

Terms of Admission for Undergraduates at the University of Cambridge: October 2026 entry
(These Terms apply to [Undergraduate](#) students commencing their studies in October 2026)

Application of these terms

1. If you accept your offer for study at Cambridge, you agree that these Terms of Admission apply to your relationship with the College offering you a place (“your College”) and the University (unless paragraph 3 below applies to you). These Terms of Admission apply until you cease to be an undergraduate student.
2. Please note that some of these Terms (paragraphs 13, and 39-46) relate to conditions you will need to meet before you are able to take up your place.
3. The Terms of Admission are reviewed annually. If you have been offered a deferred place for entry in a future year, or decide at some future point to defer your entry, these Terms of Admission will apply until they are replaced by a new set of Terms of Admission that will apply for your year of admission. These revised Terms of Admission will then govern your relationship with your College and the University until you cease to be an undergraduate student. These may be different from the current ones and will be provided to you before you take up your place at Cambridge. If you are not satisfied with the revised Terms of Admission, you may cancel your place without penalty in accordance with paragraphs 57-58.

Membership of the University and your College

4. As an undergraduate student at Cambridge you will be a member of and have separate but interdependent relationships with both the University and your College. To undertake your studies and receive your degree, you must be a member of the University and a member of your College throughout your student registration.
5. It is important to be aware that:
 - (i) Admission to both your College and the University is managed through your College. The Colleges are independent of the University, and of each other. You should assume that the College making this offer will be your academic home for the duration of your course. There is no right to move to another College once you have received an offer of admission.
 - (ii) You will be unable to pursue your degree course if either your College or your University membership is terminated for any reason, including for breaches of College or University regulations on student discipline and conduct.
 - (iii) You must adhere to the Statutes and Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies of both your College and the University, as notified to you now or as set out on the University or College website (as amended, updated or supplemented from time to time in accordance with these Terms of Admission). This includes matters relating to discipline, capability to study and fitness to practise for certain regulated professions. Permanent or temporary exclusion, arising from breaches of Statutes and Ordinances, or other rules, regulations, procedures and policies of either your University or your College will result in your being unable to pursue your studies at both the University and your College.
 - (iv) University and College rules, regulations and policies are reviewed regularly and may be amended, updated or supplemented from time to time: the University and College websites will always reflect the current procedures (see Annex).

- (v) Attendance at the small group tuition sessions (“supervisions”) and any other support organised by your College is an essential part of achieving your degree. You must pursue your studies diligently as advised by your College Director of Studies and your Tutor. You may be prevented, subject to applicable appeal procedures, from continuing your course at the University if your academic performance is judged by your College to be unsatisfactory.

Fees

6. Your fees cover the core provision of your course. In broad terms, your College is responsible for providing supervisions, libraries and local support mechanisms for your general welfare, whilst the University organises lecture programmes, practicals and laboratory work, libraries, University-wide support services, examinations and the award of degrees.
7. Your offer letter will have outlined on what basis your fees have been calculated. This will include a classification of you as either a “Home” student or an “Overseas” student and additionally will identify if you qualify for the government-regulated undergraduate tuition fee. This classification will remain the same for the duration of your course of study except in exceptional circumstances.
8. Unless otherwise specified in your offer letter, annual fees for Overseas students (which include a tuition fee and a College fee) remain fixed at the rate set in the first year of the course for the full duration of the course, providing that you do not intermit your studies for more than six consecutive terms (please refer to paragraph 50(i) of these Terms for further information on the academic year).
9. If you have been classified as a Home student and qualify for the government-regulated undergraduate tuition fee, you will be charged a single tuition fee for each academic year. The University’s policy is to charge the maximum regulated fee. To reflect increased costs of delivery and maintain a high-quality student experience, the University will therefore increase fees in line with any uplift determined by the UK Government in the second and subsequent years of your course. The government’s stated default indexation assumption is that fees should rise with forecast (the Retail Price Index excluding mortgage interest payments, RPIX) inflation. Notification of increases in University fees are published on the University website (<https://www.afpa.admin.cam.ac.uk/our-work/tuition-fee-rates/schedule-fees>) no later than 30 June in the academic year preceding the academic year to which the increased fee relates. If you are dissatisfied with the proposed increase, you have the right to terminate your contract with the University.
10. If you have been classified as a Home student but do not qualify for the government-regulated undergraduate tuition fee, you will be charged a tuition fee and a College fee. These fees are set annually by the University and your College and you should expect them to rise each year. The level of any annual fee increases will be determined by a range of factors including in particular rises in the overall costs of an undergraduate education, changes in government and other funding and the UK inflation rate (using RPIX as an indicator). The combined annual fee would not be expected to increase by more than 15% (and will often be less than this). Notification of increases in University fees are published on the University website (<https://www.afpa.admin.cam.ac.uk/our-work/tuition-fee-rates/schedule-fees>) no later than 30 June in the academic year preceding the academic year to which the increased fee relates. Your total fee payments over the course of your studies will depend on your personal circumstances, your College, your chosen course, and the length of your course, as well as the factors mentioned above, such as rises in

overall costs, prevailing inflation and any changes by the UK government (together with additional costs, see below).

11. Fees are payable for each term in which you are in residence, or engaged in a course of study at the University, for twenty-one days or more of Full Term (<https://www.afpa.admin.cam.ac.uk/our-work/tuition-fee-rates/schedule-fees>). Failure to pay fees by the due date provided to you by your College may result in you not being able to take your place on, or you being suspended or withdrawn from, your programme of study at the University, and a liability to pay any outstanding debt (<https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/fees/introduction-fees>).

Additional Costs

12. In addition to the fees outlined above, you may need to meet additional costs for field trips and excursions, placements and years abroad. The University has highlighted this in the advance information given about the course on its website (<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses>). There are other general study costs that apply across all courses, and you can find details of these on our website (www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/study-costs).
13. You will be expected to have appropriate finances to support all your living costs and may be asked to provide evidence of this in advance. These finances include (but are not limited to):
 - accommodation (either provided through your College or privately, and involving combined or separate costs for rent, utility services such as gas, electricity and access to phone and internet systems, and payments for other services such as kitchens, laundries, gym etc.);
 - food (whether provided by your College or through self-catering);
 - personal expenses while you are in Cambridge (e.g. clothes, leisure activities, travel, membership of clubs and societies etc.); and
 - travel to and from Cambridge.

Neither the University nor your College accepts responsibility for any personal debt you may incur.

Changes to your course and related services and facilities

14. The University and your College will provide the teaching and related educational and other services and facilities required for your course as described on the University website (<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses>) immediately prior to the date you accepted your offer of a place, and the material information referred to in your offer letter.
15. Each of the University's Faculties and Departments may provide additional information to supplement the material information (outlined in paragraph 14 of these Terms) in the prospectus and in handbooks (available in print and online). The University will endeavour to ensure that this further information on the course is accurate and as described in these documents but given these are published in advance you should check the University website as per paragraph 14 which will be up-to-date.
16. Very occasionally, there may be circumstances outside the University's and/or your College's control which make it necessary to make changes to your course or to related educational and other services and facilities or buildings. The University and your College will act reasonably in the circumstances to ensure

that the changes are kept to a minimum and will make you aware as soon as reasonably practicable of such changes (see paragraphs 16(ii) and 16(iii)).

(i) The circumstances where such changes may arise are as follows:

- developments in the subject area;
- student feedback;
- changes to the requirements or guidance of a professional, statutory, regulatory or accrediting body; or
- any circumstances listed in paragraph [55]

The changes that the University or your College may make as a result of the above circumstances are to:

- areas of research or other project;
- the identity of supervisor(s) or arrangements for supervisions;
- the availability, duration, location and content of placements and other work-based learning opportunities;
- the delivery of services and facilities in a different way, from a different location or online or by replacing them with alternative but equivalent services and facilities; or
- only if unavoidable will the content or amount of teaching, or format and mode of assessment of your course be changed.

(ii) Your Faculty or Department will consult students, through the formal student representation channels, on the impact of any substantive changes to your course prior to implementation. Any substantive change to a course requires approval by the University's Education Committee, in line with policies and procedures approved in advance by that Committee. That Committee is always concerned to ensure that no student is disadvantaged by any course change. The Education Committee includes student representatives.

(iii) You will be notified of these changes by the University, or by your College, as soon as reasonably practicable. They will if necessary draw your attention to opportunities to register a concern or complaint about the changes.

Changes to Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Procedures

17. The University and your College may add to, delete or make reasonable changes to the Statutes and Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies where, in the opinion of the University and/or your College, this will assist in the proper delivery of education.

Changes are usually made for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) to ensure they are fit for purpose;
- (b) to reflect changes in the external environment, including legal or regulatory changes, changes to funding or financial arrangements or changes to government policy, requirements or guidance;
- (c) to incorporate sector guidance or best practice;
- (d) to incorporate feedback from students; and/or
- (e) to aid clarity or consistency of approach.

Wherever possible, the University or your College will consult students, through the formal student representation channels, on the impact of any substantive changes prior to implementation.

Any changes will normally come into effect at the start of the next academic year, although may be introduced during the academic year where the University or your College reasonably considers this to be in the interests of students or where this is required by law or other exceptional circumstances. The University and your College will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students wherever reasonably possible, for example, by giving reasonable notice of changes to Statutes and Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies before they take effect, or by phasing in the changes, if appropriate.

The updated Statutes and Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies will be made available on the University's or College's website and may be publicised by other means so that students are made aware of any changes.

Matriculation

18. On arrival you will be enrolled into the University through a process which in Cambridge is called "Matriculation". This requires you to sign the following declaration within four weeks of your arrival:-

'I promise to observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the University as far as they concern me, and to pay due respect and obedience to the Chancellor and other officers of the University.'

By taking up your place at the University of Cambridge you agree that you will sign this declaration on Matriculation, which refers to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University in force and which are amended from time to time. The current Statutes and Ordinances can be found on the University website (see Annex for a link to these). These are under continual review and changes to the Statutes and Ordinances are highlighted on this same website.

Matriculated students have access to such University services as the Careers Service, the University support and wellbeing services and University sports facilities.

19. As part of the matriculation process you will be required to present valid documentation proving your identity. The acceptable document would usually be a passport or, where applicable, evidence of a UK immigration status. If you are a UK or Irish national and do not have a passport, a driving licence issued in the UK or Ireland or a birth certificate issued by the UK or Irish authorities may be acceptable.

Computing Facilities

20. By taking up your place at Cambridge you agree to sign the following declaration in order to access the University's computing facilities, which will provide access to the internet, your University e-mail account, and information which is available only to University users:-

"I have read the rules and understand that allocations of computing resources are made and may only be used subject to the Rules issued from time to time by the University of Cambridge Information Services Committee, and I agree to abide by such rules. (The Rules and Guidelines on the use of University Information Services facilities are on the World Wide Web, see <https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/policies/governance-and-policy-documents>).

N.B. It is sometimes the case that system staff will need to look at your account(s) or how you access your account(s) to solve system problems, because of suspected misuse of your account or to enable the legitimate business of the University to continue in your absence."

You will not be able to pursue your studies effectively to obtain your degree without access to the University's Information Services. Please note that these rules may change between now and the date of your matriculation: you are advised to re-read them close to that date.

Intellectual Property Rights in your work

21. Ownership of intellectual property (IP) rights (broadly defined, whether registrable patents or not) in material devised, made or created by you normally rests with you; and the University does not ordinarily claim the ownership of such intellectual property rights. However, you need to be aware that this is not always the case and that the University or a third party will claim ownership where:
- (i) IP rights are allocated to the University or funders by grants or contracts for research funding or student sponsorship; or
 - (ii) IP rights are owned by third parties; or
 - (iii) working in collaboration with others (e.g. University staff) you jointly devise, make or create joint or interdependent intellectual property; or
 - (iv) legislation, regulations or ethical guidelines apply e.g. where the use of data is derived from human subjects (e.g. clinical trials) or to personal data.

In such circumstances, relevant third party terms will apply to your work whether or not you have explicitly agreed to them. It is therefore important before you accept a place at the University and before you start work on a research project or join a research group, that you check any relevant third party terms and consider how such terms will affect the treatment of intellectual property that you create.

If you have any concerns, including not receiving any information about intellectual property rights, you must raise them with your proposed supervisor or your Faculty or Department so that you understand how intellectual property which might arise from your studies, research or project(s) will or may be treated.

The University endeavours where possible to ensure you retain the right to use intellectual property in academic teaching, publications and academic research.

The Regulations on Intellectual Property Rights in [Chapter XIII of the University's Statutes and Ordinances](#) as amended from time to time set out how intellectual property rights are managed.

Data Protection

22. When you applied to become a student you were told how the University and the relevant College(s) would use your personal information (meaning any information which relates to or identifies you as an individual) to process your application and for related purposes.
23. Further statements (from both the University and your College) setting out how your personal information will be used when you are a student are identified in the Annex. Please note, however, that these

statements may change between now and the date of your matriculation: you are advised to re-read them on the websites close to that date.

24. By taking up your place to study at Cambridge, you acknowledge that the University and your College will use and process your personal information in accordance with these statements. In addition to the information published there, when you use specific services and facilities offered by the University or your College, you will be told about any other uses of your personal information.
25. While studying at Cambridge, you may need to use and handle the personal information of others in connection with your studies and research. You acknowledge that you will handle any such personal information carefully and securely, and in accordance with any reasonable guidance and direction you may receive.

Complaints

26. If you are unhappy with the experience you have received from a University department, faculty, service or staff member, the University has a [Student Complaint Procedure](#) (see Annex) for you to use in order to resolve the situation. If you have concerns, it is advisable to raise them as soon as possible with your College Tutor or Director of Studies, or to the part of the University concerned, to see if the matter can be resolved more quickly and easily through informal channels. Further information on complaints, and on making appeals in relation to examinations, can be found on the University website (see Annex).
27. If you have a complaint about your College, or wish to make a complaint about the admissions process, you should consult your College website for information as to how to bring a complaint (see Annex).
28. You may be able to refer a complaint to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education in England and Wales if the complaint falls within its remit and you have exhausted all internal College and University procedures.

Freedom of Speech

29. The University of Cambridge is fully committed to securing and promoting freedom of speech within the law for staff, students and visiting speakers in all activities related to academic life. Our [Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech](#) sets out the University's values, approach and associated procedures in detail.
30. By accepting your offer, and hence agreeing to these Terms of Admission, you agree that the Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech will apply to you as a member of the University and that you will behave compatibly with it.

Student misconduct, including physical misconduct, sexual misconduct and abusive behaviour

31. The University and the Colleges are committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination and affirms the rights of all of their members to be treated with dignity and respect. Any form of physical misconduct, sexual misconduct or abusive behaviour (including harassment of any kind) of one member of their community by another will not be tolerated, irrespective of whether these happen within the University precincts or online or anywhere during the course of a University or College activity. Allegations of these forms of behaviour are taken very seriously and the University and/or your College following an investigation may take action, including disciplinary action, in response

to a complaint about a student.

32. The University has specific policies regarding student misconduct, which can be accessed on its website (see Annex).
33. The relevant University and College procedures are reviewed regularly: the websites will always reflect the current procedures.

Discipline

34. The University's regulations on disciplinary matters are contained in [Chapter II](#) of the University's Ordinances and summarised in the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#). These include Rules of Behaviour, which apply from the date you accept your offer. Breaching the University's Rules of Behaviour can result in sanctions and/or measures. If you breach the Rules of Behaviour before you arrive to take up your place at the University, the sanction may be to withdraw your offer of a place. After your matriculation at the University, sanctions and measures may include the removal of academic awards or permanent exclusion from the University, restricting access to University services or facilities or restricting the benefits of University membership.
35. The University's Rules of Behaviour also include specific provisions relating to academic misconduct, such as cheating in examinations, the use of contract essay services and other forms of plagiarism, e.g. attempting to pass another person's work off as your own. Further guidance on the University's policy against plagiarism can be found on the University's website (see Annex). Your matriculation at Cambridge is deemed as acceptance of the University's right to apply specialist software to your work in examinations and during the course of your studies to aid in detecting such academic misconduct.
36. Your College has its own arrangements regarding discipline, which will be available on its website (see Annex). In exceptional circumstances, your College may apply its disciplinary procedure to applicants holding an offer of a place, which may result in outcomes up to and including the revocation of that offer. After your matriculation at the University, sanctions may include permanent exclusion from the College, restricting access to College services or facilities or restricting the benefits of College membership.

Support and Capability to Study

37. If the University has a concern that your behaviour is adversely impacting your welfare or academic progress, or the welfare of others within the collegiate University community, or has the potential to do so, then you may be referred to the [Procedure to Support and Assess Capability to Study](#). This procedure can result in an assessment by a Study Capability Assessment Committee, which will include a medically qualified person. The Committee may request that you attend a consultation with a relevant expert as part of an investigation of the circumstances. If you choose not to attend a consultation, this may result in the Committee considering you pose a high risk either to yourself or to the collegiate University community and take appropriate action. You will have the right to attend, be represented and present information to the Committee in writing and orally. The Committee will determine how and whether you continue your studies. The Procedure to Support and Assess Capability to Study is highlighted in the Annex.
38. Your College will have its own arrangements as regards "fitness to study" that are available on its website (see Annex).

Fitness to Practise

39. If you are studying Medicine or Veterinary Medicine you will be registered on the University's Medical Students Register or its Veterinary Students Register as appropriate.
40. The University has a responsibility to ensure that you will be fit to practise as a doctor, a veterinary surgeon or a teacher on completing your studies. If for any reason associated with your conduct, health or performance there is cause for concern that you may not ultimately be fit to practise, there are procedures, drawn up in the light of guidance from the relevant professional bodies, by which the University will investigate and adjudicate whether you are fit to practise, whether conditions need to be imposed, or whether remedial action needs to be taken. In very rare cases it may be determined that you are not fit to practise and you will not be permitted to continue your course. The procedures for determining fitness to practise are to be found in [Chapter II](#) in the University's Ordinances.
41. If you hold an offer to study Medicine, in the interests of patient and public safety and to prevent fraudulent applications to courses which lead to entry to a registered profession in the UK, we shall check the Medical Schools Council database of students who have been permanently excluded from study as a medical student. This offer is conditional on you not being on the excluded register and also having disclosed any previous fitness to practise outcomes against you. If at any time in the future you are permanently excluded from being a medical student as a result of a fitness to practise procedure in Cambridge, this information will be recorded on the database of excluded students along with a copy of the decision against you, which will be accessible only to other medical schools with courses leading to entry to a registered profession in the UK and the General Medical Council. It is used only for proper fitness to practise purposes to protect patients and the public, and to prevent fraudulent applications. You have a right of access to any information held about you on the database and to correct any errors. If you wish to exercise the right, please contact the Medical Schools Council, who manage this database, at admin@medschools.ac.uk.

Disclosure and Barring

42. If you are studying Medicine, you are required to have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before you begin your course. These checks are subject to a fee, to be paid by you, which is currently £72.78, but is liable to increase. You are also required to subscribe to the DBS Update Service which will ensure your DBS certificate is up to date for the duration of your studies and that it is available to clinical placement providers and other organisations which may need to confirm your DBS status. You have 28 days from receipt of your DBS certificate to register for the Update Service; the cost is currently £16 per year, but is liable to increase. More information can be found on the University website <http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/rules-and-legal-compliance/disclosure-and-barring-service>.

Unspent Criminal Convictions

43. Having a criminal conviction(s) will not, of itself, prevent you from studying at the University. However, in certain circumstances you must provide full details of your criminal conviction(s) and, where applicable and available, provide copies of probation service or psychologist reports, so we can discharge our safeguarding duties and assess the risk posed to the wider University community. The circumstances for disclosure are as follows:

- (i) If you are studying Medicine you will have provided this information on your conviction(s) to UCAS, but you must also provide full details about your criminal conviction(s) to your College Senior Tutor within 7 days of acceptance of your offer.
- (ii) For all other courses, if you have a 'relevant unspent' criminal conviction(s) at the time that you confirm your acceptance of this offer, you agree to provide full details of this to your College Senior Tutor within 7 days of the date of acceptance of your offer. Information on what constitutes a 'relevant unspent' conviction, and the Criminal Convictions Disclosure Form, can be found at <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/our-decision/unspent-criminal-convictions>
- (iii) You also agree that if at any time following your acceptance of your offer and during your time at Cambridge, you are convicted of any criminal conviction(s), you will immediately inform and provide full details to your College Senior Tutor and University Faculty or Department of the conviction(s).

You also agree to allow the University and your College to share the details and any information concerning the criminal conviction(s) disclosed by you, and that the University and/or College may request further information.

The University and your College will assess the risks posed by your conviction(s) to students and the wider collegiate University community. Based on this assessment of risk, the University and your College may:

- Confirm your place on your course, provided that you meet any other conditions specified in your offer;
- Attach additional conditions of admission to or study on your course; or
- Cancel our offer and your acceptance.

Visas

- 44. If you are subject to UK immigration control, you are responsible for ensuring you have the appropriate permission for study purposes. If you do not have valid immigration permission for study, you will not be able to start your course. If your permission expires during your course and you no longer have a valid immigration status that permits study in the UK, the University may be required to withdraw you from your course.
- 45. If the University is sponsoring your student visa it will inform you separately of your responsibilities to comply with the conditions of the visa and your obligations towards the University in relation to its sponsorship duties. If you breach the terms of your student visa, the University may be required to inform UK Visas and Immigration and you may be withdrawn from your course.
- 46. The University can only issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) to support a student visa application once you have met all of the conditions of your offer and your admission has been confirmed. It is your responsibility to check that all the details on your CAS are correct and up to date before making your student visa application. The University accepts no liability for problems caused by incorrect information on the CAS. Further information about the requirements relevant to students who require a visa can be found at www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/immigration/student-visa

The Foreign Influence Registration Scheme

47. Where required by law, a student will need to register activity under the UK Government's Foreign Influence Registration Scheme. This is the student's responsibility and it is a criminal offence not to do so.
48. Under the scheme, two types of activity may need to be registered:
- (i) activities carried out in the UK at the instruction of any foreign state to influence political decisions, elections or referendums, or registered political parties (known as the political influence tier);
 - (ii) any activities carried out in the UK at the instruction of a specified part of the Russian or Iranian state (known as the enhanced tier).
49. If you plan to carry out activity that might need to be registered, or have any questions about the scheme, you can contact FIRS@admin.cam.ac.uk.

Other Matters

50. There are certain elements of study at Cambridge of which students should be aware:
- (i) Each academic year is made up of three Terms, comprising respectively 80, 80 and 70 days. Within each Term a student must be in residence for, respectively, 60, 60 and 53 days, and the teaching period is concentrated into a specified period of that length, called Full Term. The work expected of students (including independent study) is therefore intense and students are expected to undertake further study in the vacations.
 - (ii) As well as being a member of a College, you are required to reside during Full Term within the University 'precincts', which extend to a three-mile radius of Great St Mary's Church, unless you are given explicit permission otherwise by your College. Most students live in their College or in College-owned accommodation.
 - (iii) Normally undergraduates may not bring cars to Cambridge, although in certain limited circumstances a licence to bring a car may be obtained from the Senior Proctor (further information is available at <https://www.proctors.cam.ac.uk/motor-control>).
 - (iv) Term-time is demanding and you should not normally undertake paid work during Full Term.
 - (v) All courses include supervisions on an individual basis or in small groups. These are organised by your College and you are expected to attend them, and prepare and submit work to your supervisor as required.
 - (vi) Courses are not modular and do not carry "credits".
 - (vii) Lecturers and class leaders normally own the intellectual property rights in their teaching materials. Students may not record lectures and classes without prior agreement (for example where adjustments are required for a specific learning need). Where sessions are recorded by the lecturer or class leader, you will be notified of this and given further information. You may not share or disseminate any recordings to which you are given access.
 - (viii) During your studies you may be given access to confidential information belonging to the University, academics, other students or third parties. This may incur a legal obligation to keep it confidential. In addition, the University or third parties with whom you interact as part of your studies may require you to sign a confidentiality agreement. You may choose to seek your own legal advice if this is the case.

- (ix) The University annually sets out guidance for its examinations (see Annex for the most recent issue). Examination resits are not permitted except in professional examinations, for example, medical and veterinary examinations. Your degree course is known as a “Tripos”, and comprises a number of ‘Parts’. You are required to pass each Part to continue your studies and will be given a Class (or grade) for each Part. Classes are (generally): First; Upper Second; Lower Second; Third. All successful undergraduate Tripos students (those who have passed all necessary examinations) will be awarded an overall degree classification at the end of their final year.
- (x) Irrespective of what subject you study, you will (assuming you pass the necessary examinations) receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. Your degree certificate will not specify your overall degree classification or subject, but transcripts setting out your course of study, results for each Part of the Tripos and your overall degree classification can be provided by the Student Registry.
- (xi) If you are awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree, you may proceed without further examination to the Master of Arts degree not less than six years from the end of your first term of residence.

Disability

51. If you have a disability, whether or not you have previously declared it, you may seek the confidential support of the [Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre](#) at any point. Members of staff from the Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre will not normally make further disclosure of your disability within the University or to your College without your consent. It may however affect the University’s and your College’s ability to make any required reasonable adjustments if information about your disability cannot be shared with those within the University and your College who are required to implement them. All Colleges have a separate and independent duty from the University under equality law to provide reasonable adjustments for any disability for College facilities, services and accommodation. In doing so, they seek advice from the University’s Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre. You are therefore encouraged to discuss any disability with the Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre at the earliest opportunity.

Limitation on Liability

52. Nothing in these Terms of Admission shall limit the University’s or your College’s liability to you:
- a. for death or personal injury resulting from negligence (as defined in the Consumer Rights Act 2015);
 - b. for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

References to legislation in these Terms of Admission include reference to any amendments, extensions or re-enactments of such legislation.

53. Subject to paragraph 52, the University and/or your College will not be liable in contract, negligence or any other tort, under statute or in any other way for any losses related to your admission to the University and/or your College or the provision of your course, and educational or pastoral services or facilities, if those losses:
- a. are not foreseeable at the time you accept the offer of a place at the University; or
 - b. are caused by an event outside our control as set out in paragraph 52; or
 - c. could have been avoided by you taking reasonable action.
54. For the purposes of paragraphs 52 and 53, the terms “University” and “College” also include officers, employees and agents of the University or your College, and those paragraphs may be enforced by such

officers, employees and agents. It is not otherwise intended that any of these terms will be enforceable by any third party.

55. Neither the University nor your College will be liable for matters arising which are outside their control and which could not have been prevented even if reasonable care had been taken. This includes, but is not limited to, the following matters, but only to the extent that they are outside the control of the University or your College respectively, and subject always to the duty of the University and/or your College to take actions to mitigate, so far as it reasonably can, the effects on students of the events in question (see also paragraph [16]):

- (i) strikes or other industrial action by staff at third-party suppliers;
- (ii) strikes or industrial action involving the University's or College's staff respectively in trade disputes which are declared by the University's recognised trade unions at a national level and/or affect other institutions in addition to the University and/or your College;
- (iii) unexpected staff illness;
- (iv) severe weather;
- (v) fire;
- (vi) civil commotion, riot, or invasion;
- (vii) terrorist attack or threat of terrorist attack;
- (viii) cyber-attack;
- (ix) war (whether declared or not);
- (x) natural disaster;
- (xi) restrictions imposed by government or public authorities;
- (xii) epidemic or pandemic disease; or
- (xiii) failure of public utilities or transport systems.

In particular, where such event(s) occur and change(s) in accordance with paragraph 16 are not possible or practicable, neither you nor the University nor your College will be liable to the other for breach of this contract nor for continued compliance with the contract including the provision of further tuition or services, payment of further fees, making refunds of fees paid or other loss or damage of any kind.

False, Misleading or Incomplete Information

56. The University and/or your College reserve the right to withdraw any offer made, prevent you from proceeding to matriculation or take disciplinary action which may lead to the termination of your studies if any of the information provided by you in relation to your application is found by the University or your College to be false, misleading or incomplete, or if you fail to provide satisfactory information or evidence which confirms that you can meet one or more of the conditions contained in your offer letter. This includes if we find that you were impersonated or assisted by another human or machine at interview or in an admissions test, or if any part of your application was completed by someone other than yourself and without acknowledgement.

Your Rights to Cancel

57. If you have concerns about taking up your place or pursuing your course, you should in the first instance contact the Admissions Tutor of your College who will be happy to discuss the matter and offer guidance.

58. If for any reason you do not wish to take up your place at Cambridge, you may cancel your place without penalty by informing the Admissions Tutor of your College, in writing (by letter or e-mail) at any time up to and including 14 days after the date on which you firmly accepted your offer of a place, that you will not be taking up your offer. You may instead use the Cancellation Form found at the following link, but you are not obliged to do so: www.cam.ac.uk/cancellation

General

59. If any provision of the Terms of Admission is or becomes illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable that shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of the other provisions.
60. If you breach these Terms of Admission and the University or your College chooses not to exercise any right which it may have against you as a consequence of that breach, the University or your College shall not be prevented from taking action against you in the future in respect of any other breaches by you.
61. The rights under these Terms of Admission shall not be enforceable by any party who is not a party to it, including any party that is responsible for paying your fees in whole or in part, and no such party shall have any rights under or in connection with the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1989.
62. These Terms of Admission shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of England and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of England.

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Annex: Links to important documents which form part of the Terms of Admission

All of the following documents are available for you to download as PDF files. You are strongly advised to read them before you take up your offer. Please note that they are subject to change prior to you joining Cambridge and you are advised to re-read the documents nearer the point of admission.

University documents

The University is governed in accordance with Statutes and Ordinances

(<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/>). The sections which are most relevant to you are included in the list below.

Matriculation	See https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/arrival
Affiliated Students	See Page 162 of Chapter II of the University's Ordinances
Term and Full Term	See https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/term-dates-and-calendars
Residence and Precincts	See https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/arrival
Student Discipline Procedure	See https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/student-discipline
Student Complaint Procedure	See https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/student-complaints
Informal Complaint Procedure for Student Misconduct	http://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/hsm_policy
Student Misconduct	See https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/harassment-sexual-misconduct/i-want-know-more-about-universitys-policies
Procedure to Support and Assess Capability to Study	See https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/supporting-and-assessing-capability-study
Undergraduate exam information	See https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/exams
Examination review	See https://www.studentcomplaints.admin.cam.ac.uk/examination-review
Intellectual Property Rights	See Page 1077 of Chapter XIII of the University's Ordinances
Information security policies	https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/policies/governance-and-policy-documents
Data Protection Statement	http://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/student-data
Privacy notices	https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/policies/serviceprivacypolicies https://www.uis.cam.ac.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policies
Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct	https://www.plagiarism.admin.cam.ac.uk/
Recording of lectures and other teaching activities	https://www.educationalpolicy.admin.cam.ac.uk/supporting-students/policy-recordings
Visas	https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/immigration/student-visa

College documents

Statutes and Ordinances	https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/about/publication-scheme/
Data Protection Statement	https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/dpn/
Student harassment and sexual misconduct policy	https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/about/college-notice/
Student complaints procedure	https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/about/college-notice/
Student disciplinary matters	https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/about/college-notice/
Fitness to Study procedure	https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/about/college-notice/

If this table of College documents is not completed, please contact the College Admissions Office at the address outlined in your letter of offer, or otherwise to the College address which can be found at:

<http://map.cam.ac.uk/colleges>