

OXFORD LIFELONG LEARNING

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN LOCAL HISTORY

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

This specification is what we believe to be the minimum you will need to be able to complete the course.

PC Hardware

- In general, less than 5 years old
- 4 GB of RAM
- 20 GB of free hard disk space
- Display size 1024x768
- Mouse/trackpad and keyboard
- Speakers and microphone – headphones with a built-in microphone are recommended[▽]
- Camera (optional)[▽]
- A means of backing-up data (e.g. USB memory stick, external hard drive or cloud storage)
- Internet access
- Access to a printer (optional)

PC Software

- Windows 11
- A web browser (Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge) (latest versions)
- A PDF reader (such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, or a basic version built-in to the web browser)
- A version of Microsoft Office that includes Access (version 2016 or later)
- Microsoft Teams (desktop app preferred)
- A current anti-virus package that receives regular updates (Microsoft Defender, built-in to Windows, is sufficient as long as it is enabled and up-to-date)

Mac Hardware

- In general, less than 5 years old*
- Apple Silicon “M” series or Intel-based processor
- 4 GB of RAM*
- 20 GB of free hard disk space
- Display size 1024x768
- Mouse/trackpad and keyboard
- Speakers and microphone – headphones with a built-in microphone are recommended[▽]
- Camera (optional)[▽]
- A means of backing-up data (e.g. USB memory stick, external hard drive or cloud storage)
- Internet access
- Access to a printer (optional)

Mac Software

- macOS Sequoia (version 15) or later
- A web browser (Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome or Apple Safari) (latest versions)
- A PDF reader (such as Apple Preview, Adobe Acrobat Reader, or a basic version built-in to the web browser)
- Either a) Parallels (latest version)* with Windows 11, or b) a hard drive partition with Windows 11 installed (Boot Camp is available for Intel-based Macs)
- A copy of Microsoft Office for **Windows** that includes Access (version 2016 or later).
N.B. this is essential regardless of any version of Microsoft Office for macOS you may have, as Access is not available in any macOS version of Office.
- Microsoft Teams (desktop app preferred)
- A current anti-virus package that receives regular updates for both the Mac and the Windows operating systems (Microsoft Defender, built-in to Windows, is sufficient as long as it is enabled and up-to-date)

▽ Speakers, a microphone and a camera (optional) are needed for online tutorials and seminars. Standard laptop camera, microphone and speakers should be adequate.

* If running Parallels, you will need at least 6 GB of RAM on hardware that is no more than 3 years old.

All the above components must be installed and maintained correctly.

Please bear in mind that having the right software and hardware may incur additional costs. If you need to update your IT equipment or acquire essential software, you may wish to wait until you start your course. At the start of your course, you will receive an Oxford Single Sign-On (SSO) account. This will enable you to access some software for free or at a discounted rate via the University's software licensing schemes. As a student, you will also be able to access student discounts on IT equipment.

Queries If you have queries about your IT set-up, please contact the TALL IT helpdesk by email: tallithelp@conted.ox.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0) 1865 280990.

If you intend to study the course on a public computer, such as in a public library, we recommend that you contact TALL before applying.