



# *The Semester Programmes*

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE



*Fall Semester*

2 SEPTEMBER – 7 DECEMBER 2018

*Spring Semester*

13 JANUARY – 21 JUNE 2019

## *The Semester Experience*

**THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER PROGRAMMES** offer an exceptional opportunity to experience life as an undergraduate in one of the most distinguished university cities in the world. Each year Pembroke College accepts around thirty students in the Fall and in the Spring. By matriculating, Semester students become full members of the University and Pembroke College, and can access the full range of Cambridge undergraduate opportunities and facilities, academic and otherwise. They live in collegiate accommodation and are completely integrated into the student community. Many Semester students use their time on the programme to prepare for an honours thesis or to open up new areas of independent study. Some are so inspired by their experience that they return to Cambridge for graduate degrees.

To hear recent Semester students, all working on graduate degrees in Cambridge, discuss their experience of the programme, go to:

[www.pem.cam.ac.uk/semester](http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/semester)





## *Academic Opportunities*

**THE SUPERVISION SYSTEM** is one of the distinctive features of Cambridge undergraduate teaching. Cambridge students attend lectures and seminars offered by the University but also typically have a one-hour weekly supervision, either individually or in small groups, with an expert in the course they are taking. The supervisor will set weekly essays based upon extensive reading lists and material from relevant lecture and seminar courses.

Students select two papers, or courses, over the duration of the semester, normally in the subject area of their major. Often students choose to write a dissertation in the second term, and for many this forms a particular highlight of their academic experience.





# *The Collegiate Experience*

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY** is made up of thirty-one individual Colleges, each with their own unique character. Pembroke College, founded in 1347, is the third oldest of the Colleges, and is situated in the heart of the city of Cambridge. Semester students are all housed in either Pembroke accommodation or in neighbouring Colleges. Becoming part of College life is a unique experience. Few forget their formal dinners in the historic dining halls, or the beautiful grounds, art and architecture all around them. College membership is however about much more than the environment, spectacular though that is. It is about being part of a friendly and vibrant community, and having access to outstanding facilities, such as the College library and sports ground. Students also have access to a wide range of College services, including a daily medical surgery. In short, this is a uniquely supportive environment, not just a dorm.





*'My academics at  
Pembroke gave me a  
better sense of what  
graduate school and  
independent research  
might look like.'*  
–Katie (History  
and Literature)

## *Outside the Classroom*

**SEMESTER STUDENTS** work extremely hard in the course of their academic studies, but they also take full advantage of the many opportunities for extracurricular activities that Cambridge offers. Whether students are interested in sports, music, acting, debating or journalism, there will be a student team or society available, and this is also an excellent way of getting to know Cambridge undergraduates.

Cambridge is a beautiful and historic city with a rich cultural life, but also small enough to explore easily on foot. With both London and Stansted airport close at hand, Semester students tend to pack in a lot of European travelling at weekends and in the five-week Easter vacation. The timing of the Semester programme also allows students to enjoy the famous Cambridge May Week, when the end of the academic year is marked by garden parties and May Balls. Fall students do not miss out either and Christmas-themed Formal Halls and Winter Balls make for an unforgettable climax to the Semester experience.





*'The relationships that I formed with my supervisor and fellow students will undoubtedly be lifelong.'* –Daniel (Economics)

## *The Pembroke College Circle*

**ALL SEMESTER STUDENTS** become alumni of Pembroke College on completing the programme. They are also automatically enrolled in the Pembroke College Circle, a society which welcomes friends from all over the world into the life of Pembroke College. Launched in New York in April 2014, and subsequently through a series of events in Cambridge, Tokyo and San Francisco, the Circle now boasts a vibrant membership network of over 3,000 people. The aim of the society is to enable members to stay in regular contact with Pembroke, the wider College community, and with each other. Membership of the Circle is free and many of the benefits mirror those enjoyed by regular College alumni. In addition to receiving a Circle membership card, College publications and regular news updates from Pembroke, members will also enjoy special opportunities to attend events both in Cambridge and around the world, where no doubt many new and exciting personal connections will be made.



# *Applying*

**SEMESTER STUDENTS** are expected to work at the same level as standard Cambridge undergraduates, and the application system is therefore both rigorous and very selective for the limited number of places available.

Applicants must have completed two years of study at their home university before beginning their semester at Cambridge, and should normally possess a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75. (Applicants with a lower GPA who have been adversely affected by special circumstances may be considered, and they should send a supporting statement with the application explaining their situation.) In addition to the online application form and academic transcript, candidates are asked to submit two supporting academic references and examples of their graded written work. Please direct any questions about the application process to: **[semester@pem.cam.ac.uk](mailto:semester@pem.cam.ac.uk)**



# *The International Programmes Department*

**PEMBROKE COLLEGE** has been delivering international programmes for over 40 years. Our department works with applicants, students, academics, study abroad offices and partners to deliver first class educational programmes.

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