Colleges and how to choose

Once you’ve decided we offer a course that you’d like to study, you need to consider College choice.

The Cambridge Advantage: Our Colleges

At Cambridge, as well as being a member of the University, you’re also a member of a College (see p5).

Community

The membership of each College is a mixture of students, academic Fellows and staff. Most undergraduates value the strong community atmosphere they feel part of within their College.

Accommodation

The 29 undergraduate Colleges provide accommodation for most students for at least three years.

Location

Colleges are located across the city and all are within walking or cycling distance of the city centre and the academic faculties and departments.

What’s a College?

Your College is your base for the time you’re at Cambridge. It’s where you live (see also p22-3), eat, do a lot of socialising, receive academic and pastoral support, and where you often (though not always) have your supervisions (see p11).

In your UCAS application, as well as listing Cambridge (institution code CAM C05) as one of your options in the ‘Choices’ section, you need to enter a College (campus) code. 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 program. In both cases, your UCAS application is sent to a College and that College assesses it.

Are some Colleges better for certain subjects?

Regardless of their College, all students on the same course attend the same lectures, seminars and practicals, and sit the same exams (see p5).

How do I choose a College?

There’s no single answer to this – everyone’s reasons for choosing their College differ. Some Colleges don’t take students in all subjects (listed in the course and College fact files) so check availability for your course first. 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 (see also p116):

• your age – four Colleges are exclusively for students aged 21 or older (mature students, see p34-5) and their facilities are geared accordingly
• 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 – many students can’t explain why they were drawn to their College other than it just ‘felt right’ for them

This section introduces each College. Once you’ve read the College profiles you may wish to:

1. shortlist around half a dozen
2. look at their websites to get more detailed information
3. get in touch with College admissions offices if you have any questions
4. visit a few Colleges so you can meet current students and see for yourself what it might be like to live and study there

1 You can only submit one application to the University in a year, either choosing a preference College or an open application, and once you’ve submitted your UCAS application this choice can’t be changed.

www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege
How NOT to choose a College

• Applications statistics – choosing a College that attracts fewer applications or making an open application won’t increase your chance of receiving an offer.
• Travelling time – Cambridge is a compact (and fairly flat) city so wherever you are, getting between your College and your department on foot, or by bike or bus isn’t difficult.
• Age of the College – your student experience isn’t dependent on the age (or youth) of a College. They all provide the facilities and support you’d expect and each has its own traditions and history.
• Specialisms of College Fellows – the research specialisms of a College’s Fellows won’t dictate what you can study or guarantee you’ll be supervised by them. You’ll attend supervisions at another College if that’s where the relevant subject expert is based.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege

What’s an open application?

If, having looked at the different Colleges, you don’t mind which you attend then you don’t have to choose – you could make an open application instead.
• After the closing date (15 October), a computer program allocates each open applicant to a College.
• The basis of the allocation is to even out the distribution of applicants for each course across the Colleges.
• Once allocated to a College, your application is treated exactly the same as any other application.
• For equally well-qualified UK/UEU applicants, making an open application or indicating a preference College makes no difference to your chance of being made an offer.

If you’re an applicant with unusual qualifications (eg a non-standard choice of A Levels for your subject), a mobility and/or sensory impairment, or have other considerations that require particular guidance/support, then it’s advisable to apply to a specific College having sought advice about your circumstances at an early stage, rather than make an open application.

Before you submit an open application, be sure that you’ll be quite happy whatever the outcome: we can’t change it once it’s done.

If you decide to make an open application, you should select ‘9’ as the campus code in your UCAS application.

See p6-9 and the website (www.cam.ac.uk/apply) for information about the application process.

Christ’s College

In the heart of Cambridge, Christ’s is a medium-sized College with a vibrant academic and social community. It has a long tradition of academic excellence with something to offer everyone: students very quickly feel at home whatever their background.

Don’t agonise over choosing a College. They have many more similarities than differences, and students quickly settle in and really enjoy their College, whichever that ends up being!

• It’s the University (not your College) which determines course content and students from all Colleges study together in the University’s academic faculties and departments (see p5).
• Indicating a College preference or not (an ‘open’ application, see right) doesn’t affect your chances of being made an offer. Interviewers can’t see whether you made an open application or selected a preferred College, and each year around 900 applicants are made an offer through the pool system (see p8) by a different College to the one they originally applied/were allocated to. That’s about 20-25 per cent of all offers made.

Christ’s offers you the best of both worlds – a central location that provides instant access to everything that Cambridge has to offer but with comfortable accommodation and tranquil courts that allow you to work in peace and quiet.

A list of our alumni, from Charles Darwin and John Milton to Sacha Baron Cohen and Simon Schama, shows there is no typical Christ’s student: anyone who is bright and hardworking can flourish in our nurturing community and form close and rewarding working relationships with their Director of Studies, supervisors, and with each other. Our students come from across the UK and the world, from all types of schools and backgrounds.

All of our undergraduate accommodation, of which an impressive 40 per cent is en suite, is on the main College site (in either our beautiful medieval buildings or more modern buildings in other court(s) or adjacent streets). Everyone is within five minutes’ walk of our catering facilities which provide good quality food every day.

Facilities for academic study and extra-curricular activities are excellent: the library is open 24/7, all rooms have fibre-optic broadband, there’s a theatre, gym, squash court, outdoor swimming pool, music practice rooms and much more besides. The well-equipped boathouse and sports grounds are nearby too. Our students take full advantage, with successful sports teams, theatre, music and film societies, and numerous other student-run clubs and activities.

For more information please visit our website or email: access@christs.cam.ac.uk.

With everything that Christ’s has to offer, we hope you agree that there is no need to look any further down the list!

Christ’s has been a second home since the day of my interview, and going into my third year I’m still amazed by the academic and social opportunities we get here.

Joseph

Fact file

UCAS campus code: A
Courses available
All courses except Veterinary Medicine
Student numbers
400 undergraduates
253 admittted each year
200 postgraduates
Admissions Tutor
Dr Emily Tomlinson

Senior Tutor Dr Robert Hunt

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking.
Arts 23 September
Sciences 16 September
Mathematics 29 April
See also: Cambridge Open Days p190

Location
Map reference 1 (see p154-5)
St Andrew’s Street, Cambridge CB2 3BU

More photos at:
www.christs.cam.ac.uk
Churchill College

Churchill’s motto is ‘Forward’. We look to the future, not the past. Our students achieve superlative exam results amidst some of Cambridge’s best accommodation and facilities, sited on the largest College campus.

Quality is exceptional: rooms are modern, spacious and light, with free wireless internet. Many are en suite. Rents are set bearing in mind the objective of affordability. Facilities for disabled people are excellent. The College’s leafy site is close to the West Cambridge science campus and within easy reach of the University Library and arts/humanities faculties. We are near enough to central Cambridge to enjoy a city location, but far enough out to enjoy the benefits of space, quiet and greenery. Facilities include an all-day bar/coffee shop, on-site sports pitches, courts and a gym; a 300-seat theatre/cinema; music rehearsal performance and recording facilities; and an art studio. All this constitutes a vibrant hub of activity. Clubs and societies, coupled with a calendar of social events, provide many opportunities to meet people and make lasting friendships.

When looking at undergraduate admissions we strongly prioritise academic results while actively encouraging applicants from a wide range of backgrounds. If you are among the brightest, hardest-working and highest-achieving students in your school or college, you are likely to be a serious applicant. We urge you to consider applying.

I have absolutely loved my time at Churchill. There is so much on offer – in sport, music, drama or politics. Plus there is a great community among both students and academics.

Jenny

Mr Richard Parfington (arts)
Dr Paul Russell (mathematical sciences)

Senior Tutor
Mr Richard Parfington

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 6 July, 7 July, 22 September
Arts 11 April
Sciences 10 April
Mathematics 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 2 (see p154-5)
Stoney’s Way, Cambridge CB1 0DS

Fact file

UCAS campus code B
Courses available
All courses, except Land Economy, and Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion

Student numbers
460 undergraduates
317 admitted each year
350 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Adrian Barbrook (science)
Dr Nick Cutter (all subjects)

Clare College

Clare is a thriving community that is home to students from all backgrounds and from all over the world. Diverse and inclusive, it’s known for its friendly and supportive environment, its bright, engaged students, and its vibrant College life.

Situated in the very heart of Cambridge, the elegant buildings and gardens of Clare extend to both sides of the river, forming part of the famed ‘Cambridge Backs’. Accommodation is provided for all undergraduates throughout their time at the College. Clare has its own well-stocked library, sportsground, gym and music practice rooms. The University Library is immediately adjacent to the College site, and many faculties and departments are also nearby.

Clare has a large and active teaching Fellowship, providing inspiration and academic guidance for students. The College accepts applications in all subjects and the Fellows have a vast range of teaching and research interests. Staff and students work closely together, and there are student representatives on all major committees.

There is a wide range of College societies, including politics, drama, comedy, and numerous sports clubs. Societies also bring Fellows and students together for lectures and social events. Clare has a very strong musical tradition, with an internationally renowned choir. In addition, the College bar is a favourite venue for live music.

The College has open days in July and September, and welcomes school visits. Please see the Clare website or contact the Admissions Office (details below) for more information.

Clare has given me simply the best university life I could have hoped for, both academically and socially. What a wonderful College to be part of for three years!

Jess

Mr Richard Partington (arts)
Dr Paul Russell (mathematical sciences)

Senior Tutor
Mr Richard Parfington

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 23 September
Mathematics 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Student numbers
496 undergraduates
310 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Professor Howard Griffiths (science)
Dr Kirsty McDougall (arts)

Location
Map reference 1 (see p154-5)
Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TL

Fact file

UCAS campus code C
Courses available
All courses

Senior Tutor
Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 23 September
Mathematics 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 3 (see p154-5)
Storey’s Way, Cambridge CB2 1TL

www.chu.cam.ac.uk

www.clare.cam.ac.uk
Corpus Christi College

Situated across two sites, Corpus features medieval buildings in the heart of Cambridge as well as expansive facilities at nearby Leckhampton. Our dynamic student community fosters academic excellence and a rich and inclusive social life.

It’s hard to beat the location and setting of Corpus. Founded in 1352, our main site is in the centre of town, close to lecture halls, libraries and student facilities. At Corpus, the ancient and modern sit side by side. Our Old Court is possibly the oldest surviving court in Cambridge and has housed students for more than 650 years. However, the adjacent court is home to the Taylor Library, a modern 24 hour library with wi-fi access and extensive holdings. The splendid New Court houses the Parker Library, a famous collection of ancient manuscripts that draws scholars and students from around the world.

As a Corpus undergraduate, you’re guaranteed accommodation for the duration of your course in single-occupancy rooms, in or close to the main College site. Our graduate site at Leckhampton is a 10-minute walk away and is regularly used by our undergraduates. Here you find large playing fields, tennis courts, a gym, pool and extensive gardens.

Our students come from a wide range of social and educational backgrounds and we value each student’s academic potential while providing the resources to flourish in Cambridge – outstanding academics, fantastic student facilities and first-rate pastoral support. Students combine their academic activities with our lively social and cultural life. We have a flourishing music scene, many subject societies, and a unique stand-alone studio theatre, the Corpus Playroom.

You can find useful information about admissions and facilities on our website. Better yet, visit us on one of our open days to tour the historic buildings and meet our students and Fellows.

Corpus, being one of the smaller Colleges, gives students from many different backgrounds the chance to come together into a very welcoming community. Its strengths include an ideal location, stunning architecture, private sports and leisure facilities and lots of interesting history.

Rhy's

Downing College

Founded in 1800, Downing is both the newest of the ‘old’ Colleges and the oldest of the ‘new’. We welcome applications from anyone with talent and commitment to join our friendly, academic community.

Home to about 420 undergraduates, 220 graduates and 50 Fellows, all supported by more than 130 staff, Downing is a diverse and welcoming place. Our beautiful Neo-Classical buildings are set in a spacious landscape of lawns, trees and gardens in the heart of Cambridge, close to many University faculties and departments.

Downing accepts students in all subjects, and our highly-respected teaching and research staff are dedicated to helping the students realise their full potential. Our Fellows are at the forefront of their academic fields, and their expertise informs their teaching.

Downing is able to house all undergraduate and graduate students on the main College site. This is unusual in Cambridge and helps build the strong sense of community so characteristic of Downing. The accommodation is exceptional, and all rooms are single occupancy with internet connectivity. More than half are en suite and several are adapted for students with physical or sensory impairments.

Our facilities include the well-stocked Maitland Robinson Library, the magnificent Howard Theatre and the new purpose-built Heong Gallery. Downing has a strong musical tradition, with a flourishing Chapel choir and frequent concerts and recitals. Our excellent sporting facilities include a gym, tennis and basketball/ netball courts, as well as an off-site sports ground and boathouse by the river. Students also enjoy the lively common rooms and student bar.

Downing is an inspiring place to live and study. Visit us on one of our open days to tour the College and meet students and Fellows.

Wide open spaces, beautiful buildings, great accommodation, fantastic facilities, a lively and friendly student body, and a world class education – what more could you ask for?

Dan

Fact file

LCAS campus code Z

Courses available
All courses except Education, Land Economy and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
280 undergraduates
90 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Michael Sutherland

Senior Tutor
Dr Marina Frasca-Spada

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 29 April, 9 September
Mathematics 29 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p110

Location
Map reference 4 (see p154-5)
Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RH

01223 338056
admissions@corpus.cam.ac.uk
www.corpus.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

LCAS campus code D

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
425 undergraduates
110 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Marta Correia
Dr Marcus Tomain

Senior Tutor
Dr Guy Williams

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 29 April, 9 September
Mathematics 29 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p110

Location
Map reference 5 (see p154-5)
Regent Street, Cambridge CB2 1DQ

01223 334826
admissions@dow.cam.ac.uk
www.dow.cam.ac.uk

www.corpus.cam.ac.uk

www.dow.cam.ac.uk
Emmanuel College

The reputation of Emmanuel as ‘the friendly College’ has grown over the years. This reputation, like the College’s excellent record of academic achievement, is primarily due to our students.

Emmanuel is a community that lives by principles of mutual support and collective responsibility. Part of the reason for our success, besides the more-formal collegiate supervision system, is the striking supportive relationship that has grown up between students in different years of their courses and which persists as one group graduates and another group of freshers arrives. The result of this is that Emmanuel’s students continue to excel in their exams, their sport and their music, while still finding time to enjoy an active and inclusive social life. The College provides the framework – excellent facilities for sport, computing and music; terrific teachers; a recently rebuilt library and with one of the best reading rooms in Cambridge; a student-run bar and so on – but the students do the rest. Emmanuel is first and foremost an intellectual community in which individuals can develop to their full potential. It’s also aesthetically pleasing: the spaciousness and quiet architectural beauty of the grounds and buildings, in the very centre of Cambridge, surprise everyone who enters. The Head Gardener believes gardens are to be used, so the two ponds, with their ducks and moorhens, the tennis courts in summer, the swimming pool and the large grass area known as the Paddock, are there for all members of the College to enjoy. However, the grass in Front Court is sacrosanct: only ducks and Dons, and snowmen that appear mysteriously in the middle of the night, are allowed on it.

Nicola

The inclusive environment of Emma is one of the most important aspects of the College – you feel accepted and ‘at home’ whatever your background or beliefs.

Fitzwilliam College

Fitzwilliam College combines the best of Cambridge tradition with a friendly, forward-thinking approach. Our active and diverse student community lives surrounded by some of the most beautiful gardens in Cambridge.

Fitzwilliam was founded in 1869 to broaden access to the University, and we’re proud of our history. We admit students from all backgrounds strictly on the basis of ability and promise. Our intellectually stimulating environment together with strong pastoral and academic support enable our students to reach their full potential. Our location – between the main arts and science sites – is ideal for taking advantage of everything Cambridge has to offer. The setting, around the extensive gardens of a Georgian estate, combines ‘the best of the old and the new’. The Regency house at the heart of the College was once home to Darwin’s widow. More recent buildings include our auditorium (a venue for plays, concerts, debates and lectures) and new, superbly equipped 24/7 library. Students live in rooms in College (many en suite) or in College houses very nearby for all three (or four) years. Our beautiful gardens are there for all – everyone can walk on our grass!

Fitzdispels every myth you’ve heard about Cambridge. It’s a down-to-earth and welcoming College, full of friendly faces. What makes Fitz special is our sense of community; students have so many opportunities to get involved in College life.

Sophie

Fact file

UCAS campus code: E

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy and the Education track (Education, English, Drama and the Arts)

Student numbers
460 undergraduates
440 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Carolin Crawford (sciences)
Dr Robert Henderson (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Henderson

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking

Location
St Andrew’s Street, Cambridge CB2 3AP

Admissions Tutors
Dr Holly Canuto (sciences)
Dr Sara Owen (arts)

More photos at:
www.emma.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

UCAS campus code: F

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
440 undergraduates
410 admitted each year
335 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Holly Canuto (sciences)
Dr Sara Owen (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Paul Chirico

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking

Location
Storey’s Way, Cambridge CB3 0DG

Admissions
admissions@fitz.cam.ac.uk

More photos at:
www.fitz.cam.ac.uk
Girton College

Set in more than 50 acres of beautiful parkland and gardens just outside the city centre, Girton College’s setting matches its open and informal atmosphere. Founded on values of equality and diversity, Girton offers every student superb facilities in which to live and learn. One of the larger Cambridge Colleges, we offer a friendly community where no-one is anonymous. Whatever your subject, you receive top-class tuition, excellent support and an opportunity to exceed your expectations. Girton is a home from home, where you are offered rooms when available. The majority of our undergraduates, including all first years, are housed on the historic main College site, in a variety of accommodation – ranging from Victorian rooms in the original building, to modern en suite rooms in Ash Court. We have a popular self-service cafeteria and every corridor has a communal kitchen, offering students plenty of flexibility for meals.

We have a state-of-the-art library, well-equipped computer rooms, and internet connections across all accommodation. We maintain roughly equal numbers of men and women amongst our Fellowship and student body, and the relationship between Fellows, students and staff is friendly, lively and supportive.

Were I to choose again, I wouldn’t apply anywhere else. There’s a togetherness like at no other College – always a friendly face and staff are approachable. One of the unrecognised gems of Cambridge Colleges.

Andrew

Gonville & Caius College

Caius is a large, friendly College based around three beautiful courts in the very centre of Cambridge. Founded in 1348, the College is known for its diverse and energetic student body, its academic ambition, and its strong sense of community.

We admit students solely on the basis of academic potential. This potential can be demonstrated in different ways and each applicant is considered as an individual. Our students come from every type of school and social background and are of many different nationalities. To help you settle in, we operate a full freshers’ programme and a ‘parenting scheme’ to welcome new students into the College community. Caius has more than 100 Fellows, including Stephen Hawking, and many have international reputations. The range of teaching and research interests within the College is huge and all subjects are supported at the highest level. Our students are able to form close working relationships with their teachers. Many subjects have their own societies within the College, bringing together students and Fellows for social events, discussions and lectures.

Accommodation is provided for all students throughout their time at Cambridge. We encourage students to eat together in the College Hall but all accommodation provides cooking facilities. All first years have their own societies within the College, bringing together students and Fellows for social events, discussions and lectures. Students in other years ballot for accommodation for undergraduates.

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Homerton College

Homerton has been in Cambridge for well over 100 years and yet is the newest College of the University, the largest and one of the most diverse.

At Homerton, we blend a few long-established traditions with a modern forward-thinking approach. Each new generation of students helps to build our academic community, enhancing what’s already one of the most vibrant, open and inclusive places for living and learning in the University.

Homerton is a green oasis on the south side of the city, with spacious grounds through which all College members can roam (even walking on the grass!). Our buildings are a mixture of old and new, with a fine Victorian building at the College’s heart. Our study bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms and all the necessary links that technology allows. All undergraduates can be accommodated on-site throughout their studies.

Living in College is overwhelmingly popular, not just for the comfortable rooms but for the full social and intellectual life that Homerton offers. We have the usual facilities: a large modern and well-stocked library, a gym, a theatre, music rooms, and, more unusually, a dance studio and sports grounds on-site. Our students take full advantage of these to play hard and work hard.

Homerton has always been a welcoming place, somewhere to become what you want to be. Whatever your background and interests there will be others who share them. Our students participate fully in the life of the College, taking part in its decision-making through the Students’ Union and enriching the local and wider society with their multitude of interests, skills and enthusiasms. We’re an evolving community, committed to remaining a place where doors are open, where nobody’s too grand to talk to you, and where each student can develop their full potential in supportive and beautiful surroundings.

Fact file

UCAS campus code H
Courses available All courses except Architecture and Veterinary Medicine
Student numbers 350 undergraduates (175 admitted each year) 500 postgraduates (including 200 PGCE)
Admissions Tutors Dr Paul Elliott (arts) Mr Steve Watts (sci)
Senior Tutor Dr Penny Barton
Open days 2017 See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 9 September Mathematics 29 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p150
Location Map reference 10 (see p154-5) Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8PH
www.homerton.cam.ac.uk

Hughes Hall

A mature, friendly and pioneering academic community, dynamic in our approach, developing a unique global impact at the cutting-edge of the academic, professional and commercial worlds.

Hughes Hall is a different type of Cambridge College. We have around 650 students, of whom around 100 are mature or affiliate undergraduates, and two-thirds are from outside the UK. We accept undergraduates for nearly all courses, and our largest cohort is in Law. Whatever your subject, you benefit from living with undergraduates in all subjects, and with postgraduates of similar age and outlook.

Alumni include a gold medal winning Olympic government ministers, senior members of the legal community, leading business people, engineers and scientists across the globe; many of whom volunteer to support our current students.

Undergraduates are strongly represented in student societies and sports, regularly representing Cambridge on University teams and contributing fully to a generous and diverse community where all can flourish.

We understand the challenges that face mature and affiliate undergraduates and have a tutorial system tailored to this, as well as a College nurse, gym facilities, a modern library and excellent food. Hughes Hall is situated in the liveliest, most cosmopolitan part of Cambridge, within a 10-minute bike ride of most faculties, yet surrounded by the peaceful green spaces of the University cricket ground and Parker’s Piece.

Fact file

UCAS campus code 7
Courses available All courses except Architecture, Medicine (other than the Graduate Course) and Veterinary Medicine
Student numbers 100 mature undergraduates (35 admitted each year) 150 postgraduates
For students aged 21 and over

Admissions Tutors Dr Corinne Roughley (arts) Dr Martin Steinfield (Law, sciences)
Senior Tutor Dr Philip S Johnston
Open days 2017 See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 6 July, 7 July See also Cambridge Open Days p150
Location Map reference 11 (see p154-5) Wollaston Road, Cambridge CB1 2EW
www.hughes.cam.ac.uk

www.cam.ac.uk/hughes
www.cam.ac.uk
Jesus College

Our students say the best things about Jesus College are the mix of people and relaxed atmosphere, the great accommodation, and the location in the heart of Cambridge.

Fact file

- UCAS campus code: J
- Courses available: All courses
- Student numbers: 510 undergraduates, 16246 admitted each year, 380 postgraduates
- Admissions Tutors: Dr Christopher Burlinson (recruitment) Dr Brechtje Post (arts) Dr Noel Rutter (science)

We say the best things about Jesus students are their diversity, their strong sense of community and their capacity for hard work.

We admit around 145 undergraduates a year, across all subjects studied at the University, with roughly equal numbers in arts and sciences. We welcome applicants from all types of school and background – everyone is considered for admission as an individual on their own academic merit.

All our undergraduates are offered accommodation either in the main College buildings or in College-owned houses just across the road, so all Jesus students live within a stone’s throw from the Porters’ Lodge. The mix of rooms enables individual needs and preferences to be catered for. The College grounds are spacious and tranquil, away from the main tourist routes but only five minutes’ walk from the city centre. Our students are encouraged to offer in all walks of life, and this leads to a good mix of academic excellence with music, sports and the arts. We’re particularly proud of our award-winning library which provides a superb learning environment, our commitment to music of all sorts (ranging from two Chapel choirs to dedicated spaces for student-run events), and our strong support for the visual arts, especially sculpture. There are plenty of opportunities to relax and unwind too, with newly refurbished facilities including a brand new bar, café and common room and, unusually for a Cambridge College, our playing fields are on the main site.

You’re very welcome to come and see the College for yourself – attend an open day or contact us to arrange an informal visit.

There’s a family atmosphere which extends beyond your three or four years here: ‘Once a Jesuan, always a Jesuan’.

Alice

King’s College

King’s has a long history of intellectual, artistic and social innovation. We were among the first of the historically male Colleges to admit women, and we have played a leading role in attracting ethnic minorities and state-educated students to Cambridge.

Fact file

- UCAS campus code: K
- Courses available: All courses except Education, Land Economy and Veterinary Medicine
- Student numbers: 430 undergraduates, c120 admitted each year, 280 postgraduates
- Admissions Tutor: Dr Felipe Hernández

The College offers good computer facilities and an excellent library, with many welcoming places to work.

King’s stands in the centre of Cambridge, with its splendid grounds and buildings stretching to the River Cam and beyond. There’s a wide choice of accommodation. Meals are offered in our cafeteria, but you take your tray into the grand College Hall. King’s has a welcoming bar and a coffee shop. We offer sports facilities, punts and kayaks, music practice rooms, a dark room, clubs and societies, student-run club nights and an Art Centre running countless other groups for different tastes and styles. The College bar also has popular open mic nights.

At King’s, students from any background can fulfil their personal and intellectual potential. We admit strictly on academic promise, and welcome applicants from any type of school or region of the world.

What struck me when I arrived was how very normal everyone is. But at King’s there’s also a sense that being ‘different’ (be it in terms of interests, race, sexuality or politics) is something to be respected.

Rachel
Lucy Cavendish College

When Lucy Cavendish was founded in 1965, newspapers called it ‘the College without towers, turrets or gatehouse’. We’re still as informal and as open-minded today.

Lucy Cavendish is one of the smaller Cambridge Colleges, and one of the most diverse: our 370 students come from more than 60 countries, and include many affiliate students alongside first-time undergraduates with a wide range of interests, experience and qualifications. The College lies close to the city centre, in tranquil grounds featuring a wildflower meadow, pond and music pavilion as well as our cluster centre, in tranquil grounds featuring a wildflower meadow, pond and music pavilion as well as our cluster centre, in tranquil grounds featuring a wildflower meadow, pond and music pavilion as well as our cluster centre, in tranquil grounds featuring a wildflower meadow, pond and music pavilion as well as our cluster.

On-site accommodation is offered to all single undergraduates; most rooms are en suite, with a smaller number of twin ‘sets’ sharing a bathroom and kitchenette. Our new Histon Road complex includes one- and two-bedroom flats, increasing the options available to couples and families.

The ratio of staff to undergraduates is low, making for close-knit, non-hierarchical relations; social events involve the whole College. We are known for preparing women for the professions but Lucy Cavendish students have excelled across the arts and sciences. The College has a growing profile in sport, and values creativity as a complement to scholarship: we run an annual fiction prize, and recent students have included novelists, filmmakers and theatre directors.

Lucy Cavendish creates a special type of friendship. We have at the College a group of incredibly bright, articulate, funny, supportive women who really changed my life.

Sam

Magdalene College

Magdalene College has the advantage of an attractive and convenient location, on the banks of the River Cam, less than five minutes’ walk from the city centre.

With buildings that are both beautiful and welcoming, libraries providing everything from first-year textbooks to medieval manuscripts, committed teaching staff and a vibrant community, Magdalene College is a perfect environment in which to live and study. Magdalene typically admits around 105 undergraduates a year and encourages applicants from all educational and social backgrounds. Every applicant is assessed on his or her own merits and we take into account both potential and track record. At Magdalene, we want our students to fulfil every gram of their potential and our Directors of Studies are on hand to help you achieve at the highest possible level.

If you come to study here, you’ll receive a warm welcome as soon as you arrive in Magdalene: there are plenty of activities in the first week and beyond to help you settle in, meet new people and feel at home. We’re able to accommodate all our students, and a good choice and mix of housing is available; from the formality of First Court, through to the Magdalene village (ranging from medieval study bedrooms to modern sets) and Cripps Court, with its handsome garden and en suite rooms.

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Magdalene has the work-life balance spot-on and offers me everything I want both academically and recreationally. Formal hall seven days a week is also a definite positive.

Paul

Fact file

Lucy Cavendish

UCAS campus code L

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
190 mature undergraduates
150 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

For female students aged 21 and over

Admissions Director Dr Victoria Harvey
Senior Tutor Dr Leigh Stoeber

Open days 2017
See the College website for dates,
information and booking
All subjects 6 July
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 14 (see p154-5)
Lady Margaret Road, Cambridge CB3 0BU

See the College website for dates,
information and booking

Magdalene

UCAS campus code M

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
339 undergraduates
190 admitted each year
212 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Stuart Martin (post-offer)
Dr John Munro (post-application)
Dr Emily So (recruitment)

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 15 March
AMES, Classics, Linguistics, MML
17 March
Mathematics 29 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 15 (see p154-5)
Magdalene Street, Cambridge CB3 0AG

See the College website for dates,
information and booking

www.lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk
www.magd.cam.ac.uk
Murray Edwards College

Murray Edwards College provides academic excellence within a warm and welcoming community. At its heart lies a proactive commitment to improving the opportunities open to women within education and their professional lives.

Our College makes a difference. In learning: we strengthen understanding about how women learn and provide a stimulating and supportive environment – more than 92 per cent of our students achieve a 2.1 or first. In personal development: we provide networking and leadership opportunities and challenges to build confidence and resilience. In giving voice: we encourage our students to speak out and be heard – they engage in College decision and policy making and interact with prominent guest speakers. In respecting others: the College welcomes and respects students from all backgrounds and many countries, constantly developing to reflect this commitment. Our distinctive skyline, light buildings and informal gardens are a short walk from both central Cambridge and the West Cambridge Site. Students enjoy modern accommodation (many rooms are en suite), a well-stocked library, a gym, a squash court and tennis courts. The cafeteria is popular, especially Saturday brunch and the salad bar. This comfortable living environment and the stimulating range of activities together provide the energy and special character for which the College is known. As an open and outgoing College, our students are involved in the full range of academic and social activities across the University, and students (of all genders) are always welcome to join in our day to day life here. Come and see for yourself.

Murray Edwards combines real academic excellence with strong pastoral support, as well as being a place where you can feel at home.

Magdalen

Admissions Tutor
Dr Andrew Spencer

Senior Tutor
Dr Juliet Foster

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 6 July (morning), 9 September
Mathematics 29 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 16 (see p154-5)
Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DF

More photos at:
www.cam.ac.uk/murrayedwards

Newnham College

Newnham is located in the heart of Cambridge. Run by and for women, we’ve been educating exceptional students for nearly 150 years. If you have academic potential, we could be the College for you.

Our students come from all types of background, and we welcome the diversity and fun that brings. There’s a lively social, sporting and cultural life, and everyone can make lasting friends here; we’re proud of our unpretentious and democratic community. Your education won’t be single-sex; you’ll get the same mixed education and social opportunities as at other Colleges, but you also have the advantage of being part of a College that prioritises the achievement, needs and potential of women. Newnham’s extensive site, with its beautiful Victorian architecture and truly stunning gardens, lies opposite the main arts departments and is a five-minute cycle from the science faculties and the city centre.

All students are accommodated on-site in bedrooms with high-speed internet access, and guests are welcome. Many of our rooms have antique furniture and lovely views. Student kitchens are well-equipped for self-catering, and we provide daily meals in our stylish modern Buttery and weekly formal dinners in College Hall.

Our library has more than 90,000 books, including many by famous Newnham authors, and we host recitals and theatrical performances in our Old Labs venue. We have on-site sports fields, tennis and netball courts, and Newnham Boat Club is one of the best in Cambridge.

We’re proud of our students’ academic, sporting and artistic achievements, and we believe in supporting women to realise their potential. Many of our graduates take an active interest in current students, offering career advice through regular workshops. If you have questions, do get in touch with our approachable Admissions Team, or come to an open day.

Newnham is a friendly and vibrant College, which takes a real interest in individual students.

Becky

Admissions Tutor
Dr Sam Lucy

Senior Tutor
Professor Liba Taub

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 5 July, 9 September
Mathematics 29 April
Teachers’ open day 10 March
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 17 (see p154-5)
Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DF

More photos at:
www.cam.ac.uk/newnham

Fact file

UCAS campus code C
Courses available
All courses except Education and Philosophy
Student numbers
360 undergraduates
c110 admitted each year
170 postgraduates
For female students
Pembroke College

Centrally located in Cambridge, Pembroke is a stone’s throw from many departments. Our supportive, diverse community, with its strong reputation for academic excellence, is one in which the most able students from all backgrounds thrive.

We have a library, computer room, bar, gym, music practice rooms and more on site, and sports fields a short cycle ride away. There are numerous opportunities for students to explore their wider interests, however seriously (or otherwise) they want to take them. Pembroke students flourish, and we do everything we can to offer the support they deserve.

Members of Pembroke are united by a deep interest in their subject, their intellectual curiosity and their commitment to fulfilling their academic potential, but at the same time they respect one another’s right to be different within the College’s inclusive and friendly ethos. Tutors, Directors of Studies and academic supervisors are dedicated to supporting and inspiring students to develop their existing talents so that they achieve highly in readiness for their careers and lives beyond university.

In assessing applications, we place a great deal of emphasis on academic achievement, and we encourage the brightest and most interested students, whatever your background, to consider us. We particularly encourage those students whose school or college has little experience of Cambridge to think about applying to us.

Pembroke is a wonderful, open, friendly environment in which to live and study. All the students and staff here are approachable and friendly. It doesn’t take very long to settle in and feel part of it.

Victoria

Peterhouse

Just five minutes’ walk from the city centre, Peterhouse is an exciting and friendly place to live. It’s perfectly situated for student life in Cambridge – close to the arts, engineering and science faculties, but just off the tourist trail.

Peterhouse’s size (we are the smallest College, admitting about 75 freshers a year) promotes plenty of individual attention for students. It is a supportive community where students quickly make friends and feel at home. Both lively and inclusive, Peterhouse welcomes students with wide-ranging backgrounds, interests and opinions. The only things all our students have in common are high academic ability, dedication to their subject and a willingness to work hard.

We provide a range of excellent accommodation (including en suite rooms) in central Cambridge (on or adjacent to the main site) for all undergraduates for the duration of their course. We offer great food eaten in the oldest Hall in Cambridge, and there’s the option of a candlelit dinner every night during term. Peterhouse has excellent facilities for study, sport, music and social events. These include a spacious and well-stocked library, as well as a theatre, music practice rooms, bar, computer room, gym, boathouse and sports grounds.

The beautiful and tranquil Deer Park is a wonderful place to relax and meet friends while enjoying a pause in their busy schedules. We always look to admit those with the potential to flourish in our nurturing environment and are committed to offering places to the most able, regardless of school or background.

To find out more about Peterhouse, why not come to an open day and meet our students and staff? If you’re unable to attend one of these, individual visits can usually be arranged with the Admissions Team, who are always happy to advise you and answer any questions you may have.

Peterhouse has one of the most active extra-curricular scenes of any Cambridge College. We have College societies focused on politics, feminism, science, humanities, drama and cocktails, to name a few, as well as numerous enthusiastic sports teams.

Eloise

Fact file

UCAS campus code P

Courses available

All courses except Education and Geography

Student numbers

430 undergraduates
3155 admitted each year
295 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Caroline Burt

Senior Tutor
Dr Dan Tucker

Open days 2017

See the College website for information and bookings
All subjects 23 September
Arts 6 April
Sciences 7 April
Law 5 July
Mathematics, Music 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 18 (see p154-5)
Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RF

Fact file

UCAS campus code U

Courses available

All courses except Education, Geography, Land Economy, Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers

241 undergraduates
179 admitted each year
163 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Sophie Jackson (science)

Senior Tutor
Dr András Zsák (arts)

Open days 2017

See the College website for information and bookings
All subjects: 16 September
Mathematics 29 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 19 (see p154-5)
Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RD

www.pem.cam.ac.uk

www.pet.cam.ac.uk
Queens’ College

Queens’ is a large, centrally located College. It is characterised by openness and informality, making it modern, welcoming and comfortable.

We want our students to pursue their academic interests and achieve their full potential. Queens’ has been in the heart of Cambridge for more than five centuries, and today it supports a thriving academic community of undergraduates, graduates and academics. Queens’ undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation on the main College site for three years. We offer a full catering service, but those who want to self-cater may do so. All rooms enjoy internet access and wi-fi is available throughout the site. Queens’ provides superb facilities for the arts. There are also squash courts, a gym and punt hire within College, and the sports ground and boathouse are nearby.

Queens’ has been such a friendly and inclusive community from the day I started. The College performs really well academically, has a central location and does a great brunch, as well as being sociable and fun.

Lizzie

There are students on most Cambridge courses, and a community of scholars with varied academic interests who are keen to help students with their work. Robinson accommodation is outstanding and all undergraduates live within the College grounds throughout their original course. Around half is en suite and the remaining generally has one or two bathrooms between two or three individuals (no bedrooms are shared). Facilities are exceptional: no matter what your interests, there are opportunities to pursue them here.

At Robinson, the student body is truly diverse, coming from all backgrounds and from all over the world. They have the very best academic and pastoral support, allowing them to achieve at the highest levels.

Robinson is perfectly located for life in Cambridge – directly opposite the University Library and extremely close to the arts and sciences departments. A short walk or bike ride takes you directly into the city centre. The magnificent College gardens are much loved by students and academics alike.

Anna

There’s a firm expectation at Queens’ that every student will work hard to fulfil their academic potential and maintain our reputation for academic excellence. We have a detailed programme of support to help first-year students make the transition from school to university.

You’re welcome to contact the Admissions Office directly, to look on the web or attend an open day to find out more.

www.queens.cam.ac.uk

Robinson College

Founded in 1979, Robinson is one of the most modern and ambitious Cambridge Colleges. Famed for its strong sense of community and relaxed atmosphere, there’s nowhere better to pursue your studies and interests.

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Our library is accessible 24 hours and boasts a comprehensive collection of books. Robinson also has some of the best College food in Cambridge, whether in the cafeteria-style Garden Restaurant or the optional twice-weekly formal dinner in the Hall.

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www.queens.cam.ac.uk
St Catharine’s College

St Catharine’s is a welcoming, medium-size College for men and women, situated right in the centre of town. A lively and diverse community, we have earned a reputation for friendliness and academic success. Founded in 1473, St Catharine’s is an extremely supportive College, with a strong community spirit between students and staff. We’ve gathered a dedicated and approachable team of teaching staff committed to helping our students realise their academic potential, and excellent pastoral support staff.

Our admissions decisions are based solely on applicants’ academic ability – proven and potential – and we solely on applicants’ academic ability. All students are accommodated for three or four years – first- and third-year students live on the main site, while second-year students live in an attractive setting still only a short walk from the heart of the University. The College offers excellent facilities for study and recreation. Our two libraries are among the best in Cambridge, there are well-maintained computing facilities, and all student rooms have high-speed internet access. The College has a small auditorium as well as a larger venue and a new student bar. Our sports facilities include extensive playing fields; squash, badminton and tennis courts; a gym; an all-weather Astroturf hockey pitch; and an extensively refurbished boathouse. Our active choir records and tours regularly. We were also proud to be the first College to be awarded Fair Trade status.

Our Admissions Office is happy to receive enquiries from and arrange visits to St Catharine’s for any prospective applicants. Further detailed and up-to-date information can be found on our website.

Fact file

UCAS campus code S

Courses available
All courses except Architecture, Education, History of Art and Linguistics

Student numbers
441 undergraduates
415 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr David Bainbridge (science)
Dr Miranda Griffin (arts)

Senior Tutor Dr Paul Hartle

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 5 July, 8 July
9 September, 16 September
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 22 (see p154-5)
Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RL

St Edmund’s College

St Edmund’s has an international and multidisciplinary flavour. Half of our student body are from overseas, with almost 80 countries represented.

Fact file

UCAS campus code 1

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
117 mature undergraduates
40 admitted each year
470 postgraduates

For students aged 21 and over

Admissions Tutors
Dr Michele Gegovos
Dr Matthew Cole (Deputy)

Senior Tutor Dr Judith Bunbury (Deputy)

Open days 2017
See Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 22 (see p154-5)
Mount Pleasant, Cambridge CB1 0BN

St Edmund’s student community includes 117 mature undergraduates (aged 21 or over), including affiliate students (who already have a degree from another university). Many students are studying for a degree after a break from full-time education. The College sits in six acres of parkland and is conveniently placed for the arts faculties, the West Cambridge Site, the Veterinary School, the University Library and the city centre. The College buildings currently house 218 single students (some en suite). All rooms are centrally heated and connected to the internet, and some are suitable for students with physical disabilities. Six maisonettes and seven apartments are suitable for families. Our library building includes a large reception/lecture room, a library, teaching rooms, a gym and a music practice room.

Scholars and Fellows of St Edmund’s form a single community with the student body led by a lively executive committee that runs the Combination Room with its bar, pool table and a host of social events. The College kitchen offers up to three meals a day as well as formal meals at least once a week during term time. The numerous College clubs and societies include the choir and those for law, sports and music. Many College members participate in their field at University and national level.

The Chapel reflects the Catholic heritage of the College and is open to other Christian bodies. It’s also open to all members of the College as a place of quiet prayer and contemplation. The Von Hügel and Faraday Institutes enrich the life of the College in the areas of social justice and the interconnection of science and religion, respectively.

St Edmund’s offers a supportive environment where Fellows, staff and students work together to make it an enjoyable place to study and socialise. The collective community spirit makes for a welcoming and enriching environment.

Stephen
St John's College

With its lively mix of undergraduates and guaranteed on-site accommodation throughout your course, St John's puts students at the heart of a friendly, diverse community in one of Cambridge's most spectacular settings.

The atmosphere at St John's is energetic, challenging, inspiring. We're committed to providing a world class education in an exciting multicultural environment where you can thrive and exceed your own expectations. Whatever your subject, there's someone here in your discipline to support you.

Our central riverside grounds provide easy access to University facilities and have a strong sense of community – all students can find like-minded people and make lifelong friends. The College also has more than 40 student-run societies and sports teams, so there's always plenty to do.

One of the most important experiences we offer is the chance to be part of a group that achieves distinction at the highest level. Whether at a concert, in the library, or in conversation over dinner, you're immersed in a world where the exchange of ideas is enthusiastic, unpretentious and motivating.

'The people and environment are what makes John's so special – it's a big College, but it has a really friendly community.' Julie

'Many people where I come from thought Cambridge was far away and socially exclusive. The reality in St John's is that people from all sorts of backgrounds come here to live and study.' Tom

I applied to St John's because it's such a vibrant, diverse place. Now I get to study with people from all over the world.' Katie

One of the best ways to experience what the College has to offer is to come and see for yourself. Dr Helen Watson, the Admissions Tutor, and the Admissions and Access Team are happy to offer advice or arrange visits for individuals and schools.

Fact file

UCAS campus code X

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
569 undergraduates
260 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Helen Watson

Senior Tutor Dr Matthias Diörrzapf

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking.
All subjects: 26 June, 23 September
Mathematics: 29 April, 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 24 (see p154-5)
St John's Street, Cambridge CB2 1TP
01223 338003
admissions@joh.cam.ac.uk
www.joh.cam.ac.uk

Selwyn College

Selwyn College provides an environment in which students can excel academically and achieve their full potential while at the same time enjoying student life to the full.

The Fellows of Selwyn College are committed teachers who take a keen interest in the academic progress of their students and provide an exceptionally supportive environment. The College is noted for its high standards and the lively participation of its students in university life.

The College is only a few minutes’ walk from the city centre and comprises a single spacious site with beautiful gardens. We have a range of accommodation, 70 per cent of which is en suite, and can house all of our undergraduates on-site for the three or four years of their course.

Having everyone living together makes for a strong sense of community and a vibrant social life. Selwyn is adjacent to the Sidgwick Site, which houses most of the arts faculties, and is also close to the West Cambridge Site where several of the large science departments are located. None of the other University departments are more than a few minutes away.

Student life in Selwyn is busy and varied. Our students are enthusiastic participants in many College and University clubs and societies, and Selwyn enjoys a strong reputation in both drama and music, as well as having an excellent Chapel choir. Many students enjoy participating in College sport, and the teams have enjoyed notable success.

Selwyn seeks to admit the very best students, regardless of background, on the basis of academic excellence and potential to thrive on our demanding courses. We invite you to visit our website or contact us to find out more; we would also be pleased to see you in person at an open day, a school visit or by appointment.

Fact file

UCAS campus code V

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
400 undergraduates
200 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Daniel Bouverage (sciences)
Dr Sophia Connell (arts)
Dr Stuart Eves (sciences)

Senior Tutor Dr Mike Sewell

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking.
All subjects: 16 September (afternoon)
Mathematics: 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 25 (see p154-5)
Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9DQ
01223 333896
admissions@sel.cam.ac.uk
www.sel.cam.ac.uk

Selwyn College

My time at Selwyn has been not only academically stimulating but immensely enjoyable. From great facilities to supportive supervisors, I couldn’t have asked for a better place to make the most of university and prepare for the future.

Cath
Sidney Sussex College

Founded in 1596, Sidney Sussex College is a diverse, inclusive and forward-looking community set among elegant buildings and tranquil gardens in the heart of Cambridge.

Fact file

UCAS campus code: 3
Courses available:
All courses except Education
Student numbers:
390 undergraduates
136 admitted each year
273 postgraduates
Admissions Director:
Dr Catherine Sumnall
Senior Tutor:
Mr Massimo Beber
Open days 2017:
See the College website for information and booking.
All subjects: 9 September, 16 September, Mathematics: 29 April, 6 May.
See also Cambridge Open Days p130
Location:
Map reference: 26 (see p154-5)
Sidney Street, Cambridge CB2 3HU
www.sid.cam.ac.uk
Admissions Office is happy to deal with further enquiries.

Trinity College

Trinity provides a large and diverse community in which to live, work and play. We offer high-quality accommodation, a central location on the river, excellent meals in Hall and extensive sports facilities.

Fact file

UCAS campus code: T
Courses available:
All courses except Education and Veterinary Medicine
Student numbers:
695 undergraduates
695 admitted each year
150 postgraduates
Admissions Tutors:
Professor Adrian Poole
Dr Malte Grosche
Dr Glen Kangwala (Assistant)
Senior Tutor:
Professor Catherine Barnard
Open days 2017:
See the College website for information and booking.
Arts: 26 June
Sciences: 27 June
Mathematics: 29 April, 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p130
Location:
Map reference: 27 (see p154-5)
Trinity Street, Cambridge CB2 1TQ
www.trin.cam.ac.uk

Our small size fosters genuine inclusion: there’s no such thing as a typical student, and undergraduates come from every background and from all over the world. We encourage applicants from all school types, and admission is based solely on academic merit and potential. Most of our Fellows teach and supervise undergraduates, and we’re committed to providing all the support you need. We offer a well-stocked library with 24-hour access, a range of study skills support sessions and a large welfare team including a College nurse.

There’s a variety of accommodation, including rooms with shared facilities, en suites, traditional study and bedroom ‘sets’ and College-owned houses. Rooms are refurbished regularly, and all have internet access, and access to kitchen facilities. Meals are also available in our beautiful eighteen-century Hall. The College is known for the quality of its food and our candlelit formal halls are always popular.

Being at Sidney Sussex isn’t only about studying – students manage to combine their academic work with busy social lives. The Students’ Union arranges regular and varied events, including live music and comedy nights. Our sports facilities (including a gym) see enthusiastic use, and there are teams for all major sports. There’s a thriving music society, which organises regular recitals, and the Chapel choir has made several critically-acclaimed recordings and tours regularly in the UK and overseas.

One of Sidney Sussex’s greatest assets is the friendly and supportive relationship between students, Fellows and staff. The best way to experience this is by visiting us yourself: to arrange a visit, please contact the Admissions Office.

Sidney is so much more than just a place to work. Its small size means it’s really easy to get to know everyone and get involved with all sorts of opportunities. The atmosphere is incredibly inclusive and friendly.

Charlotte

The best thing about life at Trinity is the way it gives students from a huge range of backgrounds one common identity. Julie

You can learn more about Trinity by booking a place on an open day, or just by visiting the College informally to have a look round. Our website contains comprehensive information and the Admissions Office is happy to deal with further enquiries.
Trinity Hall

The first thing visitors notice about Trinity Hall is its vibrant community atmosphere. There’s a sense of vitality and youth among its members, making it a fun and informal place to live and study.

Take a walk from one end of Trinity Hall to the other and you’re bound to meet a friendly face along the way, whether it’s a smiling Porter at the front desk, a group of students sitting on the lawn, or a Fellow on their way to give a lecture. Trinity Hall is ideally situated for student life in Cambridge, located within easy walking distance of lecture halls, labs, libraries, clubs, pubs and shops. The College library and picturesque gardens back onto the river, making a relaxed environment in which to work and unwind. The Aula Bar and Coffee Shop provide a cozy setting in which to grab a drink and catch up with friends, play pool or watch TV. Accommodation is available for all undergraduates for at least three years and varies between atmospheric buildings steeped in history to contemporary housing with en suite facilities.

As well as maintaining a tradition of academic excellence, our students make significant contributions to College and university life through numerous clubs, societies and sports. Trinity Hall students have the use of a free gym, squash courts, tennis courts, playing fields, a boathouse and a music room with a grand piano, electric keyboards, amps and drum kit.

More than just a collection of beautiful buildings, Trinity Hall is a dynamic community of people from all over the world. We encourage applications from all school types, including those with little or no tradition of applying to Cambridge.

To find out more about Trinity Hall, please visit our website or attend one of our open days. Our Admissions Officer is always happy to answer any queries you might have.

The best bit about College? Standing in the middle of Front Court for hours chatting to whoever comes through — there’s always a friendly face!

Madeline

Fact file

Senior Tutor Dr Clare Jackson

Open days 2017
See the College website for information and booking

Student numbers
374 undergraduates
110 admitted each year
300 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Andrew Murray (science)
Reverend Dr Stephen Plant (arts)

UCAS campus code 4

Courses available
All courses except Education
Arts 4 April
Sciences 5 April
Mathematics 6 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p150

Location
Map reference 28 (see p154-5)
Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TJ

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Wolfson College

Wolfson is one of the most cosmopolitan Colleges in Cambridge, with typically 470 mature undergraduate and graduate student members.

We take mature undergraduates as well as affiliate students with a previous Honours degree. Most undergraduates are in their early 20s but we warmly welcome applicants of all ages (21 or older). Wolfson is one of three Colleges that admit students for the Graduate Course in Medicine.

The College has a lively, friendly atmosphere and a uniquely egalitarian character. All of our students bring a richness of experience which benefits their academic work and the spirit of internationalism is fostered by students from more than 70 countries. All subjects are represented among Fellows and the breadth of membership is further extended by distinguished academic visitors who come to Wolfson for periods of research.

The relationship between senior and junior members is informal, with common rooms and social facilities open equally to both. We offer a gym and various sports clubs and societies, including Zumba, football, rowing, yoga and salsa dancing. The humanities and science societies host a series of termly lectures, and a luncheon seminar attracts speakers from across disciplines. Spouses and partners of students actively participate in College life.

Wolfson accommodates all students who wish to live in College and the main buildings orbit attractive garden courts. All rooms have central heating, telephone and computer sockets, and access to well-equipped kitchens for self-catering. Most are single study bedrooms, with a mixture of shared facilities and en suite. There’s also some accommodation for couples and families. Our spacious library is open 24 hours a day. The College is close to the University Library, and most faculties and the city centre are a few minutes away by bicycle.

The unique thing about Wolfson is not only that you work with people from different academic backgrounds and levels, but also people from all over the world.

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Fact file

Admissions Tutors
Dr Michael Hohenbalk (arts)
Dr Lesley MacVinish (sciences)

Open days 2017
See Cambridge Open Days p150

Student numbers
168 mature undergraduates
50 admitted each year
100 postgraduates

For students aged 21 and over

UCAS campus code W

Courses available
All courses except Economics, Mathematics and the combination of Computer Science with Mathematics

Location
Map reference 29 (see p154-5)
Barton Road, Cambridge CB3 9BB

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