Welcome to Cambridge!

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Institutional Structure

University of Cambridge - General

General Information

- University consists of 31 Colleges, 150 Departments/Faculties/Schools/Affiliated Institutions
- Contains over 18,000 students, approx. 6,500 postgraduates
Graduate Training & Languages

Personal and Professional Training
- Courses Include: CV Writing, Public Speaking, Leadership & Management, Teaching Students with Disabilities.
- CU Training: http://www.training.cam.ac.uk/

Cambridge University Language Centre (CULP)
- Free Academic Reading Courses (Spanish, German, French & Italian) for postgrads.
- General Language Courses (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish & Swahili). Bursaries available for PhDs.
- From Basic to Advanced.
- Resources: Academic Reading Courses; General Language Courses
Study Spaces

Time to Get to Work

University Affiliated Libraries (77 in total)

CU University Library (UL)
- Get lost in the stacks of this industrial edifice...1984 anyone?

Affiliated Libraries
- Ex. Haddon Library, Mill Lane Library

Departmental & Faculty Libraries
- Ex. Fitzwilliam Museum, Classics, etc.

College Libraries (39 in total)
- Limited to your college, but a friend, or a sliver tongue, could get you in.

Associated Libraries (23 in total)
- Ex. Ancient India & Iran Trust, Wesley House

Cambridge Public Library (7 in total)
- Ex. Main Library (Grand Arcade), O’Neill Branch

University Cafes
- Ex. Arc Cafe (Alison Richards), UL Cafe

Local Haunts (Cafes, Coffee Houses and)...
- Ex. Indigo Cafe, Cafe Neros, Grads Cafe
Betty and Gordon Moore Library
Societies and Clubs

Getting Involved

Over 750 registered clubs and societies

**Sport**
- Ex. Revolver and Pistol Club, CU Hockey Club, CU Kendo Society, Rowing

**Cultural Societies**
- Ex. Chabad Jewish Society, Cam. Chinese Cultural Society

**National Societies**
- Ex. Chilean Society, CU Australian and New Zealand Society

**Musical Societies**
- Ex. CU Concert Band, CU Graduate Orchestra

**Hobby Societies**
- Ex. Footlights Dramatic Club, CU Real Ale Society

**Professional Societies**
- Ex. CU Law Society, CU Chemical Engineering Society

**Religious**
- Ex. CU Christian Graduate Society, CU Islamic Society

**Philanthropic**
- Ex. Afrinspire, CU First Aid Society

Societies Directory: [http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/)
Why Cambridge is awesome!
Formals, Bops & Balls

Formal Hall / Formal Meals
- Held at Colleges (often weekly).
- Can be invited if not a member of the college.
- Formal Attire and gowns often required.
- Great place to meet others, network and socialise.
- Generally cost between £5 and £20.
- Swaps: Good to visit other colleges. Challenge!

Bops & Ents
- Themed Parties (Halloween).
- Usually centred on college bar/pub.

May Ball
- Put on by colleges at the end of the academic year (June).
- Formal and prices range between £80 and £200.
- “Survivors Photos” taken in the morning.
- Elaborate: Some have hot air balloons and breakfast in Paris.
What’s On

University of Cambridge
- Cultural Events
  - Check with Societies
- Lecture Series
  - Check with Faculties
- Conferences
  - Check with Faculties
- Museums (9 in total)
  - Ex. Fitzwilliam Museum, Polar Museum

City of Cambridge
- Cultural Festivals
  - Guy Fawkes Day (05 November)
- Markets
  - Ex. General Market, All Saints

Crafts Market
- Parks and Gardens
  - Ex. CU Botanical Gardens, Parker’s Piece, The Fens

Resources
- CU – What’s On; Cam City – What’s On

Remember the Fifth of November: Guy Fawkes’ Effigy Alight
What’s On

talks.cam.ac.uk
Safety

Cycling Safety

Cycle Theft is the #1 Crime for Cambridge Students
- Second Hand/Used Bikes (£60-100)
- Use at least a quality D-lock; lock through rear wheel, frame and immovable object.
- Keep in plain sight.

Legal Obligations
- Illegal to cycle in the dark w/o front/back lights and red rear reflector. Wearing reflective clothing also helps.
- Cycling when drunk is illegal (BAC: 0.08% or 80mg per 100 ml of blood)
- Must obey rules of motorists (stop on red light, flow of traffic)
- Helmets are not mandatory; though advisable.
Fitness

University Affiliated Gyms
   ◦ Ex. Blue Fitness, Cambridge Sports Centre

Local Gyms

No Membership Required
   ◦ College Gyms
   ◦ Local Parks: Ex. Parker’s Piece, Jesus Green, The Fens.
   ◦ Safety: Avoid jogging at night, wear reflective clothing, give right away to traffic.
Transportation

Local
- City/Regional Buses
- Buy/Rent a Car

National
- National Rail
- Coaches (National Express)

International
- International Rail (Eurostar)
- Ferries (to Ireland and Europe)
- Air Travel (5 airports in Greater London area)

Student cards can save you money.
Outside Cambridge

Weekend and Holiday Excursions

Stansted Airport
- 15min train ride from Cambridge.
- Travel to almost every country in Europe.
- *Ryanair* and *Easyjet* offer really cheap fares, though you might feel like you’re in a cattle truck.

National Rail
- Reach every major city in the UK.
- Apply for the 16-25 National Rail Card and get 1/3 all travel (£30 for 1 year). Even if you are 29.
- Travel during off-peak times to save money (Weekends, Holidays and non-rush hour)

*Time to Travel (left to right):* Porto, Portugal; Paris, France; Marrakech, Morocco; Munich, Germany; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Budapest, Hungary.
Student Guides

CU Students’ Union
- CUSU Freshers Guide 2017
- CUSU International Freshers Guide 2017

Graduate Union
- Graduate Union Handbook

International Student Team
- International Student Pre-Arrival Information
- GU/CUSU Student Advice Service
In summary

Enjoy Cambridge!
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