The Pembroke-King’s Summer Programme

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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THE PEMBROKE-KING’S SUMMER PROGRAMME (PKP) provides a rare opportunity to enjoy outstanding small-group teaching in a beautiful and inspiring academic environment. PKP combines the intimacy of College life with the excitement of studying with over three hundred students from all over the world. Our Programme Assistants, drawn from current Cambridge students, work closely with the International Programmes department to ensure our students get the most out of their six weeks in Cambridge. It’s no wonder that so many PKP students over the years have fallen in love with Cambridge, and they have a unique means of maintaining their connection through lifelong membership of the Pembroke College Circle.

To find out what previous PKP students have said about their experience on the programme, go to: www.pem.cam.ac.uk/the-pkp-experience
The Collegiate Experience

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY is made up of thirty-one individual Colleges, each with their own unique character. PKP is hosted in two of the oldest Cambridge Colleges, Pembroke College (founded in 1347) and King’s College (founded in 1441), and all PKP students are housed in either Pembroke or King’s accommodation. Formal dinners in the historic dining halls, the beautiful grounds, and art and architecture all around them make for an unforgettable summer in Cambridge. But this experience of College life is 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 libraries and sports grounds. PKP 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.
AT THE CENTRE of the PKP experience is of course the academic content, and many of our students opt to take PKP for credit at their home universities. We offer a wide variety of courses (currently around fifty) across a range of disciplines. Our extensive feedback system ensures that we are able to constantly review our portfolio to add new course options in areas of high demand. We believe that small-group teaching is crucial to the interactive educational culture we provide, so each seminar group is normally capped at a maximum of fifteen and each lecture group at thirty. Students also have the opportunity to replace one of their three courses with a supervision project. This enables them to work in detail throughout the programme on a project of their choice under the one-to-one guidance of an academic expert.

These core courses are supplemented by a series of plenary lectures, delivered by leading academics on subjects of general interest, which are open to all students attending PKP.
CURRENT CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS acting as Programme Assistants (PAs) organise an exciting and wide-ranging schedule of activities to help students make the most out of their time at Cambridge and to take advantage of the city’s varied cultural offerings. Typical PA activities include ceilidhs (you’ll find out), organised sports, museum and art gallery visits, punting on the River Cam, attending the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival and music concerts, as well as visits to the Orchard Tea Room at Grantchester or to the magnificent Ely Cathedral.

Many students each year also take advantage of Cambridge’s ideal location to organise their own trips around the UK over their free weekends. London is just a fifty-minute train ride from Cambridge and London Stansted Airport, a major hub for low-cost airlines, is just thirty minutes away. The timing of PKP also facilitates independent travel to other European destinations before and after the programme.
PKP WELCOMES APPLICATIONS from academically ambitious students from all over the world. Students at institutions operating a GPA system should possess a minimum GPA of 3.2, though the majority of successful applicants possess higher GPAs. A high level of fluency in English is also a prerequisite. Applicants will have spent at least one year on a degree course by the time PKP starts.

Students apply to PKP through an online application process, though an academic transcript and academic reference are also required. Applications are considered on a rolling basis and, given the intense competition for places, early application is advised. PKP aims to communicate admissions decisions within fifteen working days of receiving completed applications.
ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING PKP are 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.
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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