



Guide for
Prospective
International
Undergraduates
2019

Welcome

For hundreds of years, Cambridge has nurtured generation after generation of students.



The collegiate University is bound together by a deep-rooted sense of community, shared purposes and a willingness to share resources and talents. Our commitment to excellence in education, learning and research is uncompromising and lived out in practice every day in our lecture theatres and supervision rooms, our libraries and labs.

My student days at Cambridge offered me the precious opportunity to challenge and deepen my knowledge. But they also provided the space and the time to broaden my intellectual horizons, allowing me to read voraciously and widely, and to interact with one of the most stimulating and diverse groups of people I had ever met – staff and students from around the globe.

At Cambridge, we continue to reach our hands outward. As we do so, we welcome an ever more diverse group of students who have the desire and ability to learn and produce new insights that shift our understanding of the world around us.

Professor Stephen Toope
Vice-Chancellor



No. 1

in the *Guardian*, *Complete Times* and *Sunday Times University Guides 2018*.

Top 3

for academic and employer reputation (QS World University Rankings 2018).

Top 5

in the UK for high quality staff/lectures and helpful staff (*Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017*).

7,000+

graduate-level opportunities and internships advertised annually through the Careers Service.

Around 500

overseas undergraduates admitted each year.

140+

countries represented among undergraduates and postgraduates.

98

affiliates of the University have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904.

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Cambridge Explained

The University of Cambridge is one of the world's leading universities, providing a challenging, flexible and individual learning experience. Consistently rated among the top in national and international league tables, the University is globally respected for the quality of our teaching and research, and our students are greatly sought after by employers.



Studying at Cambridge offers you the chance to engage with academics at the forefront of cutting-edge research, and the opportunity to participate in a vibrant and varied student experience. Here, you can develop your knowledge and transferable skills to prepare you for your future, whichever direction you wish to take.



The University and Colleges

Cambridge is a collegiate university, which means it comprises University faculties and departments in different academic subjects, and a number of Colleges. As well as being a member of the University and an academic faculty/department, students also belong to a smaller College community and this system offers a huge amount of individual pastoral and academic support for each student.

The key functions for which the University (through its faculties/departments) and Colleges are responsible are outlined below, to show how they fit together.

The University (through its faculties/departments):

- determines course content
- organises lectures, seminars, practicals and projects
- sets and marks examinations
- awards degrees

The Colleges:

- admit undergraduate students
- organise small-group teaching (supervisions)
- offer accommodation, places to eat and recreational facilities
- provide pastoral and academic care

The partnership between the University and the Colleges is one of our greatest strengths. It provides superb facilities, contact with the very best minds, and personal supervision and support to help develop your academic interests. We also pride ourselves on the close level of pastoral care provided by College tutors, support staff and student-run networks.

Our courses

More than 65 subjects are offered within our undergraduate courses – see p12-3 for the course list, and a subject search facility can be found on our Undergraduate Study website (www.cam.ac.uk/courses). Most courses cover the subject broadly to start with before allowing you to choose from a range of specialisms. This can offer you much greater flexibility than more narrowly focused courses elsewhere.

You're taught by experts in their field through a combination of lectures, practicals (where relevant), seminars, and regular small-group tuition known as 'supervision'. These sessions allow you to explore course material in much greater depth, investigate new approaches, receive regular feedback and clarify anything you're unsure about. See p11 for more about our teaching and assessment methods.

Term dates 2019-20

Michaelmas Term	Lent Term	Easter Term
Tuesday 8 October – Friday 6 December 2019	Tuesday 14 January – Friday 13 March 2020	Tuesday 21 April – Friday 12 June 2020

Each academic year consists of three eight-week terms, with similar dates to those above. See online for exact term dates in later years. All students must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad, where part of the course).



Student life

Cambridge has a diverse and vibrant student community, and this diversity is valued and celebrated. There's plenty for you to get involved with across the University, Colleges and around the city itself. We encourage our students to get involved socially and they certainly do – we have hundreds of student-run clubs and societies, so whatever your interests, you'll be in good company here.

Our extensive welfare and support systems also ensure your individual needs can be recognised and met. There are various University and student-run services, and within your College you have a number of people looking out for your academic and personal welfare. You can find out more about student life and support on p4-7.

Student Life

Cambridge is a great place to be a student. There's loads going on for students in the University, Colleges and city; the University has a truly diverse community – almost 23 per cent of our students are from overseas (from outside the EU), including around 1,600 overseas undergraduates.



In and around Cambridge

Cambridge is a vibrant city that embraces the old and the new. It combines the welcoming feel of a small town with the variety and energy of a larger city.

Entertainment, music and festivals

However you like to spend your time, there's always something to keep you entertained. Cambridge has four theatres, three cinema, and two major entertainment venues – the Junction and the Corn Exchange – offering varied programmes that include comedy, drama, dance, concerts and club nights.

Live music is a big part of life in both the city and University, from buskers and pub gigs, to classical concerts and big name acts. The city hosts a growing number of music festivals too. Most well-known is the Folk Festival, but others include the Jazz Festival, Jazz and Brass in the Parks, the Rock Festival, and the Buskers and Street Performers Festival.

The city also offers lots of other events, fairs and festivals throughout the year, including:

- Watersprite International Student Film Festival
- History Festival
- Literary Festival
- Eat Cambridge Festival
- Beer Festival
- Strawberry Fair
- Midsummer Fair
- Shakespeare Festival
- Film Festival
- Dragonboat Festival
- Mill Road Winter Fair



Pubs, clubs and restaurants

Cambridge has a great range of pubs and coffee shops – there are more than 100 before you start to count the dozens of College and University bars and cafés! The city has a mix of clubs offering everything you'd expect – a variety of music nights alongside cheap entry and offers for students.

There's a great selection of places to eat too. Something for any mood, taste, occasion, and price range. Better still, there are lots of discounts and special deals for students at various restaurants and cafés.

Shopping

Cambridge's three shopping centres and the city's central streets house most high street names alongside independent shops and boutiques. The stalls in Market Square sell handmade jewellery, vintage clothes, books and much more. You can pick up artisan breads and local produce as well as a delicious range of street food.

Just outside the centre, you can find an eclectic mix of international food shops, cafés and restaurants on Mill Road (www.mill-road.com), offering anything from just about anywhere in the world and to suit any budget.

Outside the city

If you want to explore further afield, London is just 50 minutes away by train and there's plenty to discover in the region.

- Walking and cycling routes.
- Punting up river to Grantchester.
- Ely and its cathedral.
- Historical buildings, gardens and museums.
- Nature reserves, wildlife parks and zoos.
- Karting, a real snow slope, and indoor skydiving.

Student societies and groups

Cambridge isn't just about academic work – it's important that you have time out from your studies and get involved socially too; University is about trying new things, and the more you take part, the more you'll get from your time here.

At Cambridge, there are hundreds of student groups, clubs and societies relating to:

- academic subjects
- community, charity and volunteering projects
- particular cultures and nationalities
- the environment
- faiths and religions
- food and drink
- games, hobbies and outdoor pursuits
- media (eg journalism, TV, radio, film-making, photography)
- performing arts (eg comedy, dance, drama, music)
- politics and debating
- science and technology

See the Societies Directory for the full range at: www.cusu.co.uk/get-involved/societies.



Sport

The sports scene at Cambridge is huge. More than 80 sports are offered here, including team games, water sports, martial arts, racket sports and extreme sports.

One of the advantages of being collegiate is how easy it is to get involved with sports at any level. There are College teams for novices and experts, as well as the University teams that represent Cambridge against other universities and club teams.

Many clubs and groups offer taster sessions at the beginning of each year so you can try them out and find out more.

Facilities for sport

Facilities at the University's state-of-the-art Sports Centre include:

- a multi-purpose room for floor-based sports
- an AstroTurf pitch
- five glass-backed squash courts
- a fitness suite, equipped with the latest cardiovascular and strength training equipment
- a strength and conditioning room containing eight Olympic lifting platforms and a plyometric track

The University also has a floodlit UK Athletics grade 1 track; a floodlit, sand-dressed hockey ground; and Fenner's Cricket and Tennis Ground (home to the MCCU Cambridge Centre of Cricketing Excellence).

In addition, Colleges provide facilities for traditional team games and sports such as tennis and rowing, and many have their own gym and other sports facilities.

Further information about sport at the University is available at: www.sport.cam.ac.uk.

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Arrival and settling in

Once offer-holders meet their offer conditions, their College will start to contact them about arrangements for coming to Cambridge.



Study facilities

It's not just our teaching that's world class – we provide extensive resources and facilities to support your learning too.

Libraries

The collegiate University has more than 100 libraries across the Colleges, faculties and departments, and the University Library. As well as books, journals and other hard copy documents; our libraries offer vast online collections and practical sessions to help you make the most of their resources.

www.lib.cam.ac.uk/teaching-and-learning

Museums and collections

The University has nine specialist museums and collections open to students and the public alike.

www.cam.ac.uk/museums



Computing and IT

All Colleges and many departments and libraries have computer suites offering a range of general and specialist software. Most student rooms are connected to the University network and internet, and there are wireless hotspots throughout the departments and Colleges. An IT service desk and free training courses are available to all students.

www.uis.cam.ac.uk

Language Centre

The Language Centre offers an academic English support programme for overseas students, as well as taught and self-study courses in more than 180 languages, and a dedicated Advising Team.

www.langcen.cam.ac.uk

Support

There's an extensive welfare network in place at Cambridge, and consistently low drop-out rates as a result.

College welfare

Within your College, you have a Director of Studies (DoS) looking after your academic welfare, who advises you on course options and monitors your academic progress. As well as a DoS, you have access to a Tutor who can provide pastoral support and offer advice on personal or financial matters. Most Colleges have a number of others you can turn to for medical or personal support, such as a nurse, counsellor and/or chaplain.

University services

As well as department lecturers and staff, University support services include the Counselling Service, the Childcare Office for student parents, and the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) for students with a disability, Specific Learning Difficulty, or long-term health condition.

www.cam.ac.uk/support

Students supporting students

Every College has its own students' union, to which undergraduates are elected to represent students at a College level, and each has a welfare officer or team. Many Colleges also assign 'College parents' (students in other years) to new students to help them settle in and find their feet.

The University Students' Union – CUSU (www.cusu.co.uk) – represents all students at the University and focuses on addressing issues including inclusivity, welfare and women's rights. It also provides an independent, professional Advice Service and runs campaigns and initiatives about issues surrounding mental and sexual health.

The international student branch of CUSU – iCUSU (www.international.cusu.cam.ac.uk) – oversees all international societies, and looks out for the welfare and needs of international students at the University.

The International Student Office website – www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving – offers a wide range of information and advice on pre-arrival, arrival and orientation matters for new overseas students. In addition, some University alumni groups offer pre-arrival freshers' events for undergraduates and postgraduates in various places around the world each August and September (www.cam.ac.uk/freshers) to help you to meet other new students before arriving at Cambridge.

CUSU (www.freshers.cusu.co.uk) and iCUSU (www.international.cusu.cam.ac.uk/freshersweek) have freshers' websites offering information for new undergraduates, and run programmes of events and activities to help you settle in. This includes CUSU's Societies Fair, where you can find out about many of the student groups, clubs and societies to get involved in.

Colleges and faculties/departments usually offer an induction or orientation programme in the first few days of your arrival to cover key information (eg finding your way around, facilities/resources etc).

It's common for undergraduates to feel a little nervous about moving somewhere new and where they don't know any/many people – if you experience this, there are plenty of people around that can offer some advice and support while you find your feet (see opposite). The best way to lose any initial nerves and get settled in at Cambridge is to throw yourself into things and make the most of all the different opportunities to get to know the city, University and your fellow students.



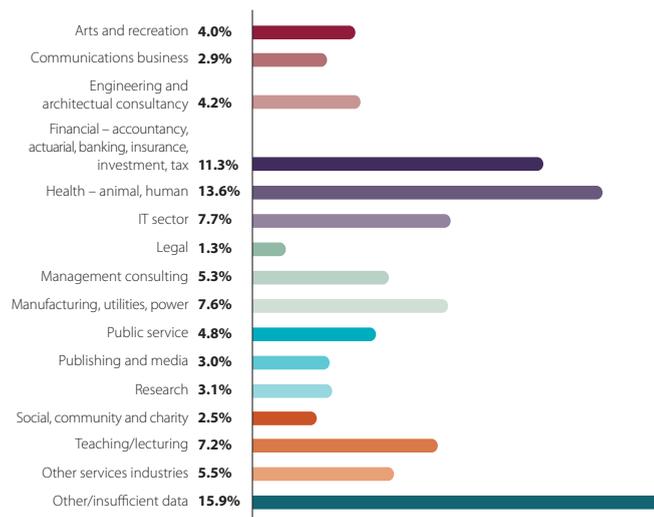
Careers

Our courses are recognised and respected all over the world, and Cambridge graduates of all disciplines are highly employable and greatly sought after.

Career destinations

Cambridge graduates are highly employable. The majority of employers recruit students from any degree discipline – so there's no need to worry about your choice of course limiting you to one career path. But it's not just employment our degrees prepare students for – around a third (compared to about 15 per cent nationally) progress to further study. Examples of career destinations of recent graduates can be found in the relevant course information on the Undergraduate Study website (www.cam.ac.uk/courses) and on the Careers Service website (www.careers.cam.ac.uk). You can also read Alumni Stories (www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/news) about what some of our students have gone on to following graduation.

Employment destinations of 2016 Cambridge first-degree graduates (six months after graduation)



The Careers Service

The University's Careers Service offers a wide range of services; and staff can help you make informed career choices and work out what to do next, whether that's:

- advice about internships and vacation work experience
- matching your interests and skills to possible careers
- postgraduate study guidance
- job application support

There are also numerous opportunities for you to meet employers through events organised by the Careers Service.

And the advice and guidance don't stop when you graduate – you can continue to access the Careers Service at any time in the future.

Transferable skills

While at Cambridge, you can develop a wide range of 'transferable skills' through both your studies and recreational activities (www.skills.cam.ac.uk/undergrads), for example:

- communication – written, aural, oral, non-verbal
- computer literacy
- intellectual skills – critical and analytical thinking, problem-solving
- interpersonal skills – working with others, flexibility, adaptability
- organisation – independent working, initiative, managing finances and time
- research – data acquisition and analysis

It's these skills that employers look for when reviewing job applications. Employers value achievements and experiences gained through involvement in clubs and societies, and vacation employment as well.

Potential employers also interact with some department-based societies so you have opportunities to network and make contacts long before graduation.

How the Careers Service can help you

Choosing a career

- Careers consultations.
- Online resources.

Internships and work experience

- More than 1,500 internships available across all sectors, with bursaries offered to support unpaid opportunities.

Researching occupations and employers

- Career information events for a range of sectors.
- 200+ careers events and briefing and skills sessions typically offered each year.
- GradLink – contact details for 1,200+ Cambridge alumni who can offer first-hand advice.
- Information on occupations, further study courses and funding.

Finding vacancies

- Online vacancy information on more than 5,500 organisations.
- Email subscription service.

Making successful applications

- *CVs and Cover Letters* book written specifically for Cambridge students.
- One-to-one CV and interview advice and support.

www.careers.cam.ac.uk



Courses

Many of our courses (also called Triposes at Cambridge) encompass several subjects (as indicated overleaf), with some options available in a number of courses where the subjects overlap.

Our courses cover the subject area very broadly in the initial years, and then offer an increasingly wide range of options in the later years. If you already know what you want to focus on, you can start to specialise early on at Cambridge. However if you're not so sure just yet, you have the flexibility to delay specialising until you've explored the subject and confirmed your interests.

Changing courses

Most students stay on the same degree course. However, it may be possible to change (with agreement from your College). The course details on our website (www.cam.ac.uk/courses) give information about more common changes and you should contact a College for further advice.



How you're taught and assessed

The University faculty or department arranges lectures, seminars and practicals that students from all Colleges attend together. Your College also arranges supervisions (see right) for you.

During term time, you're expected to spend an average of 42-46 hours a week on your academic studies (including teaching/contact time and independent study), and you also need to undertake some work during the vacations (eg further reading, research, revision, assignments).

Most students are assessed at the end of every year. This is usually through traditional written examinations, but in some courses/years there are opportunities for coursework (in the form of long essays, dissertations or projects) to be submitted for assessment.

See online for full information about our courses, teaching and assessment (www.cam.ac.uk/courses).

Lectures

Lectures typically last around 50 minutes. Many lecturers are leading academics working at the forefront of their field.

Seminars and classes

These usually last between one and two hours. For groups of 10-30 students, they're led by academics but you're expected to actively contribute.

Practicals

Some courses include practicals, sometimes laboratory classes or 'labs'. Practical work may be assessed on some courses.

Supervisions

Supervisions are small-group sessions (most often for between one and three students) during which you discuss your work and ideas in depth, and receive regular feedback. This more personal tuition is one of our greatest strengths.

Typically, you have one or two hour-long supervisions each week (depending on your course). You do some appropriate preparation for each supervision (eg reading, writing an essay, working on some problems), and in the session get feedback on your work and explore ideas further.

Supervisors are specialists in particular subject areas (they may be one of the country's or world's leading authorities). Throughout your time at Cambridge, you see different supervisors (who may be based at different Colleges) according to the topics you're covering.

Independent research

There's considerable emphasis on independent and self-directed study at Cambridge – all students are expected to undertake wider reading and exploration beyond what's required for lectures, classes etc. All courses also include dissertations and/or research projects (usually in the later years), in which you can test out theories and put forward ideas.

Field trips, visits, study abroad, language courses

Several courses offer such opportunities – where you go, how long for and what you do varies depending on your course (see course information online).

Work experience

Some courses include a period of work experience, giving you the chance to explore potential career paths and develop vocational skills. As well as or instead of this, many students (regardless of course) organise work experience for themselves during the long vacations.

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Cambridge courses

For information about our courses and links to faculties and departments, please see the Undergraduate Study website at: www.cam.ac.uk/courses.

Course	Degree award	Course duration (years) ¹	Tuition fee group (see p28)	Location (map ref, see p34-5)	Key subjects for admission (see p22-5)	Admission assessment (see p23)	Colleges accepting applications
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic	BA (Hons)	3	1	S		Pre-interview	All
Archaeology <i>Archaeology, Assyriology, Biological Anthropology, Egyptology</i>	BA (Hons)	3	1	D		At-interview	All
Architecture	BA (Hons)	3	3	L	Mathematics or Physics	At-interview	All except Homerton, Hughes Hall, St Catharine's
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies <i>Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian</i>	BA (Hons)	4 (Year 3 abroad)	1	S	A language	Pre-interview	All
Chemical Engineering	MEng	4	4	W	Chemistry, Mathematics (Physics, depending on route)	Pre-interview	All
Classics	BA (Hons)	3 or 4	1	S	Latin (for the three-year course)	At-interview	All
Computer Science <i>Including Computer Science with Mathematics</i>	BA (Hons) or MEng	3 or 4	4	W	Mathematics, science subjects ²	TBC	All (Computer Science with Mathematics not available at Wolfson)
Economics	BA (Hons)	3	1	S	Mathematics	Pre-interview	All except Wolfson
Education <i>Education, Psychology and Learning; Education, Policy and International Development; Education, English, Drama and the Arts</i>	BA (Hons)	3	1	N		At-interview	All except Corpus Christi, Girton, King's, Murray Edwards, Newnham, Pembroke, Peterhouse, St Catharine's, Sidney Sussex, Trinity, Trinity Hall
Engineering <i>Aerospace and Aerothral; Bioengineering; Civil, Structural and Environmental; Electrical and Electronic; Electrical and Information Sciences; Energy, Sustainability and the Environment; General; Information and Computer; Instrumentation and Control; Mechanical</i>	MEng	4	4	E	Mathematics, Physics, science subjects ²	Pre-interview	All
English	BA (Hons)	3	1	S	English Literature	ELAT pre-interview	All
Geography	BA (Hons)	3	3	D	Geography	Pre-interview	All except Pembroke, Peterhouse
History	BA (Hons)	3	1	S	History	Pre-interview	All
History and Modern Languages <i>History and French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish</i>	BA (Hons)	4 (Year 3 abroad)	1	S	History, a language	Pre-interview and at-interview	All
History and Politics	BA (Hons)	3	1	S	History	Pre-interview	All
History of Art	BA (Hons)	3	1	L		At-interview	All except Girton, Robinson, St Catharine's

¹ All undergraduate degrees are full-time, and all students must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad, where part of the course).

² 'Science/mathematics subjects' refers to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics. It doesn't include Psychology.

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Human, Social, and Political Sciences <i>Politics and International Relations, Social Anthropology, Sociology</i>	BA (Hons)	3	1	M S		Pre-interview	All
Land Economy	BA (Hons)	3	1	F		Pre-interview	All except Churchill, Corpus Christi, Emmanuel, King's, Peterhouse
Law	BA (Hons)	3	1	S		At-interview	All
Linguistics	BA (Hons)	3	1	S		At-interview	All except St Catharine's
Mathematics	BA (Hons) or MMath	3 or 4	2	X	Mathematics, Sixth Term Examination Paper in Mathematics (STEP), sciences ²	At-interview	All except Wolfson
Medicine	MB, BChir	6	5b	D M	Chemistry and at least one other science/mathematics subject ²	BMAT pre-interview	All except Hughes Hall
Modern and Medieval Languages <i>French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish</i>	BA (Hons)	4 (Year 3 abroad)	1	S	At least one of the languages to be studied	At-interview	All
Music	BA (Hons)	3	3	S	Music	At-interview	All
Natural Sciences <i>Astrophysics; Biochemistry; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Chemistry; Earth Sciences; Genetics; History and Philosophy of Science; Materials Science; Pathology; Pharmacology; Physical Sciences; Physics; Physiology, Development and Neuroscience; Plant Sciences; Psychology; Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour; Zoology</i>	BA (Hons) or MSci	3 or 4	4	C D J M W	At least two science/mathematics subjects ²	Pre-interview	All
Philosophy	BA (Hons)	3	1	S		At-interview	All except Murray Edwards
Psychological and Behavioural Sciences	BA (Hons)	3	4	D M	Science/mathematics subjects ²	Pre-interview	All except Peterhouse
Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion	BA (Hons)	3	1	S		At-interview	All except Churchill
Veterinary Medicine	VetMB	6	5a	D M W	Chemistry and at least one other science/mathematics subject ²	Pre-interview	All except Christ's, Corpus Christi, Hughes Hall, King's, Peterhouse, Trinity

Part II courses

In addition to the courses listed above, we also offer two other courses – Management Studies and Manufacturing Engineering – which students can apply to change to after two or three years of another undergraduate course (places available are limited). See online for details (www.cam.ac.uk/courses).

Colleges

At Cambridge, as well as being a member of the University, you're also a member of a College. Once you've decided on a course you'd like to study, you need to consider your College choice.



What's a College?

Your College is your base for the time you're at Cambridge (see p2). It's where you live, eat, do a lot of socialising, receive academic and pastoral support, and where you often (though not always) have your supervisions (see p11).

Accommodation

Cambridge guarantees most students College-owned accommodation for three years, and many Colleges provide for fourth-year students too.¹ This means that you don't have to find private rented accommodation after your first year.

Some Colleges have all their accommodation on their main College site. Others have some on their main site plus College-owned flats and houses around the city. Either way, most accommodation is within easy walking or cycling distance of the University departments and facilities, and the city centre. See the map on p34-5 for locations.

Colleges have a variety of accommodation available, and you often have a choice of en suite or shared bathroom facilities. Whatever the style, you have a room of your own and access to a shared kitchen and laundry room. All Colleges have their own library and computer suite too.

Most College accommodation contracts are for between 26 and 39 weeks, so you don't pay rent during the vacations unless you choose to stay in Cambridge.² If you want to stay in Cambridge throughout the year, you should discuss this with your College.

See p29-30 for information about accommodation costs, and the Undergraduate Study (www.cam.ac.uk/accommodation) and individual College websites (p16-7) for full details.

Food

All students have access to basic self-catering facilities (these vary between Colleges), and all Colleges provide dining facilities where you can buy cafeteria-style meals as well as three-course dinners (known as 'formal halls') at a reasonable price (see p29-30).

The Colleges encourage communal dining – it's a chance to catch up with friends and meet new people. A small number of Colleges require you to have a certain number of meals in the dining hall each term (see College websites for details).

Recreational facilities

The main social hub of every College is its common room and bar (also known as a JCR, or Junior Common/Combination Room). Many offer TVs, newspapers, pool tables or computer games.

Colleges have a wide range of sports and music facilities too; such as playing fields, gyms, practice rooms and performance venues. See p4-7 for more information about student life at the University.

How do I choose a College?

In your application, you can either choose a particular College or, if you don't have a preference, you can make an 'open' application (see p16) and accept the allocation made by a computer programme.³ In both cases, your application is sent to a College and that College assesses it.

Everyone's reasons for choosing their College differ. Some Colleges don't take students in all subjects so check availability for your course first (see p12-3 and p16-7). Otherwise, we suggest that you think of choosing a College in terms of where you'd like to live; you may want to consider the following points:

- **your age** – four Colleges are exclusively for students aged 21 or older (mature students)
- **your gender** – three Colleges consider applications from female students only
- **size** – number of students
- **appearance** and type of accommodation (eg on-site or College-owned houses)
- **particular facilities** – eg for certain sports, performing arts etc
- **personal instinct** – it just 'feels right'

There are profiles introducing each College and further guidance on how (and how not) to choose online at: www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege.



¹ Accommodation guarantee applies to single undergraduates without children at all Colleges except St Edmund's. All single undergraduates without children are usually expected to live in College-owned accommodation where possible.

² Colleges offer storage facilities for overseas students' belongings during vacations.

³ Whether you select a preference College or an open application, you must choose the same option in your UCAS application, COPA and SAQ; and once you've submitted your application, this choice can't be changed.

Open applications

If you don't have a preference for a particular College, you don't have to choose – you can make an open application instead. For equally well-qualified applicants, choosing a preference College or an open application makes no difference to your chance of being made an offer.

After the closing date, each open application is allocated to a College by a computer program. Once allocated, open applications are treated exactly the same as any other received by that College – interviewers can't see whether an open application or preference College was stated, and candidates won't be asked about their choice at interview.

The pool

At Cambridge, we operate a 'pool' system to ensure the best applicants are offered places, no matter which College they applied/were allocated to. If a College is over-subscribed in a particular course, strong applicants are put into the pool for other Colleges to consider.

Normally, around one in four applicants is pooled and, of these, around one in four receives an offer of a place from a College other than the one they applied/were allocated to. More information about the pool system is available online (www.cam.ac.uk/applying).



College	Location (map ref, see p34-5)	Undergraduates admitted each year	Undergraduate/ postgraduate numbers	Courses available	Information
Christ's	1	125	420/200	All except Veterinary Medicine	www.christs.cam.ac.uk admissions@christs.cam.ac.uk
Churchill	2	137	460/310	All except Land Economy; Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion	www.chu.cam.ac.uk admissions@chu.cam.ac.uk
Clare	3	140	496/297	All	www.clare.cam.ac.uk admissions@clare.cam.ac.uk
Corpus Christi	4	90	280/220	All except Education, Land Economy, Veterinary Medicine	www.corpus.cam.ac.uk admissions@corpus.cam.ac.uk
Downing	5	130	425/220	All	www.dow.cam.ac.uk admissions@dow.cam.ac.uk
Emmanuel	6	145	470/220	All except Land Economy	www.emma.cam.ac.uk admissions@emma.cam.ac.uk
Fitzwilliam	7	140	440/335	All	www.fitz.cam.ac.uk admissions@fitz.cam.ac.uk
Girton	8	140	500/280	All except Education, History of Art	www.girton.cam.ac.uk admissions@girton.cam.ac.uk
Gonville & Caius	9	160	560/250	All	www.cai.cam.ac.uk admissions@cai.cam.ac.uk
Homerton	10	185	90/600	All except Architecture	www.homerton.cam.ac.uk admissions@homerton.cam.ac.uk
Hughes Hall For students aged 21 and over (mature)	11	35	100/550	All except Architecture, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine	www.hughes.cam.ac.uk admissions@hughes.cam.ac.uk
Jesus	12	145	500/380	All	www.jesus.cam.ac.uk undergraduate-admissions@jesus.cam.ac.uk
King's	13	120	430/280	All except Education, Land Economy, Veterinary Medicine	www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study undergraduate.admissions@kings.cam.ac.uk
Lucy Cavendish For female students aged 21 and over (mature)	14	50	120/290	All	www.lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk admissions@lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk

College	Location (map ref, see p34-5)	Undergraduates admitted each year	Undergraduate/ postgraduate numbers	Courses available	Information
Magdalene	15	105	339/212	All	www.magd.cam.ac.uk admissions@magd.cam.ac.uk
Murray Edwards For female students	16	105	360/170	All except Education, Philosophy	www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk admissions@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk
Newnham For female students	17	115	370/290	All except Education	www.newn.cam.ac.uk admissions@newn.cam.ac.uk
Pembroke	18	135	430/295	All except Education, Geography	www.pem.cam.ac.uk adm@pem.cam.ac.uk
Peterhouse	19	75	260/206	All except Education, Geography, Land Economy, Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine	www.pet.cam.ac.uk admissions@pet.cam.ac.uk
Queens'	20	150	490/450	All	www.queens.cam.ac.uk admissions@queens.cam.ac.uk
Robinson	21	120	386/172	All except History of Art	www.robinson.cam.ac.uk apply@robinson.cam.ac.uk
St Catharine's	22	135	440/220	All except Architecture, Education, History of Art, Linguistics	www.caths.cam.ac.uk undergraduate.admissions@caths.cam.ac.uk
St Edmund's For students aged 21 and over (mature)	23	40	117/450	All	www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk admissions@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk
St John's	24	170	569/325	All	www.joh.cam.ac.uk admissions@joh.cam.ac.uk
Selwyn	25	115	400/250	All	www.sel.cam.ac.uk admissions@sel.cam.ac.uk
Sidney Sussex	26	105	350/275	All except Education	www.sid.cam.ac.uk admissions@sid.cam.ac.uk
Trinity	27	200	695/350	All except Education, Veterinary Medicine	www.trin.cam.ac.uk admissions@trin.cam.ac.uk
Trinity Hall	28	110	382/229	All except Education	www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk admissions@trinhall.cam.ac.uk
Wolfson For students aged 21 and over (mature)	29	50	168/300	All except Computer Science with Mathematics, Economics, Mathematics	www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk ugadministrator@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

Applying to Cambridge

To apply to the University of Cambridge, you must submit an online application through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). If you're applying from outside the European Union (EU), you must complete some additional application forms that are specific to Cambridge as well. This section guides you through the process.

1

Course

You're going to be studying to a very high level for several years so make sure you choose a course you're personally interested in and will really enjoy studying! See p10-3 and www.cam.ac.uk/courses.

2

College

Where would you like to live when you're here? In your application, indicate if you have a preference College or if you're making an open application.

See p15-6 for guidance on choosing.

Application deadlines for 2019 entry

If you'd like to be considered for interview in	Submit UCAS application by	Submit COPA by	Submit SAQ by
China, Malaysia, Singapore	20 September 2018	20 September 2018	22 October 2018
Cambridge, Canada, Hong Kong, India	15 October 2018	19 October 2018	22 October 2018

Restrictions apply to overseas interviews – see online for details (www.cam.ac.uk/overseasinterviews).

3

Apply

Submit your UCAS application, Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA, if applying from outside the EU) and Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) online by the relevant deadlines – see table above.¹

The COPA and SAQ request information not included in your UCAS application which we find helpful when assessing candidates.

See p20 and www.cam.ac.uk/apply.

4

Written assessment

Most applicants are required to take a written assessment, either pre-interview or at interview (if interviewed). You must be registered in advance at a certified assessment centre for any pre-interview assessment. See p23 and www.cam.ac.uk/assessment.

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Interview

Around 75 per cent of applicants each year are invited to attend an interview, although this can vary by course. Most interviews take place in Cambridge but we conduct a number of interviews overseas – see table above and p21.

www.cam.ac.uk/overseasinterviews

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Decision

All undergraduate admissions decisions are the responsibility of the Cambridge Colleges – you'll be notified of the outcome of your application before the end of January 2019.



¹ There's an earlier deadline for those applying for an Organ Scholarship (www.cam.ac.uk/musicawards).

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Applying

UCAS application

All applicants must complete and submit a UCAS application online by the relevant deadline (see table on p19).

You can include up to five UK university courses on your UCAS application (please note that it's not possible to apply to both the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford in the same year). You must provide information about your education to date, and include a personal statement and an academic reference. Further details about the UCAS application are available from our website (www.cam.ac.uk/apply) and the UCAS website (www.ucas.com).

COPA

In addition to the UCAS application, if you're applying from outside the EU you must submit a Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA) by the relevant deadline (see table on p19). The COPA collects useful information that isn't part of your UCAS application, and allows us to make arrangements for overseas interviews (if applicable). Please note that there's an overseas application fee associated with the COPA.

Whatever your nationality or fee status, if you're attending school/college within the EU at the time of your application, you don't need to submit a COPA.

You can find full information about the COPA on our website at: www.cam.ac.uk/copa.

SAQ

Once you've submitted your UCAS application, you'll receive an email from us directing you to complete the Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) – please check your email (junk/spam folder as well as inbox) regularly during this time.

The SAQ deadline for most students is 22 October – if another deadline applies, you'll be advised by your Cambridge College. All applicants must complete the SAQ to make a valid application to the University.

If you're applying from outside the EU and have submitted a COPA, you'll receive a COPA reference number which you should enter on the SAQ.

Further information about the SAQ can be found at: www.cam.ac.uk/saq.



Interviews

Each year, we invite around 75 per cent of applicants to attend an interview. Most of these take place in Cambridge in early December, but the University conducts a number of interviews overseas – for 2019 entry, it's anticipated that these will take place in Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia and Singapore.

There are some restrictions on who can be considered for interview overseas. For those who are interviewed overseas there's an interview fee.

Information about interviews, including films about preparing and what to expect can be found on our website at: www.cam.ac.uk/overseasinterviews.

Visas and immigration

The UK operates a points-based immigration system and students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland normally require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you understand and fulfil the immigration requirements of the UK, obtain the correct Tier 4 visa to study at Cambridge, and comply with the conditions of your visa during your studies.

The primary source of information on all matters concerning immigration is the Home Office (www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa) – check the Home Office website regularly as the rules and documentation change frequently.

To apply for a visa you must be sponsored by the University and issued a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). You're also required to demonstrate that you have the funds to meet your tuition fees and living costs.

If you're made an offer of a place at the University, you're eligible for a CAS once you meet all the conditions (where required) and formally accept the offer. The earliest you can apply for your visa is three months before your course starts, and you need information from your CAS to complete your visa application.

The University's International Student Office provides information about immigration and visas, including a visa advice service. See online for details at: www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk.

Entrance Requirements

What are we looking for?

Admissions decisions at the University are based solely on academic criteria – your ability and your potential. We assess everyone individually, which means we look at – and for – different things in different people for different courses. Consequently, there's no magic formula that will guarantee you're offered a place. However, all Admissions Tutors are looking for the students who they believe:

- have the most academic ability and potential for the course at Cambridge – successful candidates are in the top one or two per cent of their year group, and doing very well in the subjects most relevant to the course applied for
- will benefit from and flourish in the Cambridge learning environment – that they have the ability to think critically and independently, are willing to argue logically while remaining open to new ideas, and have the potential to go beyond what they've learned so far
- are best suited to the course they applied for – that they're self-motivated, self-disciplined and academically committed to the subject

Information used to assess applications

There's no blueprint for an ideal Cambridge student and we want to give applicants as many opportunities as possible to demonstrate their strengths and potential. Therefore, each application is considered individually and holistically, using all of the following information:

- academic record
- school/college reference
- personal statement
- any written work submitted
- performance in any written assessment
- performance at interview (if interviewed)

English language requirements

If English isn't your first language, it's essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake a challenging course that's taught and examined in English. Your language ability will be assessed throughout the admissions process – a good standard is expected at interview (if interviewed), and in some cases you may be required to achieve one of the following formal qualifications as part of the conditions of your offer (if made an offer):

- IELTS – normally a minimum overall grade of 7.5, usually with 7.0 or above in each element (achieved in one sitting)
- Cambridge English: Advanced – grade A or B
- Cambridge English: Proficiency – grade A, B or C

See the website for more details and other acceptable English language qualifications (www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational).



Course requirements

For many Cambridge courses qualifications in certain subjects are required and all Colleges expect such subjects to be passed, normally with the highest grade available. Key subjects required for admission by all or some Colleges are indicated in the table on p12-3.

For courses without particular subject requirements, the Colleges will expect high grades in your subjects most relevant to the course you're applying for.

All undergraduate admissions decisions are the responsibility of the Cambridge Colleges, so please check for any College-specific requirements and preferences with the College(s) you're considering applying to.¹

Admission assessments

Most applicants are required to take a subject-specific written admission assessment, either pre-interview or at interview (if interviewed).

Pre-interview assessments will be taken on 31 October 2018 at an authorised centre local to you (some schools/colleges are authorised centres or can easily become one). You must be registered in advance for any pre-interview assessment – if your assessment centre doesn't register you (you can't register yourself) by the appropriate deadline you won't be able to take the relevant pre-interview assessment, which will mean your application to the University won't be valid. The registration deadline for most is 15 October, but there's an earlier deadline for the BMAT (for Medicine) and for some assessment centres.

With the exception of the BMAT for Medicine, there's no entry fee set by the University for the pre-interview assessments, but some assessment centres may charge candidates an administration fee.

At-interview assessments will be taken as part of the interview process (if interviewed). There are no charges associated with taking any at-interview assessments, and you don't need to register or be registered in advance for them – the Colleges provide details of arrangements in the letters inviting applicants to interview.

See online for more information about admission assessments, examples of specimen papers and to find an assessment centre at: www.cam.ac.uk/assessment.

Typical offers and requirements

We accept a wide variety of qualifications from all over the world and expect students to be achieving the highest grades – most successful applicants ultimately exceed the conditions of their offer.

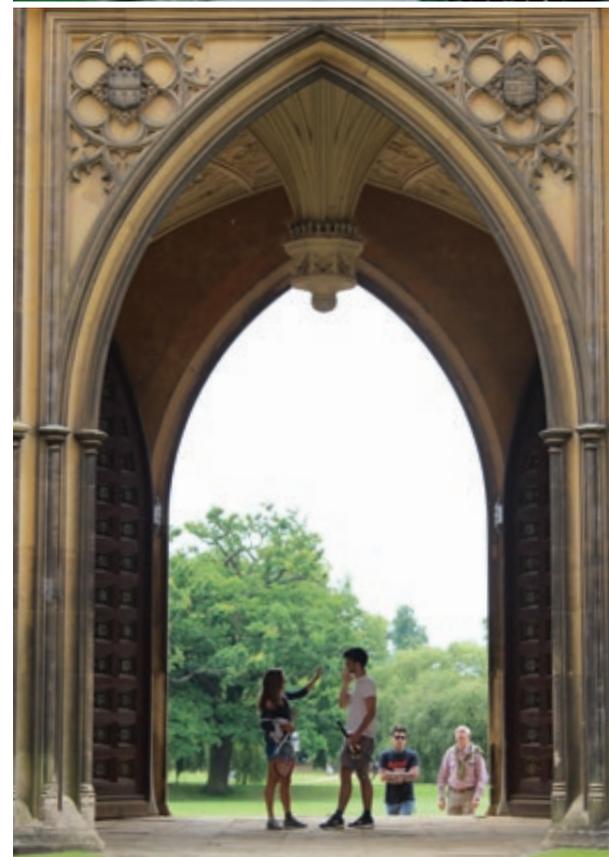
On the pages that follow you'll find information about typical offers and requirements for a range of qualifications accepted for admission to Cambridge for 2019 entry (see also Course requirements, left). Information about other qualifications we accept can be found online at: www.cam.ac.uk/entrancerequirements.

One of the strengths of the Cambridge admissions system is its ability to assess all applicants individually, and all Colleges may modify offers to take account of individual circumstances. This means that some applicants may be set lower or more challenging offers than those listed on the following page, and some offers may specify grades to be achieved in particular subjects.

¹ Although you may be considering a number of Colleges, you can only make one application to the University in a year – either indicating one preference College or selecting the open application option in your UCAS application. Once your application is submitted, your choice can't be changed.

Qualifications

A Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically A*AA or A**A, depending on the course (www.cam.ac.uk/courses) – in countries where an A* grade at A Level isn't available, AAA would be acceptable. Applicants may be required to achieve A* in a particular subject(s), depending on individual circumstances.
Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rank of 98.5 overall, together with documentation of similar performance in individual subjects relevant to the course applied for. Offers for many courses include a top result in mathematics at the highest academic level.
Cambridge Pre-U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conditional offers are set on an individual basis but are likely to require Distinction level grades (D2 or D3) in Principal Subjects.
Canadian High School/Secondary School Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 90 per cent overall in the final Diploma year (based on grade 12 English and the best five other grade 12 scores). The CHSD is not considered suitable preparation on its own and must be offered in addition to AP Tests (as below) or at least 776 in three IB Higher Level subjects appropriate for the course. Applicants taking the full IB Diploma (see requirements below) don't need to offer the High School Diploma as well.
Chinese University Entrance Examination (Gaokao)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers are made on an individual basis, but students typically need to achieve within the top one or two per cent of the gathered field. The Senior High School Examination (Huikao) alone isn't sufficient for Cambridge.
College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five APs at grade 5 in appropriate subjects for the intended course. In addition to high passes in the High School Diploma and SAT (a combined score of at least 1,460; with at least 730 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and in Mathematics) are expected. An ACT score of at least 32 out of 36 may be accepted instead of the SAT. All qualifications taken and scores achieved must be disclosed.
Edexcel International Diploma (Academic Route)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers are conditional on achievement in the A Levels (see above) within the qualification, rather than the overall Diploma award.
European Baccalaureate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful applicants are typically asked for 85-90 per cent overall, with 90 per cent in subjects most relevant to the course they want to study.
French Baccalaureate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 or 17 ('mention très bien') out of 20, with 16 or 17 usually required in individual subjects.
German Abitur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 1.0 and 1.3 overall, with 14 or 15 in subjects most closely related to the course you want to study.
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5*5*5 in three specified elected subjects relevant to the chosen course at Cambridge is normally expected. Demanding conditions are usually set in the other compulsory subjects in the Diploma core (particularly Mathematics and English) as well.
Indian Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) or Indian School Certificate (ISC) Class XII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These exams are only considered for Computer Science, Economics, Engineering, Mathematics and Natural Sciences. A minimum CGPA of 9.8 and grade A1 in Class XII exams in relevant exams are expected, and offers are conditional on performance in the JEE (advanced) or, for Economics or Mathematics, STEP (see below). Successful Class XII applicants have usually achieved a good performance in additional study outside their main qualification.
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers usually require 40-42 points out of 45, with 776 in Higher Level subjects. Applicants may be required to achieve 7 in a particular subject(s), depending on individual circumstances.
Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typical offers are based on AAA in the Malaysia Higher School Certificate.
Singapore/Cambridge A Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants are usually required to achieve AAAA at H2 Level or equivalent.
Sixth Term Examination Paper in Mathematics (STEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used to assess aptitude for university study in mathematical subjects – used as part of almost all conditional offers in Mathematics and Computer Science with Mathematics. Offers typically require grade 1 in two STEP papers.



Other qualifications

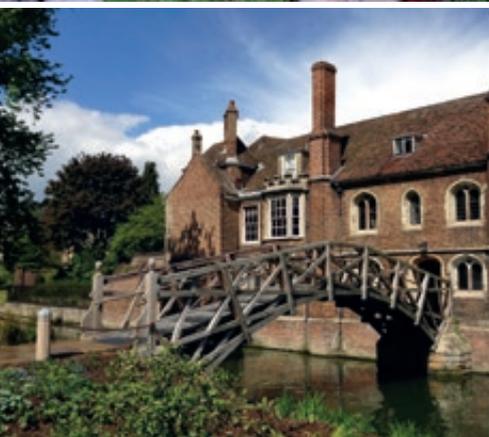
If the qualification you're taking isn't listed here, please look online (www.cam.ac.uk/entrancerequirements) as early as possible to check if it provides an appropriate preparation for the course you hope to study.

Applicants studying a mix of qualifications from different examination systems are considered providing the individual qualifications are acceptable and any subject requirements are met. Conditional offers are made on a case-by-case basis but are normally in line with the typical offers made when the qualifications are taken on their own.

Transcripts

Most overseas applicants are required to submit a High School Transcript (record of academic achievement in the most recent years of schooling) with their COPA (or SAQ). However, if you take IGCSEs/GCSEs and modular AS/A Levels or CIE A Levels in which you receive a Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM), you won't be required to submit a transcript (www.cam.ac.uk/ugtranscripts).

Frequently Asked Questions



What's the most important part of my application?

Every application is assessed holistically – Admissions Tutors consider all of the information available (see p22) together before making any decisions. While the most recent academic performance carries the greatest weight, the relative importance of each element varies because each student is different. No part of an application is considered in isolation; for example, a student's performance at interview alone doesn't determine the outcome of their application.

What extra-curricular activities will help my chances of admission?

As our admissions decisions are based on academic criteria (ability and potential), your participation (or not) in specific extra-curricular activities isn't taken into account (unless it's relevant to the course you're applying for) and doesn't affect your chances of being made an offer of a place at Cambridge. However, when composing your personal statement you should consider the importance that your other university choices may place on extra-curricular activities.

What work experience do I need to have?

Work experience isn't expected or required for Cambridge. However, for vocational courses, such as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, having some relevant work experience is useful and recommended. It demonstrates commitment to your intended career and gives you the opportunity to acquire greater understanding of the realities and pressures associated with that career.

Can I take a gap year?

Around six per cent of students accepted to Cambridge take a gap year. You should state your intention to defer entry in your UCAS application and be prepared to talk about your proposed year out at interview (if interviewed). Please also refer to the course information online if you're considering applying for Engineering or Mathematics (www.cam.ac.uk/courses).

Which Colleges are 'best' for which subjects?

Regardless of their College, all students on the same course are taught together by the University's academic faculties/departments; attending the same lectures, seminars and practicals, and sitting the same exams. The key functions that the University and Colleges are responsible for are outlined on p2.

If I make an open application, will it increase or decrease my chances?

For equally well-qualified applicants, indicating a preference College or selecting the open application option in the application makes no difference to the chance of being made an offer.

If you have unusual qualifications (eg a non-standard combination of subjects for the course) or have particular requirements (eg a disability or other considerations that require specific guidance or support), then it's advisable to apply to a specific College having sought advice about your circumstances at an early stage.

Before submitting an open application, you should be sure that you'll be content whatever the outcome of the allocation – preferences can't be stated and it can't be changed once submitted.

Is there an age requirement for entry to Cambridge?

The vast majority of undergraduates are aged 18 years or older when they begin their course at Cambridge. Students who are 21 or older when they start a course are classified as mature students.

All students need to demonstrate that they have the maturity and personal skills to cope with university level study, and will be able to gain full benefit from the course when admitted. If you'll be under 18 on admission, you should seek advice from a College admissions office as early as possible to discuss your application. If you're considering Medicine, you should refer to the information online about age requirements for this course.

Is there a GCSE (or equivalent) requirement?

There are no GCSE (or equivalent) requirements for entry to Cambridge. Results achieved at that stage are looked at as a performance indicator, but within the context of the performance of the school/college where they were achieved.

If you haven't taken six or more GCSEs/IGCSEs or five or more Scottish National qualifications in the last three years, you're required to submit a transcript outlining details of your qualifications as part of your application. See also p25 and the further information online at: www.cam.ac.uk/ugtranscripts.

Fees and Finance

International students' costs at Cambridge include tuition fees, College fees and living costs.



Information about fees and financial support for Home fee status students can be found online at: www.cam.ac.uk/studentfinance. The fee status of EU nationals for 2019 entry onwards has yet to be determined by the UK government – please check online regularly for updates (www.cam.ac.uk/eu).

If you're unsure whether you're classed as Home or overseas for fee purposes, you can find information at: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees.

Visa applications require you to prove in advance that you can finance all of these costs, as it's not possible to work during the academic session. Colleges also ask offer holders for guarantees that they can finance all of these costs for the full duration of their course.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for overseas students depend on the course you're studying – the information on p12-3 indicates the fee group for each course.

	Tuition fee per year for 2019 entry
Group 1	£20,157
Group 2	£22,482
Group 3	£26,376
Group 4	£30,678
Group 5a	£52,638
Group 5b	£70,131

Please see the website for full details (www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees).

Please note:

- overseas tuition fees are fixed for the duration of the course
- the tuition fee during a year abroad (where part of the course) is 50 per cent of the full fee for that year
- fees for Medicine have increased significantly for 2019 entry as the UK government now requires international students at publicly funded medical schools to pay the full cost of their clinical placements (undertaken in Years 4-6 of our course). At Cambridge this has been included in the tuition fee and spread across the full length of the course to provide you with certainty and to support your financial planning. Please see the website for full details (www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees).

College fees

All overseas fee status students normally have to pay College fees in addition to tuition fees. This covers the cost of educational, domestic and pastoral services and support that you receive through your College.

Annual College fees vary between Colleges and in many cases are fixed for the duration of your course. The fees in 2018-19 range between £6,850 and £12,700 – see individual College websites for information and fees for 2019-20 onwards.

Living costs

Living costs cover whatever you need to pay for, excluding tuition and College fees, while you're at university; for example accommodation, food, additional course costs/study materials, personal expenses and transport.

In 2018-19, the minimum resources for living costs needed in Cambridge for the year are estimated to be approximately £10,310, depending on lifestyle – you should allow for increases in future years and if you stay in Cambridge during the vacations.

Living costs 2017-18

College accommodation¹ (including any kitchen charges)	£2,250-£5,850 per year £3,300-£6,000 en suite per year
Food²	£3-£6 per College meal £8-£15 per College formal hall meal Example prices: rice (1kg) £1.30; pasta (500g) 80p; loaf of bread 80p; milk (1 pint) 50p; bag of ground coffee £3.50; whole chicken £3.50-£7; bunch of bananas £1
Additional course costs	Dependent on course – see course information online (www.cam.ac.uk/courses)
Personal expenses examples²	Cinema ticket £5-£12; TV license £147 per year; haircut £10-£50
Transport in Cambridge²	Most students walk or cycle to get around – a bike, lights and lock typically cost £70-£150

¹ Figures based on the most common College accommodation contract (30 weeks) in 2017-18 – see individual College websites for full details and costs.
² Figures are correct as of December 2017; you should allow for increases in subsequent years.

Accommodation

The Cambridge Colleges provide accommodation for most undergraduates for at least three years, and many provide for fourth-year students too.¹ See also p14-5.

The cost varies from College to College, and usually depends on the type and style of your room (size, en suite etc), but the cost generally covers utilities (water, electricity, heating), internet access and basic self-catering facilities. Refer to individual College websites for full details.

Food

At Cambridge, basic self-catering facilities are available, and all Colleges provide dining facilities where you can buy cafeteria-style meals as well as three-course dinners (known as 'formal halls') at a reasonable price (see also p14 and p29).

Additional courses costs

Depending on your course you may need to pay for things such as equipment (eg calculator, lab coat), photocopying, and/or travel costs (eg field or dissertation research trips), in addition to basic study materials (eg paper, pens, books).

Specific additional course costs can be found online (www.cam.ac.uk/courses) and these will usually increase annually in line with inflation (except where a rise in directly attributable expenses warrants an above-inflation uplift). The University's numerous libraries and IT facilities help to keep study costs down and some department/College grants may be available.

Personal expenses

What you spend on food, clothing, social activities, transport etc depends on your lifestyle. However, there are lots of free recreational facilities plus loads of College-based and student-run activities that don't cost very much.



Financial support

At Cambridge there are a number of sources of financial support available to help overseas students with costs, mostly means-tested. These include:

- Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust awards
- College awards – such as book and equipment grants, scholarships and prizes for academic and other achievements, and travel grants for academic work
- country-specific scholarships
- International Disabled Students' Fund

See online for details at: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalsupport and individual College websites. Please pay particular attention to eligibility, application requirements and deadlines.

Part-time work

The University takes the view that students shouldn't work during term time, as it's important that you have an appropriate work-life balance. There may be a few opportunities available within the University and Colleges that are exceptions to this, such as working in the College bar, College library or as a student helper during open days. However, you must ensure that any such work wouldn't breach the conditions of your visa.



¹ Accommodation guarantee applies to single undergraduates without children at all Colleges except St Edmund's. All single undergraduates without children are usually expected to live in College-owned accommodation where possible.

Visiting Us

You don't have to visit Cambridge to apply to the University but our open days and events offer opportunities to get a feel for the place and talk to staff and students.

Cambridge Open Days

The University-wide Cambridge Open Days for prospective applicants who'll be applying this October (in Year 12 or equivalent) will be on 5 and 6 July 2018. Booking online in advance is essential.

All subjects will be offering course presentations and/or information stands; and many Colleges will be open all day for Open Day visitors. See the Undergraduate Study website for more details and booking instructions at: www.cam.ac.uk/opendays.

College and department open days

Many Colleges and a number of departments run their own events at different times in the year. These offer a chance to pick up a range of information and get a sense of College/department life and the facilities available to students. Please note that visiting a particular College doesn't commit you to applying to that College. Visit the Undergraduate Study website (above) and College and department websites for dates and information.



If you can't attend an open day

If you can't make an open day, you can visit at another time – most Colleges and some department grounds are open for most of the year. However, while Colleges and departments do their best to help applicants to visit them, there are restrictions and/or charges for tourists at certain times (such as during exams) so do check with the College/department before you come.

If you'd like to speak to College staff during a visit to Cambridge, please contact the College's Admissions Office in advance to arrange this.

Overseas events

The University makes various visits and attends a number of events outside the UK throughout the year. Details of these and contacts to request further information can be found on the international events page of our website at: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational.

Travelling to the University

Cambridge is a small and busy city that wasn't built with modern traffic flows in mind, so it's best to visit the centre – where many of the University buildings and Colleges are situated – on foot.

Typical direct flight times to London airports

Amsterdam	1 hour
Beijing	10 hours
Dubai	7 hours
Frankfurt	1.5 hours
Hong Kong	12 hours
Los Angeles	11.5 hours
Mumbai	9 hours
New York	8 hours
Paris	1 hour
Shanghai	11.5 hours
Singapore	13 hours
Toronto	8 hours
Vancouver	10 hours

By air

Cambridge has excellent transport connections to five of the country's major international airports, making it very easy for our international students to travel to the city from anywhere in the world.

Stansted, Heathrow, Gatwick and London City (not marked) are all easily accessible by train; and buses run regularly from Stansted, Luton, Heathrow and Gatwick to the city centre.

By bus

National bus services (eg from/to airports and other cities around the UK) stop on Parkside, Parker's Piece in the city centre.

In Cambridge, the 'Universal' bus service links some departments and Colleges with the city centre and central train station (Monday to Saturday), and offers discounted fares to students. For information about the Universal and other local bus services, see: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/buses.

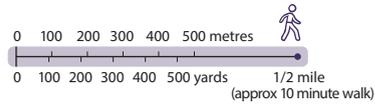
By train

Cambridge is well-connected by train and the main station is located about a mile from the city centre (around 20 minutes on foot). Buses run frequently between the station and city centre, and there's a taxi rank outside the station.

For further travel advice, see the University's pre-arrival information (www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving) or the Tourist Information Centre website at: www.visitcambridge.org.



Map



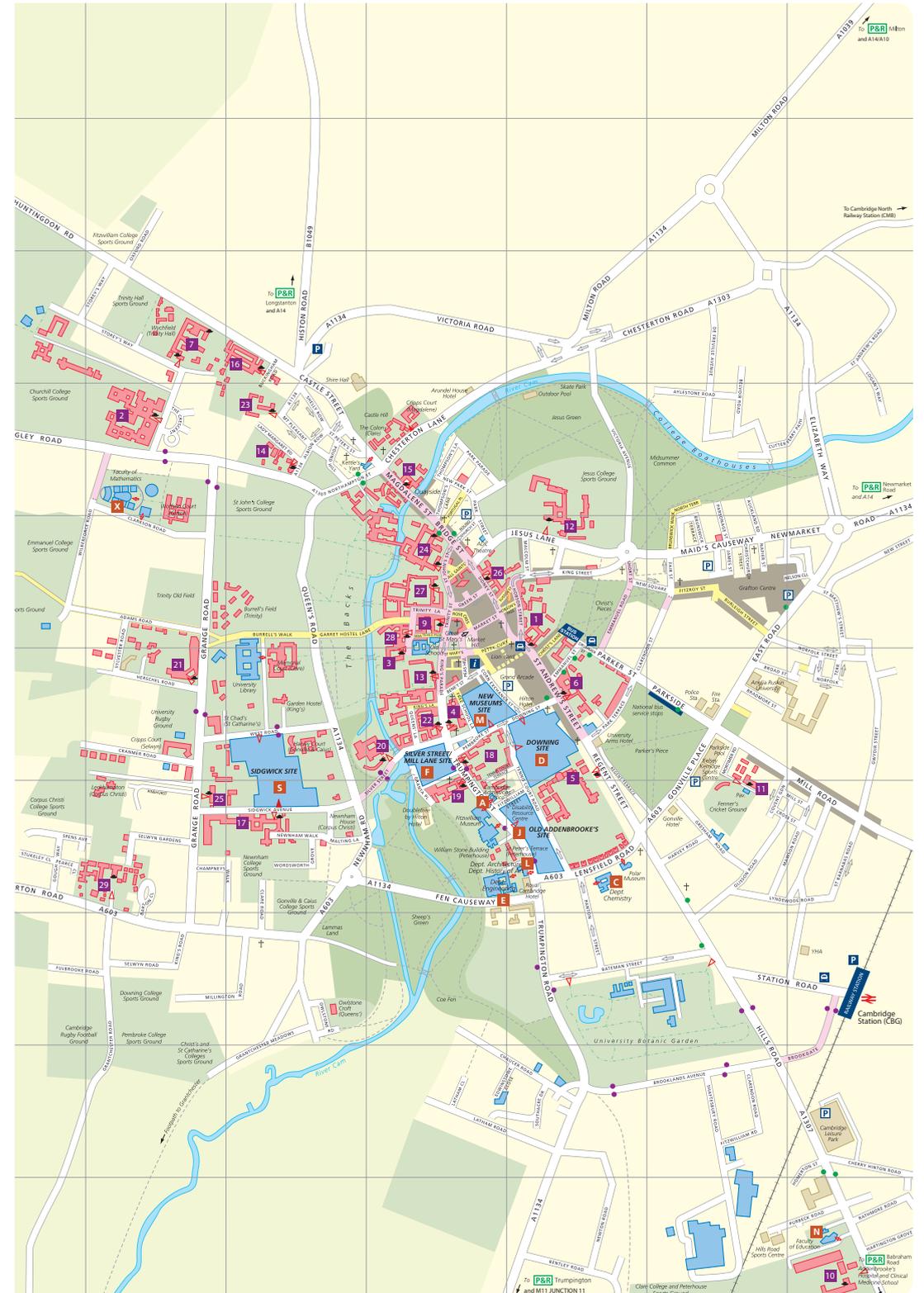
Example journeys

- D** Downing Site 5 minutes **S** Sidgwick Site
- D** Downing Site 15 minutes **S** Sidgwick Site
- M** New Museums Site 10 minutes **W** West Cambridge Site
- M** New Museums Site 35 minutes **W** West Cambridge Site

Colleges

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Christ's College | 16 Murray Edwards College |
| 2 Churchill College | 17 Newnham College |
| 3 Clare College | 18 Pembroke College |
| 4 Corpus Christi College | 19 Peterhouse |
| 5 Downing College | 20 Queens' College |
| 6 Emmanuel College | 21 Robinson College |
| 7 Fitzwilliam College | 22 St Catharine's College |
| 8 Girton College | 23 St Edmund's College |
| 9 Gonville & Caius College | 24 St John's College |
| 10 Homerton College | 25 Selwyn College |
| 11 Hughes Hall | 26 Sidney Sussex College |
| 12 Jesus College | 27 Trinity College |
| 13 King's College | 28 Trinity Hall |
| 14 Lucy Cavendish College | 29 Wolfson College |
| 15 Magdalene College | |

- College of the University
- University building
- Non-University building
- University, College and other private grounds
- Public open space
- Surrounding countryside
- Built-up area
- Main shopping area
- One-way street
- Limited vehicle access
- Pedestrian street/cycle way (cycling restrictions may apply)
- Public footpath/cycle path (cycling restrictions may apply)
- University/College path
- Site entrance (vehicle access)
- Site entrance (no vehicle access)
- Main entrance to building
- Porters' Lodge (main College entrance)
- Church
- Tourist office
- Taxi rank
- Public parking
- Multi-storey car park
- Park and Ride site
- Park and Ride bus stops
- Universal bus stops



Finding Out More

University contacts

Undergraduate study

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 www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk

Postgraduate study

(the Graduate Admissions Office)

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 graduate.admissions@admin.cam.ac.uk

 www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk

International Student Team

(including visa advice service)

 www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk

Disability Resource Centre (DRC)

 +44 (0) 1223 332301

 disability@admin.cam.ac.uk

 www.cam.ac.uk/disability

Other

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

(UCAS, undergraduate applications)

 +44 (0) 330 3330 230

 www.ucas.com

British Council

(guidance on living and studying in the UK)

 www.educationuk.org

Home Office

(visa and immigration matters)

 www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk

UK Council for International Student Affairs

(UKCISA, advisory body for overseas students)

 www.ukcisa.org.uk

Cambridge Terminology

Most universities have their own words, terms or expressions for certain things at that particular institution; and Cambridge is no exception! Below are a few that you'll come across at the University, and if there's other terminology you don't understand please get in touch to check what it means.

Backs – the area of the city around the river that runs along the backs of a number of central Colleges.

DoS – Director of Studies, all undergraduates have a DoS who's an expert in their subject and who is responsible for their academic welfare.

Formal (hall) – a College meal with waiter service, normally three courses and formal attire (and gown) is worn. The regularity and price varies by College (see also p14 and p29-30).

May Week – usually the fortnight at the beginning of June (confusingly!) after exams finish and when most May Balls (end of year celebrations) are held.

Matriculation – this is the formal admission of a student to the University.

Paper – an individual module, unit or topic on an undergraduate course; students usually take a number of papers each year (some are compulsory and some can be chosen from several options).

Porters – every College has a team of Porters to maintain the safety and security of staff and students; they'll often be your first point of contact for information or help around College.

Punt – a long, flat-bottomed boat that's propelled by someone standing at the back and pushing a long pole into the river bed; punting along the Backs (see left) is a popular activity for students, locals and tourists alike.

Senior Tutor – the College officer with overall responsibility for academic, welfare and disciplinary matters.

Supervision – regular small-group teaching sessions for undergraduates (see p11).

Tripes – the formal term at Cambridge for an undergraduate degree course.

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