



The Pembroke Cambridge Summer Programme

at the University of Cambridge

Information Pack



Introduction

The Pembroke Cambridge Summer Programme offers students the unique opportunity to enjoy outstanding small-group teaching in a beautiful and inspiring academic setting.

On the programme we combine the intimacy of College life with the excitement of studying for six weeks with over 200 students from all around the world.

Our portfolio boasts a number of exciting courses across a variety of disciplines and our students study three over the summer, exploring the subject matter through lively debate.

What's more, if a student is planning research or graduate studies, the independent supervision project is a wonderful option to work one-to-one with an expert in the field.

Academic content is at the core of our offering, but there's much more to this experience and we do all we can to help students make the most of their time in our beautiful city and the UK.

We hope to welcome your students to Cambridge for an unforgettable summer.





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Pembroke College

The University of Cambridge is made up of 31 individual colleges, each with their own unique character, structure and philosophy. Pembroke College, founded in 1347 by Marie de St Pol, Countess of Pembroke, is the third oldest and sits right in the heart of the city.

Our College presents a tranquil environment with varied architectural styles framing beautiful gardens and open courts, but College life is about so much more than grounds and architecture; it's about being part of a friendly and vibrant community with access to outstanding facilities.

Openness characterises Pembroke today. The College is an intimate yet diverse community committed to welcoming students of exceptional talent regardless of their social, cultural or educational background to give them the benefit of contact with a large and distinguished Fellowship.

Pembroke thrives on conversations between generations and disciplines, between undergraduates, graduates and Senior Members, between current students and alumni, and between academia and the wider world.

The College is home to around 440 undergraduate and approximately 300 graduate students.

The International Programmes Department

Here at Pembroke we've been welcoming international students on short-term study programmes for over 40 years. Since our first international programme in 1977, over 20,000 students have benefitted from the educational, cultural and social experiences on offer at Pembroke and Cambridge.

Educating students from all over the world has not been a one-way street; rather, it has left a long-lasting mark on Pembroke itself, playing a part in shaping the College's self-conception as an outward-looking and open-minded higher education institution which embraces international research and education.



Academic Study

Our programme is renowned for its rigorous and intellectually challenging courses and at the centre of our ethos is small-group teaching.

To achieve the interactive educational culture we believe is so important on the programme, we usually cap each lecture group at thirty students and each seminar group at fifteen.

How the teaching programme works

Following the Cambridge style of teaching, our programme focuses on independent study and not just on the number of contact hours.

Therefore for each formal contact hour, we expect students to spend at least 2 hours studying independently from extensive core and additional reading lists or preparing for seminars.

Students choose three courses, each with a total of 25 hours contact time made up of:

12 x 75-minute lectures

8 x 75-minute seminars

Seminar teaching

Our seminars are generally organised workshop-style, providing the prime environment for interaction, debate and the exchange of ideas.

Students will also work on presentations, portfolios, case studies, peer-review and more as part of their seminars.

Choice of Courses

Three-course structure

We encourage our students to develop their academic curiosity and really benefit from the unique learning environment here at Cambridge.

So, while they might opt to take one or two courses for credit at their home institution, we invite them to try something new and our three-course structure lets them do just that.

The subject range represents Cambridge's strengths and the intellectual interests of the instructors who design and develop the courses. Our courses are designed to be challenging but accessible and most have no pre-requisite knowledge.

Disciplines

With a number of courses across a range of disciplines our students really are spoilt for choice. We offer courses across Science, Mathematics, Economics, Business, Finance, Management, Computer Science, the Social Sciences, the Arts and Humanities.

Generally we recommend students take one course in their major area of study, one in their minor or to fulfil a general requirement and one course to discover a new subject area or try something completely different.

Modular structure

Our courses are split into three modules running over either three or six weeks:

Module 1 | 10 July - 28 July 2023

Module 2 | 31 July - 18 August 2023

Module 3 | 10 July - 18 August 2023

Current course list

We refresh our course portfolio each year and once finalised, the most up to date list is available on [our website](#). If you or your students require a more detailed course syllabus, please reach out and we'll be happy to help.

Independent Supervision

Why should a student choose the independent supervision?

Quite simply, this option represents an extraordinary opportunity. They have the chance to work on their own choice of independent research project under the guidance of a supervisor who's an expert in that field. For many students, it's the most rewarding part of their experience on the programme.

What does this option involve?

This course replaces a Module 3 course and the student will have six supervision sessions working one-to-one with a supervisor for an hour.

Before each supervision, the student will submit some written work to discuss during the session. The work should equal at least one third of the programme workload and usually takes the form of four 1500-word essays.

Depending on the student's interests and chosen research subject, they and their supervisor might decide to replace the essays with a longer dissertation (5000 word minimum).

What support is on offer?

We offer plenty of guidance to students working on this option. Before they start, we'll send information about the practicalities of completing a supervision project. In the first session, they will

- Agree on a provisional title and plan of work
- Decide the assessment method
- Set dates for the remaining sessions

Throughout the summer, the academic team will keep in regular contact to check their progress, and they can ask any questions they have during daily academic advisory hours.

Supplement

If a student wants to take the supervision option, they'll pay a supplement. To apply they simply specify this option when they select their choices via the online application system.

This fee includes access to the University Library and is non-refundable.



A word about subjects

Supervisions work best when there's a close match between the student's academic interests and those of their supervisor, so we can only arrange ones where we feel confident that this is the case.

If we aren't able to find a suitable supervisor for a student's chosen topic, in the first instance they can revise their proposed research area or opt to take a tough course instead.

That being said, for the last two years we have successfully arranged supervisions for all students who chose this option.

The focus of some research projects have ranged from International Trade to Machine Learning, Romanticism to Mental Health, and Refugees to the History of Chemistry.

Supervision proposals must be submitted within three weeks after acceptance to the programme.

Final deadline for proposals: 13 April 2023

Assessment

Assessment usually consists of a take-home exam and a dissertation per course, although this may vary. Our lecturers will provide individual feedback on students' exam performance.

Take-home exam

The take-home exam requires students to produce two answers (max. 1000 words each). Students are expected to spend 5-7 hours completing the exam.

Dissertation

The dissertation requires students to produce a paper (max. 2500 words). Students are expected to spend 7-10 hours researching and writing the dissertation.

Credit

Academic credit can usually be gained for the courses taken during the programme, although the amount of credit can vary according to the home institution's policy. In general, credits have ranged from 3 to 4 for each course or supervision.

Our strong academic portfolio, 25 hours contact time per course and focus on guided independent study usually fits with a home institution's policy for credit transfer.

ECTS

The Pembroke Cambridge Summer Programme does not operate the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

However, as an approximation, completion of the programme can be considered as equivalent to completing a full Cambridge term (20 ECTS credits).

Transcript and syllabi

We provide an academic transcript and syllabi to help in arranging credit.





Applications

Who can apply?

The programme is open to undergraduate or graduate students across the world. To apply they need to:

- Be at least 18 years old by the start of the programme
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent at the time of application
- Have finished at least their first year at university by the start of the programme
- Have a high level of fluency in English

How to apply

Students apply using our online application system. As well as completing the online application, we require:

- An academic transcript from the home institution
- An academic reference

These can be submitted in hard copy or by an official certified digital file sent directly from the home institution.

Securing their place

Once accepted to the programme, students confirm their place by selecting and paying for their accommodation followed by their courses.

While accommodation choice is final, students can revise their course selection, subject to availability, until 1 June 2023, 5pm UK time.

Competition for places is intense and we consider applications on a rolling basis, so we advise early application.

Applications are open from mid/late October 2022.

English Language Requirements

As all classes are taught in English, a high level of fluency in English is a prerequisite for attending the programme.

If the student is not a native English speaker and is not studying at an English-speaking university, they will normally need to provide one of the following qualifications:

- GCSE in English Language/IGCSE English Language (as a first language): grade C or above
- IELTS: normally a minimum overall grade of 7.0, usually with 7.0 in each element
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: grade A
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: grade A or B
- TOEFL Paper Based Test: 627
- TOEFL Computer Based Test: 263
- TOEFL Internet Based Test: 107 (including a minimum of 25/30 in each component)

As part of their degree the student has been assessed in English, do they need to provide a qualification?

If they have studied and been assessed in English at university level as part of their degree, excluding in English Language classes, they will not need to provide any further qualifications but they may have to supply a comprehensive course syllabus.

Likewise, if they have completed an academic course abroad with English as the language of instruction this may also satisfy our requirements.





Programme Fees 2023

Application Fee	£60
Tuition Fee	£5,286
Independent Supervision Supplement	£1,364
Accommodation Fee (Bands 1 - 6)	£2,340 (1) £2,515 (2) £2,690 (3) £2,865 (4) £3,040 (5) £3,215 (6)

What do our fees cover

Our application and tuition fees are fixed, but the accommodation fee comes in different price bands to suit each student's preference and budget.

We like to be transparent to students about what their programme fees cover and this fee breakdown is also available on [our website](#).

Tuition Fee

This covers all elements under Teaching and Learning and College-Based Support.

Accommodation Fee

This covers all elements under Accommodation and Meals, Social Programme and Life-long Connection to Cambridge.

Financial aid

If students have confirmation of financial aid, then we can defer payment of tuition or accommodation fees until the financial aid payment date upon receipt of a £600 non-refundable deposit.

Teaching and Learning

- Tuition (excluding Independent Supervision Supplement)
- Academic and pastoral support from the programme team through daily drop-in advisory hours
- Full orientation, practical advice and information about the programme
- Comprehensive feedback on performance through mid-term essays or alternative assessment
- Access to Pembroke College Library
- Three plenary lectures
- Social Sciences and Sciences study skills sessions
- Comprehensive syllabi to aid with credit transfer
- Academic transcript

College-Based Support

- IT support and Wi-Fi across the College, teaching rooms and accommodation
- 24/7 pastoral and welfare support
- Practical support and advice from the programme team

Accommodation and Meals

- Six weeks (42 nights) continuous residency in a single room in College accommodation
- Meal credit which equates to around 10 meals per week on average
- Two Formal Halls (formal dinners) with drinks reception
- Bedlinen and towels
- Weekly room cleaning
- Daily communal area cleaning
- Welcome reception and farewell barbecue

Social Programme

- Our team of Programme Assistants put together a weekly bulletin of free or subsidised activities alongside our Activities Coordinator

Life-long Connection to Cambridge

- Membership of the Pembroke College Circle alumni network

Plenary Lectures

On the programme we like to allow students to delve into issues beyond their usual remit and outside of their three courses. This is why each year we hold a series of plenary lectures, given by eminent figures of university and public life, on a diverse range of topics.

The talks are open to all students, followed by an informal Q&A and drinks with the speaker. Here are some of our previous talks:



What's Happening with Brexit?

Rt Hon Lord Smith, Baron of Finsbury.
Master of Pembroke College



New Family Forms and Frozen Eggs: Lessons on Reproduction for Millenials

Dr Zeynep Gurtin
London Women's Clinic and Centre for Family Research
Visiting Researcher, University of Cambridge



Parseltongue: An Application of Linguistics

Professor Francis Nolan
Professor of Phonetics, University of Cambridge



Crimes Against Humanity and the Search for Peace and Justice

Dr Sarah Nouwen
Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Cambridge
Co-Deputy Director, Lauterpacht Centre for
International Law

The International Programmes Department

Here at Pembroke College we've been welcoming international students on our programmes for over 40 years. Our team has a wealth of expertise and if you'd like to know more about what we offer, we'd love to speak with you.

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