

No matter what way you phrase it, it sounds like the ultimate cliché, but studying History is one of the best experiences you can have at Cambridge. The diversity of the course and its capacity to be as specific as it is broad mean you can delve into as many different periods of History as you like. Being taught by some of the greatest minds and using primary sources, you feel as though you are truly being trusted with the documentation and preservation of the past. Not only does it give you a great skill set, it is such an enjoyable way to spend your time studying!



Joel

I've found that the history course gives me the freedom to explore the issues I'm most interested in. I had an interest in imperial history before coming to Cambridge. I think it's a testament to the strength of the course that I have been able to study empires from different periods and different regions. I've been helped by a great deal of support since lectures and supervisions from worldrenown experts are available. At the same time, the course has broadened my interests. I had never studied early modern or economic history before but the History Tripos has provided a great introduction to both. There's no better place than Cambridge to meet interesting people and think about interesting ideas.



Suhaiymah

Both exciting and daunting, History at Cambridge provides a unique learning opportunity. After just one eight-week term, I felt I had learned more than in an entire A-level. One-on-one supervisions facilitate this, and provide a rewarding testing ground for learning to justify one's academic arguments. The primary focus is on British and European history in the first two years. However, the third year does offer a wider range of options – some of which are non-Eurocentric – and a dissertation. The latter provided my first chance to take research into my own hands, giving me the opportunity to study my own heritage.



Richard

Studying History at Cambridge has been an immensely rewarding experience. The papers on offer cover three millennia and almost every region of the world, with plenty of opportunities for staying close to your interests or branching out into the unknown. Supervisors are experts in their chosen fields and one-on-one discussions of your work really help you understand the topic and how to write history more generally. Cambridge itself is steeped in history, as any walk through its streets will demonstrate. There are plenty of places to relax and unwind, both inside and outside of college; there is more to student life than study.

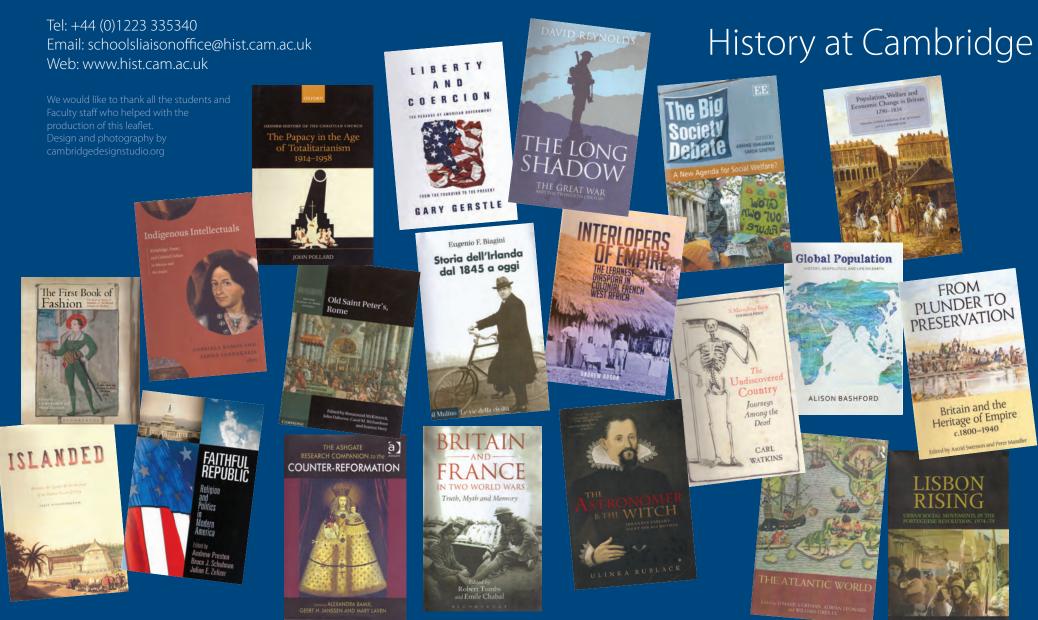


Emily

History is a voyage of discovery, giving you the chance to uncover the motivations of past individuals and to observe the patterns and characteristics of past societies. This year I have covered everything from the effects of witchcraft in early modern Europe to the significance of the 1955 Bandung Conference. The Cambridge course provides unique opportunities to get hands-on with primary sources, and with the excellent library facilities source material is in abundance. Weekly supervisions give you the chance to reflect on your work with the help of a leading academic. The past year has been a truly remarkable and extraordinary journey of discovery.







A Superb Course

Taught in one of the leading History faculties in the world, our course has been rated the best History degree in the UK for 2016 by both the *Guardian* and the *Times Higher Education Supplement*. Its wide-ranging structure allows you to study over three millennia of history across all parts of the world, but also to specialise in particular periods and places. As a student, you will read broadly, tackling both primary sources and secondary material, learning about past debates and keeping up to date with current controversies. But you will also write regularly. Students complete a c. 2000-word essay each week. The History single-track course is divided into two parts.

PART I (Years 1 and 2; examined at the end of Year 2)

Part I consists of six broad papers, one of which ('Themes and Sources') is assessed via a coursework essay of c. 5000 words.

All students take the following:

- A period of British political history from 380 to the present day
- A period of British social and economic history from 380 to the present day
- A period of European history from 776 BC to the present day
- One of a dozen or so 'Themes and Sources' options

and two further papers from the following:

- Additional British and European history
- World history from c. 1500 to the present day
- North American history from c. 1500 to the present day
- Political thought from classical times to the late nineteenth century

PART II (Year 3; examined at the end of Year 3)

All students choose one of a variety of 'Special Subjects', covering topics from the Angevin Empire to Indian democracy. Taught through a mix of mini-lectures and classes, these are based on careful study of primary sources and are examined through a coursework essay and an examination.

In addition, you can either take two 'specified' papers from a wide selection, ranging from the late Roman world to the Vietnam war, or one 'specified' paper and a dissertation. Although the dissertation is not compulsory, over half of our students choose to write one. It is often one of the most enjoyable aspects of their time here. All students also sit 'Historical Argument and Practice', a historical methods paper.



Exceptional Teaching

At Cambridge, you will be taught by historians whose research is at the cutting edge of our subject, and you will enjoy unrivalled access to their expertise. You will be taught in smaller groups, more frequently, and with quicker, more detailed feedback than in almost any other university in the world. The demands are rigorous; the benefits are incalculable.

- All students receive Faculty lectures from leading researchers in each of the papers they
 choose. For some papers, the Faculty also provides seminars and classes.
- Students also receive weekly 'supervisions' Cambridge's unique, small-group (and often
 one-to-one) teaching style. For each of your papers you, will be allocated a supervisor who is
 an expert in the field. Each week, your supervisor will assign some reading and set an essay. The
 essay will form the basis for the supervision and you will receive detailed feedback on its
 contents, style and structure. You will also meet to discuss both the essay and the wider topic.
- Your academic development will be overseen by a Director of Studies, a historian based in your College. Your DoS will provide advice on choice of papers, arrange your supervisions, and offer guidance on revision and exams. Your DoS will also organise College-based events and classes in historical method. Most Colleges also have a lively History Society, with speakers, outings, and dinners, as does the History Faculty itself.





Outstanding Facilities

Our History students benefit from the University's world-class resources. They have access to a large number of incredibly well-stocked libraries, including:

- The Faculty's Seeley Library, which boasts one of the largest single collections of history books anywhere in the world
- The University Library, which receives a copy of everything published in the UK and holds many hundreds of thousands of foreign-published books and articles. It houses over seven million volumes
- Each College has its own library. Most have over five thousand history books.

As a consequence, you might well never have to buy a book during your time here, and you should be able to find copies of all the books you need for your course.

Computing resources in Cambridge are similarly outstanding. Almost all College student rooms have high-speed Internet connections, all Colleges have computer suites, and additional computing facilities are available in the History Faculty and the University Library.

Low Costs and Excellent Financial Support

Contrary to common perception, Cambridge is actually quite an affordable university to attend:

- The Cambridge Bursary Scheme is one of the largest in the UK
- Accommodation costs are low: almost all students live in College accommodation and consequently pay only 30 weeks' rent each year
- Transport costs are very low: Cambridge is a compact place and most students walk or cycle everywhere, and there is also a cheap University bus
- Library facilities are exceptional, so you will have to buy very few, if any, books
- Student clubs and societies are mainly free; all Colleges have their own dining hall, bar and other facilities

Great Career Prospects

If you graduate from Cambridge with a good History degree, you will have proven yourself and acquired a range of skills that will make you extremely attractive to top employers both in Britain and in the rest of the world. You will therefore have superb job prospects. In the latest surveys, 88% of our students were in graduate-entry jobs six months after graduating, a significantly higher percentage than any of **their** peers. Our graduates embark on a very wide range of careers including law, finance and consultancy, national and local government, international organisations,



think tanks, journalism and publishing, teaching and many others. 40% of our students choose to complete further study, going on to take a Masters degree or doctorate.

Applying

If you are interested in studying History at university, curious about the modern world and how it came to be, and are one of the brightest students in your school or college, you should consider applying to us. We admit students from every sort of background and would be delighted to hear from you.

The standard offer is A*AA or 40-41 IB points, with 776 at Higher Levels. Though there are no general entry requirements, some Colleges may require an A-level/IB Higher Level in History. We typically admit between 180-200 students each year. More information can be found on our website: www.hist.cam.ac.uk/prospective-undergrads

Joint Degrees

It is also possible to study History in combination with another subject:

- A 3-year degree in History and Politics, taught jointly by the Faculty of History and the Department of Politics and International Studies
- A 4-year degree in History and Modern Languages, taught jointly by the Faculty of History and the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages

Separate leaflets are available and more information can be found on the Faculty's website.