

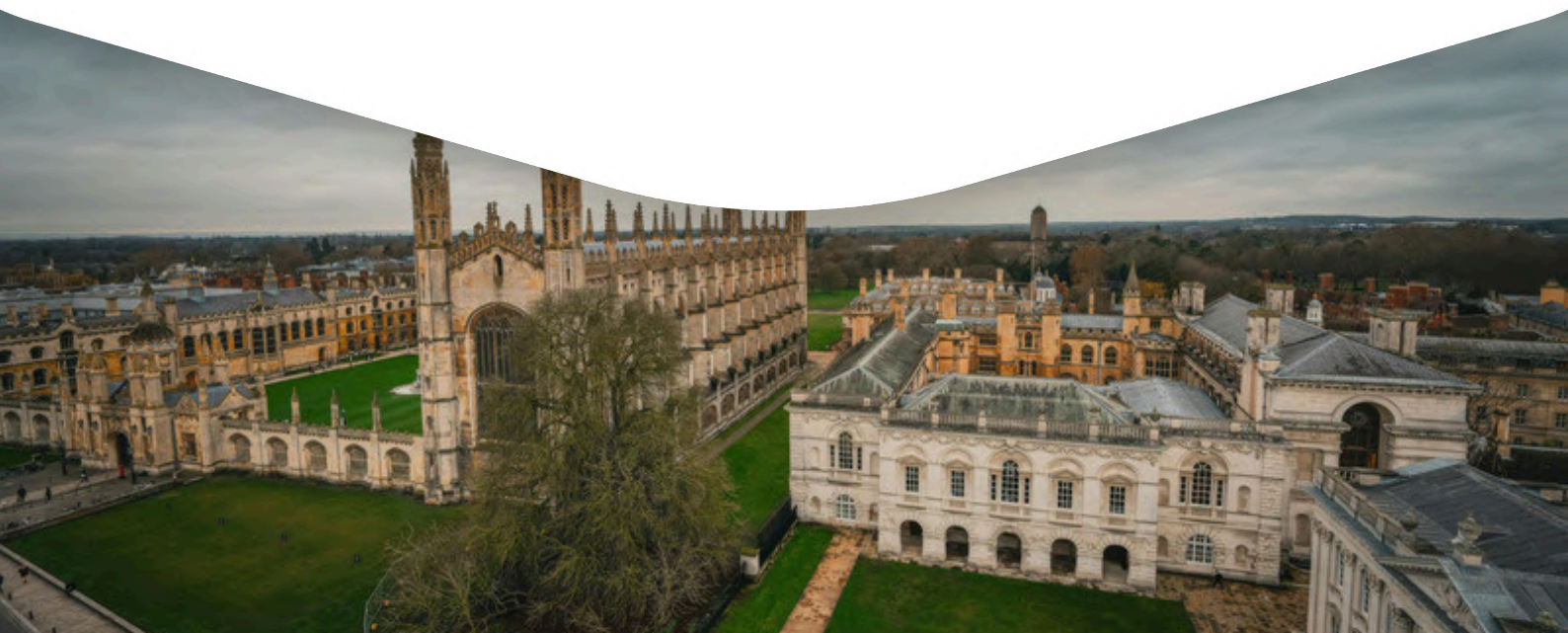
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# Application Guide



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# President's Address



## Dear prospective applicant,

Are you thinking of applying to Cambridge? Then you've come to the right place.

University applications can be an intimidating process. They mark the beginning of your transition toward adulthood as you define your academic interests, career ambitions, and life plans. The university application process - Cambridge's in particular - can feel especially complex. *What differentiates colleges? What courses are for me? How do I navigate the UCAS system?*

Compiled by the Cambridge University Malaysia and Singapore Association's (CUMSA) Access and Outreach department, this guide offers a comprehensive insight into life as a Cambridge student. I hope the first-hand testimonials from CUMSA members - from the number of contact hours a week to the availability of laundry services in college - will help you make an informed decision, should you decide to apply to this university.

One common misconception we hope to debunk is that only students with flawless academic and extracurricular credentials stand a chance at making it to Cambridge. This is far from true. Cambridge looks for students who are intellectually curious, open to learning, and capable of critical thought. If you're able to demonstrate these qualities throughout the different stages of your application, then your application would be just as compelling as any other.

Beyond this guide, CUMSA offers a range of programs designed to support you throughout the application process. These include UCAS Personal Statement workshops, Admissions Test workshops, 1-to-1 mentoring sessions, and student-run mock interviews. At CUMSA, we're committed to making the Cambridge application process more accessible and less daunting, ensuring that you feel supported at every juncture.

I wish you all the best in your application journey, and we look forward to seeing you in Cambridge!

Abdul Mateen Kamal  
President 2026/27



# About Cambridge

The University of Cambridge was founded in 1209 and is the **third oldest university** in the world.

- 31 independent self-governing **colleges**
- 29 admitting **undergraduates**
- 3 for **mature students only** (above the age of 21 at matriculation)
- 2 **women-only** colleges

Among the alumni and affiliates there are 126 Nobel Prize Laureates, 47 Heads of State, and 217 Olympic medallists.

Undergraduates  
**>12,000**

Students  
**>24,000**

Staff  
**>12,000**

Student societies  
**>700**  
*Culture, arts, academia,  
drama, specific careers & sports*



Students typically receive **lectures & labs** at a university/department level, while **supervisions** (small group teaching sessions) are often received at their own college.

- **Accommodation** for all undergraduate students; a hub of social life and pastoral care
- Each student has a **Director of Studies** (DoS) who looks after their academic careers & a **Tutor** who takes care of their pastoral needs (both typically Fellows of their college).
- Their own **dining hall** and **JCR** (or MCR or combined CR for the mature colleges) where **formals** and other **social events** are held respectively.



## Notable Alumni

- Former Prime Ministers
  - Mr Lee Kuan Yew
  - SM Lee Hsien Loong
- Three current cabinet ministers
- Several Supreme Court justices



# About CUMSA

**\*BROUGHT TOGETHER A SMALL  
COMMUNITY, WORLDS AWAY FROM HOME.**

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**1948**

PREVIOUSLY  
KNOWN AS

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY  
MALAYAN ASSOCIATION**



CUMSA's founding community included **former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew (as President)** and **former Chief Justice Yong Pung How (as Secretary)**.

Over 70 years since, many Malaysians and Singaporeans have contributed to the organisation. Currently, we have **over 350 current students** and countless more alumni.

CUMSA has numerous links with **partner societies** within Cambridge, **fellow Singapore Societies** in the UK, as well as **local organisations** in Cambridge and Singapore.

## EVENTS

CUMSA holds a number of events throughout the year with the intention of creating a social environment with a familiar Southeast Asian air. Amongst others, there are:

Orientation

CUMSA Formal

Garden party

Singapore Food Festival

LNy Celebrations

Oxbridge games

Besides social events, we also **hold admissions talks with schools** to encourage more students to apply to Cambridge and **support them in their respective applications.**





# How we can help

We have a series of **events, workshops, and services** to assist you in your application.

Be sure to follow our Instagram page (@cumsa\_) for event and sign-up details!



Also, look forward to:

*August*  
**Mentorship Programme**

*Mid-November to Early December*  
**Mock Interview Programme**

DM us on IG or email  
[access@cumsa.org](mailto:access@cumsa.org)  
anytime.

# Overview

First, **choosing your course of study** is arguably the most important decision you have to make.

- Think about what you enjoy, where your strengths lie, and what opportunities may present themselves because of your course.
- Other factors like the reputability of a faculty internationally, their staff and even smaller factors like cohort size may also be a consideration for you.

Due to Cambridge's unique collegiate system, your **choice of college** is also really important.

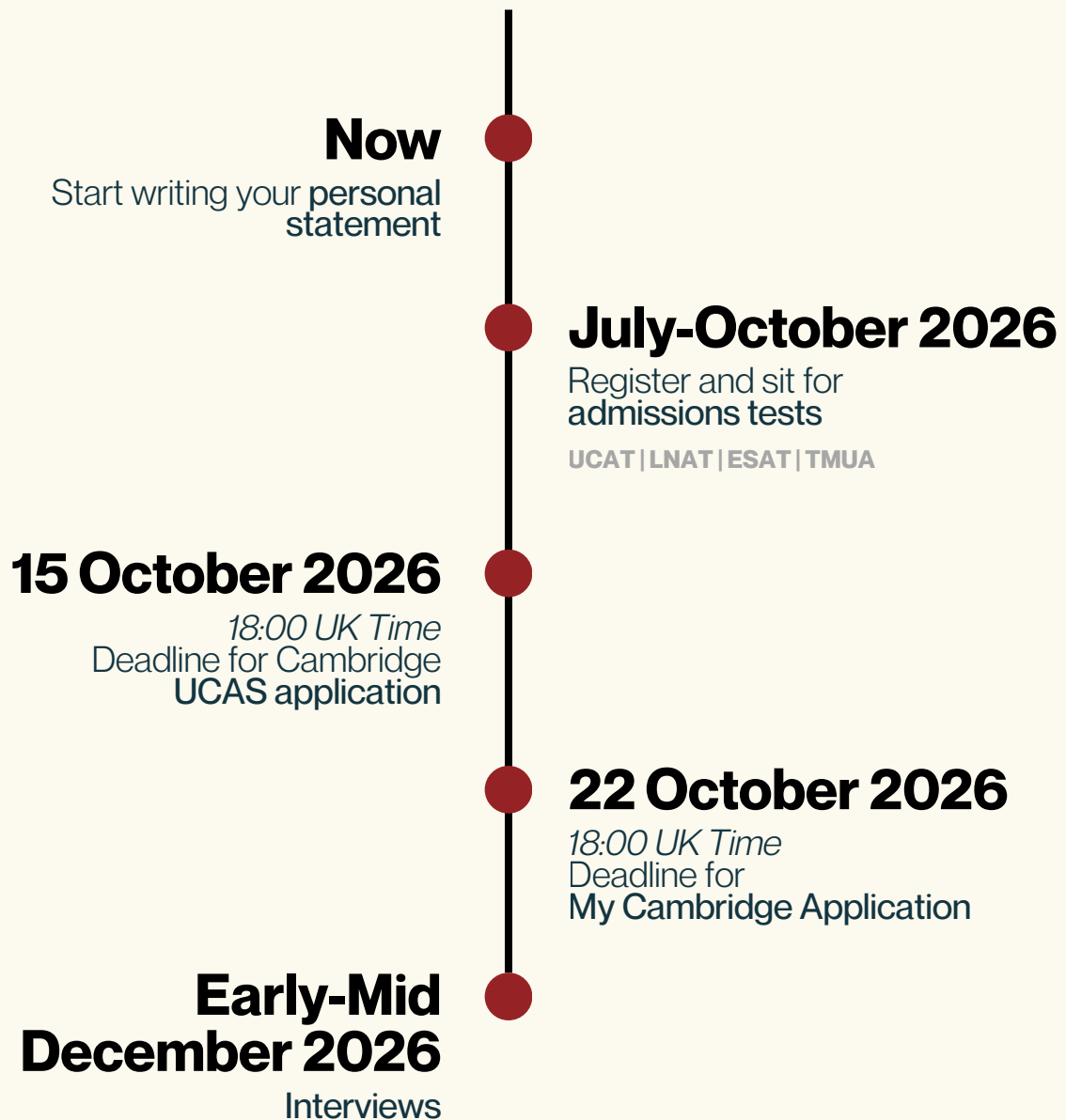
- You will live in your college's accommodation and experience many of the social aspects of your University experience there, be it matriculation, formal halls, balls and more.
- Factors to consider include:
  - **Location** (relative to the city center and also to your faculty department),
  - **Aesthetics** (traditional or modern),
  - **Accommodation** types and prices,
  - and several other factors discussed in greater detail in our college section of this guide.

- As for the actual admissions process, besides your teacher's recommendation and examination results, admission tutors rely on your personal statement, written assessments (for some subjects) and interviews.
- For **assistance on the technical aspects** of the application and UCAS system, consult your school, the Cambridge or UCAS websites or the resources in the last section of this guide.
- For **questions on the application process, course or college**, do contact the Cambridge admissions office or college directly, they would usually be happy to answer if you identify yourself as a prospective student.

**Do note that the advice shared here is based on current students' personal experiences and hence may not be representative of the admission office's opinions.**



# Admissions Timeline



CUMSA will be **running workshops for personal statements and admissions tests**. We also run a **mock interview programme** where current students will simulate admissions interviews. **Follow us on our Instagram (@\_cumsa) and look out for sign-up details!**

# courses

When it comes to picking your course of study, you will need to consider your career goals, your academic interests and your preferred mode of learning.

Virtually all undergraduate courses in Cambridge follow the **supervision model**, where students attend supervisions of around 1 to 4 students to a supervisor (usually an academic). This **small-group setting** allows for **in-depth discussion** and interactions, facilitating a conducive learning environment.

Different courses in Cambridge follow different structures. Some courses are **modular**, allowing their students to pick and choose the subjects they will cover or allowing them to specialise in a particular area over time. Others might be more **rigid**, adopting a rigid course structure.

The University has a [list](#) of books, materials and resources as an introduction to your course content and for you to improve your application.

**Read on to learn more about the courses Cambridge has to offer!**

[computer science](#) | [economics](#) | [engineering](#) | [chem eng](#) | [english](#) | [geography](#) | [history](#) | [history and politics](#) | [hsp](#) | [environment, law and economics](#) | [law](#) | [linguistics](#) | [mathematics](#) | [medicine](#) | [philosophy](#) | [pbs](#) | [natural sciences \(biology\)](#) | [natural sciences \(physics\)](#)



# Computer Science

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| <i>Location</i>         | West Hub/New Museums Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 130 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 6-10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | A moderate amount of contact hours, with 12 hours of lectures split between New Museums Site (half of first year) and the rest at West Hub. There are 4-5 supervisions per week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Course structure</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st year subjects: Foundations (Functional), Digital Electronics (+ hardware practicals), Graphics, Databases, OOP, Discrete math, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Interaction design, Software &amp; Security Engineering, Probability.</li> <li>• In the 2nd year, we mainly dive deeper into the topics learned from year 1 along with a major group project.</li> <li>• In the 3rd year, we have a dissertation (research paper) that counts as a full paper along with other exams.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | Computer Science in Cambridge is highly theoretical, comprising relational algebra, formal proofs, automata theory, and algorithmic proofs. Whether or not this suits you well, it's an interesting learning experience. It's one of the most respected degrees - many graduates end up at top research postings/firms. (Biased) Supervisors are amazing! They're all really qualified, and if you know your material the sessions can be very insightful and interesting.                                                                 |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | Be prepared for one of the highest workloads across all subjects, approximately 40 hours per week. Supervision work can take extraordinary amounts of time (Estimated ~3h/supo). Grades are extremely competitive. If you expect to do well in the industry, you must be prepared to do your own practical learning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# Economics

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| <i>Location</i>         | Sidgwick Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 160 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 15-20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 12 hours of lectures and 2-3 hours of supervisions per week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Course structure</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st Year Subjects: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Quantitative Methods in Economics, Political and Social Aspects of Economics, British Economic History. Part I consists of 5 compulsory papers.</li><li>• Part IIA includes 3 compulsory papers + choose 1 paper from 6 available (Labour, Mathematics and Statistics, International Trade and Development, POL1, POL2, SOC1).</li><li>• Part IIB includes 2 compulsory papers + choose 2 papers from 12 available (subject to availability) + dissertation of 7500 words.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | <p>1st year coursework at Cambridge is slightly more math-focused compared to other UK universities - but nonetheless a pretty good balance between the quantitative and qualitative aspects of economics. The coursework structure is great for training well-rounded economists by going through rigorous economic theory cases, which gives a solid framework in modelling real world situations. From 2nd year onwards, the optional papers give you more freedom to dictate how quantitative or qualitative you want your coursework to be (taking HSPS papers). The high rigour and strong reputation of the course makes it an ideal foundation for those who want to go into academia in the future.</p> |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you're someone more inclined to the quantitative side of economics, you may dislike the compulsory essay papers.</li><li>• In order to practice real-world application (such as macro modelling), independent work outside the university's curriculum would be required.</li><li>• Many who join this course have a keen interest in pivoting to finance, but do note a very different technical skillset is taught in this course. Instead, economics at Cambridge fundamentally gives you a strong framework towards thinking through real-world problems and problem solving.</li></ul>                                                                           |

# Engineering

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| <i>Location</i>         | Engineering Faculty/West Hub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 332 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | ~30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 2 hours of lectures daily, in the 9-11am or 11am-1pm slot. An average of 4 hours of labs every week (this can vary - especially during Lent, which is labs-heavy) and an average of 2 hours of supervisions every week (supervisor-dependent).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Course structure</i> | 1st year subjects: Paper 1: Mechanics (includes Thermofluid dynamics), Paper 2: Structures/Materials (Civil), Paper 3: Electronics/Information, Paper 4: Mathematics. Part IA has 4 papers corresponding to each main subject. Part IB has 8 papers that expands more onto each engineering discipline. Part IIA allows students to choose 10 papers from over 40 choices. The specific combination determines the specialization of the degree. Part IIB is an optional Masters depending on previous year's grades. 8 papers from over 80 choices + masters project. |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | Cambridge offers a general engineering degree at the point of application so students can delay knowing what they want to specialize in. Students can make better informed choices about specialty with existing experience in each field. It also allows a greater awareness and understanding of other engineering disciplines in the workforce. Engineering is also very theoretical at Cambridge, with a really strong focus on first principles and thinking skills.                                                                                              |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | Due to its broad nature, technical depth may be lacking at the 3rd year, and is usually recommended for students to do the Masters if there is an intention to work as a professional engineer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

THANKS TO **Athithyaa Vijayan**



# Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology

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| <i>Location</i>         | West Cambridge/CEB Building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 72 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 5 in 2025 (much more than past years)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | <p>~ 1-2 days of labwork every 2 weeks</p> <p>~ 3-4 hours of supervisions &amp; ~10 hours of lectures a week</p> <p>Lecture attendance is strongly recommended though recordings are available.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>Course structure</i> | <p><b>Do not forget that the course includes Biotechnology. You will learn some biology as part of the course.</b></p> <p>Students are assessed both through group work (e.g., engineering design and manufacturing) throughout the academic year and examinations at the end of the AY.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Year 1 (Part IA):</b> The course shares common Math and Chemistry modules with Natural Sciences students only in the first year. Other subjects include Cell Biology, Engineering Principles, Process Calculations (first term), Materials Science, Fluid Mechanics (second term).</li><li>• <b>Year 2 (Part IB):</b> Subjects include biotechnology, process thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat and mass transfer</li><li>• introductory applications. For example, reaction engineering, separations and solids processing supporting topics like engineering mathematics, data analysis, and safety principles</li><li>• <b>Year 3 (Part II):</b> In the first term, subjects include advanced biotechnology, equilibrium thermodynamics, reaction engineering, separation technology, and process dynamics and control</li><li>• The second and third terms include process design and a design project. The latter is a group project to design a plant making a particular chemical or biological product. Completing the third year grants the Bachelor of Arts degree qualification (non-accredited).</li><li>• <b>Year 4 (Part III):</b> Almost all students pass their exams and choose to complete the fourth year, granting the MEng degree qualification which is accredited by the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE). The fourth year is much more flexible and includes a research project, though there are some compulsory subjects: e.g., energy technology.</li></ul> |
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# Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology

## *Course appeal*

The course is very new, with the structure and content being revised in 2023. Thus, content learned is relevant to skills required by chemical engineers today. Facilities are also new and modern, with the department building being just a few years old. Professors also recognise that not all students go into the workforce as engineers and give students a chance to develop soft skills, e.g., through projects/presentations/pitches to real investors.

## *Course caveats*

Many professors have limited time slots to give supervisions. It is not uncommon for supervisions to start at ~7pm and for your day to end after sunset. Knowledge of both physics and biology is required and the classes are paced quickly, which will be difficult as most students have only taken one or the other.

# English

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| <i>Location</i>         | Sidgwick Site, Selwyn College                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 182 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 2-3 hours of supervisions, 6-7 hours of lectures weekly (Attendance for lectures is encouraged as they are not recorded). In Easter, there are Shakespeare seminars of 4 sessions x 1.5h. 11-12 essays per term (usually 1 weekly essay for the relevant Period paper, and 1 every other week for PCCP; however, this is dependent on your supervisor, essays are sometimes replaced by short presentations)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Course structure</i> | 1st Year Subjects include PCCP, Shakespeare portfolio, Period papers (which tend to be either Paper 6 and 7) - these are not examined in 1st year. IA consists of 2 compulsory papers (Shakespeare + Practical Criticism and Critical Practice (PCCP)) + 2 period papers. IB includes 1 compulsory paper + choose 3 papers from 5 options, one of which can be replaced by a dissertation (which most people do). II includes 2 compulsory papers + 1 compulsory dissertation + 2 more 'options' (either another dissertation + 1 optional paper, OR 2 optional papers).                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | The course is more historical than other universities, which gives you a solid foundation - though sometimes sacrifices modern and translated texts. Cambridge is also the 'birthplace' of practical criticism. You'll be able to delve deeper into areas of interest in dissertations, not so much the weekly essays. Depending on your college, you'll be working through the literary periods chronologically backwards or forwards (i.e. starting with medieval paper and working forward, or starting with the modern paper and working backwards). Within the boundaries of the Period papers, you also do have a lot of freedom to explore texts and themes of particular interest, beyond the set options. |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | It can be very subjective - supervisors' advice can vastly differ and even contradict. Workload increases exponentially from 1st to 3rd year. You should look into your DoS's specialties to get a feel for what they might focus on, or if you want to pursue something under their supervision.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

THANKS TO **Leandre Huang**



# Geography

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| <i>Location</i>         | Downing Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 101 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 1-2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 1-2h of supervisions, 6-8h of lectures, and 1.5h of practical classes a week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>Course structure</i> | First year subjects cover Human and Physical Geography (7 subtopics for human geography - Geography's Shapes, Sustainable Development, Geographies of Health, Urban Geography, Cultural Geography, Economic Globalisation and Geopolitics. 6 subtopics for physical geography - The Earth, Atmosphere, Biogeography, Cryosphere, Quaternary and Nature-based Solutions) and Geography Skills and Methods (Fieldwork and Coursework, consisting of Decolonising The Museum and Data Analysis using Excel, R Studio and GIS). Part IA includes 2 compulsory papers (human and physical geography) and 1 coursework section (~4 coursework assignments throughout Michaelmas and Lent). In the second and third year, there are a lot of niche, interesting papers to take, and there is a lot of room to customize based on your interests. |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | If you're interested in critically analyzing a broad range of topics and issues from a geographical, conceptual perspective, the course is for you! The course is interdisciplinary and weaves STEM and the humanities. In the first year, you have lectures/supervisions on volcanoes or atmospheric physics followed by geopolitics and culture. Fieldwork includes vegetation analysis, remote sensing and ethnography. Data analysis involves R and GIS. There are second-year field trips to places like Norway, Morocco, Gibraltar and Dublin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | A lot of self directed learning is required. There is no "end" to what you can study due to the breadth of topics covered by Geography (anything under the sun essentially!) so the course demands good time management and self discipline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

THANKS TO **Koo Yu Tang**

# History

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| <i>Location</i>               | Sidgwick Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Cohort</i>                 | 170 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>          | 0-2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Contact hours</i>          | 1-2 hours of supervisions a week, around 4 hours of lectures a week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Course structure</i>       | <p><u>1st Year</u> you take 2 outline papers, 1 sources paper, and 2 compulsory papers - historical thinking and historical skills. Outline papers offered cover a pretty wide geographical area and timeline. The Sources paper examines in detail a body of primary material on a particular historical theme, issue, or event. Historical thinking is college taught, introduces methods and debates by examining a single work of history that has influenced the wider discipline. Historical skills introduce you to basic research skills. Exam weightage of this year is 0%.</p> <p><u>2nd Year</u><br/>2nd Year you take 2 topic papers, 1 research project and historical thinking. The Topics papers are similar to outline papers in structure and teaching. The research project is a 5k word essay - you will have classes that teach you how to approach a particular topic in history and the classes will equip you with the skills to conduct primary research on the topic. Historical thinking this year introduces you to broad methodological fields of history, such as environmental history, material culture, and intellectual history. Exam weightage of this year is 30%.</p> <p><u>3rd Year</u><br/>3rd Year there are 2 possible routes to go down in terms of paper selection. The first one is if you do a dissertation. For this option, you will do a dissertation, historical thinking, a special subject, and an advanced topic. The second option is if you choose not to do a dissertation. For this option you will do historical thinking, a special subject, and two advanced topics. Historical thinking this year builds on the earlier two years encouraging you to reflect critically on major historical concepts encountered throughout the degree. Advanced topics are taught in seminars and will be similar to the topic papers and outline papers in structure and exam style. The special subject counts as two papers and provides sophisticated in-depth study of an historical period, process or problem, and is focused predominantly on the study and use of primary sources. Exam weightage of this year is 70%.</p>  |
| THANKS TO <b>Angeline Toh</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# History

## *Course appeal*

You'll get opportunities to learn and work with historians who are at the forefront of their field and quite a lot of freedom and flexibility in deciding the areas of historical interest you want to pursue. If you're someone who enjoys going in-depth in historical topics and a course that gives you quite a lot of agency in deciding how you want to spend your time the structure of this course will be something you enjoy.

## *Course caveats*

A lot of self-directed learning is expected, there is a lot of reading to get through per week so managing your time well is really important. Supervision essays are also quite different from exam essays - while you'll have much more time to develop and write longer essays for supervisions, the format of exam essays are three essays in three hours so that adjustment might not be the easiest.



# History & Politics

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| <i>Location</i>         | Sidgwick Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 60-70 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 6h of lectures and 1-2h of supervisions/week. 8-9 essays/term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Course structure</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part IA includes 3 compulsory papers (1 History Outline and 2 mandatory Politics) and 1 interdisciplinary 4,000 word essay (Evidence and Argument) submitted in May.</li> <li>• Part IB includes 3 compulsory papers (1 History Outline and 2 mandatory Politics (Political Theory and IR)) and 1 interdisciplinary 5,000 word essay (either on History or Politics) submitted in May.</li> <li>• Part II involves choosing 3 papers from a wide range of possible combinations - you can choose to specialize in either History or Politics, or continue taking a mix of both. Alternatively, you're able to replace 1 of the 3 papers with a 10,000 word dissertation. There is also a compulsory paper called Theory and Practice in History and Politics.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | If you're someone who enjoys learning for learning's sake, you'll appreciate how many of the concepts you learn about in your politics papers can be applied to understanding historical phenomena better (especially for recent history). The workload is also relatively lighter compared to most other subjects, and you'll find that you have more free time to pursue your interests.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | A lot of self directed learning is required. The final exams for all the non-coursework papers are 3 hour written exams - may not be for you if you prefer coursework. Performance can depend on how familiar your supervisors are with the examiners' demands. Being a joint tripos, you're neither fully part of the History, nor POLIS department, and papers can be quite poorly organized. Politics papers are also heavily theoretical, and don't have much modern applications (at least in the first two years).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

THANKS TO **Abdul Mateen Kamal**

# Human, Social, and Political Sciences

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| <i>Location</i>         | Sidgwick Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 167 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | ~5 (The 2025 freshers batch was a bumper crop with 8)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 8h of lectures and 2h of supervisions/ week. 12 essays/term, although this is dependent on your supervisors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Course structure</i> | 1st Year Subjects include POL1 (The Modern State and its Alternatives), POL2 (International Conflict, Order, and Justice), SAN1 (Social Anthropology: The Comparative Perspective), SOC1 (Introduction to Sociology: Modern Societies I). Part I select 4 papers, with the 4 either being the core papers, or taking 3 core papers and one optional paper. Part IIA specialize into 3-single track options or 5 joint-track options. Part IIB involve 4 papers, or 3 papers and 1 dissertation.                                                                                                              |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | Course is unique to Cambridge with very strong departments, especially for POLIS and Social Anthropology. Many of the books on your reading list were published by your professors. Very passionate supervisors, and the depth of knowledge you glean is incredibly enriching, especially if you already have a passion for a particular subject.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | A lot of self directed learning is required. It may be difficult to write your personal statement due to the breadth of the course, and is very essay-heavy. Exam results are highly variable. The topics studied and the quality of supervision depend heavily on the supervisor's expertise. Supervision styles also tend to vary, with some supervisors preferring a more lecture/content format, whereas others will focus more heavily on your essay.<br>A tendency to have around 2 crunch weeks in a term, where up to 3 or 4 essays may be due; do try and manage your time in those periods well :) |

THANKS TO Joel Chik

THANKS TO **Joel Chik**

*\*previously known  
as Land Economy*

THANKS TO **Idris Bin Wan Hazar**



# Law

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| <i>Location</i>         | Sidgwick Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 200-230 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | ~30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 9-10h of lectures/week and 4h of supervisions spread over 2 weeks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Course structure</i> | 1st Year Subjects: Civil Law in Context, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Law of Torts. Part IA: 4 compulsory papers. Part IB: 2 compulsory papers + 3 elective papers. Part II: 2 compulsory papers + 3 elective papers, with the option to swap out an elective paper for either a 12,000 word dissertation or 2 half-papers.                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | The supervision system and course structure allows you to go really in depth with the various topics and engage with them more than you might be able to elsewhere. There's a chance your supervisors will be the very people who wrote the textbooks you're studying or the articles you're quoting. The Civil Law in Context course is quite unique (and compulsory). There are some very interesting and foundational concepts to be picked up there. |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | The degree offers less modality than some other unis (eg NUS), meaning you may have slightly less choice with respect to elective modules. There is not much extracurricular support for things like moots or negotiation competitions. Most learning is done by self-studying, and there are very few contact hours compared to Singaporean unis.                                                                                                       |

THANKS TO **Brandon Loy**

# Linguistics

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| <i>Location</i>         | Sidgwick Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 25-40 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | 0-2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 4-5h of lectures and 3h of supervisions/week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Course structure</i> | <p>1st Year Subjects: Li1 (Sounds and Words), Li2 (Structures and Meanings), Li3 (Language, Brains and Machines), Li4 (Change and Variation).</p> <p>Part I: 4 compulsory papers (above).<br/> Part IIA: Choose 4 papers from 16-23 available (including borrowable papers).<br/> Part IIB: Choose 2 papers (from same selection as Part IIA) + Li5 (Linguistic Theory) + Dissertation.</p>           |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | It is one of the few courses offering linguistics by itself, focusing on a theoretical approach. The faculty includes leading linguists, providing great exploration and opportunities for interested students.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | Some 1st year papers have an Anglocentric bias. In later years, many borrowable papers are Eurocentric and some require prerequisite language competencies. While its strong theoretical focus may deter those keen to work on a language as part of their degree, Linguistics and Modern Languages (LML) is a related course allowing students to work on both linguistics and (selected) languages. |

# Mathematics

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| <i>Location</i>         | Cockcroft/Babbage LTs in New Museums site (Y12), Centre for Mathematical Sciences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 250 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | ~10 (batch graduating in 2028 only has like 5 though)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | (Y1) 2 hours of lectures per day, 6 days per week, and 2 hours of supervision per week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Course structure</i> | 1st Year Subjects: Vectors and Matrices, Differential Equations, Numbers and Sets, Groups, Analysis I, Probability, Vector Calculus, Dynamics and Relativity. Part IA and IB each have 4 compulsory papers, with IB adding a Computational Project. No choice of courses in Part IA, some choice of courses in Part IB, too many choices in Part II. Part II has 4 compulsory papers plus a computational project; students choose applied or pure tracks (or a mix of both, no restrictions).                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | Cambridge Math is known as one of the toughest and most rigorous courses in the world. Physics is considered applied Math (it is taught with a more Mathematical/rigorous approach than Physics in Natural Sciences for instance), and may even be more suitable in preparing those who want to pursue graduate studies in Physics. Supervisors and lecturers are highly distinguished. Lecture theatres (Y12) are central. Short lecture hours (you can laugh at medics [see below] who use the same LT before AND after you every day). Loads of notes readily available online (from past lecturers or enthusiastic students) to revise from since courses do not change much year to year. |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | Most learning is self-guided. Be prepared to put in 42 hours of hard work per week to achieve top grades. Real feedback is limited mainly to supervisions for example sheets; extra problems outside lecture content are recommended. Some supervisors and lecturers aren't very good at teaching (although they are technically brilliant). Monday to Saturday lectures, some lecturers (especially those on Sat) refuse to upload lecture recordings to "encourage" people to attend lectures.                                                                                                                                                                                               |

THANKS TO **Gan Xin Xiang**



# Medicine

## *Location*

Y1-2: Downing Site

Y3: Dependent on Intercalation

Y4-6:

- Cambridge site: Addenbrookes
- Possible regional placements: The Lister Hospital, Bedford Hospital, Peterborough City Hospital, Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, Ipswich Hospital, West Suffolk Hospital

## *Cohort*

280 students

## *No. of SGeans*

~30 total, ~3-7 per year group

## *Contact hours*

Preclinical: 20-25 hours of lectures, labs, and practicals, plus 4-5 hours of supervisions per week.

## *Course structure*

- 1st Year Modules (Part IA): Functional Architecture of the Body (FAB), Molecules in Medical Science (MIMS), Homeostasis (HOM), Foundations of Evidence Based Practice (FEBP), Social and Ethical Context of Health Inequalities (SECHI), Preparing for Patients A (PFP A)
- 2nd Year Modules (Part IB): Biology of Disease (BoD), Mechanisms of Drug Action (MoDA), Neurobiology and Human Behaviour (NHB), Head and Neck Anatomy (HNA), Preparing for Patients B and C (PFP B, PFP C)
- 3rd Year (Part II): Students choose an intercalation course from a wide variety of subjects to complete their BA. This is accompanied by Preparing for Patients D (PFP D).
- 4th-6th Years: Clinical teaching and placements. Clinical teaching is based in Addenbrookes' Hospital, while placements can take place both in Addenbrookes and regional hospitals.



THANKS TO **Julia Wang**

# Medicine

## *Course appeal*

The traditional structure provides a strong foundation before entering the clinical years. The course is rigorous and has a much heavier focus on the scientific basis of Medicine than other universities. The 1st year Anatomy course includes a full-body cadaver dissection which is a very unique and invaluable experience. The 3rd-year intercalation allows you to pursue a specific field of interest in depth. I have found the supervision system to be an excellent method of learning and clarifying points you may not have understood during lectures. Most supervisors are also experts in their field, and this allows opportunities for in depth learning and discussions beyond the normal medical syllabus should you be interested. Most if not all lectures are recorded and lecture materials are uploaded online for reviewing.

## *Course caveats*

Because of the traditional structure, there is very little patient contact in the first two years compared to other UK medical schools running an integrated medical course. The contact hours and workload are quite high - depending on the college, you can additionally expect anywhere from 1-4 essays per week as part of supervision work, potentially with MCQ and practical questions. Supervision quality can vary quite a bit between colleges. Our examination format is demanding (don't you just love it when all your friends have <6 papers and you have 11...) and we are one of the very few medical schools in the UK to write timed essays as part of our preclinical examination papers. Most clinical placements are based in the East Anglia region and may require fairly long travel times.

# Philosophy

## *Location*

Sidgwick Site

## *Cohort*

~50 per year

## *No. of SGeans*

Between 0 and 1 per year

## *Contact hours*

~10-15 per week in lectures

~2 per week in supervisions, discussion groups or logic classes

## *Course structure*

The course is split into three parts (IA, IB, II), each lasting a year. Part IA includes a standard compulsory curriculum comprising papers on Metaphysics, Ethics and Political Philosophy, Meaning, Set Texts (Plato, Descartes, Mill), and Formal Methods. Part IB includes the compulsory Knowledge, Language and the World paper and the General Paper, as well as three additional papers from a selection. Part II includes a dissertation or the General Paper, as well as three additional papers from a selection (with the possibility of borrowing papers from other departments).

## *Course appeal*

The course offers a deep and systematic exploration of philosophy in the analytic tradition. Supervisions are one-on-one and contribute significantly to your philosophical development. The course rigour is high, the writing load is intensive (~2500 words per week) and much independent work is expected. I have found the philosophical rigour to be significantly higher at Cambridge compared to peer institutions in the US.

## *Course caveats*

The course is narrow; if you are looking to study philosophy outside the Anglo-American analytic tradition (e.g. continental, Chinese), this course may not be the best fit for you. Similarly, if you are looking for broad exposure, a more explicitly interdisciplinary course (e.g. Oxford PPE, Cambridge HistPo, Cambridge HSPS) or studies in the US may be a better fit.



# Psychological & Behavioural Sciences

*Location*

New Museums Site

*Cohort*

~66 students

*No. of SGeans*

~3

*Contact hours*

8-12 hours of lectures and 4 hours of supervisions every 2 weeks.

*Course structure*

- 1st Year Subjects: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, Introduction to Social Psychology, Experimental Psychology (Statistics paper) and 1 optional paper from a wide range (e.g. HSPS, NST, Philosophy, Sociology).
- 2nd Year Subjects: Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology and 2 optional papers from a wide range.
- 3rd Year Subjects: 2 psychology papers from a wide range, 1 optional paper from a wide range and a research dissertation.

*Course appeal*

The course is highly interdisciplinary, allowing you to combine psychology with other social or natural sciences. The research dissertation in the final year provides a great opportunity to conduct original psychological research.

*Course caveats*

Because it is a broad course, you may find yourself taking papers from departments with very different teaching and examination styles. Some students may find the statistical and methodological components challenging. The faculty also introduced the current curriculum 2 years ago, so sometimes dissemination of information can be messy, and there are not many past year papers to refer to.

# Natural Sciences (Biological)

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| <i>Location</i>         | New Museums Site/Downing Site/West Hub/Yusuf-Hamied Department of Chemistry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Cohort</i>           | 529 students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>No. of SGeans</i>    | ~20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Contact hours</i>    | 12h of lectures (Saturday 9am lectures included), 7-13h of practicals (depending on subjects taken), and 4h of supervisions/week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Course structure</i> | <p><b>Note:</b> NatSci is changing the course structure for 2026/2027 so your IA and IB will look quite different.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Part IA: 3 experimental subjects from 8 available + 1 math option (Math A, Math B, or Math Bio)</li><li>• Part IB: 3 subjects from 18 available Part II: 1 subject from 15 available</li><li>• Part III: optional MSci, 1 subject from 9 available</li></ul> <p>1st Year Subjects: Biodiversity, Evolution &amp; Ecology, Biomedical Sciences, Biomolecules &amp; Cells, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Introduction to Experimental Psychology</p> |
| <i>Course appeal</i>    | <p>Delivered by 14 departments, flexible framework for exploring biological and/or physical subjects before specializing in Part II.</p> <p>The biology courses go into a lot of detail across a very broad range (e.g., biochemistry, molecular genetics, developmental biology, plant physiology, microbial physiology, medical physiology), so if you are especially interested in biology this course is for you.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Course caveats</i>   | <p>Intense workload due to sheer number of contact hours (biweekly labs, four supervisions per week, Saturday lectures for 2026/2027 but may be removed for 2027/2028). The amount of content is a lot, even if you have taken H3 subjects. The lectures can be quite “fact-dump” with poor organisation sometimes, so you have to organise the information, do your own research, make your own notes and form your own insights. Some important mechanisms, details, and logic tend to be glossed over or over-simplified in the lectures.</p>                                                               |

# Natural Sciences (Physical)

*Location*

New Museums Site/Downing Site/West Hub/Chemistry Faculty

*Cohort*

529 students

*No. of SGeans*

~20

*Contact hours*

12h of lectures/week (3h per subject, includes Saturdays, though this might change next year), 4h of supervisions/week (1h for each subject), and practicals (varies, see distribution by subject below)

- Chemistry - 1x 5h practical every 2 weeks
- Physics - 1x 3.5h practical every 2 weeks
- Materials Science - 1x 1.5h practical every week
- Earth Sciences - 3x 1h practicals every week
- Math - 4x 1.5h practical (Python coding) in Michaelmas and Lent terms.

*Course structure*

**Note:** NatSci is changing the course structure for 2026/2027 so your IA and IB will look quite different.

- Part IA: 3 experimental subjects from 8 available + 1 maths option (Maths A/B)
- Part IB: 3 subjects from 18 available
- Part II: 1 subject from 15 available
- Part III: optional MSci, 1 subject from 9 available

1st Year Subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Earth Sciences, Maths A/B



THANKS TO **Alphonsus Low**



# Natural Sciences (Physical)

## *Course appeal*

Each of the subjects are taught to a standard that matches or exceeds most other UK universities' 1st year undergraduate degree programmes, so you are essentially doing four science degrees simultaneously. There are some overlapping concepts between subjects which allow you to bridge the gap between different scientific disciplines. The interdisciplinary nature of this course gives you a broad view of the physical sciences without sacrificing depth and also allows for more flexibility in choosing your preferred specialisation later on.

There are two options for the Mathematics course, namely Math A and Math B. Math B proceeds at a significantly faster pace and covers more content, and is recommended (but not necessary!) if you intend to specialise in Physics.

Earth Sciences is probably the most interdisciplinary of the experimental subjects. It covers concepts from Physics, Chemistry and Materials Science, Geography and even Biology. Be prepared to frequently write essays and identify/sketch rocks and fossils if you take this subject. However, if you do decide to, it also includes a heavily-subsidised 8D7N field trip to Scotland, which is known to be incredibly enriching and memorable.

## *Course caveats*

You will have to do subjects you may not enjoy or wish to do. For example, despite being a hardcore physicist you will have to still do two other courses, e.g. 1A Chemistry and Materials Science. While some may enjoy the breadth, others may find it to be an additional burden. Contact hours are one of the highest amongst all Cambridge undergraduate programmes.

# colleges

When applying to Cambridge on UCAS, you have to pick a college to apply to. Some students naturally find most of their social life within their own college, while others enjoy building friendships across different colleges through their course, societies, and the wider university community. There is no single 'right' way to do it — how much your college shapes your day-to-day life is entirely up to you!

A good starting point is checking which colleges offer the course you are pursuing. While most colleges have similar interview formats, some of them have special procedures worth noting. Both the [university](#) and the [Student Union](#) have their own college picker tool to help you select your ideal college.

**Read on to find out more  
about each college!**

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# Christ's

## BATCH SIZE

I30-I40

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

I3-I5

## ACCOMMODATION

Guaranteed accommodation for all 3 years, with 1st and 3rd years staying on site. 2nd years have the option of balloting for off-site accommodation. 1st year rooms are determined randomly, though it is possible to request specific types of rooms for valid reasons. The 2nd year ballot is random, and the 3rd year ballot is reversed.

Rent ranges from £1610 - 2472 (2026/27) per term, with vacation accommodation tenancies for students staying over breaks. There are room options for en-suite and shared bathrooms; depending on room category, you may have to move out over every break.

Rooms can vary quite significantly on size/nature of shared spaces (e.g no. of people sharing bathrooms, kitchens), but are generally comfortable, and close to each other across the college campus. Laundry is also free.

## LOCATION

Very central, located right in the heart of Cambridge. 1-2 minutes away from Sainsbury's and Market Square. It is slightly further away from certain faculties such as Sidgwick Site and West Hub, but still no more than a 15-20 minute walk or 10-15 minute cycle.

## FOOD

- Mains range between £3-£6, and sides are free and unlimited. Quality varies but is generally decent.
- Traditional English breakfast is served every weekday and brunch every weekend.
- Formals happen five times a week, priced between £12-£19.
- Kitchens are small with limited appliances, usually only induction hobs, a kettle, a fridge, and a microwave, so many students bring rice cookers and air fryers.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Christ's is the only college that retains a Scholar's Ballot. Students who obtain a First-Class Honours in the preceding year have preferential access to a select range of better rooms in the following year.

## PROS

- All students can claim £400 every year through a Flexible Grant Scheme, which can be used for things like academic-related purchases (e.g devices, books), or accommodation rent.
- Christ's has a strong reputation for academic excellence, which is reflected in daily interactions with peers and fellows. Most are ambitious but friendly, creating a great studying environment.

## CONS

Christ's takes in many Singaporeans each year, which may make it harder for Singaporean students to leave their comfort zone and make non-Singaporean friends, though it is still very possible and encouraged.



Photo credits: Christ's College Hospitality



# Churchill

## BATCH SIZE

I30-I40

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

0-I

\*Current Y1 batch has 4 - an anomaly!

## ACCOMMODATION

Undergraduates are guaranteed on-site accommodation for the duration of their course.

Rooms are modern, spacious, light, and warm. All have at least an individual basin, and over 40% are fully en-suite. Non-ensuite rooms are £170 and en-suite rooms cost £200 a week.



Photo credits: Churchill College

## LOCATION

A hill college and the closest to the West Cambridge site, where many STEM departments are located.

## FOOD

- Churchill offers excellent food in its dining hall, with a diverse range of options daily.
- A typical two-course self-service dinner costs between £5.60-£7.20.
- There are special desserts/themed meals on weekday lunches and dinners which are delicious and affordable.
- The buttery bar also serves light snacks and refreshments throughout the day.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Around 70% of the student body studies STEM subjects, reflecting Churchill's founding vision of a British MIT. It is home to the world-renowned Churchill Archive Centre, which houses documents and personal papers from British and international figures.

## PROS

- Churchill is one of the few colleges with accommodation, sporting facilities, and administrative buildings integrated into a single site, making life convenient.
- It also has Cambridge's largest formal hall, and many societies host their annual formals there.

## CONS

It is further from the city centre and restaurants compared to more central colleges, though the market square is only an eight-minute cycle away. A University Bus stop outside the college provides easy access to the rest of the city.

# Clare

## BATCH SIZE

132

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

3

## ACCOMMODATION

First-year accommodation in Memorial Court is very good and value for money (£145–£230 per week), especially considering room size, though students must move out after each term.

Second and third-year accommodation in Castle Court is off-site and slightly further from town (10–15 minutes), with an optional nine-month licence.

In both Memorial and Castle court, students are in close proximity and well connected by common areas, which means that you'll know everyone very quickly and see them every often.

Rooms are generally affordable and decent, though some can be smaller. Style varies between modern purpose built student housing and converted older buildings with a wooden interior and more authentic Cambridge feel.

## LOCATION

A central college completely isolated from tourists, between King's and Trinity and beside Trinity Hall. The grounds extend to the Backs and to castle hill. The first-year accommodation, Memorial Court, is a few minute's walk from the University Library and Sidgwick site, where most humanities students will have lectures.

## FOOD

- Buttery food is affordable, with meat mains from £3+, vegetarian mains from £2+, and sides or dessert at 80p. Vegan options are available daily. Quality is generally decent but variable.
- One of the cheapest Formal Halls, same price for students and guests. Formal food is decent but you get what you pay for.
- Evensong dinner every Sunday is about the same price as a formal and provides a more casual experience with a free flow Sunday roast.
- Kitchens have a kettle, microwave, toaster, fridge and electrical hob.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Clare is a musical college with a very good chapel choir, weekly services, evening concerts, and many talented music students. The college is the second oldest in the uni, celebrating its 700th anniversary in 2026. It is the only college to have free punting till 1am, with most colleges either being paid or limited to daylight hours.

## PROS

The college has beautiful architecture and gardens, a nice bridge, and views of the River Cam. The bridge, accessible only to Clare students, provides the most convenient private thoroughfare between the backs and the centre of town. Bike parking is spacious and covered, with a keycard locked section. Incredibly friendly and welcoming community due to the forced proximity.

## CONS

There is limited paid storage for international students. The international community is small, with few Singaporeans. Heating in some rooms can be poor. Porters can sometimes be unfriendly, but never unhelpful.



Photo credits: Clare College



# Corpus Christi

## BATCH SIZE

60-70

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

0-5

## ACCOMMODATION

Three years of accommodation are guaranteed.

First-year rooms vary greatly in size and may be located in New Court, Old Court, Library Court, or Benet Street Hostel.

Second- and third-year rooms are allocated through a common ballot, with the second-year ballot random and the third-year ballot reversed.

Quality varies significantly, with trade-offs between location, noise, and kitchen access.

## LOCATION

Very central, three minutes from Market Square and eight minutes from Sainsbury's. It is directly opposite Jack's Gelato.

## FOOD

- Meals range from £3 for one main to £7 for two mains and two sides.
- Formals are among the cheapest in Cambridge (£18 for students, £20 for guests) and are considered top-tier.
- There are few hobs, so most students rely on hall food, microwaved meals, or takeaway.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Corpus is one of the smallest colleges in Cambridge, taking in about 80 undergraduates a year, with 0-3 Singaporeans. It has a cosy, homely atmosphere and a strong academic support system. It also has the famous Corpus Clock.

## PROS

Corpus is beautiful, with a dreamy chapel. Its small size creates a warm and welcoming community. It is historically strong academically, especially for Law.

## CONS

Tourists crowd Jack's Gelato and the Corpus Clock, making it annoying to leave college. Benet Street Hostel is one of the noisiest accommodations in Cambridge. Kitchen facilities are limited.



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# Downing

## BATCH SIZE

I40-I50

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

0-5

## ACCOMMODATION

Undergraduates are guaranteed three years of on-site accommodation.

First-year students must move out at the end of each term. Second- and third-year students can sign longer leases to avoid moving out; these rooms are usually located in the houses along Lensfield Road.

The second-year ballot is random and the third-year ballot reversed. There are both shared-bathroom and en-suite options, and laundry is free. Students may room with friends in a house after first year.

## LOCATION

Very central, next to Downing Site where most STEM lectures are held, and close to the Chemistry and Engineering departments. Regent Street, with many shops and restaurants, is a five-minute walk away.

## FOOD

- There is a £4.90 meal deal for one main and two sides.
- Downing is known externally for having some of the best formal and hall food, though Downing students themselves find it hit-or-miss. Leftover food can be taken for free after 2:30pm.
- Kitchens are excellent, with kettles, toasters, hobs, freezers, and ovens.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Free doughnuts and hot chocolate are provided every Wednesday by the chapel. Downing has a long-standing reputation as a law college, and a rising reputation for STEM subjects like Medicine.

## PROS

- Downing is extremely central and convenient, with high accessibility to amenities.
- The paddock is lovely for picnics, and the bar is a great hangout spot.
- Accommodation quality is consistently high across all three years.
- The college has a strong culture and friendly porters.

## CONS

The international student population is small with poor ethnic diversity, and the college is known to be conservative with an insular culture. There are very few Singaporeans. Downing is close to many clubs, making walking home at night feel unsafe, though noise is not an issue.



Photo credits: Downing Conferences  
Cambridge

# Emmanuel

## BATCH SIZE

I40

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

2-5

## ACCOMMODATION

The majority of accommodation is guaranteed onsite throughout all three years, with several offsite units five minutes away. Fourth-year students are housed mainly off-site.

Rent ranges from £160-260/per week with a guaranteed option for grade 3 or below (£190/per week). Rent is all-inclusive, and you do not need to pay extra for heating, laundry service, or machines.

Kitchen facilities may be limited depending on chosen accommodation, though all rooms have mini fridges.



Photo credits: Emmanuel College

## LOCATION

Very central, adjacent to Parker's Piece, opposite Grand Arcade and a five-minute walk to Market Square. It is a five-minute walk to Downing Site and New Museums and fifteen minutes to Sidgwick Site. Drummer Street Bus Station is also right outside and is the central bus terminal for Cambridge.

## FOOD

- Meals cost £4-£5 for one main and one side with vegetarian options offered daily, though portion sizes are limited.
- Hot and cold desserts are offered and are highly recommended.
- Formal hall runs six days a week and costs £13.10 for Emma students and £22.65 onwards for guests.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Ducks are commonly mentioned as Emma's specialty, but moorhens, coots, and the occasional goose or swan also frequently appear at the Paddock pond. Emma is home to many old trees, including a Dawn Redwood from the 1948 expedition in China. The chapel was designed by Christopher Wren.

## PROS

- Emma is the only college with a serviced laundry, with clothes folded and returned in 2-4 days.
- We also have the cheapest college bar, with a pint of beer going for £2.10.
- Extensive gardens (that you may walk on) and a swimming pool which opens in Easter.
- The college library is open 24/7 and has a large collection of puzzles and board games.
- Close-knit Singaporean community.

## CONS

- Mediocre gym and stiff competition if you want to book laundry machines to wash your own clothes (though still free).
- Admission interviews are conducted in-person.



# Fitzwilliam

## BATCH SIZE

I40

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

2

## ACCOMMODATION

On-site accommodation is guaranteed for first-year students. All rooms are semi-ensuite with individual showers and shared toilets. Rent is £180–£200 per week, though this may differ depending on the year.

From second year onward, balloting is split between those living onsite and offsite. There are houses near the college for students to live in, with both ensuite and non-ensuite rooms.



Photo credits: Oxford Summer Courses

## LOCATION

A hill college relatively near West Cambridge, where many STEM departments are located. It is also a fifteen-minute cycle to Downing Site.

## FOOD

- Buttery food can be hit or miss.
- Brunch is usually good, consisting of a standard English breakfast served on weekends.
- Desserts, especially cakes, are usually good but can be pricey.
- Meals cost around £4 - £5 for one main and one side.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Lee Kuan Yew studied at Fitzwilliam when it was known as Fitzwilliam House.

## PROS

- The gardens are pretty, with many flowers and plants around the campus.
- The cafeteria is a great place to socialise with friends.
- Free storage is provided every term break for international students.
- Can apply for ST Telemedia - Lee Kuan Yew bond-free undergraduate scholarship.

## CONS

The location is not ideal for those who do not or cannot ride bikes. There are only a few Singaporeans (two to three) in each undergraduate cohort, although there are a number of Singaporean postgraduates.



# Girton

| BATCH SIZE | NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| I45        | I-2                           |

## ACCOMMODATION

First-year students stay at the main college site and room allocations are determined via a ballot system.

From the second year onwards, students can apply to stay in the modern Swirles Court accommodation, where all rooms are ensuite.

Non-ensuite rooms cost £218 per week and ensuite rooms cost £228 per week. Accommodation tenancies run through the holidays.



Photo credits: Girton College

## LOCATION

A hill college located ~15-minutes from the city centre by bike along a straight path. It is a 10-min journey from the city centre by bus services 5 or 6, or a 25-minute journey on the University Bus service, which runs through West Cambridge.

## FOOD

- Hall food is usually good and reasonably priced at £4.95 for a meat meal and £4.40 for a vegetarian or vegan meal.
- These come with free-flow sides, which always include very crispy chips, and a free-flow salad bar.
- A plate of sides and salad bar is priced at £1.50.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

- Girton was established as the UK's first residential college for women's university education.
- It is the only college with a heated indoor swimming pool, and students can reap bountiful harvests of apples from the apple orchard during the fruiting season.
- Noteworthy Singaporean alumni include Kwa Geok Choo (Mrs Lee Kuan Yew) & Lim Hwee Hwa (former Second Minister for Finance & Transport).

## PROS

Girton is widely regarded to be one of the prettiest colleges. Kitchens are very well equipped with air fryers, freezers, ovens, and induction hobs. Girton is known for its friendly community.

## CONS

The biggest downside is the distance from the city centre, making travel inconvenient in rainy or very cold weather. The library is only open from 9am to 11pm during term time and becomes packed during exam season.

# Gonville & Caius

## BATCH SIZE

I65

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

0-I

## ACCOMMODATION

First-year students stay at Harvey Court which is next to Sidgwick Site (humanities subjects). 10-15 minute walk to city centre. There is SHB and Harvey Court for first-year students (SHB is newer) but all first-year rooms are ensuite and are generally great. Rent is about £200/pw.

Second year onwards you can live in Central (Green Street, Grange Road, Morti). In third year, you can live in Central and Tree Court (main side of the college) or the newly renovated St Mikes accom.



Photo credits: Gonville & Caius

## LOCATION

Extremely central, though living away from the main site can be slightly inconvenient due to the Minimum Dining Requirement (MDR). First-year accommodation is situated within a reasonable distance, especially when walking through King's College, and provides a highly social environment for the cohort to live together.

## FOOD

- Quality is improving and is generally edible. Under the MDR, students are required to dine in hall 36 times per term at approximately £6 per meal. While the food may not be spectacular, this requirement fosters a mandatory social aspect that encourages student integration.
- A significant benefit is the very affordable £6 formals, which are part of an active formal culture that many students participate in frequently.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

- Home to an exceptional library (formerly the university law library) that offers a quintessential 'dark academia' Cambridge atmosphere.
- The community is very friendly and social, likely encouraged by the shared dining experience.
- While Caius has a strong reputation for Medicine, students typically perform well across all disciplines.
- The campus is small but beautiful, and the porters are famously friendly.
- The student body may be slightly less international compared to St John's or Trinity.

## PROS

Strong community and social scene, premier central location, and a stunning library. Centralised first-year housing makes it easy to build friendships, supported by friendly porters who often know students by name.

## CONS

- MDR (can be a pro or con TBH but if you want to cook or eat elsewhere it can be annoying)
- Accommodation not all centralised. Small main site so smaller grounds, but you can just go to next door colleges to appreciate the gardens and River Cam etc.
- Food not that great...



# Homerton

## BATCH SIZE

I60

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

3

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is guaranteed to undergraduates for three years, and the vast majority of rooms are onsite and ensuite. Freshers stay in West House, second and third-year students ballot for a range of rooms, including bigger and cheaper non-ensuite rooms. West House makes for a very social environment as it is filled by Freshers only.

Balloting for second-year is random and the ballot order is reversed for third-year. One of the cheapest rental rates in the university. Leases are eight weeks, so you don't have to pay for your room during breaks!

## LOCATION

Far from the city centre, about a thirty-minute walk or ten-minute cycle. It is the closest college to the train station and the Education faculty. There are also many supermarkets in the area, an Asian mart and a leisure park nearby. Close to the Botanic Gardens.

## FOOD

A main with one side costs £4.82. Desserts cost £2.10. Food quality is generally good, with some off-days. Portions also vary but are usually filling.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

One of the biggest colleges (population and land size). Ducks can sometimes be found on the lawns, and the college has a beehive and an apple orchard! King Charles opened our dining hall. College bar has a great atmosphere.

## PROS

- Underfloor heating!
- The college grounds are large and beautiful, with many green spaces where students are allowed to walk/sit/picnic/play sports on the lawns.
- The Buttery is a great study space with yummy sweet treats, and our Dining Hall is modern & pretty beautiful! International students get priority access to storage rooms over term breaks.
- The community is diverse and very friendly.
- Lowkey fire formals that people will travel for, including themed ones like Enchanted Forest with an owl show.
- Great for travelling to the airport or to London, since it's close to the train station.
- Rent is also one of the cheapest in Cambridge!
- Housekeeping regularly provides fresh bedding and towels (they wash them for you!).
- Has its own Singapore Society (HOMSA) - close knit and regular meals together!

## CONS

- The location makes commuting to and from classes/town a hassle.
- Shared kitchens are small and lack ovens, freezers, and dining tables.



Photo credits: Wikipedia



# Hughes Hall

BATCH SIZE

50

NO. OF SINGAPOREANS  
PER BATCH

13

## ACCOMMODATION

Onsite accommodation is guaranteed for first-year students and master's students, with four bands to choose from, both ensuite and shared bathroom. The most expensive band (A) ensuite costs £270 per week.

Accommodation licences are term-time or 9-month contracts. If you apply for a term-time contract, you have to move out all your stuff during the term breaks. You can either store it with the college for around £30. Heating is good and kitchens are decent, but housekeeping only cleans the bathroom and not the room itself. Laundry is pay-per-use.

Second and third-year students mostly get offsite accommodation, unless you have a medical condition or you are part of the MCR committee. Offsite accommodation can be far from the city centre and are basically all located along the side streets down Mill Road, with further ones past the train station. There are limited ensuite options for offsite accommodation.

## LOCATION

Relatively central, located just below Parker's Piece. It is a five-minute cycle or fifteen-minute walk from the city centre. It is near the Chemistry and Engineering departments and a short cycle from Downing Site, but a 10 to 15-minute cycle from Sidgwick Site. It is one of the closest colleges to the train station which is about a 15-minute walk away, even closer if you stay at an offsite accommodation.

## FOOD

- Dining hall food costs about £4.50 for a main. Portions are average and quality varies depending on the cuisine. Western food can be good, but rice and Asian dishes are not.
- Fortunately, Hughes is near Mill Road, which has many Asian restaurants.
- Weekend brunches are the best and the food is relatively affordable. Formal food is generally decent too.

## PROS

Free coffee and tea are available in the dining hall. The price of formals is one of the cheapest at £17-18.

## CONS

There is not much funding or grants for students, and administrative support is lacking.



Photo credits: Hughes Hall

# Jesus

| BATCH SIZE | NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| I50        | 2-3                           |

## ACCOMMODATION

All undergraduates live in college-owned accommodation. Onsite accommodation is termly but guaranteed for first years, and most rooms are ensuite. Room prices range from £6,000 to £7,000 per year.

Second and third-year students ballot for rooms. Offsite accommodation contracts are either yearly or termly, located opposite the college, and have ovens but shared bathrooms. All accommodations have shared kitchens and free laundry. Cleaners only clean bathrooms and common areas. North Court heating is sometimes insufficient.



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## LOCATION

5 minutes from the city center on the good side of the river, and Sainsbury's is next door. It is just far enough that no tourists come here. If you cook, it's the college closest to Grafton JiaMart, an actual butcher up Victoria Ave and the huge Tescos and Lidl at Newmarket. If you row, this is the only college where walking to the boathouse isn't wasting half your day.

## FOOD

- Dining hall food is affordable 3.20-3.90 for a main, 1.20 for sides and 2 for desert. Quality and size is variable.
- Cheap brunch on weekends.
- Formals cost £14.50 for students and 16.70 for visitors. Formals are free if you're willing to read the college grace in Latin.
- Fast food is a 5 minute walk away and you can cross the river to Chesterton Rd for some of the cheapest Asian food in Cambridge.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

The oldest building still in use by the university is Jesus college chapel, because it used to be a nunnery. Wildlife walking trail entirely within college grounds. Also has a lot of modern "art" around college.

## PROS

- Huge grounds with wide, open green spaces. Near 2 big parks in Jesus Green and Midsummer Common.
- Hosts one of the best May Balls in Cambridge.
- Free laundry.
- The library has board games to borrow.
- Also, they pay you to travel or write random poetry (You can sometimes win by default).

## CONS

The college cafeteria only serves vegetarian food on Thursdays (apparently it's not bad)



# King's

| BATCH SIZE | NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| I20        | 2                             |

## ACCOMMODATION

Guaranteed accommodation, most are onsite, and offsite accommodation is nearby. Rooms are available on short or long contract, but for short contract free storage is available and guaranteed. Living on-site usually means you are on short contract and have to move out in winter and spring break. Rooms are well heated, and of a comfortable size. Rooms are cleaned on a weekly basis. Laundry is free. 1st year accommodation is by choice, but for subsequent years, it is done by a random ballot.



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## LOCATION

Very central. Within walking distance to every other place except West Hub.

## FOOD

Servery food costs around £2.85 for a veg main and £3.60 for a non-veg main and £1.20 for a side. Portions can be small especially for fish, but food is pretty yummy for college food standards. For a full meal you could spend around £6. For lunch there's free soup and bread. King's is quite big on sustainability, so unsold food would be sold the next day for a significantly cheaper price, so do look out for the zero-waste meal deals. King's is located pretty near other popular food locations like Honest Burgers, Pho, Bread and Meat, and the Market Square, so it is easy to find alternatives if servery food does not appeal to you. Some accommodations have worse kitchens than others for 2nd year onwards, so take note if you are cooking. 1st year accoms all have good kitchens.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

King's is a very liberal college and has many avenues of support if required. The current provost of King's is also very well-connected, so she often invites international figures to come to give talks.

## PROS

Lots of funding and financial aid available, as well as many prizes which are open for application. Beautiful chapel and the evensong is amazing. Free food (that is actually good) on welfare day.

## CONS

Too many tourists — King's is home to a famous chapel and the Xu Zhimo memorial stone, so there are many visitors coming in and out of the gates during the day, making it obstructive and noisy.

King's only has one formal per week, making it difficult for college members to get a ticket for the more popular ones like Valentines, Halloween and the Christmas superformal. Limited guest tickets as well.



# Lucy Cavendish

## BATCH SIZE

I35

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

5

## ACCOMMODATION

1st years are guaranteed on-site accommodation, and subsequent years stay in off-site accommodation. Lucy has a mandatory 9-month lease, so you pay for the room over the winter and Easter break. Prices range from £180 to £210 per week for first-year accommodations. The accommodations are generally great, at least for the first year. Oldham Hall has a huge room and kitchen, and the New Building looks like a modern hotel with kitchens equipped with multiple ovens and electric stoves.



Photo credits: Cnabridge Colleges

## LOCATION

The least hilly of the hill colleges. Within walking distance to places such as the main Sainsbury, ALDI's but not West Hub (if you're lazy to walk).

## FOOD

The dining hall here serves decent food. It's bad some days but is mostly edible, and the price is reasonable, especially if you get the 2 mains + 2 side deal. If you stay over the Winter and Easter break, the food quality does go up by a lot. However, no breakfast is served, and dinner is not served on Thursday or Friday, so cooking is recommended. There is a very popular and affordable kebab van (Madingley Kebab) right outside the college and some local and Indian restaurants in the vicinity, though you could always cycle to the city center for more options.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Lucy Cav was founded in 1965, the same year Singapore gained independence. It has become co-ed since 2021.

## PROS

1st year accommodation is great. Rooms are big and kitchens are well-equipped. Castle Mound is a fantastic vantage point to see the city, destress and hang out with friends. The college is smaller, making it easy to get around and meet new friends.

## CONS

Not very central, further away from most faculties and departments (except West Hub). Buildings are all very modern and lack the Harry Potter vibe that older colleges like King's and St John's have. Rental is slightly higher than other colleges.

# Magdalene

BATCH SIZE

I05

NO. OF SINGAPOREANS  
PER BATCH

3

## ACCOMMODATION

All undergrads are guaranteed on-site accommodation for the duration of their course. Prices are comparatively reasonable, but rent will be increased for the 2026-2027 cycle. Rent for first-years can range from £27.17/£25.45 per night. En-suites tend to run out by the middle of the room ballot, but you can also try for a set (bedroom and living room). Rooms are clean and spacious, but gyp space can be limited, depending on the building. Most rooms have fridges and sinks (if non ensuite). Some accommodation buildings have free laundry, otherwise it costs £3 to wash and dry.

There are two college gyms (one weights, one cardio) and this year the JCR has introduced women's and non-binary people's only hours in the gyms. Some students will have to clear their room over the breaks. You can either store your things in the locked storage in your room (which varies in size) or with the JCR for a small fee. Most of the student accommodation is located directly opposite the plodge in the Village but there are also other accommodation buildings less than 5min walk from the college.

## LOCATION

Relatively central. Right on the edge of what would be acceptable walking distance to the city center. It's beside the river with a lovely riverside walk and it's next to Jesus Green. Roughly 7-minute and 15-minute walk to Mainsbury's and Wasabi respectively. Directly opposite the Pickerel (pub).

## FOOD

Ramsay Hall meals cost around £4 including sides — mains are alright (generous portions), desserts are better (can't confirm, many students choose to cook instead). Brunch is offered instead of lunch on weekends, it's popular and cheap. Chinese Canteen is just 3 minutes away for a quick and tasty (and pricey) alternative. Formals are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays for £12 if they are not themed.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Pronounced "Mawdlin". There is an annual Sports Day against Magdalen Oxford. The JCR punt is also free to book. As revenge for being swindled out of significant income from London property by Benedict Spinola, the college made a gargoyle in his likeness that spits water into the river Cam.

## PROS

Strong academic community. Amazing new library and 16th century candlelit formal hall. The library is open 24/7 and has printing facilities. There are free fruits and tea/coffee/hot chocolate in the library social space. The library also has board games. The weights gym was renovated this year. Friendly people and a sizeable international community. The JCR hosts regular themed bops and the college wellbeing service also organises weekly events such as needle felting, yoga, paddle board etc. There is a large green open space beside the river.

## CONS

Not many spare rooms to host events or hangouts. College is reasonably wealthy, but doesn't offer generous subsidies that some other colleges do. The campus is relatively small.



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# Murray Edwards

## BATCH SIZE

110

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

1

### ACCOMMODATION

All rooms are on-site for 1st years, while you can choose to live off-site subsequently depending on your room balloting skills. My 1st year room was about £6,900 for a 33-week lease, for a decently spacious carpeted en-suite room, 2 kitchens (1 small and 1 big) with freezers, fridges, stove hobs, kettles and ovens. All rooms in Pearl House, which is where most freshers stay, is en-suite. The room itself is equipped with a bed, mattress, pillow, armchair, desk, desk lamp, office swivel chair and cupboards (remember to bring a blanket). There is a main lift, and a communal vacuum cleaner per floor. Laundry uses Circuit Go, which is about £5+ per wash and dry (depending on the laundry mode that you choose).

They also put free soap, shampoo, conditioner, facial wash, deodorant, laundry detergent, fabric softener, stain remover, menstrual pads, tampons, pregnancy tests and condoms in the laundry room. Once the term is over, you would have to clear room, with a lockable closet space for storage. Any extra items can be stored with the college for £10 per luggage/container. You can choose to extend your lease for £33 per day afterwards. Toilets are cleaned once every 2 weeks, and the kitchens and bins are cleared every weekday.

### LOCATION

A bike is recommended as it is situated at the top of Castle Hill so it is a bit further from the city centre (about a 15 minutes walk) though there are restaurants and pubs nearby. ALDI, Jia Mart and Iceland are about a 10 minute walk away. There is a backgate leading towards Sidgwick Site via a 5 minute bike ride.

### FOOD

Meals are served at the Dome, which is a unique dining area, for lunch and dinner on weekdays, and for brunch on Saturdays. Reasonably priced, with decent cooked food, dessert station, a salad bar (including chicken breast chunks, cooked salmon or falafel sometimes) where you can fill a bowl with whatever you want for £2. They have a themed cuisine every Thursday, such as Portuguese or Jamaican. Formals are every Tuesday for £14. There is a cafe which is nice to study at, and it also turns into a bar after 5 p.m.

### NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Largest collection of women's art, so there are paintings and ceramics everywhere you go. Architecture is very modern. All-girls college.

### PROS

Right beside a GP. Has a beautiful garden with herbs, apples and salad leaves that you can pick for your own consumption. College golden retriever called Roxy frequently does welfare walks around the school. We have multiple welfare events each week, such as facemask making workshops with LUSH, free arm massages, carpentry, painting and pottery workshops, meditation and yoga classes. Feels very safe in an all-girls college.

### CONS

Location, and the vibes are a lot more modern than the other colleges. Laundry is expensive.



Photo credits: Hotels.com

# Newnham

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| BATCH SIZE | NO. OF SINGAPOREANS<br>PER BATCH |
| I30        | 3                                |

## ACCOMMODATION

On-site accommodation is guaranteed for all 3 years. Rooms are randomly allocated in 1st year, and balloted in 2nd and 3rd year. Your ballot position is reversed from 2nd to 3rd year (although 3rd years get first pick). Most rooms are not en-suite, and furniture provision varies. Newnham is known for having very good kitchen facilities. Laundry is free.



Photo credits: Newnham College

## LOCATION

Grange Road college. Directly opposite Sidgwick Site and is a 15–20-minute walk to Downing Site and the city center.

## FOOD

The buttery food is pretty good. They don't serve breakfast, but lunch (brunch on Saturday) and dinner are served every day except for Sunday. There are 3 mains, 3 sides, a salad bar, dessert, sandwiches and drinks to choose from. It's slightly pricey; each main is £3.95 and a side is £1. Formals (£19.75) are every Wednesday. The Iris Cafe is on the pricier side but offers loads of drinks, sweet treats, and sandwiches. Restaurants nearby are Sala Thong and Millworks.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Amazing location for humanities students. Gardens are beautiful, and you can walk on the grass too. Friendly staff and porters who make the environment inclusive and welcoming. Accommodating to access needs or those who need financial support. Newnham is a women's college. On-site sports facilities include the rooftop gym, sports fields, netball and tennis courts. There's a vending machine and a Brita water dispenser.

## PROS

Beautiful gardens, strong community, excellent kitchens, and great support systems.

## CONS

All-female college environment may not suit everyone. Lack of an exclusively 1st year accommodation, but it facilitates meeting people from other years. Gym is small but free to use. Further from the main supermarkets.



# Pembroke

## BATCH SIZE

I50

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

5

## ACCOMMODATION

On-site accommodation is guaranteed for all 3 years. Rooms are randomly allocated in 1st year, and balloted in 2nd and 3rd year. Your ballot position is reversed from 2nd to 3rd year (although 3rd years get first pick). Most rooms are not en-suite, and furniture provision varies. Newnham is known for having very good kitchen facilities. Laundry is free.



Photo credits: Wikipedia

## LOCATION

Very central. Right next to Downing Site and New Museums Site, and is one of the closest colleges to the Chemistry Department. Also a 7-minute cycle or 10-minute walk from Sidgwick Site. A 5-minute walk from Sainsbury's Local, M&S Food, Boots, Tesco Express, and Market Square.

## FOOD

The servery serves affordable food three times a day, seven days a week, even outside of term time. Students get a 40% discount, so a main meal costs around £2.80. Food is of decent quality. Formals are held three times a week and cost £12 for members. Most food is allergen-free, and there are always vegan and vegetarian options, though there is no halal food yet. There is also a cafe that serves really good and affordable sandwiches & coffee.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

One of the most beautiful grounds and gardens in Cambridge, especially stunning in spring. 80% of students are from the UK, making it a very British student experience. Great rowing club: easy to join, very inclusive, and lots of Singaporeans. The library is well furnished and is open until 12am. Ray Dolby funded a cinema room with surround sound. The College café is newly opened and a lovely study space.

## PROS

Beautiful grounds, strong community, relatively bigger rooms, great rowing culture, and affordable food.

## CONS

Not a river college, but there is a Pembroke punt at Darwin that can be rented for £10/hour. Not much en-suite accommodation (around 30% of rooms are en-suite).

# Peterhouse

BATCH SIZE

80

NO. OF SINGAPOREANS  
PER BATCH

2

## ACCOMMODATION

1st year accommodation is largely terrible. If you care very much about having an en-suite or better facilities, WSB is quite a good shout; (though more costly than SPT) it's much newer on the inside and the kitchens are bigger and shared between 3-4 people. Avoid SPT 3, it's quite mucky and smells funny.



Photo credits: Wikipedia

## LOCATION

Very central. Right along Trumpington. An 8-minute walk from Mainsbury's, and a 15-minute walk from Sidgwick Site.

## FOOD

Food is decently priced and very accessible — three meals a day, barring Saturday and Sunday (brunch/dinner on Saturday, and only dinner on Sunday). There are formals every day, but they're mediocre. No cooking facilities in 1st year at all, but air fryers are allowed (and if you're willing enough, an illegal portable hob).

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Dean's port twice a term where everyone goes to a fancy room to drink port.

## PROS

Deer park in bloom is one of the most gorgeous sights you'll see. Good social scene too. Accommodation is relatively cheap. Quite traditional — you will get an authentic Cambridge experience. Quite a spacious and Cambridge-looking library although it closes by midnight.

## CONS

Cabin fever is an issue, being in such a small year group and living near each other can mean it sometimes devolves into pandemonium. College can get very right-leaning. Drinking society is a big deal and 10% of the year group is in it. Library is quite strict and not 24/7.



# Queens'

## BATCH SIZE

I60

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

7

## ACCOMMODATION

1st year students are guaranteed on-site accommodation, typically in Cripps Court (all en-suite or private bathrooms). 2nd and 3rd year students are spread across a mix of on and offsite locations. Accommodation tends to be on the pricier side, but you get to keep your room over the holidays. Laundry is free and kitchens are shared between 6 people — conducive for light cooking but that's it.



Photo credits: Queens' College

## LOCATION

Very central. Queens' offers the best of both worlds: central convenience with a touch of privacy. It's just a short walk to Sidgwick Site, the Engineering Department, and Main Street. Market Square is nearby for quick bites and grocery runs, with Mainsbury's within walking distance.

## FOOD

Queens' is legendary for its buttery food — famous for both taste and value. A hearty meal with a main and two sides typically costs just £3.60. Guests from other colleges are charged a 30% surcharge (still cheaper than their own buttery), but if they're accompanied by a Queens' student, the surcharge is waived.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Good academic community with a vibrant social life. Queens' is large in cohort size, so there are plenty of opportunities to meet people across subjects. The people here are also so kind and caring, it's really fun to live in. Close-knit Singaporean community. Queens' Boat Club is a rather enjoyable club, and a must try while you're here. Queens' also hosts popular May Week events and has a reputation for throwing good formals and bops.

## PROS

Good academic community with a vibrant social life. Large cohort size with many opportunities to meet people. Close-knit Singaporean community. Enjoyable rowing culture and strong May Week events.

## CONS

Queens' grounds are smaller and more compact than some of the grander colleges. The famous Mathematical Bridge draws heavy tourist traffic, though this is typically outside Queens' Plodge which can interrupt the peaceful atmosphere and reduce privacy.

# Robinson

## BATCH SIZE

I20

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

0

## ACCOMMODATION

Onsite accommodation is guaranteed and rent stays fixed for all three years. First-years get mostly en-suite staircase rooms, while second- and third-years can group-ballot for houses or sets. Many facilities are recently renovated, all bathrooms have bathtubs, and laundry costs £3.60 per wash and dry.

## LOCATION

Grange Road College. 20-minute walk or 10-minute cycle from city center. 10-minute walk from West Hub, Sidgwick Site, and University Sports Centre. Directly opposite the University Library.

## FOOD

Has both a buttery and a cafe by day/bar by night. Food is pretty good, at least one vegan and one halal option per meal, and large portions. £5.45 for 1 main + 2 sides. Weekend brunch is excellent.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Robinson is very famous for its biweekly bops – the bop room has smoke machines, strobe lights, high-quality DJ booth and speakers, a dedicated photographer, and its own bar. Known for beautiful gardens with wildlife such as birds and small deer, and you can go on the grass. The JCR is equipped with board games, pool tables, a Wii, and even a mahjong table.

## PROS

College staff are extremely kind and supportive of international students. Lots of effort put into student welfare and integration, with many societies to get involved in. Warm and homely vibe. Generous with internship grants.

## CONS

Not the most aesthetic or traditional college. Internet reception is fairly poor. Food and rent are on the expensive side, as Robinson isn't very well-off.



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# Selwyn

## BATCH SIZE

I20

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

2

## ACCOMMODATION

3 years of guaranteed on-site accommodation. All 1st years stay in Cripps Court which are all en-suite rooms. Most 2nd and 3rd years stay in Old Court or Ann's Court which have a mix of en-suite and non-en-suite rooms. 2nd year ballot is random, though you can choose to ballot in groups, and the order is reversed for 3rd year. You have to move out at the end of each term, but there is sufficient complimentary storage space in college for international students, in addition to some storage space in your room. You can also choose to pay £12/day to keep your things in your room. Laundry is not free; £4.50 for a wash and dry.



Photo credits: Wikipedia

## LOCATION

Grange Road College. 15-minute walk to city center through King's College. Right next to Sidgwick Site and very close to the University Library.

## FOOD

Meals cost around £5 with vegan options always and halal options most days. Menus are online and weekend brunch is a highlight. Formals are £17.25 with mixed reviews. The bar is a café by day and affordable bar by night. Kitchens are shared by eight and include basic appliances. Freezers and ovens are not available.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Selwyn is gorgeous, and the Selwyn Gardens are a nice place to picnic. The college offers peace and calm away from tourists and the business of life in the city center. Perfect for humanities students, being only 5 minutes away from any of the departments at Sidgwick Site.

## PROS

Beautiful gardens, peaceful environment, ideal location for humanities students, and strong community feel. The library has spaces for both individual and group study.

## CONS

A bit far from grocery stores or shops.

# Sidney Sussex

## BATCH SIZE

100-110

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

3



Photo credits: Wikipedia

## ACCOMMODATION

First-years get allocated accommodation randomly, unless you have accessibility requirements. Almost all of the first year accommodation is on-site, distributed across Sussex House, Garden Court, and a few staircases. There are very few off-site first year rooms at Sidney Street.

Second- and third-years ballot for a predetermined set of rooms for each year group, and the ballot order gets reversed as you progress from second year to third year.

Rooms have designated license periods (e.g. 30-week, 34-week, 39-week) so if you are staying beyond your license period, you may be moved to another room.

En-suites are only in Blundell Court and a few onsite staircases, and there are about 15 rooms here reserved for first years with accessibility needs. Laundry is paid (£2.60 for a standard wash and £1.40 for a standard dry).

## LOCATION

The best of the best. Smack in the middle of the city centre; directly opposite Mainsbury's. Within walking distance to almost every university building/facility (except West Hub), and 2 minutes away from other common shopping spots like M&S, Tesco Express, and Market Square. The closest Asian mart is Oseyo near St Andrew's Street, followed by Jiamart along Regent Street.

## FOOD

Dining hall food is decent and affordable, with mains priced around £2.80-£3.20, sides £1, and dessert £1.50. Formals cost about £12.50 for Sidney students for a three-course meal. The college is also close to popular restaurants/food chains like Blank Street, Heytea, Xin Fu Tang, Chinese Canteen, Hong Kong Fusion, KFC, and Jack's Gelato.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Oliver Cromwell's head is reportedly buried under the college. Sidney has had four Nobel laureates in Physics and Chemistry. If you're of age you can legally work for SidBar and get paid too!

## PROS

One of the most convenient colleges for minimising travel time. Top-rated bar with free non-alcoholic drinks and very cheap alcoholic options. Runs a 'prep week' for freshers to socialise and settle in before term starts.

## CONS

It is a small college — an optimist would call it cozy. It can get a bit noisy at night due to proximity to nightclubs; especially rowdy on Fridays and Saturdays. The library is quite basic and a little bit cramped.



# St. Catharine's

## BATCH SIZE

I40

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

2-4

## ACCOMMODATION

Onsite accommodation is guaranteed for 1st and 3rd years. 2nd year accommodation is at St Chad's near Sidgwick Site, and is said to be one of the best in Cambridge — big, modern rooms in flats of 4 or 5 with proper kitchens. Costs vary based on size and whether it has en-suite toilets. Laundry is not free and it's £2 (coins) / £2.20 (card) for washing and £1 (coins) / £1.20 (card) for drying. You can choose whether you want to keep your room during the holidays (and pay more rent) or vacate your room.



Photo credits: Wikipedia

## LOCATION

Very central. Within walking distance to almost every university building/facility (except West Hub). 7-minute walk from Market Square and Mainsbury's.

## FOOD

- Food served in the dining hall is modestly priced (£5–6 for one main and two sides), although there is a good variety, and the food is good on the whole. There is always a salad bar and protein section with salmon, ham and eggs. 2 out of 3 options for the main are vegetarian or vegan.
- Very near restaurants like Aromi, Smokeworks and Bread & Meat. 1-min walk to Jack's Gelato!

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

- Sir Ian McKellen and Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first prime minister of Malaysia, were from St Catharine's.
- There is also a periodic table featuring the electron cloud of each atomic orbital located near the dining hall, as Catz is well known for Chemistry.

## PROS

- Two libraries (an old library and a modern library) and a good academic community with fantastic support.
- Relatively small intake of around 140 undergraduates per year, so the college population is close-knit.
- The college bar has good vibes — there's a pool and foosball table.
- Excellent sports facilities located a distance away.
- Formal dinners have a cheese platter (with grapes and crackers) at the end, which other colleges do not offer.

## CONS

- It's quite small in terms of space.
- Kitchens in 1st and 3rd year are small pantries called gyps, and there aren't common lounges within the accommodations.
- Dining hall does not serve beef or mutton to reduce carbon emissions to reach net zero.

# St. Edmund's

## BATCH SIZE

70-80

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

15

## ACCOMMODATION

Onsite accommodation is guaranteed and rent stays fixed for all three years. First-years get mostly en-suite staircase rooms, while second- and third-years can group-ballot for houses or sets. and laundry costs £3 per wash and dry (basic setting, highest setting is £4)

- Try not to ballot for Norfolk (mold in rooms...)
- Richard Laws is passable (shared washrooms, very small kitchen)
- Brian Heap is cozy, ensuite, huge kitchens (perfect for parties!)
- MPH is the newest with modern style rooms, small double beds. Also have your own CR lounge downstairs where you can chill/study



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## LOCATION

- Hill College. Near Aldi and J&M (the best Asian supermarket in Cambridge).
- Getting a bike is highly recommended. An 7-minute cycle from the city center. 8 min cycle to Sidgwick
- Speedwalk to Mainsbury will take about 10 mins, chill walk about 15.

## FOOD

- Dining hall food is on the slightly pricier side with one main and 2 sides costing £5.49 and portion sizes being rather small. Food can be decent on some days but generally is not spectacular. Would not recommend going for Saturday brunches.
- Formals are £25 for college members with the food sadly not reflecting the price tag.
- Cooking facilities in Eddies are substantial and suited for developing your culinary prowess.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

- Sizeable Singaporean community meaning that it will be very easy to see familiar faces around which could help you ease into university better.
- You can walk on the grass anywhere in college.
- Very cosmopolitan and international community.

## PROS

Large Singaporean community, strong international mix, good kitchens, and friendly environment. Lovely student run bar with some of the cheapest drinks (make good friends with the bartenders haha)

## CONS

- College lacks glamour that the richer colleges may have.
- Funding is limited for students.
- Traveling to and from college can be tedious, especially during winter.
- No summer storage :(



# St. John's

## BATCH SIZE

I60

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

3-5

## ACCOMMODATION

First-years are guaranteed on-site accommodation with a continuous license, only requiring move-out in summer. Cripps offers modern rooms with large shared kitchens and bathrooms for up to 8 people. Many ensuite rooms are available here and many rooms have a view of the River Cam. North and Chapel courts have smaller kitchens and bathrooms shared between 2. Second and third-years have a random ballot, with access to varied accommodation ranging from houses off-site, modern rooms or more historical rooms. Laundry is free, bedders clean rooms biweekly.



Photo credits: St John's College

## LOCATION

Very central. A 5–10-minute walk from the city centre. Mainsbury's is only a 3-minute walk away. A 17-minute walk to Sidgwick Site and the Engineering faculty. Asian options such as Hong Kong Fusion and Chinese Canteen are right across the road. Also across the road are options like pizza, burgers, coffee and crepes.

## FOOD

Arguably serving the best college meals, the newly renovated Ikea-esque Buttery serves consistently delicious food. For only £5.50 for John's members, sides and salads are UNLIMITED. Huge portion sizes are perfect if you are a big back. Weekly themed dinners serve cuisines from all over the globe. The buttery also serves Saturday brunch for £3.11 and Sunday Roast every week. Students can order delectables and drinks like ceremonial matcha from the cafe. The bar has amazing cocktail pitchers! The seating space is modern and cute. Formals only cost £13 for John's members.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

The world-famous Bridge of Sighs, backdrop of the late Lee Kuan Yew and Kwa Geok Choo's iconic photo is in our college. St John's formals are set in the grandest and nicest halls in all of Cambridge. The facilities are aplenty. Squash courts are situated within college, while the Library and college gym are well-equipped and open 24/7. Massive St John's Playing fields comprising rugby and soccer fields, tennis courts and volleyball pitches.

College sports teams are well-funded and prestigious. We have a competitive rowing team and the highly-equipped Lady Margaret Boat Club. The college has a punt pool with more than 10 punts. The chapel holds regular evensongs and various services in a breathtaking setting and all are free to join. The college provides tons of funding and grants available to all students, including travel and sports grants. The JCR organises monthly themed bops where many show up in costumes. St John's May Ball is dubbed the 7th best party in the world.

## PROS

Beautiful architecture, strong funding, excellent facilities, and a prestigious academic and social environment.

## CONS

Large college, it takes about 7 minutes to walk from one end of college to the other. Smaller Singaporean community. Many tourists take pictures outside the Great Gate but you can aura farm with your CamCard.

# Trinity

## BATCH SIZE

200

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

5

## ACCOMMODATION

On-site accommodation is guaranteed for all 3 years, and is spread out across the college site. 1st year accommodation is centralized within Angel Court. Only Wolfson Building rooms are en-suite, but the toilet-to-student ratio is generally fine. Pricing for rooms at Trinity is mostly cheaper than most other colleges. There is ample storage for international students. Laundry is free.



Photo credits: University of Cambridge

## LOCATION

Very central. A 3-minute walk from Mainsbury's and 5-minute walk from Market Square. A 17-minute walk to Sidgwick Site or the Engineering faculty, and 35-minute walk to West Hub.

## FOOD

Students at Trinity are fortunate to have a largely consistent and reliable quality and diversity of food. Breakfast costs around £3, lunch around £5, and dinner around £5-£7. Desserts are very good. Daily menus are posted on a student-run Instagram page or on notices in Hall.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Trinity May Ball is always a highlight, and college members have discounted tickets. Trinity is also known for Mathematics, and admits a high volume of mathematicians compared to other colleges.

## PROS

Very central location. Bedders change sheets every other week. Very diverse student community. A lot of funding is given for student endeavours too.

## CONS

Many tourists throughout the year, which may disturb the peace slightly.



# Trinity Hall

## BATCH SIZE

110

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

2

## ACCOMMODATION

Most 1st year students stay on-site in Central Site, a small portion stay at WYNG Gardens besides St John's.

2nd and 3rd year students stay off-site in Wychfield site near Fitzwilliam, or at Bishop Bateman Court and WYNG Gardens beside St John's. Wychfield New Build and rooms at WYNG Gardens are ensuite, with the latter having double beds, though they're only available during term time. Students can request to stay over the holiday, but will be shifted to Central Site or Wychfield.



Photo credits: Triity Hall

## LOCATION

Very central next to the River Cam. Very near Market Square and right beside the public access bridge heading towards Sidgwick Site. The college enjoys the benefit of being central enough but also tucked away on Trinity Lane, with few tourists.

## FOOD

Trinity Hall has really good food options and they tend to be relatively cheaper. An average meal is around £3-4. Every Monday there is no meat served. There is no kitchen in first year but the kitchen facilities at Wychfield and WYNG tend to be quite good.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Trinity Hall is very cozy and small, with each batch taking in around 100 students. The college is relatively well-funded, and every student can apply for a travel grant of around £600. You can also apply to receive additional funding for summer internships that pay you below the UK minimum wage. The college is also known for Law, and was founded exclusively for the study of Law.

## PROS

Cozy environment, good funding, strong Law tradition, and excellent location. The Jerwood Library, which is open 24 hours a day, overlooks the river and you can rent punts.

## CONS

Not many Singaporeans in the college. Central Site accommodation does not have ensuite toilets, toilets are shared between 4-6 people, and kitchens have no stoves or ovens, only microwaves.

# Wolfson

## BATCH SIZE

50

## NO. OF SINGAPOREANS PER BATCH

13

## ACCOMMODATION

Onsite accommodation is guaranteed for all three years, mostly in single rooms. En-suites cost £30–40 more per week and are smaller than average, while non-en-suites are slightly larger with toilets shared between four students. A continuous license is recommended to avoid moving out each term. Laundry is free and housekeeping is excellent.



Photo credits: Wolfson College

## LOCATION

Grange Road college. 10-minute cycle from city center. A 10-minute walk or 2-minute cycle from Sidgwick Site, and a 10-minute cycle from the Engineering faculty. Not near any restaurants.

## FOOD

One of the more expensive dining halls in Cambridge, with 1 main + 2 sides costing about £5.70. Brunch is more affordable and is served on both Saturday and Sunday. Food is excellent by Cambridge standards. There are halal meat options, and they are indicated when available. Most people cook to save money because kitchens are well-equipped. Formals are on the pricier side (£17 for members, £20 for guests) but the food is almost always fantastic.

## NOTEWORTHY THINGS

Facilities are good — the library is 24/7 and has standing desks. Library staff will buy books for you on the spot that you need. Because Wolfson is a mature college, everyone is treated like an adult and complaints get taken seriously. Very international and cosmopolitan college with people from all sorts of diverse backgrounds. Large Singaporean community. The Lee Library is named after Singaporean philanthropist Lee Seng Tee. President Tharman Shanmugaratnam did his Master's at Wolfson College.

## PROS

Excellent facilities, strong international community, mature environment, and large Singaporean presence.

## CONS

Winter heating is not the best — it is only turned on for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening (although the college adjusts this based on actual temperature).



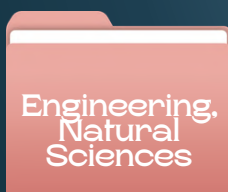


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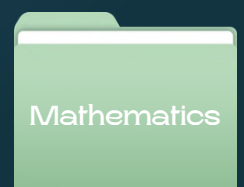
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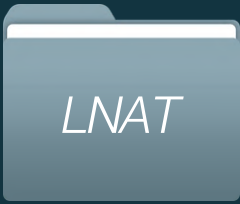
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STEP

LNAT

# Law



## Format

Section A: 42 MCQs that count toward your final LNAT score. The questions are based on 12 argumentative passages, with 3-4 questions each. 95 minutes for this section.

Section B: Choose 1 out of 3 topics to write a 750 word essay. The topics cover a wide range of subjects, so it's useful to have good knowledge of current affairs. 40 minutes for this section.

*\*The LNAT does not test your legal knowledge, and you're not expected to have any.*



## Tips

Section A is basically English comprehension MCQ questions, requiring reading skills, comprehension, and logic. It seems deceptively simple, but the MCQ options are deliberately tricky. Don't just look for the right answer and move on, but choose the **MOST** right answer.

Section B exhibits similarities to GP essays in terms of argumentation and structure. Keep writing succinct, and make sure to demonstrate your argumentative skills and writing abilities!

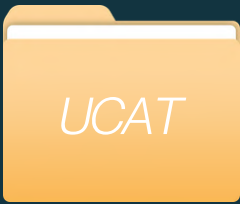


## Things to note

There are many websites with both guides and past papers.

Only section A is counted within your overall score, but section B answers are also available to universities to look through.

Scoring above 30 would put you in a good stead, and scoring over 32 would put you over the edge, but take note that scores differ from year to year. Only 2% of applicants score above 34.

UCAT

# Medicine



## Format

A 2-hour MCQ exam consisting of 4 individually timed subtests:

1. Verbal Reasoning - 44 questions, 22 minutes
2. Decision Making - 35 questions, 37 minutes
3. Quantitative Reasoning - 36 questions, 26 minutes
4. Situational Judgment - 69 questions, 26 minutes

You will receive a score of 900-2700, and a SJT band, which ranges from 1-4.



## Tips

VR: Skim the passage to look for key terms and numbers (which are usually easy to spot).

DM: Treat each sentence as a separate chunk, as they represent different logical steps or pieces of information. Don't make assumptions, especially for syllogisms.

QR: The only section where rote learning correlates with direct improvement.

SJT: Most questions are based on common sense and require you to judge the appropriateness or importance of different actions.



## Things to note

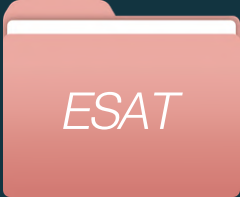
The official UCAT website has a useful guide:

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/prepare/preparation-resources/>

Make sure to routinely practice past year papers (which can be found online)

Look for websites such as Medentry or Medify for useful free resources.



ESAT

# Engineering, Natural Sciences

## Format

A 2-hour paper consisting of 3x 40 minute modules, each containing 27 MCQs. Use of calculator is NOT allowed. Each module is graded on a scale of 1 to 9, with scores being reported to 1 decimal place.

There are 5 modules to choose from, from which 3 are chosen (depending on course/university):

1. Engineers do Math 1, Physics, and Math 2
2. Other STEM subjects do the compulsory Math 1, and choose 2 between Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math

## Tips

- 1 question every 80 seconds, then 4 minutes to review questions you're unsure of.
- Don't spend too much time on a single challenging problem—move on and return later if needed.

### Effective Study Plan:

- Math: Focus on advanced-level topics like calculus, algebra, and differential equations. Review O-Level topics.
- Physics: Revise mechanics, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, and waves, focusing on deeper conceptual understanding. Review A Level/IB content.

## Things to note

- **Past paper archives:**  
<https://esat-tmua.ac.uk/esat-preparation-materials/> (all ENGAA the relevant questions are marked)
- **General overview:**  
<https://esat-tmua.ac.uk/about-the-tests/esat-test/>
- **Practice questions specific to ESAT:**  
<https://home.pearsonvue.com/uatuk>

TMUA

# Computer Science, Economics, Mathematics

## Format

Paper 1: Applications of Mathematical Knowledge

- 75 minutes
- 20 questions, scaled to a score between 1-9
- Assesses your ability to apply mathematical knowledge in a variety of contexts

Paper 2: Mathematical Reasoning

- 75 minutes
- 20 questions, scaled to a score between 1-9
- Assesses your ability to apply conceptual knowledge to constructing and analyzing mathematical arguments

## Tips

Paper 1: The questions are roughly the difficulty of A-Level/ IB Math questions. Topics include (non-exhaustively): Algebra, Exponents and Logarithms, Calculus, Coordinate Geometry, Trigonometry, among others. Refer to test specifications for the full syllabus.

Paper 2: Similar to paper 1, with added emphasis on logic and proof

- Logic and Argument
- Mathematical Proofs
- Identifying errors in proofs

## Things to note

Warwick University has a useful and comprehensive TMUA guide that covers individual questions from past years:  
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/maths/studywithus/ug/entrance/exams/tmua-support/>

Practice past year papers, which can be found online.

Practice the questions without a calculator, and under timed conditions.

STEP

# Mathematics

## Format

### STEP 2:

- 12 questions: 8 pure, 2 mechanics, 2 statistics/probability
- Based on UK A level Mathematics and AS level Further Mathematics (or the equivalent)

### STEP 3:

- 12 questions: 8 pure, 2 mechanics, 2 statistics/probability
- Based on a typical UK Further Mathematics A-level syllabus and the questions are intended to be about the same level of difficulty as those of STEP 2

## Tips

UK Further Maths (STEP 3) includes some stuff you have learnt in H2 Maths already (eg 3D Vectors)

It may be worthwhile spending time learning either mechanics/stats, some questions are repetitive. Also gives you more choice vs 8 pures (which may be rather difficult)

Similarly, hyperbolic functions are worth learning for STEP 3 (repetitive questions).

Recent years (2019 onwards) are more difficult. Some questions appear intimidating (may take up a full page) but that may be better since that is more guidance and scaffolding.

Only need about 4 full answers + some partials for an S, don't waste too much time if you are stuck – there are likely “easy” marks on other questions

## Things to note

(VERY useful) The Math Faculty has a free online STEP Support programme to help prepare you for the test. (<http://maths.org/step>)

Free download of Dr Stephen Siklos' Advanced Problems in Mathematics book (<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/product/1050>)



# Entry Requirements

## General Requirements

### **A-Levels**

- Minimum offer is typically AAAA at H2 level, AAA at H2 plus, at least a Merit at H3
- All colleges welcome applications from those taking Knowledge and Inquiry as a contrasting subject
- Contact your chosen college if you are interested in applying with Knowledge and Inquiry as a 'subject relevant' H2

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma**

- Minimum offer is typically 41-42 points, with a 776 in Higher Level subjects
- Churchill, Corpus Christi and Selwyn typically make IB offers above the minimum offer level
- Some colleges may require 777 for Higher Level subjects
- For courses that require Mathematics, IB applicants are expected to take IB HL 'Analysis and Approaches'

### **NUS High School Diploma**

- Offers are made on a case-by-case basis and would be based on achieving a High Distinction
- Applicants are encouraged to take relevant subjects to the highest possible level within the Diploma

### **Singapore Polytechnic Diploma**

- Students with poly diplomas are considered for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences courses (including Economics and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences)
- Minimum offer level: 3.85 GPA or higher
- Your subject modules should be relevant to your chosen course
- Note: the Singapore Polytechnic Diploma is not considered to be suitable preparation for a competitive application to Cambridge Science courses and you would need to undertake further study to qualify for an application

## Course-Specific Requirements

- Refer to the university's [courses](#) page for the specific entry requirements for each subject

# Entry Requirements

## National Service Information

- You may choose to apply for a 2-year deferral (during final year of pre-university), a 1-year deferral (during NS), or for regular entry (after ORD)
- The following Colleges will consider applications for 2-year deferred places for all courses they offer: Christ's, Churchill, Clare, Corpus Christi, Downing, Emmanuel, Fitzwilliam, Girton, Gonville and Caius, Homerton, Hughes Hall, Jesus, Lucy Cavendish, Magdalene, Pembroke, Peterhouse, Queens', Robinson, Selwyn, Sidney Sussex, St Catharine's, St Edmund's, St John's, Trinity, Trinity Hall, Wolfson.
  - On UCAS, select the 1-year deferral option.
  - You must state clearly in the 'Is there anything else you want us to know?' section of your My Cambridge Application that you are applying for a 2-year deferral due to compulsory military service.
  - King's College may not consider applications for 2-year deferred places in all circumstances. You should contact them directly for advice before applying.
  - Murray Edwards and Newnham only accept applications from women.
- **Important note for Mathematics:**
  - Each college has a different policy on whether deferments are encouraged, discouraged, or discouraged unless there is valid justification. The policies can be viewed at Page 14 of this [PDF](#) by the Faculty.
  - Do email your chosen college to ask if they allow for 2-year deferments due to military service.



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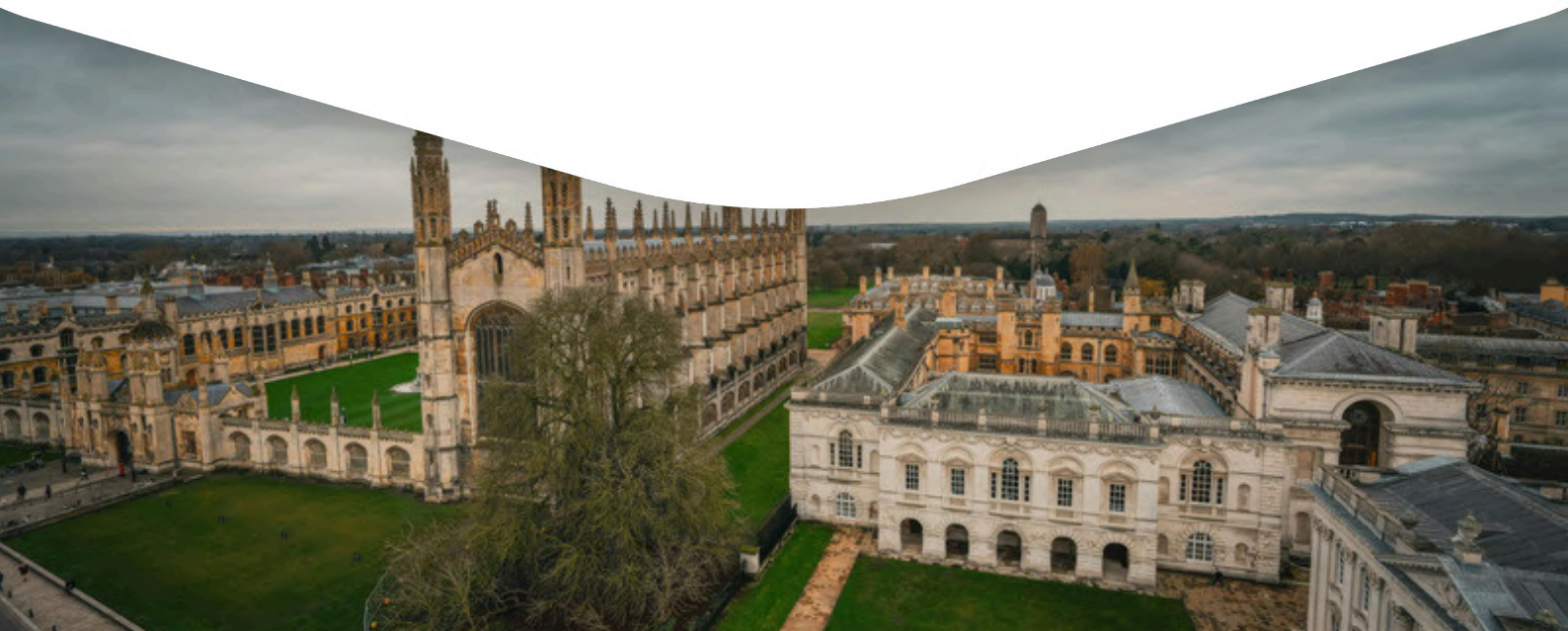
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# Top-Tier Student Housing

## High-Quality Living Experience

### Mapletree's Student Housing Portfolio<sup>1</sup>

**\$4.6B** AUM

**76** Assets

Over **25,000** Beds

**40** Cities in US, UK, Germany and Canada

Headquartered in Singapore, Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd ('Mapletree' or 'the Group') is a global real estate development, investment, capital and property management company committed to sustainability. The Group strategically invests in markets and real estate sectors with high growth potential to deliver consistently attractive returns.

As at 31 March 2026, Mapletree has S\$76.2 billion of assets under management (AUM). The Group manages three Singapore-listed real estate investment trusts (REITs) and nine private real estate funds, which hold a diverse portfolio of assets in Asia Pacific, Europe, the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US).

Mapletree owns and manages over 25,000 student beds located across 40 cities in the US, the UK, Canada and Germany. The 453-bed Westwood Student Mews in Coventry represents Mapletree's first student housing development in the UK, while the 513-bed The Chestnut at University City

in Philadelphia marks Mapletree's first student housing development project in the US.

These developments highlight Mapletree's capability to develop and manage high-quality, well-located student housing offerings.

As the fourth-largest UK student housing owner, Mapletree recently expanded its operational footprint by integrating 21 externally managed properties into our in-house Student Castle platform, growing it from 10,000 to 15,000 student beds. This enabled Mapletree as both owner and operator to maintain a quality living experience across its portfolio of student housing assets.

In the UK, besides student housing, Mapletree also owns and manages offices – Green Park, 3 Hardman Street, iQ Building and One Glass Wharf – and a logistics property Derby DC1.

<sup>1</sup>As at 31 March 2026.



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Mapletree's Student  
Housing Portfolio



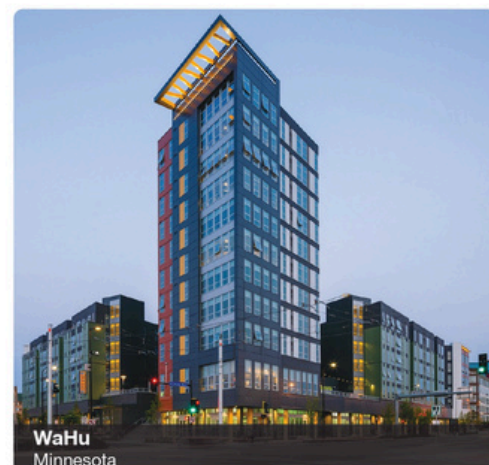
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## | UK assets



## | US assets



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StudentCastle



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Nomura is a global financial services group with an integrated network spanning approximately 30 countries. By *connecting markets East & West*, Nomura services the needs of individuals, institutions, corporates and governments through its three business divisions: Wealth Management, Wholesale (Global Markets and Investment Banking), and Investment Management. Learn more about Nomura's services by visiting our **"What We Do"** homepage.

## Our Divisions

Nomura's divisions are primarily dedicated to servicing the needs of institutional clients. They comprise of:

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**CORPORATE FUNCTIONS**, which includes Finance, Risk, Operations, HR, Legal, Compliance, and many other departments. These teams are fundamental to our success.

**TECHNOLOGY**, supports the Investment Banking and Global Markets divisions in servicing their clients.

## Our Culture



EMPLOYEE NETWORKS

EMPLOYEE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



FLEXIBLE WORKING

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### GROWTH & EXPLORATION

Collaborate with teams from all around the globe to help you discover new perspectives and values.

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## SOAR — Developing Analysts for Today and Tomorrow

SOAR is Nomura's two-year learning program focused on developing Analysts at Nomura to be fully prepared for what they need to do today and equipped to take on the bigger challenges of tomorrow.

## Nomura in Numbers

As of March 2026

Servicing our clients for almost **100 years** since

**1925**

Education

**1,240,847**

As of March 2026

Elementary school, high school & university students have attended our lectures on finance & economics



**¥136.9 trn**

Net assets under management through our investment trust and investment advisory businesses



**28,677**

Employees in approximately **30** countries



A diverse workforce with **90 Nationalities**



## Discover Global Markets

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### Choose Your Path

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Christopher Torrington  
Executive Director, Global Head of eFX  
Trading and Strategy



Christopher (middle)

## Our Process



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Applications are now open for Optiver's flagship student programs in Singapore\*: **FutureFocus** and **Career Kickstarter**.

Explore how your STEM background can translate into a career in quantitative trading, research, or technology.

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- Learn directly from experienced traders, engineers, and researchers.
- Build practical skills through live projects, coding workshops and trading simulations.
- Secure an internship or full-time offer, if you excel in the program.

## Why Singapore?

- Launch your career in a global trading hub
- Join an international team and build a global career.
- Enjoy Singapore's highly competitive tax environment.

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## Opportunity to secure an internship offer

3–7 August 2026

For pre-penultimate students (graduating 2028 or later)

### Technology



### Trading & Research



# CAREER KICKSTARTER»

## Opportunity to secure a full-time offer

21–25 September 2026

For final year students or recent graduates (eligibility differs based on stream)

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### Technology



### Trading & Research



#### Eligibility:

- Final-year students graduating in **2026** or **2027**
- Eligible to work in Singapore

#### Eligibility:

- Penultimate or final-year students graduating in **2027**
- Recent graduates (2024–2026) with up to 2 years of industry experience

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# GLOBAL TALENT PROGRAMME



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## Why Join Us?

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- Make an impact by solving real-life engineering and technology challenges
- Immerse in our innovative and collaborative work culture
- Explore exciting roles across international business units, including our Global Headquarters in Singapore

## What's in it for you?

- Dedicated mentorship & career development support
- Bond-free joining bonus of up to SGD\$50,000
- Structured rotation programme

## Are you up for it?\*

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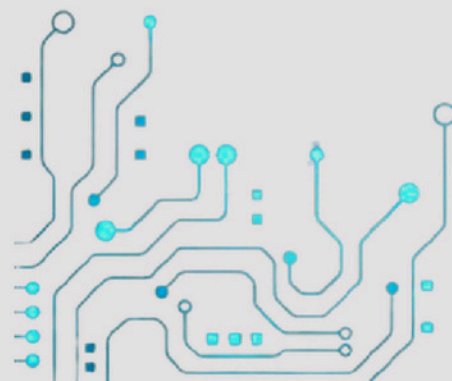
*\*Undergraduates are welcome to apply for internships*

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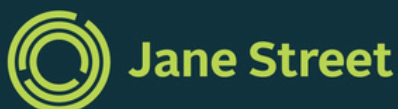
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