Welcome

Cambridge has welcomed and nurtured students for hundreds of years.

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

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

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

Professor Stephen Toope
Vice-Chancellor

No. 1

Top 3
in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2018.

Top 10
in the world for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019).

Around 1,000
undergraduates from outside the UK admitted each year.

140+
countries represented among undergraduates and postgraduates.

107
affiliates of the University have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904.

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Cambridge Explained

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

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

The University and Colleges

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

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

The University (through its faculties/departments):

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

The Colleges:

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

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

Our courses

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

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

Student life

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

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

Term dates 2020-21

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Each academic year consists of three eight-week terms, with similar dates to those above. See online for exact term dates in later years. All students must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad, where part of the course).
Cambridge is a great place to be a student. There’s loads going on for students in the University, Colleges and city. The University has a truly diverse community – more than 40 per cent of our students are from outside the UK, including around 3,000 undergraduate students.

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

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

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

Festivals throughout the year, including:
- The city also offers lots of other events, fairs and
- Folk Festival
- Jazz and Brass in the Parks
- Rock Festival
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- and the Buskers and Street Performers Festival.

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

Just outside the centre, you can find an eclectic mix of international food shops, cafés and restaurants, offering anything from just about anywhere in the world and to suit any budget.

Outside the city
If you want to explore further afield, London is just 50 minutes away by train and there’s plenty to discover in the region, for instance:
- walking and cycling routes
- punting up the river to Grantchester
- Ely and its cathedral
- historical buildings, gardens and museums
- nature reserves, wildlife parks and zoos
- karting, a real snow slope, and indoor skydiving

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

At Cambridge, there are hundreds of student groups, clubs and societies relating to:
- academic subjects
- community, charity and volunteering projects
- particular cultures and nationalities
- the environment
- faiths and religions
- food and drink
- games, hobbies and outdoor pursuits
- media (eg journalism, TV, radio, film-making, photography)
- performing arts (eg comedy, dance, drama, music)
- politics and debating
- science and technology

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

Sport
The sports scene at Cambridge is diverse and welcomes everyone from elite athletes to absolute beginners. Whether you want to continue playing a sport you love or try something new, the University and Colleges offer a variety of facilities and support services to help you lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

More than 80 sports and activities are offered here, including team games, water sports, martial arts, racket sports and extreme sports.

Facilities for sport
- a gym (plus flexible student gym memberships and personal training)
- a strength and conditioning room with eight Olympic lifting platforms and plyometric track
- a multi-purpose room for fitness classes, martial arts and dance
- a 37m x 34m sports hall
- team training room
- squash courts
- a physiotherapy and sports injury clinic

In addition, we offer facilities for athletics – including an eight-lane track – three sand-dressed hockey pitches, a cricket pitch and indoor cricket school, and three hard and eight grass tennis courts.

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

Further information about sport at the University is available at: www.sport.cam.ac.uk
It’s not just our teaching that’s world class – we provide extensive resources and facilities to support your learning too.

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

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

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

www.cam.ac.uk/museums

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

www.uis.cam.ac.uk

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

www.langcen.cam.ac.uk

Support
There’s an extensive welfare network in place at Cambridge, and consistently high retention rates.

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

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

www.cam.ac.uk/support

Students supporting students
Every College has its own students’ union, to which undergraduates are elected to represent students at a College level, and each has a welfare officer or team. Many Colleges also assign ‘College parents’ (students in other years) to new students before arriving at Cambridge. This includes CUSU’s Societies Fair, where you can find out about many of the student groups, clubs and societies to get involved in.

www.cusu.co.uk

International students
CUSU (www.freshers.cusu.co.uk) and (CUSU (www.international.cusu.cam.ac.uk) have freshers’ websites offering information for new undergraduates, and run programmes of events and activities to help you settle in. This includes CUSU’s International Student Office – offers a wide range of information and advice on pre-arrival, arrival and orientation matters for new overseas students. In addition, some University alumni groups offer pre-arrival freshers’ events for undergraduates and postgraduates in various places around the world each August and September (www.cam.ac.uk/freshers) to help you to meet other new students before arriving at Cambridge.

www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving

It’s common for undergraduates to feel a little nervous about moving somewhere new – if you experience this, there are plenty of people around who can offer some advice and support while you find your feet (see opposite). The best way to lose any initial nerves and get settled in at Cambridge is to throw yourself into student life and make the most of all the different opportunities to get to know the city, University and your fellow students.

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

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

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

www.cusu.co.uk

The international student branch of CUSU – oversees all international societies, and looks out for the welfare and needs of international students at the University.

www.freshers.cusu.co.uk

www.international.cusu.cam.ac.uk
Careers

Cambridge has one of the highest proportions of graduates entering graduate-level employment or further study in the country. Our dedicated Careers Service helps you to prepare for your future, whatever path you want to follow.

Career destinations

Our courses are respected all over the world and Cambridge graduates of all disciplines are highly employable, so there’s no need to worry about your course choice limiting you to one career path. But it’s not just employment: our degrees prepare students for -32.3% (compared to 15.0% nationally) progress to further study or training.

Examples of career destinations of recent graduates can be found in the relevant course entry and detailed destination data for every Cambridge course can be found on the Careers Service website (www.careers.cam.ac.uk/dlhe/summary). You can also read Alumni Stories (www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/news) about what some of our students have gone on to do following graduation.

Employment destinations of 2017 Cambridge first-degree graduates (six months after graduation)

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<td>Arts and recreation</td>
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<td>Communications business</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Engineering and architectural consultancy</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
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<td>Financial - accounting, actuaries, banking, insurance, investment, tax</td>
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<td>Health - animal, human</td>
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<td>IT sector</td>
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<td>Management consulting</td>
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<td>Manufacturing, utilities, power</td>
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<td>Publishing and media</td>
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<td>Research</td>
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<td>Social community and charity</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
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<td>Teaching/lecturing</td>
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<td>Other services industries</td>
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The Careers Service

Our team of experienced and impartial Careers Advisers will be here to support you during your studies and beyond, regardless of the subject you’re studying, the year you’re in, your nationality, age or career interests.

Once you’re at Cambridge, we can work with you from day one to explore your options, and help you connect with employers and navigate the complex job market, saving you time and maximising your employability prospects. Whether you are sure of the career you wish to pursue when you graduate or you are just starting to explore your options, we will help you take the next steps.

When you arrive at Cambridge, look out for us at the Freshers’ Fair and at your induction talk, check your College pigeon hole for our Careers Guide and register on our website: www.careers.cam.ac.uk.

How the Careers Service can help you

Career Essentials

We run one-hour ‘Career Essentials’ workshops, on topics including choosing a career, cover letters, applications, and getting ready for interviews.

Internships and work experience

More than 1,500 internships are advertised across all sectors on our Vacancies & Opportunities database, with bursaries offered to support unpaid opportunities with charities.

Researching occupations and employers

- Over 200 careers events, and briefing and skills sessions typically offered by the Careers Service each year.
- 14 major careers fairs, including Work to Change the World, Consultancy, and Engineering, Science and Technology.
- CamCareers email service – key information on specific careers sectors.

Networking with alumni

- GradLink – our alumni database is free to our users and gives access to contact details for Cambridge alumni who can offer first-hand advice.
- More than 50 employment-related skills training sessions.
- Information on occupations, further study courses and funding.

Finding vacancies

- Online vacancy information on more than 5,500 organisations.
- www.careers.cam.ac.uk
Courses

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

Changing courses

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

How you’re taught and assessed

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

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

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

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

Lectures

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

Seminars and classes

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

Practicals

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

Supervisions

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

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

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

Independent research

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

Field trips, visits, study abroad, language courses

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

Work experience

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

Continued overleaf
### Cambridge courses

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

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<td>MEng</td>
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<td>BA (Hons)</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>History</td>
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1. All undergraduate degrees are full-time, and all students must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad, where part of the course).
2. Science/mathematics subjects refers to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics. It does not include Psychology.

### Part II courses

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

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

What’s a College?

Your College is your base for the time you’re at Cambridge (see p2). It’s where you live, eat, socialise, receive academic and pastoral support, and where you often (though not always) have your supervisions (see p1).

Accommodation

Cambridge guarantees most students College-owned accommodation for three years, and many Colleges provide for fourth-year students too. This means that you don’t have to worry about finding private rented accommodation during that time. Some Colleges have all their accommodation on their main College site. Others have some on their main site plus College-owned flats and houses around the city. Either way, most accommodation is within easy walking or cycling distance of the University departments and facilities, and the city centre. See the map on p34-5 for locations.

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

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

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

Food

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

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

Recreational facilities

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

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

How do I choose a College?

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

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

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

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

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

2 Colleges can usually offer storage facilities for overseas students’ belongings during vacations.

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

Top 10 in the UK for good accommodation (Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018).

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

After the closing date, each open application is allocated to a College by a computer program. Normally, around one in four applicants is pooled and, of these, around one in five receives an offer of a place from a College other than the one they applied/were allocated to. More information about the pool system is available online (www.cam.ac.uk/apply).

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

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

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

2 College
Where would you like to live when you’re here? In your application, indicate if you have a preference College or if you’re making an open application. See p15-6 for guidance on choosing.

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

The COPA and SAQ request information not included in your UCAS application which we find helpful when assessing candidates. See p20 and www.cam.ac.uk/apply.

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

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

6 Decision
All undergraduate admissions decisions are the responsibility of the Cambridge Colleges – you’ll be notified of the outcome of your application before the end of January 2020.

Application deadlines for 2020 entry

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1 Interviews will be held in Shanghai, China; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The application deadlines for students who would like to be considered for interviews in China are currently under review and are subject to change. Please check the website (www.cam.ac.uk/overseasinterviews) for confirmed dates before making an application. Interviews will be held in Toronto, Canada; Mumbai, India; and New York, USA.

2 There’s an earlier deadline for those applying for an Organ Scholarship (www.cam.ac.uk/musicawards).
Applying

UCAS application

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

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

COPA

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

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

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

SAQ

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

The SAQ deadline for most students is 22 October, unless requesting an interview in China, Malaysia, or Singapore. All applicants must complete the SAQ to make a valid application to the University.

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

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

Interviews

Each year, we invite around 75 per cent of applicants to attend an interview (though the percentage varies between courses and interview locations). Most of these take place in Cambridge in early December, but the University conducts a number of interviews overseas – for 2020 entry, it’s anticipated that these will take place in Canada, USA, China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia and Singapore (p19).

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

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

Visas and immigration

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹ The application deadline for students requesting an interview in China is currently under review. Please see www.cam.ac.uk/overseasinterviews for confirmed application dates.
Entrance Requirements

What are we looking for?

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

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

Therefore, each application is considered individually and holistically, using all of the following information:

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

English language requirements

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

- IELTS Academic – normally a minimum overall grade of 7.5, usually with 7.0 or above in each element (achieved in one sitting).
- TOEFL Internet Based Test (IBT) – normally a minimum overall score of 110, with 25 or above in each element.

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

Information used to assess applications

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

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

Course requirements

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

Admission assessments

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

Pre-interview assessments will be taken on 30 October 2019 at an authorised centre local to you. Some schools/colleges are authorised centres or you can find out where your nearest ‘open’ centre is at: www.admissionstesting.org/find-a-centre/. You must be registered in advance for any pre-interview assessment – if your assessment centre doesn’t register you (you can’t register yourself) by the appropriate deadline you won’t be able to take the relevant pre-interview assessment, which will mean your application to the University won’t be valid. The registration deadline for most is 15 October, but there’s an earlier deadline for the BMAT (for Medicine) and for some assessment centres.

Admission assessments

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

Typical offers and requirements

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

On the pages that follow you’ll find information about typical offers and requirements for a range of qualifications accepted for admission to Cambridge for 2020 entry (see also Course requirements, left).

Information about other qualifications we accept can be found online at: www.cam.ac.uk/entrancerequirements.

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

Continued overleaf
Qualifications

A Levels
• Typically A*AA or A*A*, depending on the course (www.cam.ac.uk/courses).
• Applicants may be required to achieve A* in a particular subject(s), depending on individual circumstances.

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)
• A rank of 98.5 overall, together with documentation of similar performance in individual subjects relevant to the course applied for.
• Offers for many courses include a top result in mathematics at the highest academic level.

Cambridge Pre-U
• Conditional offers are set on an individual basis but are likely to require Distinction level grades (D2 or D3) in Principal Subjects.

Canadian High School/Secondary School Diploma
• A minimum of 90 per cent overall in the final diploma year (based on grade 12 English and the best five other grade 12 scores).
• In addition, five or more AP tests with scores of 5 or at least 776 in three IB Higher Level subjects appropriate for the course.

Chinese University Entrance Examination (Gaokao)
• Offers are made on an individual basis, but students typically need to achieve within the top 0.1 per cent of the gathered field. This can vary by province.
• The Senior High School Examination (Huikao) alone isn’t sufficient for Cambridge.

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests
• Five or more APs at grade 5 in appropriate subjects for the intended course.
• In addition, high passes in the High School Diploma and high scores in the SAT (a combined score of at least 1,460-1,500 depending on the course) are expected.
• An ACT score of at least 32-33 out of 36 is accepted instead of the SAT.

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• An ACT score of at least 32-33 out of 36 is accepted instead of the SAT.

European Baccalaureate
• Successful applicants are typically asked for 98-99 per cent overall, with scores of 9 or more in subjects most closely related to the course they want to study.

French Baccalaureate
• 16 or 17 (mention très bien) out of 20, with 16 or 17 usually required in individual subjects.

German Abitur
• Between 1.0 and 1.2 overall, with 14 or 15 in subjects most closely related to the course you want to study.

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
• 3*5* in three specified elective subjects relevant to the chosen course at Cambridge is normally expected.
• Demanding conditions are usually set in the other compulsory subjects in the Diploma core (particularly Mathematics and English) as well.

Indian Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) or Indian School Certificate (ISC) Class XII
• Class XII at 90-95 per cent depending on the Board (A1 for CBSE).
• Additional qualifications are expected – usually AP Tests, IIT JEE or STEP, depending on the course.
• Please see the website for full details.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)
• Offers usually require 40-42 points out of 45, with 776 in Higher Level subjects.
• Applicants may be required to achieve 7 in a particular subject(s), depending on individual circumstances.

Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)
• Typical offers are based on AAA in the Malaysia Higher School Certificate.

Singapore/Cambridge A Level
• Applicants are usually required to achieve AAB at H2 Level.
• Offers may include performance in your H1 subjects.

Sixth Term Examination Paper in Mathematics (STEP)
• Used to assess aptitude for university study in mathematical subjects. It’s used as part of almost all conditional offers from Cambridge for Mathematics. Some Colleges require/ may require STEP for other courses needing strong mathematical ability.
• Offers typically require grade 1 in two STEP papers.
• More information is available online at: www.cam.ac.uk/step.

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

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

Transcripts
Most overseas applicants are required to submit a High School Transcript (record of academic achievement in the most recent years of schooling) with their COPA (or SAQ). However, if you take IGCSEs/GCSEs and modular AS/A Levels or CIE A Levels in which you receive a Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM), you won’t be required to submit a transcript (www.cam.ac.uk/transcripts).
What’s the most important part of my application?
Every application is assessed holistically – Admissions Tutors consider all of the information available (see p22) before making any decisions. While the most recent academic performance carries the greatest weight, the relative importance of each element varies because each student is different. No part of an application is considered in isolation; for example, a student’s performance at interview alone doesn’t determine the outcome of their application.

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

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

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

Do I need to apply to a specific College for my course?
You can apply to any College that offers your course. Regardless of their College, all students on the same course are taught together by the University’s academic faculties/departments; attending the same lectures, seminars and practicals, and sitting the same exams. The key functions that the University and Colleges are responsible for are outlined on p2.

If I make an open application, will it increase or decrease my chances?
For equally well-qualified applicants, indicating a preference College or selecting the open application option in the application makes no difference to the chance of being made an offer.

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

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

Is there an age requirement for entry to Cambridge?
The vast majority of undergraduates are aged 18 years or older when they begin their course at Cambridge. Students who are 21 or older when they start a course are classified as mature students.

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

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

If you haven’t taken six or more GCSEs/IGCSEs in the last three years, or you have taken different qualifications in Grade 10/Year 11, you’re required to submit a transcript outlining details of your qualifications as part of your application. See also p25 and the further information online at: www.cam.ac.uk/transcripts.
Fees and Finance

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

Tuition fees
Tuition fees for overseas students depend on the course you’re studying. For information on international/overseas tuition fees for 2020 entry, please see the website where fee details will be published as soon as they are available: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees.

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

Visa applications require you to prove in advance that you can finance all of the costs, as we do not advise students to work during the academic term. Colleges also ask offer holders for guarantees that they can finance all of the costs for the full duration of their course.

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

Annual College fees may vary between Colleges and in many cases are fixed for the duration of your course. Net fees in 2019-20 range between £7,116 and £9,702. See individual College websites for fees for 2020-21 onwards.

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

In 2019-20, the minimum resources for living costs needed in Cambridge for the year are estimated to be approximately £10,950¹, depending on lifestyle – you should allow for increases in future years and if you stay in Cambridge during the vacations.

Living costs 2018-19

| College accommodation | £2,220-£6,180 per year¹ | £3,330-£6,180 en suite per year² |
| Food* | £4-£7 per College meal | £10-£15 per College formal hall meal (typical cost at most Colleges) |
| Additional course costs | | |
| Personal expenses examples* | Cinema ticket £5.50-£12; TV licence £150.50 per year; haircut £10-£50 |
| Transport in Cambridge* | Most students walk or cycle to get around – a bike, lights and lock typically cost £70-£150 |

¹ Figures rounded up to the nearest £10.
² Figures based on the most common College accommodation contract (30 weeks) in 2018-19 – see individual College websites for full details and costs. Figures rounded up to the nearest £10.
³ Figures are correct as of December 2018, you should allow for increases in subsequent years.

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Accommodation
The Cambridge Colleges provide accommodation for most undergraduates for three years, and many provide for fourth-year students too. See also p14-5. The cost varies from College to College, and usually depends on the type and style of your room (size, en suite etc), but the cost generally covers utilities (water, electricity, heating), internet access and basic self-catering facilities. Refer to individual College websites for full details.

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

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

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

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

Financial support
At Cambridge there is financial support available to help overseas students with costs, mostly means-tested. These include:
- Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust awards
- College awards – such as book and equipment grants, scholarships and prizes for academic and other achievements, and travel grants for academic work
- country-specific scholarships
- International Disabled Students’ Fund

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

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

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

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

Cambridge Open Days
The University-wide Cambridge Open Days for prospective applicants will be on 4 and 5 July 2019. We welcome international students in Year 10 (Grade 9) or above. Booking online in advance is essential.

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

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

College tours
College tours are held during UK school holidays and are open to students in Year 10 (Grade 9) or above and an accompanying parent/supporter. Visitors will attend a presentation and take a guided tour of one/two Colleges. Check the website for further information: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/college-open-days.

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

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

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

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Travelling to the University

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further travel advice, see the University’s pre-arrival information (www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving) or the Tourist Information Centre website at www.visitcambridge.org.
The University's faculties/departments and the Colleges are therefore, it's best to travel into the city by public transport.

Travelling to Cambridge

Visiting the University

Getting around Cambridge

Map for Prospective Students

Cambridge (CBG) railway station (J7) Cambridge is a small and busy city – the roads in and around the city centre often get congested and parking is very limited.

By car

By train

By bus

By cycle

If you're an applicant with a disability, Specific Learning Difficulty (www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk).

Details of open days and booking instructions can be found on the Undergraduate Study website (www.cam.ac.uk/opendays).

Disabled parking is available in the city's car parks and on other local bus services, see: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/buses.

As Cambridge is fairly compact and better suited to pedestrians and cyclists than vehicles, wherever practical and possible we are often the quickest means of transport and also are best for getting a sense of the city.

Getting into the city

The University

The Colleges

Visitors arriving by car

Visitors arriving by train

Visitors arriving by bus

Visitors arriving by cycle

Visitors arriving by taxi

Parking

Tourist Information Centre (www.visitcambridge.org).

Disabled parking is available in the city's car parks and on the Undergraduate Study website (www.cam.ac.uk/accessguide).

If you want to stay local, get a feel for the city's location, and see how to get around, you should check with the relevant College/department in advance (www.cam.ac.uk/contact).

Applicants at other times of the year but there are restrictions so please contact the Disability Resource Centre (disability@admin.cam.ac.uk).

The Colleges

Wolfson College

Sidgwick Site

Downing College

Emmanuel College

Christ's College

Sidney Sussex College

Peterhouse

Girton College

St Edmund's College

[Map of Cambridge University showing locations of different colleges and sites]
About this Guide

While every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this guide is accurate at the time of going to press, changes are likely to occur given the lengthy interval between publication and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important that you check the University and College websites for any updates before you apply for the course by visiting [www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk) and again before accepting any offer to study at the University. Where there is a difference between the contents of this guide and these websites, the contents of the websites take precedence and represent the basis on which we intend to deliver our educational services to you.

Any offer of a place to study at the University is subject to terms and conditions which can be found at [www.cam.ac.uk/termsadmission](http://www.cam.ac.uk/termsadmission). The terms and conditions set out, for example, your key obligations as a student and when we might make changes to your course, the fees payable and the student regulations with which all students are required to comply. Again, it is important that you do read these before making an application.

If you are unable to access our website for any reason, please contact us on +44 (0) 1223 333308.

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Your Notes

Cambridge Terminology

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

- **Backs** – the area of the city around the river that runs along the backs of a number of central Colleges.
- **DoS** – Director of Studies, all undergraduates have a DoS who’s an expert in their subject and who is responsible for their academic welfare.
- **Formal (hall)** – a College meal with waiter service, normally three courses and formal attire (and gown) is worn. The regularity and price varies by College (see also p14 and p29-30).
- **May Ball** – an end of year celebration. Confusingly, May Balls are usually held in June, during May Week, the fortnight at the beginning of June after exams finish.
- **Matriculation** – this is the formal admission of a student to the University.
- **Paper** – an individual module, unit or topic on an undergraduate course; students usually take a number of papers each year (some are compulsory and some can be chosen from several options).
- **Porters** – every College has a team of Porters to maintain the safety and security of staff and students; they’ll often be your first point of contact for information or help around College.
- **Punt** – a long, flat-bottomed boat that’s propelled by someone standing at the back and pushing a long pole into the river bed; punting along the Backs (see left) is a popular activity for students, locals and tourists alike.
- **Senior Tutor** – the College officer with overall responsibility for academic, welfare and disciplinary matters.
- **Supervision** – regular small-group teaching sessions for undergraduates (see p11).
- **Tripos** – the formal term at Cambridge for an undergraduate degree course.

Finding Out More

### University contacts

**Undergraduate study**  
(Cambridge Admissions Office)
- +44 (0) 1223 333308
- internationaladmissions@admin.cam.ac.uk
- [www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk)

**Postgraduate study**  
(Graduate Admissions Office)
- [www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk)

**International Student Team**  
(including visa advice service)
- +44 (0) 1223 761806
- [www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk](http://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk)

**Disability Resource Centre (DRC)**  
- +44 (0) 1223 332301
- disability@admin.cam.ac.uk
- [www.cam.ac.uk/disability](http://www.cam.ac.uk/disability)

### Other

**Universities and Colleges Admissions Service**  
(UCAS, undergraduate applications)
- +44 (0) 330 3330 230
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

**British Council**  
(guidance on living and studying in the UK)
- [www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org)

**Home Office**  
(visa and immigration matters)
- [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)

**UK Council for International Student Affairs**  
(UKISA, advisory body for overseas students)
- [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)
For more information contact one of the College admissions offices or:

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