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The summer Pembroke-King's Programme offers an exceptional opportunity to experience life as an undergraduate in one of the oldest and most distinguished university cities in the world. Founded in 1209, the University of Cambridge is comprised of thirty-one residential, self-governing colleges. Pembroke College's origins and buildings go back to 1347, while King's College bears the signature of several English kings. Completed by Henry VIII, the college's extraordinary late Gothic chapel is one of Britain's most visited tourist attractions.

ACADEMICS

During this eight-week programme, students select three courses from a wide variety of options in the arts, social sciences, business and management, humanities and sciences. Courses are designed to be rigorous and intellectually demanding, with both survey and more closely-focused options available. The courses reflect Cambridge styles of teaching and learning, and the small lecture course enrolments, averaging twenty-five students, allow seminar groups to be intimate and discussion-oriented. Students have access to all facilities open to regular undergraduates, including college, faculty and university libraries.

Courses are organised in the following eleven subject groups and within the constraints of the timetable students are free to mix and match courses from approximately 50 on offer.

- Writing
- Sciences
- Economics and Finance
- Business and Management
- History
- English Literature and Linguistics
- Law, Education and Anthropology
- Philosophy
- History of Art, Architecture and Film
- Art
- International Relations

SUPERVISIONS

Supervision (one-on-one or small group teaching) is one of the key strengths of the Cambridge undergraduate teaching system and students wishing to experience this may substitute a supervision for one of the taught courses. Supervisions are both academically demanding and rewarding and are best for students with a significant amount of initiative and enthusiasm for the subject they intend to study. In 2012 students worked on such diverse topics as the mathematics of urban space, modern religious architecture, Ancient Greek theories in learning, the politics of women's healthcare, cyber security threats to the US, the sonnet sequence in Renaissance English literature, Chinese soft power in the South Pacific and carbon-pricing instruments.

PLENARY LECTURES

In addition to the regular schedule of courses, the Pembroke-King's Programme hosts a number of plenary lectures in the evenings which supplement and enhance the academic experience.

In 2012 plenary lectures included:

In Search of Ted Hughes (Dr Mark Wormald)

The Mexican Revolution, 1910–1940 (Professor David Brading)

The Olympic Ideal: Values/Politics, Ideology/Rhetoric, Universal Currency (Professors Alan Tomlinson and Lincoln Allison, and Cath Bishop)

Fraud in Science (Professor Anthony Segal)

The Secret State (Professor Lord Hennessy)

A Close Run Thing: Reviewing the Cuban Missile Crisis 50 Years On (Professor Christopher Andrew)

Bismarck and the Arab Spring (Professor Jonathan Steinberg)



LIVING

With their extensive gardens and quiet courtyards, Pembroke and King's Colleges are beautiful places to live and work. The colleges provide all essential facilities and comforts, with plenty of places to meet, relax, study, entertain and be entertained. Each College has its own bar, coffee shop, television room, computer facilities, music practice rooms and sports-grounds. All students are housed in single-occupancy rooms with a washbasin, internet access and cleaning service. Rooms are banded in price according to location and amenities. In addition to housing, the accommodation fee also includes a partial meal plan and several Formal Halls – traditional multi-course meals served by candlelight.

LEISURE

An extensive daily schedule of activities is organised by Cambridge students, who live and work residentially with the programme. The programme includes river walks and cream teas at Grantchester; football, tennis, croquet, cricket; pub quizzes and dining out; days at the seaside and walks in the hills; historical and literary tours and punting. Throughout the summer, students can take advantage of Cambridge's busy cultural calendar of concerts and musicals, as well as the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival.

TRAVEL

Students have plenty of chances to explore and absorb British culture outside of Cambridge. Included in the Programme Fee is a day trip to London, Britain's cultural, political and economic heartbeat. Visits to the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London or the British Museum are all options students can choose from and the day culminates in a show at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Also included in the Programme Fee is a four-day visit to Edinburgh, Scotland's vibrant and picturesque capital, situated between a dramatic volcanic landscape and the sea. In Edinburgh students can climb Arthur's Seat or hike in the Trossachs, visit the galleries and museums, and experience traditional Scottish dancing, known as a ceilidh. Cambridge is also ideally situated as a jumping off-point to explore the rest of Europe. A major hub for many low-cost airlines, Stansted Airport is located just a half-hour train ride south of the city.

APPLICATIONS

The Pembroke-King's Programme welcomes academically ambitious students from all over the world. While students have traditionally come from leading US universities, such as the University of California, Harvard, Yale, Penn and Brigham Young, an increasing proportion of students come from universities across Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

Applicants will have spent at least one year on a degree course when the programme starts and should be in the top quarter of their year group in terms of academic ability. For students in the US a minimum GPA of 3.2 is required, though many successful applicants have much higher GPAs.

Most students gain academic credit at their home institutions for the courses they take and students will be issued with transcripts and syllabi to assist with this.





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