Applying to Cambridge

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Choose your course

Choose a College or open application

Check admission assessment arrangements

UCAS application (usually 15 October)

Submit written work and/or take admission assessment

Interview (December)

Decision (January)

www.cam.ac.uk/apply
Choose your course

- Think about what you most enjoy
- Look at course details
- Talk to staff and students today
- Explore your academic interests on your own time
Choose a College: the collegiate University

A College is like a mini campus providing a base for students.

Role of the Colleges
• Admit students
• Academic and pastoral care
• Accommodation, dining and recreation
• Organise small-group teaching
• Facilities for academic study

Role of the University
• Determines course content
• Organises lecturesSets and marks examinations
• Awards degrees

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Where would you like to live?

• 29 undergraduate Colleges
• Differ in terms of:
  • accommodation
  • appearance
  • facilities
  • size (number of students)
• Open application
• There is no “best” college for Law
• Your college choice will not impact your chances of being accepted
• Cambridge Alternative Prospectus

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Law at Cambridge does NOT require pre-interview assessment

Pre-interview written assessments

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Chemical Engineering
- Economics
- Engineering
- English (ELAT)
- Geography
- History
- History and Modern Languages

- History and Politics
- Human, Social, and Political Sciences
- Land Economy
- Medicine (BMAT)
- Natural Sciences
- Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine
Personal statement

• Be honest and write with integrity

• Cover your interest in your course, relevant subjects you’ve studied, super-curricular exploration

• Extra-curricular activities not relevant to the course applied for aren’t taken into account in our considerations
• Ensures consistent information about all our applicants

• Completed online, in multiple sessions if you want

• Used to collect information not in the UCAS application but useful when assessing applicants, including:
  • topics covered in AS/A Level (or equivalent) courses
  • optional Cambridge-specific personal statement
At-interview written assessments

- No need to register in advance
- Taken when you’re in Cambridge for interview

Cambridge Law Test (CLT)

- 1 hour to answer 1 essay-based question
- No prior knowledge of Law required
- Sample tests available on ba.law.cam.ac.uk
Interview (December)

- Usually first three weeks of December
- One, two or three interviews
- Each 20-45 minutes
- Conducted by lecturers
- Predominantly academic and subject-focused
- No prior knowledge of Law required
- Sample interview video available online: ba.law.cam.ac.uk/applying

No trick questions and not the ‘final hurdle’
Decision (January)

The Colleges are responsible for all undergraduate admissions decisions, and notify students of the outcome of their application in January.

1. **You may be made an offer**
   - From the College you applied/were allocated to, or from a different College as a result of your application being ‘pooled’
   - Typical Law offer: A*AA or equivalent

2. **You may be unsuccessful**
   - Don’t be deterred from applying by the prospect of not being successful – we can only offer places to those who apply!
What information do we use to assess applicants?

We consider every application individually, taking all aspects into account. No part of an application is considered in isolation – all available information is looked at together before decisions are made:

- academic record
- personal statement
- school/college reference
- performance in any written assessment
- contextual data
- interview (if interviewed)
What are we looking for?

Cambridge is looking for the brightest and the best students, irrespective of social, religious, school or financial background

- Academic ability and potential
- Satisfy any subject requirements
- Genuine subject interest – motivation and enthusiasm
- Good ‘fit’ between applicant and course
Supercurricular Exploration in Law

Any activity that gets you thinking about legal ideas:

• Read a book
• Follow legal issues in the news
• Attend seminars or events
• Try a legal podcast, blog, or YouTube channel
• Attend your local court
• Work experience
• HE+ (myheplus.com)

What questions did you have? What interested you most? What surprised you?

Follow up on your interests!
Frequently asked questions

Is there a minimum GCSE requirement?

What’s the most important part of an application?

Which Colleges are better for which subjects?

What extra-curricular activities will help my chances of admission?

Is work experience required?

What if I don’t know if I want to be a lawyer?

What if I have never studied Law?
For more about Law

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