline research in Gender Studies. It offers expert supervision of a substantial and original research project as well as the provision of a variety of intensive taught courses. The MPhil is designed for those students who wish to go on to prepare a doctoral thesis and also for those students who simply want to enhance their understanding of 'gender analysis' – it is a freestanding postgraduate degree course in its own right. The course aims to provide not only subject-related knowledge skills but also transferable research, study and personal skills.

### Learning Outcomes

The MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies provides an exceptionally wide range of disciplinary approaches, methods and theoretical perspectives to the study of gender. The course will give students the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to:

1. use a range of methods for gathering, analysing and interpreting research material.
2. apply normative theories to substantive research topics.
3. frame research questions, to construct appropriate research designs, and develop a thorough grasp of a wide range of methodological approaches.
4. interpret complex research publications effectively.
5. independently manage primary research, including data management and the writing up of research as well as understanding codes of research practice and research ethics.
6. present research and also to make use of constructive criticism.

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Dates and deadlines:

Michaelmas 2022 (Closed)

Funding Deadlines

Similar Courses



# Challenges in Applying to Unis Abroad

- Uncertainty about job and career prospects- not being sure how to navigate post-study job opportunities abroad  
Work opportunities abroad allow for more flexibility- management, consultancy, research, academia, civil and government services, NGOs
- Lack of internship/research/work experience requirements before applying abroad  
Include experiential learning trips, internship with think tanks, NGOs, write articles in online news and media spaces, blogs.  
Remember no experience is unworthy of being mentioned!



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