

University of Cambridge Law Faculty Exchange Scheme Framework for International Students 2026-27

Introduction

Exchange students who come to Cambridge as participants in exchanges initiated by the Faculty of Law will follow courses selected from those offered for the undergraduate Tripos. Exchange students may not take any course not listed in this document or offered by other Departments or Faculties.

No exchange student may transfer to a regular Cambridge course during their period of study in Cambridge and thus become eligible for a Cambridge degree.

1. Language Skills

It is essential that students have English language skills that are good enough to undertake an intensive and challenging academic course that is taught and examined in English. All students who are non-native speakers of English are required to sit an online English assessment as part of their application. This will be arranged by the International Student Office in conjunction with your home University Exchange Coordinator.

Non-native English speakers are only exempt from taking the assessment if they already have one of the following qualifications, obtained within the last two years:

- IELTS: normally a minimum overall grade of 7.5, usually with 7.0 or above in each element
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: grade A or B.
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: at grade A
- TOEFL iBT Certificate **awarded on or before 21 January 2026** with a minimum overall score of 100, with at least 25 in each element
- A letter from the home institution confirming that their current course is taught and assessed through the medium of English.

2. Application Process for Incoming Exchange Students

Please see the Incoming Students pages on the [website](#) for further information, but a brief overview of the application process is outline below:

1. Nomination from home University coordinator to the ISO in Cambridge by 31st March
2. Undertake the University Language Centre Assessment (unless exempt as detailed above)
3. Attend an exchange applicant webinar
4. Invitation to apply online via the University of Cambridge's online portal. Application (including upload of supporting documentation) must be completed by 30th April
5. Application documents are considered by the Faculty of Law
6. Students are notified of a Departmental decision
7. Students are considered by Colleges for a place
8. Students are notified of a College place and receive their signed Learning Agreement
9. Arrival – attend welcome events

3. Learning Agreements

When they first apply to Cambridge around March – April, exchange students will be asked to list specific courses that they will be following when they arrive in Cambridge. Learning Agreements will be agreed in accordance with the guidelines set out in this document shortly after a student's application is received. They may only be revised subsequently with the approval of the Faculty.

When considering a student's suitability to study at Cambridge under the exchange scheme the accepting Department will review the Learning Agreement. Students should read this document carefully to ensure that they are selecting courses at the right level for their Learning Agreement.

4. Courses

Please note that the information below may be subject to small changes. Final course details for 2026-27 will be released to students in September 2026 via email (once Cambridge user ID's have been allocated) and also at the Introductory Lectures at the start of the Michaelmas Term.

Incoming students are permitted to:

- a) choose **five** papers from Groups I-IV (or 4 papers and 2 half-papers);
- b) or choose **four** papers from Groups I-IV and participate in a **seminar course** (submitting an essay from a number of subjects prescribed by the Faculty)

Group I

Paper 10. Civil Law I

Paper 11. Constitutional Law

Paper 12. Criminal Law

Paper 13. Law of Tort

Group II

Paper 20. Law of Contract

Paper 21. Land Law

Group III

Paper 30. Civil Law II

Paper 31. Administrative Law

Paper 32. Family Law

Paper 33. Legal History

Paper 34. Criminology, Sentencing and the Penal System

Paper 35. Criminal Procedure and Criminal Evidence

Paper 37. Jurisprudence

Paper 38. International Law

Paper 39. Human Rights Law

Group IV

Paper 40. Equity

Paper 41. European Union Law

Paper 43. Commercial Law

Paper 44. Labour Law

Paper 45. Intellectual Property

Paper 46. Company Law

Paper 47. Aspects of Obligations

Paper 48. Conflict of Laws

Paper 49. Half-papers

Paper 50. Seminar courses

Half-papers (that were offered in 2025-26)

Paper 49F: Landlord and Tenant Law

Paper 49G: Law of Succession

Paper 49I: Topics in Legal and Political Philosophy

Paper 49L: European Environmental and Sustainable Development Law

Paper 49M: Banking Law

Paper 49P: Topics in European Legal History

Paper 49Q: Personal Information Law

Paper 49R: Animal Rights Law

Paper 49W: Comparative Law

Seminar Courses

Seminar courses are taken in lieu of a paper and are assessed by way of essay rather than an examination. Applications to take part in any seminar course must be received by the Faculty Office before the end of the Easter Term preceding the year in which the candidate wishes to take part. Details of the seminar subjects available for 2026-27, as well as an application form, can be obtained from the Director of Studies at your allocated college in **late May/early June 2026**. A candidate participating in a seminar course is required to submit - by the seventh day of [Full Easter Term](#) - an essay not exceeding 12,000 words (including footnotes and appendices, but excluding bibliography).

Seminar courses that were offered in 2025-26 were:

Paper 50B: Select Issues in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice

Paper 50C: Family in Society

Paper 50E: Law and Ethics of Medicine

Paper 50G: Public Law

Paper 50H: Select Issues in International Law

Paper 50J: Tax Law and Policy

Confirmation of Seminar Papers being offered in 2026/27 will be available later this year.

If you have any queries about the courses listed above, please contact Miss Helen Waring (*Undergraduate Exchange Coordinator for Law*): hw441@cam.ac.uk

5. Assessment in Cambridge

Exchange students are assessed via formal exams held during Easter Term. Examination entry is administered through **their College** and students should inform their College of the exam papers for which they need to be entered in early November. Exchange students who have applied (and have been accepted) onto a seminar course, must submit their essay to the Faculty Office (via Moodle) for assessment by 12 noon on the seventh day of [Full Easter Term](#).

6. Transcripts

At the end of the academic year, once results have been confirmed, **the University** makes transcripts available to students via their CamSIS self-service page. Exchange students will need to download a copy of this prior to leaving Cambridge.