

# My Cambridge Application

A preview of the online application form for international students

To study an undergraduate degree at Cambridge, you need to complete an online Cambridge application form after you've submitted your UCAS application.

You'll be emailed a link to the online form after you've submitted your UCAS application. For more information, go to [www.cam.ac.uk/my-cambridge-application](http://www.cam.ac.uk/my-cambridge-application)

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## How to use this document

This document provides a preview of the main questions and guidance in the online application. You can use it to prepare your answers.

If you live in the UK, Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, see 'My Cambridge Application for home students' instead.

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Advisers supporting applicants can [find out about the key changes](#) that we have made to this document since the previous application cycle.

# 1 About you

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## 1.1) Do you have a different first name that you would like us to use?

For example, Sam instead of Samantha.

☐ Yes

☐ No **[Go to question 1.3]**

## 1.2) What name do you prefer to be known by?

## 1.3) Where have you lived since 1 September 2023?

This is the country where you normally live. If you lived in a different country only to attend school, do not include it.

Why do we need this information?

We use this information to assess your fee status. The tuition fees you pay will depend on whether you are assessed as a home student or an international student.

☐ United Kingdom **[Go to section 2]**

☐ Ireland **[Go to section 2]**

☐ Channel Islands or Isle of Man **[Go to section 2]**

☐ I have lived in a different country

#### **1.4) Country name**

Enter more than one country if relevant.

## 2 Your course

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### Who sees this section?

This section is only for students who have applied to study the following courses:

- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, course code TT46 **[Go to question 2.1]**
- Modern and Medieval Languages, course code R800 **[Go to question 2.2]**
- Natural Sciences, course code BCF0 **[Go to question 2.3]**
- Mathematics, course code G100 **[Go to question 2.4]**
- History and Modern Languages, course code VR18 **[Go to question 2.5]**

If you have applied to study any other course, **go to section 3 - Funding**.

### 2.1) You've applied to study Asian and Middle Eastern Studies - Course code TT46

Choose 2 options for this course

If you only want to study one language, choose the language and select 'I want to study one language'

- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Hebrew
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Persian
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ I want to study one language

## **2.2) You've applied to study Modern and Medieval Languages - Course code R800**

Choose 2 options for this course

Choose 'ab initio' if you have no previous experience of the language.

- ☐ Classical Greek
- ☐ Classical Greek (ab initio)
- ☐ Classical Latin
- ☐ Classical Latin (ab initio)
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ German (ab initio)
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Italian (ab initio)
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Portuguese (ab initio)
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Russian (ab initio)
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Spanish (ab initio)

## **2.3) You've applied to study Natural Sciences - Course code BCFO**

Choose which option you'd like to study

- ☐ Biological Natural Science
- ☐ Physical Natural Sciences

## 2.4) You've applied to study Mathematics - Course code G100

Choose which option you'd like to study

- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Mathematics with Physics

### 2.4a) Does your school or college provide extra lessons to support preparation for STEP in Mathematics?

STEP (Sixth Term Examination Paper) is a set of examinations. They are used to assess your aptitude for studying mathematical subjects at university. If you receive an offer to study mathematics at Cambridge, you are normally asked to take STEP as part of the conditions of the offer. [Find out how to register and prepare for STEP](#)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No **[Go to section 3 - Funding]**

### 2.4b) Give details of the support available

There is a 300 character limit for this field

## **2.5) You've applied to study History and Modern Languages - Course code VR18**

Choose which option you'd like to study

Choose 'ab initio' if you have no previous experience of the language.

- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ German (ab initio)
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Italian (ab initio)
- ☐ Portuguese (ab initio)
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Russian (ab initio)
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Spanish (ab initio)



## 3 Funding your course

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### 3.1) Have you already been awarded government funding or a scholarship for your course?

☐ Yes

☐ No [Go to question 3.3]

### 3.2) Give details of each award

We need to know the:

- name of the government funding scheme or scholarship
- total amount awarded, or amount per year

There is a 100 character limit for this field

### 3.3) Will you receive private funding to pay for your studies?

This could be from your family or your savings. If you're not sure, select 'Yes' and tell us about any possible funding.

☐ Yes

☐ No [Go to section 4]

### 3.4) Tell us more

We need to know:

- where the funding will come from
- how much the funding will be

You need to tell us if the funding is for each year or for the whole course.

For example, 'My family will give me £5,000 every year' or 'I have savings of £40,000 in total and I will use this for the whole of the course.'

Do not worry if these details are not exact or if they change in the future. You can contact the College if this information changes.

There is a 300 character limit for this field

## 4 High school studies

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### 4.1) Have you already left school or college?

( ) Yes

( ) No, I am still at school or college **[Go to question 4.3]**

### 4.2) When did you leave?

For example, enter 6 2025 if you left in June 2025.

Month

Year

**Go to question 4.4**

### 4.3) When will you leave?

For example, enter 6 2026 if you will leave in June 2026.

Month

Year

#### **4.4) Have you been awarded 6 or more GCSEs or IGCSEs in the last 3 years?**

GCSEs are qualifications normally studied in the UK at age 16. Some international and UK applicants study IGCSEs.

Why do we need this information?

We need this information to establish if you need to provide a high school transcript. A high school transcript is a certified record of your academic studies. We ask for a high school transcript if:

- you do not have 6 or more GCSEs/IGCSEs or 5 or more Scottish National Qualifications
- or
- you took GCSEs/IGCSEs or Scottish National Qualifications exams more than 3 years ago

We also ask for a high school transcript if you do not have, or are not currently studying, any of the following:

- AS or A levels
- Scottish Advanced Highers
- International Baccalaureate

- ( ) Yes, I have been awarded 6 or more GCSEs or IGCSEs in the last 3 years
- ( ) No, I have fewer than 6 GCSEs or IGCSEs, or I took the exams more than 3 years ago
- ( ) I have not studied GCSEs or IGCSEs

#### **4.5) Did you take any GCSEs at a school in the UK?**

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No **[Go to question 4.8]**

#### 4.6) School name

#### 4.7) School postcode

#### 4.8) Have you been awarded 5 or more Scottish National Qualifications (SNQ) in the last 3 years?

SNQ are normally studied in Scotland at age 16.

Why do we need this information?

We need this information to establish if you need to provide a high school transcript. A high school transcript is a certified record of your academic studies. We ask for a high school transcript if:

- you do not have 6 or more GCSEs/IGCSEs or 5 or more Scottish National Qualifications
- or
- you took GCSEs/IGCSEs or Scottish National Qualifications exams more than 3 years ago

We also ask for a high school transcript if you do not have, or are not currently studying, any of the following:

- AS or A levels
- Scottish Advanced Highers
- International Baccalaureate

- ( ) Yes, I have been awarded 5 or more SNQ in the last 3 years
- ( ) No, I have fewer than 5 SNQ, or I took the exams more than 3 years ago
- ( ) I have not studied Scottish National Qualifications (SNQ)

## 4.9) Do you have or are you studying for any of these qualifications?

Why do we need this information?

We need this information to establish if you need to provide a high school transcript. A high school transcript is a record of your academic studies.

We ask for a high school transcript if you do not have some or any of these qualifications:

- 6 or more GCSEs or IGCSEs
- 5 or more Scottish National Qualifications
- AS or A levels, Scottish Advanced Highers or the International Baccalaureate

- ☐ AS or A levels (including international AS and A levels) **[Go to question 4.10]**
- ☐ Scottish Highers or Advanced Highers **[Go to question 4.19]**
- ☐ International Baccalaureate **[Go to section 5 - Educational experience]**
- ☐ I have studied for different qualifications **[Go to question 4.17]**

## 4.10) Your AS and A levels: Have you studied or are you studying with any of these awarding bodies?

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who have or are studying for AS or A levels (including international AS and A levels). See question 4.9.

You can find the awarding body on the exam certificate or statement of results. Your school or college should also have a record.

Select all that apply.

- ☐ AQA
- ☐ CCEA
- ☐ Edexcel
- ☐ OCR
- ☐ WJEC
- ☐ Cambridge International Examinations
- ☐ OxfordAQA (international)
- ☐ Pearson Edexcel (international)
- ☐ Learning Resource Network (international)
- ☐ I have or I am studying for other AS and A levels

#### 4.11) What type of grades or scores do you receive for your AS or A levels?

##### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who have studied or are studying with one or both of these awarding bodies:

- Cambridge International Examinations
- Learning Resource Network

##### Types of grades or scores

The majority of students receive a grade for each subject at the end of the course. For example, Mathematics - A

Some students receive a grade and a score at the end of the course. This is called a Percentage Uniform Mark or PUM. For example, Mathematics - A - 94%

If you receive a PUM from any awarding body, choose: 'I receive a grade and a Percentage Uniform Mark or PUM for each subject'.

- ☐ I only receive a grade for each subject **[Go to question 4.17]**
- ☐ I receive a grade and a Percentage Uniform Mark or PUM for each subject

## 4.12) Your AS and A levels with Percentage Uniform Marks (PUM)

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who receive a grade and a Percentage Uniform Mark or PUM for each subject.

Tell us about all your AS or A level subjects for which you receive a Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM).

The PUM is usually on the statement of results you get from the awarding body. If you cannot find it, ask your school or college for advice.

You must tell us about every unit you've taken, even if you failed it or took it again to improve your score. This includes the original unit score and all later attempts. You must also tell us about every unit you plan to retake or take for the first time.

We may contact you, or your school or college, to confirm your PUM scores. If you do not provide full and accurate information, any offer you receive could be changed or withdrawn completely.

### Selecting your subject

Select the closest equivalent AS or A level subject. For example:

- 'Mathematics' instead of 'Further Mathematics' or any variation of mathematics
- 'Biology' instead of 'Human Biology'
- 'Chemistry' instead of 'Salter's Chemistry'
- 'Physics' instead of 'Advancing Physics'
- 'Design Technology' instead of 'Product Design' or 'Resistant Materials'

If your subject is not on the list, enter it and select 'Add'.

### Subjects you have completed

Enter any subjects where you've already received a PUM.



Syllabus code

Add 'AS' or 'A' depending on the qualification level. For example, 9702AS.

Subject or syllabus title

Enter or find your subject. Select the closest equivalent.

Date of assessment

For example, enter 6 2025 if you were assessed in June 2025.

Percentage Uniform Mark or PUM (%)

☐ I plan to retake this subject

### Add subject

In My Cambridge Application, you can add as many subjects as you need to, by selecting 'Add subject'.

☐ I have not completed any subjects yet

Subjects you plan to take or continue

Enter any subject where you have not yet received a PUM.

Syllabus code

For example, 9702.

Subject or syllabus title

Enter or find your subject. Select the closest equivalent.

### Add subject

In My Cambridge Application you can add as many subjects as you need to, by selecting 'Add subject'.

☐ I do not plan to take or continue any subjects

## 4.13) How are your AS or A levels assessed?

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who have studied or are studying with one or more of these awarding bodies:

- CCEA
- WJEC
- Oxford AQA (international)
- Pearson Edexcel (international)

### Types of assessment and grades

The majority of A level students take exams or submit coursework for each subject at the end of the course. They receive only a grade for each subject. For example, Mathematics - A

Some A level students study modular A levels. This means that the course is divided into modules or units. They take formal assessments for each unit and are awarded a score. These scores are called Uniform Mark Scale or UMS.

( ) I take exams or submit coursework at the end of the course and receive a grade **[Go to section 5 - Educational experience]**

( ) Some or all of my subjects are divided into modules or units and I receive a score for each module

## 4.14) Your AS and A level units with Uniform Mark Scale (UMS)

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants with AS or A level subjects that are divided into modules or units and they receive a UMS score for each module.

Tell us about all your AS or A level subjects that are divided into units with formal assessments and UMS scores for each unit.

These scores are usually on the statement of results you get from the awarding body. If you cannot find the scores, ask your school or college for advice.

You must tell us about every unit you've taken, even if you failed it or took it again to improve your score. This includes the original unit score and all later attempts. You must also tell us about every unit you plan to retake or take for the first time.

We may contact you, or your school or college, to confirm your UMS scores. If you do not provide full and accurate information, any offer you receive could be changed or withdrawn completely.

### Selecting your subject

Select the closest equivalent AS or A level subject. For example:

- 'Mathematics' instead of 'Further Mathematics' or any variation of mathematics
- 'Biology' instead of 'Human Biology'
- 'Chemistry' instead of 'Salter's Chemistry'
- 'Physics' instead of 'Advancing Physics'
- 'Design Technology' instead of 'Product Design' or 'Resistant Materials'

If your subject is not in the list, enter it and select 'Add'.

### Units you have completed

Enter any subjects where you have received a UMS score.

If you have retaken a unit, give details about each unit assessment. You can add these details by selecting 'Add unit or subject'.

### Subject

Enter or find your subject. Select the closest equivalent.

### Unit code

For example, 9201 or GENA1

### Unit title

Date of assessment

For example, enter 6 2025 if you were assessed in June 2025.

Month

Year

UMS score

Your score

Maximum possible score

☐ I plan to retake this unit

☐ I have not completed any units yet

#### **Add unit or subject**

In My Cambridge Application you can add as many units as you need to, by clicking on 'Add unit or subject'.

**4.15) Do you have more AS or A level units to take before the end of your course?**

#### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants with AS or A level subjects that are divided into modules or units and they receive a UMS score for each module.

- ( ) Yes, I have more units to study  
( ) No, I have completed all the units **[Go to section 5 - Educational experience]**

### 4.16) Your future AS and A level unit details

#### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who have not completed any units yet, or have more units to study.

Enter all the units that you plan to take before the end of the course.

Units you plan to take

Subject

Enter or find your subject. Select the closest equivalent.

Unit code

For example, 9201 or GENA1

Unit title

### **Add unit or subject**

In My Cambridge Application you can add as many units as you need to, by selecting 'Add unit or subject'

## 4.17) You need to upload a high school transcript

### Who sees this question?

This question is for applicants who:

- do not have 6 or more GCSEs/IGCSEs or 5 or more Scottish National Qualifications
- or
- took GCSEs/IGCSEs or Scottish National Qualifications exams more than 3 years ago

This question is also for applicants who do not have, or are not currently studying, any of the following:

- AS or A levels
- Scottish Advanced Highers
- International Baccalaureate

A high school transcript is a certified record of your academic achievements. It's sometimes referred to as a marksheet, statement of results or academic certificate.

We're asking for a high school transcript because you said that one or more of the following applies to you:

- you do not have 6 or more GCSEs/IGCSEs or 5 or more Scottish National Qualifications
- you took GCSEs/IGCSEs or Scottish National Qualifications exams more than 3 years (36 months) ago
- you do not have, or are not currently studying AS or A levels, Scottish Advanced Highers or International Baccalaureate

### Getting your transcript

Getting a transcript from your school or college can take several weeks, especially if they are busy or closed for holidays. We recommend that you ask your school or college for your transcript as early as possible. Check if there's a specific person you need to contact or process you need to follow.

If your transcript is not in English, you will also need to allow enough time to have it translated. We only accept transcripts in English. You must not translate the transcript



yourself. It must be translated by your school/college or an official translation service and authorised with a stamp, watermark or signature.

It may disadvantage your application if your transcript is late or you do not provide one.

### Information to include

The transcript should be an official document or certificate from your school or college. It must list your academic achievements, including as much information as possible about your exam performance and any non-exam assessments (such as coursework). It should include:

- your full name
- your date of birth
- subjects you have taken
- grades you achieved
- dates when you took your exams

Your transcript should cover the last two years (24 months) of school or college.

If you're still in school or college, do not include predicted grades or exam results you are waiting for. These should have been submitted through your UCAS application.

The transcript should have a watermark, stamp or letterhead from your school or college.

The transcript does not need to include:

- references
- predicted grades
- detailed project work
- non-academic achievements

You should not edit the transcript in any way.

### Submitting your transcript

The easiest and recommended way to provide your transcript is to upload it here and submit My Cambridge Application by the deadline.

You will not be able to return and upload the transcript after submitting My Cambridge Application.

If you are unable to upload the transcript to My Cambridge Application – for example, due to a technical issue or because your school or college will only send it directly to Cambridge – then either you or your school/college must email the transcript by the same deadline.

If you do not have access to your transcript by the deadline, you or your school/college can email it after the deadline. However, it will be at the discretion of your chosen or allocated Cambridge College whether to consider it.

Make sure you submit My Cambridge Application by the deadline, even if your transcript is late or unavailable. If you do not, it will invalidate your application.

Are you able to upload your high school transcript with your application?

- ( ) Yes, I will upload a transcript with my application
- ( ) No, I or my school/college will email the transcript to Cambridge

#### Emailing your transcript

If you select 'No' to the question above, you or your school/college should email the transcript to your [chosen Cambridge College](#). If you made an open application, email it to [applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk).

The email should include your full name, UCAS personal ID number and the course you applied for.

## 4.18) Upload your high school transcript

- Your transcript must be a .pdf file.
- You can add a maximum of 5 .pdf files.
- Each file must be 5 MB or less.

#### Upload a file

In My Cambridge Application, you can select a file or drag and drop to upload a file.

## 4.19) Give band details for your Scottish Highers or Advanced Highers

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who gave details about Scottish Highers or Advanced Highers in their UCAS application.

Subject	Qualification/level	Date taken	Grade	Band

### Band details

In My Cambridge Application, you will only have to fill in the band details. The information you gave in your UCAS application will appear automatically in the other columns.

## 5 Educational experience

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### 5.1 Could you take the subjects that you wanted at AS level, A level or equivalent qualification?

Answer 'No' if you wanted to take a subject but it was not available. For example, there was no teacher or there were not enough students to take the class.

What qualifications are equivalent to A levels?

This depends on the country where you live. You normally study A level equivalent qualifications from the ages of 16 to 18 in the last 2 years of high school or college. They are qualifications that you need to enter university.

☐ Yes **[Go to question 5.3]**

☐ No

### 5.2 Tell us about the subjects you wanted to take and why it was not possible

There is a 300 character limit for this field

### **5.3 Were there any difficulties with the teaching of your AS level, A level or equivalent subjects?**

This could include extensive teacher absence or lack of resources in school.

( ) Yes

( ) No **[Go to section 6 - Higher education]**

### **5.4 Tell us about the teaching difficulties you experienced**

There is a 300 character limit for this field

## 6 Higher education

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### 6.1 Are you currently studying an undergraduate degree at another university?

Why do we need this information?

Some applicants are currently studying elsewhere. We need more information from these applicants.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No **[Go to question 6.3]**

### 6.2 Are you in your first or final year of study?

- ☐ I'm in my first year
- ☐ I'm in my final year
- or
- ☐ No, I'm in another year

### 6.3 Have you completed an undergraduate degree at another university?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### 6.4 Are you applying as an affiliated student?

You can apply as an affiliated student if you have already completed an undergraduate degree, or will complete it before starting your course in Cambridge.

Affiliated students complete their course in one year less than usual.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## 6.5 You need to upload a university transcript

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who have already completed one year or more at another university.

What is a university transcript?

A university transcript is a certified record of your academic studies.

It should include:

- your full name
- your date of birth
- subjects you have taken
- grades you achieved
- dates when you took your exams

It needs to be in English and include a watermark, stamp or letterhead from your university.

### Getting your transcript

Ask your university to provide a transcript. Allow enough time to get the transcript - it may disadvantage your application if you do not provide one.

### Get help and advice

Find out more about [providing a transcript](#), including who to contact if you have any problems.

Are you able to upload your university transcript with your application?

☐ Yes, I will upload a transcript with my application

☐ No, I will email it after I submit my application

If you submit your My Cambridge Application without a transcript, you cannot return to the application to upload one at a later date.

You'll need to email the transcript to [your chosen Cambridge College](mailto:applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk) or [applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk) if you have made an open application. You must include your full name, UCAS personal ID number and the course you applied for. It's much quicker and easier to upload a transcript with your application.

## 6.6 Upload your university transcript

- Your transcript must be a .pdf file.
- You can add a maximum of 5 .pdf files.
- Each file must be 5 MB or less.

### Upload a file

In My Cambridge Application, you can select a file or drag and drop to upload a file.



## 7 Other qualifications

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### 7.1) Have you taken an IELTS test?

IELTS is the most common English language test. We'll ask you about other English language tests in the next question.

( ) Yes

( ) No **[Go to question 7.4]**

### 7.2) When did you take your IELTS test?

For example, enter 9 2025 if you took your test in September 2025. IELTS test results are valid for 2 years. Your test results need to be valid at the start date of your degree course.

Month

Year

### 7.3) What are your IELTS test scores?

Enter a number between 0 and 9. You can find these on your IELTS certificate or Test Report Form.

Listening

Reading

Writing

Speaking

Overall band score

**7.4) Have you taken or do you plan to take a different English language qualification?**

( ) Yes

( ) No [Go to question 7.6]

**7.5) Give details**

If you have taken the qualification, enter the:

- name
- month and year you took the test
- score or result

If you're taking the test in the future, enter the qualification name and the date when you'll take the test.

There is a 300 character limit for this field.

## 7.6) Have you taken any SATs?

SAT or 'Scholastic Assessment Tests' are college entrance tests that are mainly used in the United States of America before starting at university.

You must tell us about every SAT you've taken, even if you failed it or took it again to improve your score. This includes the original test score and all later attempts. You must also tell us if you plan to retake a SAT. If you do not provide full and accurate information, any offer you receive could be changed or withdrawn completely.

☐ Yes

☐ No **[Go to section 8 - Interview]**

## 7.7) Give score details for your SATs

Include:

- details of any previous attempts, if you have taken a test more than once
- any discontinued SATs for example, the Subject Tests or SAT Essays

The scoring system was different before 2016. Ensure you enter the correct date and score.

SAT test

Date taken

Month

Year

Score

200 to 800

[ ] Do you plan to retake?

#### **Add SAT test**

In My Cambridge Application, you can add as many SAT tests as you need to, by selecting 'Add SAT test'.

## 8 Interview

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### Who sees this question?

All applicants see this question. However, mature applicants with a January deadline will be given interview dates from the **last week in March to the first week in April**.

### 8.1) Will you be available for interview during the first 3 weeks in December, if selected?

Make sure you keep the interview period free. We cannot reschedule, unless under exceptional circumstances.

Interviews at Cambridge are online or in-person, depending on the College you apply to and where you live.

The information you give here will help our College administrators to schedule interviews.

- ( ) I will be available **[Go to question 8.3]**  
( ) I will not be available on one or more of the dates

### 8.2) Tell us the date(s) when you will not be available for interview and the reason why

If you have an unavoidable commitment, we will try to avoid arranging an interview on that day.

Example of reasons we accept include:

- hospital appointments or illness
- religious observance
- exams

In most cases, we cannot schedule interviews around events such as:

- holidays
- sports matches
- concert rehearsals

**Provide the date(s) that you are not available during the first 3 weeks in December, and the reason why**

There is a 300 character limit for this field.

### **8.3) Where do you plan to be, during the first 3 weeks in December?**

If you're selected for an interview, this helps us understand what country (or countries) you'll be in during the interview period.

- ☐ United Kingdom **[Go to question 8.6]**
- ☐ A country outside of the United Kingdom **[Go to question 8.4]**
- ☐ Two or more countries **[Go to question 8.5]**

### **8.4) What country and time zone will you be in, during the first 3 weeks of December?**

If you're selected, we will try to schedule your interview at an appropriate time for you and the interviewers.

Country

Select or search for the country you'll be in during the first 3 weeks in December.

## Time zone

Select the time zone you will be in during the first 3 weeks in December. For example, if you plan to be in China, Singapore, Hong Kong or Malaysia, select 'UTC +8'.

Finding your time zone

1. Go to the [Time and Date website](#).
2. Search by city, place or country.
3. Find the UTC 'offset' information, for example 'UTC +5:30' for India.

**Go to question 8.6**

## 8.5) Which countries will you be in during the first 3 weeks in December?

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who are going to be in two or more countries during the interview period.

For each country, give the nearest city and the dates. For example:

- United Kingdom, Bristol, 1 to 14 December
- China, Shanghai, 15 to 21 December

There is a 200 character limit for this field.

## 8.3) What topics have you studied?

### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who left school in 2025, or will leave school in 2026.

If you're selected for an interview, interviewers may ask questions based on what you've studied.

Tell us about the subjects and topics you've studied as part of your AS and A Levels, or any equivalent qualifications. These are usually taken in the final 2 years of high school.

If you're still at school or college, include the subjects and topics you studied during the 2024 to 2025 academic school year. Also include what you expect to study up to the end of November 2025.

If you've finished school or college, include subjects and topics studied in the final 2 years of high school.

### Adding your subjects and topics

Include all your subjects, and list the topics for each one. For example, in Biology, you may have studied the topics:

'Biological molecules, Cells, Organisms exchange substances with their environment, Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms, Energy transfers in and between organisms'

If you do not have enough space to list all the topics, you can shorten topic titles, use abbreviations or add the subject again to include more topics.

### Give subject and topic details

Subject

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Qualification and level

Topics

There is a 300 character limit for this field.

## 9 Photo for university ID card

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### Why you need to provide a photo

The photo will be used on your university ID card, if you become a student at Cambridge.

It may also be used as identification at interview, if you're selected.

The photo is not used as part of the selection process.

### Digital photo requirements

Use this guidance to provide a suitable photo for an ID card.

#### Use a plain light-coloured background

- no patterns or textures
- no objects or people behind you

#### Even lighting and no shadows

- balanced light - no shadows on your face or behind you
- it's best to use natural light, for example facing a window

#### Face in full view and plain expression

- face forwards with eyes open, looking straight at the camera
- plain expression, with mouth closed
- include your head, shoulders and upper body in the photo
- your photo should be a good likeness

#### No headwear

Unless it's for religious or medical reasons.

#### Eyes fully visible

- hair away from your face and eyes
- no 'red eye'
- take your glasses off (if you can)

If you need to keep your glasses on:

- no sunglasses or tinted glasses
- your eyes must be visible without any glare or reflections

Do not take a photo of another photo

You must upload an original photo. Do not take a photo of a printed photograph (such as your passport photo) - it will not be accepted.

We follow the [UK Passport Office rules for digital photos](#) under the [Open Government Licence v3.0](#).

## 9.1) Upload your photo

The photo must be:

- clear and in focus
- in colour
- unaltered by filters that add textures or special effects
- in portrait orientation
- at least 640 pixels tall and 480 pixels wide
- at least 25 KB and no more than 10 MB
- a JPG, PNG or HEIC file

### Upload a photo

In My Cambridge Application, you can select a photo file or drag and drop to upload a file.

[ ] I am unable to provide a suitable photo

## 9.2) Get help with providing a photo

### Who sees this page?

This page is only for applicants who are unable to provide a suitable photo.

Please email [applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk) as soon as possible to get help with uploading a photo. Tell us about the problem so we can provide relevant advice.

Still unable to provide a photo with your application?

If you submit this application without a photo, you will not be able to return to the application to upload one.

Instead, you must email your photo to [applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:applicationhelp@ug.admin.cam.ac.uk) by the deadline for submitting My Cambridge Application. You need to include your:

- full name
- UCAS personal ID number
- course that you applied for

☐ I agree to email a photo by the deadline for submitting My Cambridge Application

## 10 Additional information

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### 10.1) Would you like to add a personal statement?

This question is entirely optional. Your application will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to add anything here.

We've already received your UCAS personal statement, which may include everything you want to say. Some applicants have told us that they want the option to give more details. For example, you may want to use this space if:

- you're applying for a course that is only offered at Cambridge and want to explain why it interests you
- you ran out of space in your UCAS personal statement and would like to expand on how you've explored your academic interests

This does not replace your UCAS personal statement - we will read both of them together.

☐ Yes

☐ No **[Go to question 9.3]**

### 10.2) Enter your personal statement

Do not enter your UCAS personal statement again.

There is a 1200 character limit for this field.

### 10.3) What do you plan to do before starting your degree course?

#### Who sees this question?

This question is only for applicants who have either:

- already left school
- plan to leave school by March 2026

There is a 300 character limit for this field.

### 10.4) Do you have any extenuating circumstances that we should know about?

Extenuating circumstances can include anything that has caused significant disruption to your education. Some examples of extenuating circumstances are:

- the death of a close family member, such as a parent, legal guardian, child, sibling or partner, in the last 2 years
- being a victim of a serious crime, such as a physical assault
- an ongoing medical condition, disability, learning difficulty or mental health condition (we'll ask about any interview adjustments, such as extra time, at a later stage)
- someone stealing your work
- experience of a terrorist incident or war
- a refugee or asylum background
- a natural disaster, such as an earthquake
- a major fire in your home
- a family breakdown, for example your parents getting divorced
- estrangement from your family, which means you're not in touch with them
- eviction from your home

- racial trauma, or race-based traumatic stress
- significant and ongoing caring responsibilities, for example caring for a close family member
- jury service or attending court or a tribunal as a witness, defendant or plaintiff

If you are not sure whether you have extenuating circumstances, you can contact us or speak to your teacher, doctor or social worker for advice.

If your teacher, doctor or social worker has already included this information in your UCAS reference, they do not need to submit it again to Cambridge.

[Find out more about extenuating circumstances and how to submit information to Cambridge](#)

Do you expect to have information about your extenuating circumstances submitted to Cambridge?

- ( ) Yes  
( ) No

### 10.5) Is there anything else you want us to know?

If you have to do compulsory military service for a period of 2 years before you start at Cambridge, you should tell us here. For example, you're a male national/permanent resident of Singapore. Select 'yes' and state 'I need a 2-year deferral due to compulsory military service'.

For everyone else, this question is entirely optional.

If you need to share very personal or sensitive information, you can do this through the extenuating circumstances process (see the previous question).

- ( ) Yes  
( ) No **[Pay the application fee]**

## 10.6) Tell us more

There is a 600 character limit for this field.

### Pay application fee

In My Cambridge Application, you will be asked to pay an application fee of £60 before submitting your application.



## Key changes to this document

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### 4 September 2025 - version 3.1

These are the key updates that we have made to My Cambridge Application since the previous application cycle.

#### **You've applied to study Modern and Medieval Languages - Course code R800**

"Classical Latin (ab initio)" has been added as an option. Applicants can choose this option if they have no previous experience of the language.

#### **Does your school or college provide extra lessons to support preparation for STEP in Mathematics?**

A link to the [Sixth Term Examination Paper in Mathematics \(STEP\)](#) web page has been added to the guidance, so that students can find out how to register and prepare for STEP.

#### **Your AS and A levels with Percentage Uniform Marks (PUM)**

The sentence "We may ask you to provide evidence of your PUM once your application has been received" has been replaced with the following:

"You must tell us about every unit you've taken, even if you failed it or took it again to improve your score. This includes the original unit score and all later attempts. You must also tell us about every unit you plan to retake or take for the first time. We may contact you, or your school or college, to confirm your PUM scores. If you do not provide full and accurate information, any offer you receive could be changed or withdrawn completely."

#### **Your AS and A level units with Uniform Mark Scale (UMS)**

The sentence "We may ask you to provide evidence of your UMS scores once your application has been received" has been replaced with the following:

"You must tell us about every unit you've taken, even if you failed it or took it again to improve your score. This includes the original unit score and all later attempts. You must also tell us about every unit you plan to retake or take for the first time. We may contact you, or your school or college, to confirm your UMS scores. If you do not provide full and accurate information, any offer you receive could be changed or withdrawn completely."

#### **You need to upload a high school transcript**

We've added more guidance:

- Getting a transcript: We recommend applicants ask their school or college as early as possible, as the process can take several weeks and the transcript may need to be translated into English.
- What to include - and what not to include: For example, applicants do not need to include predicted grades.
- Submitting the transcript: If the applicant is unable to upload the transcript to My Cambridge Application – for example, due to a technical issue or because their school or college will only send it directly to Cambridge – it must be emailed by the

applicant or school/college by the same deadline as My Cambridge Application. If it is sent after the deadline, the College will decide whether or not to accept it.

### **Have you taken any SATs?**

The following paragraph has been added to the guidance:

“You must tell us about every SAT you’ve taken, even if you failed it or took it again to improve your score. This includes the original test score and all later attempts. You must also tell us if you plan to retake a SAT. If you do not provide full and accurate information, any offer you receive could be changed or withdrawn completely.”

### **What topics have you studied?**

More guidance has been added about how to list topics. The character count of the topics field has been increased to 300 characters.

### **Would you like to add a personal statement?**

We’ve expanded the guidance to reassure applicants that not providing a personal statement will not disadvantage their application. This section is optional, but applicants may find it useful if they want to explain their interest in a course offered only at Cambridge. Or, if applicants ran out of space in their UCAS personal statement, they may want to add more about how they have explored their academic interests. We will read the personal statement alongside the UCAS personal statement.

### **Do you have any extenuating circumstances that we should know about?**

The list of examples of extenuating circumstances has been expanded. We’ve added a note advising applicants that if their teacher, doctor or social worker has already included this information in their UCAS reference, they do not need to submit it again to Cambridge.

### **Is there anything else you want us to know?**

We’re now asking applicants who have to do compulsory military service for a period of 2 years to tell us here.

## **4 September 2024 - version 2.1**

These are the key updates that we have made to My Cambridge Application since the previous application cycle.

### **‘Were there any difficulties with the teaching of your AS level, A level or equivalent subjects?’**

The sentence ‘Do not include disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic’ has been removed from the guidance as it is no longer relevant.

### **‘You need to upload a high school transcript’ and ‘You need to upload a university transcript’**

We've added more detailed guidance to help applicants upload a high school transcript and university transcript.

**'Where do you plan to be, during the first 3 weeks in December?'**

This is a new question in the 'Interview' section to help us understand if applicants are going to be in the UK or outside the UK during the interview period. If applicants answer that they plan to be outside the UK, we go on to ask:

- 'What country and time zone will you be in, during the first 3 weeks in December?' (if they plan to be in one country outside the UK)  
or
- 'What countries will you be in during the first 3 weeks in December?' (if they plan to be in two or more countries outside the UK)

We ask for this information so that we can try to schedule online interviews at an appropriate time for applicants and interviewers.

**'Photo for university ID card'**

We've added more detailed guidance to help applicants upload a suitable photo to be used on their university ID card, if they become students at Cambridge.

**'Do you have any extenuating circumstances that we should know about?'**

The following examples of extenuating circumstances have been added:

- 'become estranged from your family, and you are living independently'
- 'refugee status, or you're an asylum seeker'

**'Is there anything else you want us to know?'**

The following sentence has been added to the guidance: 'Very personal or sensitive information should be submitted to us through an extenuating circumstances form (see the previous question).'

