



Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

Semester Programmes

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I. About the College

Pembroke College, founded in 1347 by Marie de St Pol, Countess of Pembroke, is proud of its traditions. The third oldest of the Cambridge colleges, it was the first to have its own Chapel, and in the stained-glass windows there and in our recently renovated Library is evidence of the way we make light of that history. Located in the heart of the University city, Pembroke presents a tranquil environment with varied architectural styles framing beautiful gardens and open courts. 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, and giving 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 our alumni, and between the academy and the wider world.

We pride ourselves on our strong tutorial system, offering support in whatever way we can - academic, practical and financial - to our students as they pursue their chosen academic path and develop their intellectual potential to the full. But it is not all about work at Pembroke, and students enjoy extracurricular pursuits such as music, drama and sport as well as actively engaging in outreach and charity work. We regard a university education not just as an investment in one's own future but as a means of enriching the world. Even at a time of rising costs, studying at Cambridge, and at Pembroke in particular, really is a bargain. This website aims to provide information, news and resources for current and former members of the College, and potential applicants to study at Cambridge as well as for companies interested in working with the University, and for the public at large keen to glean more information about Pembroke. We hope it provides an insight into the rich and exciting life of the College, acting as a contact point for anyone interested in the many aspects of the College's history and activities.

II. About the International Programmes

Here at Pembroke we've been offering international students the exceptional opportunity to live and learn in a Cambridge college with world-leading academics for over 40 years.

Founded in 1347, our ancient and beautiful College is ideally situated in the heart of the city and we do all we can to help you make the most of it.

Each year you can choose from one of our two Semester Programmes, taught over fall and spring, or opt for the renowned Pembroke-King's Summer Programme.

We welcome applications from intellectually ambitious students at colleges and universities all over the world. Competition for places is intense and those who join us describe the experience as unforgettable.

Our application process is rigorous and very selective as we have a limited number of places available. Each year we accept **less than 30 students in the Fall and around 40 in the Spring**, as well as a number of students who combine the semesters and study with us for a full year.

- [The Pembroke-King's Summer Programme](#)

The Pembroke-King's Summer Programme (PKP) offers you the unique opportunity to enjoy outstanding small-group teaching in a beautiful and inspiring academic setting.

We offer exciting courses in a variety of disciplines and you'll study 3 over the summer, exploring your subject through lively debate. If you're planning research or graduate studies, why not opt for an independent supervision project to work 1-to-1 with an expert in the field?

There's much more to this summer experience than challenging yourself academically and we do all we can to help you make the most of your time in our beautiful city and the UK.

- [The Fall and Spring Semester Programmes](#)

The Fall and Spring Semester Programmes offer you the exceptional opportunity to experience life as an undergraduate at one of the most distinguished universities in the world.

You'll learn from world-leading academics and benefit from all our 800-year-old institution has to offer as fully matriculated members of both the University of Cambridge and Pembroke College.

We'll be by your side as you challenge yourself academically, make a head start on an honours thesis, or explore exciting new areas of independent study. You might just be so inspired by your experience you'll want to come back to Cambridge for a graduate degree.

III. How to Apply

Competition for places on a Pembroke Semester Programme is intense, so apply early! We consider applications on a rolling first-come-first-served basis, and aim to tell you our decision within 3 weeks of receiving your complete application.

- [Application information](#)

- ❖ Fall Semester Programme 2020: Applications open Monday 30th September 2019. Applications close on Friday 1st May 2020.
- ❖ Spring Semester Programme 2021: Applications open Monday 30th September 2019. Applications close on Wednesday 1st July 2020.
- ❖ Combined Semester Programme 2020-21: Applications open Monday 30th September 2019. Applications close on Friday 1st May 2020.

- [Requirements](#)

- ❖ The programmes are open to students who have completed at least two years of study at their home university before beginning the semester at Cambridge.
- ❖ You'll need to be able to work at the same level as regular Cambridge undergraduates, so should have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **at least 3.75**. If yours is lower due to special circumstances, we may still be able to consider your application. Please include a supporting statement to explain your situation when you apply.

- Application process

You apply using the online application system:

Start an application for the Fall Semester Programme:

<https://online.pem.cam.ac.uk/ip/index.do?ProgDescrCode=FSP>

Start an application for the Spring Semester Programme:

<https://online.pem.cam.ac.uk/ip/index.do?ProgDescrCode=SSP>

Start an application for the Combined Semester Programme:

<https://online.pem.cam.ac.uk/ip/index.do?ProgDescrCode=CSP>

- Application supporting documents

- ❖ Academic transcript from your home university, or similar document showing academic performance. Unfortunately, we cannot accept transcripts sent directly from students.
- ❖ 2 x Academic references written by faculty who are familiar with your work at your home university.
- ❖ 2 x Essays written during your course of study and graded by your instructors. Ideally these should show lecturers' written comments and grade, though we appreciate this is difficult if an essay has been marked then comments given electronically. If an essay does not show these, you must submit them along with the essay.

IV. Dates and Deadlines

Whether you're looking to apply for one of our programmes or already have a place and want to plan your dates, you'll find everything you need here:

- Fall Semester Programme Dates and Deadlines

The Fall Semester Programme 2020 runs from 6 September - 11 December 2020.

For your reference, this falls within the academic year 2020-21.

2020 Fall Semester Programme dates for applications

Applications open	30 September 2019
Applications deadline	1 May 2020

***All deadlines are at 5.00pm UK time**

- **Spring Semester Programme Dates and Deadlines**

The Spring Semester Programme 2021 runs from 17 January - 25 June 2021.

For your reference, this falls within the academic year 2020-21

2021 Spring Semester Programme dates for applications

Applications open	30 September 2019
Applications deadline	1 July 2020

***All deadlines are at 5.00pm UK time**

- **Combined Semester Programme Dates and Deadlines**

Combined Semester Programme 2020-21

The Combined Semester Programme 2020-21 runs from 6 September 2020 - 25 June 2021.

2020-21 Combined Semester Programme dates for applications

Applications open	30 September 2019
Applications deadline	1 May 2020

***All deadlines are at 5.00pm UK time**

V. Programme Fees

Thinking about applying for one of the Semester Programmes? Please read this information carefully.

The total fee for each programme is made up of the:

- University Fee
- Programme Fee
- Housing Fee

Fall Semester Programme Fees

University Fee: £7,056

This fee covers:

- ❖ Matriculation as a full member of the University of Cambridge;
- ❖ Access to the Cambridge University Library;
- ❖ Access to departmental and faculty libraries and archives;
- ❖ Access to relevant lectures, seminars and reading groups;
- ❖ Membership of the University of Cambridge alumni network;
- ❖ Access to University societies, clubs and events;
- ❖ Access to University social and sports facilities;
- ❖ Access to University support and welfare systems, including counselling services.

Programme Fee: £14,698

This fee covers:

Tuition and academic and welfare support

- ❖ Matriculation as a full member of Pembroke College;
- ❖ Thorough pre-arrival academic and practical advice and information;
- ❖ Comprehensive orientation and induction week;
- ❖ Tuition for two intensive Cambridge-style papers (= courses) over one extended term, normally in the form of one-on-one tutorials with an expert in your field, usually 12 US credits per paper and including assessment and transcript;
- ❖ Opportunity to undertake an individual research project in the form of a dissertation in place of a standard supervision;
- ❖ Comprehensive feedback on your supervision assignments or your dissertation project;
- ❖ College-based individual academic and study support with personal Director of Studies;
- ❖ College-based pastoral support with personal Tutor;
- ❖ College-based welfare and medical support, including daily medical surgery on weekdays;
- ❖ Practical support and advice throughout, including dedicated Fall Term Programme Co-ordinator.

- College facilities

- ❖ A 35% discount on all meals in the College;
- ❖ College membership and integration with undergraduate students;
- ❖ Access to College-based clubs, societies, choir and events;
- ❖ Membership of the Junior Parlour;
- ❖ Access to all College facilities, including library, gym and servery.

- Social programme

- ❖ Arrival event and dinner;
- ❖ First Formal Hall;
- ❖ Two programme outings;
- ❖ One reception with the Master of Pembroke College;

- ❖ Evening dinner with a dinner speaker, supervisors and the Master of Pembroke College;
- ❖ English Afternoon Tea with Directors of Studies and Tutors;
- ❖ Pembroke alumni and Circle membership;
- ❖ Cambridge-style group photo with Master of Pembroke College.

Housing Fee: £3,490

Rooms vary in size, location, amenities and distance from the main teaching and lecture venues.

This fee covers:

- ❖ 14 weeks' continuous accommodation in a single occupancy room in regular Cambridge College student accommodation;
- ❖ Provision of linen (bedding and towels);
- ❖ Room cleaning service once a week;
- ❖ Communal area cleaning service daily.

***You'll also need to pay a refundable caution deposit of £350 and a linen deposit of £50.**

Spring Semester Programme Fees

These fees are for the Spring Semester 2021.

University Fee: £14,112

This fee covers:

- ❖ Matriculation as a full member of the University of Cambridge;
- ❖ Access to the Cambridge University Library;
- ❖ Access to departmental and faculty libraries and archives;
- ❖ Access to relevant lectures, seminars and reading groups;
- ❖ Membership of the University of Cambridge alumni network;
- ❖ Access to University societies, clubs and events;
- ❖ Access to University social and sports facilities;
- ❖ Access to University support and welfare systems, including counselling services.

Programme Fee: £14,698

This fee covers:

- ❖ Tuition and academic and welfare support;
- ❖ Matriculation as a full member of Pembroke College;
- ❖ Thorough pre-arrival academic and practical advice and information;
- ❖ Comprehensive orientation and induction week;
- ❖ Tuition for two intensive Cambridge-style papers (= courses) over two terms, normally in the form of one-on-one tutorials with an expert in your field, usually 12 US credits per paper and including assessment and transcript;
- ❖ Opportunity to undertake an individual research project in the form of a dissertation in place of a standard supervision;

- ❖ Comprehensive feedback on your supervision assignments or your dissertation project;
 - ❖ College-based individual academic and study support with personal Director of Studies;
 - ❖ College-based pastoral support with personal Tutor;
 - ❖ College-based welfare and medical support, including daily medical surgery on weekdays;
 - ❖ Practical support and advice throughout, including dedicated Spring Semester Co-ordinator.
- College facilities
- ❖ A 35% discount on all meals in the College;
 - ❖ College membership and integration with undergraduate students;
 - ❖ Access to College-based clubs, societies, choir and events;
 - ❖ Membership of the Junior Parlour;
 - ❖ Access to all College facilities, including library, gym and servery;
 - ❖ Social programme;
 - ❖ Arrival event and dinner;
 - ❖ First Formal Hall;
 - ❖ Two programme outings;
 - ❖ Two receptions with the Master of Pembroke College;
 - ❖ Evening dinner with a dinner speaker, supervisors and the Master of Pembroke College;
 - ❖ Garden Party with supervisors, Directors of Studies and Tutors;
 - ❖ Pembroke alumni and Circle membership;
 - ❖ Cambridge-style group photo with Master of Pembroke College.

Housing Fee: £4,985

Rooms vary in size, location, amenities and distance from the main teaching and lecture venues.

This fee covers:

- ❖ 23 weeks' continuous accommodation in a single occupancy room in regular Cambridge College student accommodation;
- ❖ Provision of linen (bedding and towels);
- ❖ Room cleaning service once a week;
- ❖ Communal area cleaning service daily.

***You'll also need to pay a refundable caution deposit of £350 and a linen deposit of £50.**

Combined Semester Programme Fees

These fees are for the Combined Semester Programme 2020-21

University Fee: £21,168

This fee covers:

- ❖ Matriculation as a full member of the University of Cambridge;
- ❖ Access to the Cambridge University Library;
- ❖ Access to departmental and faculty libraries and archives;
- ❖ Access to relevant lectures, seminars and reading groups;
- ❖ Membership of the University of Cambridge alumni network;
- ❖ Access to University societies, clubs and events;
- ❖ Access to University social and sports facilities;
- ❖ Access to University support and welfare systems, including counselling services.

Programme Fee: £29,396

This fee covers:

- ❖ Tuition and academic and welfare support;
- ❖ Matriculation as a full member of Pembroke College;
- ❖ Thorough pre-arrival academic and practical advice and information;
- ❖ Comprehensive orientation and induction week;
- ❖ Tuition for four intensive Cambridge papers (= courses) over three terms, normally in the form of one-on-one tutorials with an expert in your field, usually 12 US credits per paper and including assessment and transcript;
- ❖ Opportunity to undertake an individual research project in the form of a dissertation in place of a standard supervision;
- ❖ Comprehensive feedback on your supervision assignments or your dissertation project;
- ❖ College-based individual academic and study support with personal Director of Studies;
- ❖ College-based pastoral support with personal Tutor;
- ❖ College-based welfare and medical support, including daily medical surgery on weekdays;
- ❖ Practical support and advice throughout, including dedicated Semester Programmes Co-ordinator.

- College facilities

- ❖ A 35% discount on all meals in the College;
- ❖ College membership and integration with undergraduate students;
- ❖ Access to College-based clubs, societies, choir and events;
- ❖ Membership of the Junior Parlour;
- ❖ Access to all College facilities, including library, gym and servery;
- ❖ Social programme;
- ❖ Arrival event and dinner at the start of each Semester;
- ❖ Welcome dinner in the Fall Semester;
- ❖ One Formal Hall in the Spring Semester;
- ❖ Three programme outings;
- ❖ Two receptions with the Master of Pembroke College;
- ❖ Two evening dinners with supervisors and the Master of Pembroke College;

- ❖ English Afternoon Tea with Directors of Studies and Tutors in the Fall Semester;
- ❖ Garden Party with supervisors, Directors of Studies and Tutors in the Spring Semester;
- ❖ Pembroke alumni and Circle membership;
- ❖ Two Cambridge-style group photos with Master of Pembroke College.

Housing Fee: £9,722

Rooms vary in size, location, amenities and distance from the main teaching and lecture venues.

This fee covers:

- ❖ 41 weeks' continuous accommodation in a single occupancy room in regular Cambridge College student accommodation;
- ❖ Provision of linen (bedding and towels);
- ❖ Room cleaning service once a week;
- ❖ Communal area cleaning service daily.

***You'll also need to pay a refundable caution deposit of £350 and a linen deposit of £50.**

VI. Securing Your Place

Once you're accepted on the programme, you'll need to pay 15% of the total Programme Fee as a non-refundable deposit.

VII. Financial Aid

If you're in receipt of financial aid and expect your funding to be credited to your bank account after you've arrived in the UK, we strongly recommend you speak to your bank before you travel to discuss the best way to pay your fees.

VIII. Issues Paying

Sometimes students have difficulties trying to transfer large sums of money because of daily limits on their bank account. We recommend discussing this with your bank before you try and pay your fees as it'll make the payment process much smoother and reduce failed payment attempts.

IX. Course

Studying at Cambridge is about depth. So, our Semester Programmes are not intended to provide general learning: we expect you to take courses in your major subject area. For more information about the semester course please view our main website:

<https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/international-programmes/semester-programmes/teaching-and-learning>

Most Cambridge degrees have two sections – Part 1 and Part 2 – and you can generally choose courses from both Parts. We offer the following subjects, which fall under [Group 1 tuition fees for overseas students: https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/international-fees-and-costs](https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/international-fees-and-costs)

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
- Archaeology
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Classics
- Economics
- Education
- English
- History
- History of Art
- Human, Social, and Political Science
- Linguistics
- Modern and Medieval Languages*
- Philosophy
- Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion.

The system is quite flexible, however in each faculty there may be papers you cannot take as part of a Semester Programme. You can discuss your options with us during the application process.

*From Fall 2019, you'll be able to select scheduled papers (not language or general papers) from **Part IB** and **Part II** of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos. These papers will require a certain level of ability in the relevant language(s), and we'll discuss this with you on an individual basis.

- Part IB: <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/mml/ib>
- Part II: <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/mml/ii>

- Your major isn't listed above, do we offer any other subjects?

- We usually ask you to take courses in the area of your major, but we are open to applications for subjects if they are strongly related to your major.
- We'd recommend you clearly outline in your application why you're applying for a particular subject that isn't your major, and how it related to your academic interests and background. A good example would be American Studies, as this course doesn't exist at Cambridge, but you could make a strong case to apply for English, History or maybe Human, Social and Political Sciences.
- From Spring 2020 we'll be able to offer a limited selection of Mathematics papers that have academic prerequisites. Maths is a group 2 subject so a higher University fee applies, but you would still apply in the usual way. We're only able to offer Maths on the Spring Semester Programme.
- We're currently reviewing our academic portfolio and hope to be able to expand it further in the future. If you're interested in other subjects, get in touch with us - we'd love to hear from you.

- [How many courses can you study?](#)
 - You'll choose two 'papers', or courses, to take over the semester.
 - Some papers are only available to students with considerable previous training – in econometrics, for example. Other papers may not be an option because vital lectures are delivered during a term that falls outside your Semester Programme.
- [Choosing your courses](#)

Once you're awarded a place on your chosen programme, we'll send you information and advice on how to select your courses. You can find a list of courses on the relevant faculty and department websites: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/colleges-and-departments/department-a-z>

- [Assessment](#)
 - Semester students don't take regular University (known as Tripos) exams. Instead we assess you through College exams designed to reflect your studies over the semester. We base our grades on these exams and your coursework.
 - You'll also have the opportunity to write a dissertation rather than sit an exam, and this might just be one of the most enjoyable and rewarding aspects of your academic experience at Cambridge.

X. Semester Visa Information

Your visa requirements will vary according to your country of citizenship.

[- Visa nationals](#)

Visa nationals need to obtain a visa before travelling to the UK. Having received Pembroke's letter, you can apply for the short-term study visa. This letter should be included in the supporting documentation for your application. Please read the Home Office guide on other documents to include in your application. For more details of the short-term study visa, please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa>.

Please note that in accordance with the conditions of the permission granted under short-term study, you will be required to leave the UK within 30 days of the end of the course or at the end of 6 months, whichever is earliest.

[- Combining the Fall Semester and Spring Semester Programmes](#)

If you are attending the programme for the full academic year, you will need to apply for a Tier 4 student visa. Students must apply for this visa, and obtain their entry permit, prior to travelling to the UK.

Detailed information about the Tier 4 application process is outlined on the University's International Students website: <https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/tier-4-entry-clearance>. As a student sponsored by the University under Tier 4, you will need to understand and comply with the responsibilities of your student visa: <https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/tier-4-responsibilities>.