

Student life & services to students at Cambridge

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Student Policy

The Academic Programme

- Undergraduates
- Master's
- Doctoral

- Also non-degree bearing programmes

Undergraduates

- The Tripos – 31 programmes, generally broad in scope with increasing specialisation in third year of study
- University - lectures, labs and seminars, and examination
- Colleges - Direction of Studies and supervisions

Master's courses

- MPhil by research (mini PhD) – mostly in science subjects
- MPhil by advanced study – range of taught programmes, variety of formats
- Also some more specialist degrees, MBA, LLM, PGCE and MFin
- Mostly full-time, but offer MSt and MEd part-time
- College oversight of academic progress

Research Degrees

- 3 year PhD programme (with a year allowed for writing up)
- Small number of 1+3 programmes (mostly CDTs and collaborative)
- Some 2+2 programmes
- Also professional doctorates in Education and Engineering

Quality assurance

- Faculties and departments – design and delivery of courses, local student feedback and QA, registration with professional body where appropriate
- Central University -oversight and formal QA, periodic review, campus-wide national surveys, examination and student records, formal complaints and examination appeals, mitigating circumstances

College Student Services

- Tutorial system
- Accommodation in College
- Chaplains, nurses and porters
- College student unions and societies
- College bars, social spaces and sports facilities
- College libraries, study skills support
- Financial support in cases of unexpected hardship

University Student Services

- Disability Resource Centre
- University Counselling Service (including MH)
- Careers Service
- Sport
- Childcare Office, playscheme and nurseries
- International Students Team
- Fees and Funding, hardship and studentships

Student run activities

- Colleges
- JCRs and MCRs
- College bars and social functions
- College-based societies
- University
- CUSU, GU and the SAS
- University societies and sports clubs
- ADC theatre

Current issues

- Teaching Excellence Framework and changes to national regulation
- Employability, learning gain
- Widening Participation
- Workload, mental health
- Examinations
- Digital Education
- Student support
- Disabled student support funding changes