



The Pembroke-King's Summer Programme 2018

Brief introduction

The Pembroke-King's Summer Programme (PKP) provides a rare opportunity to enjoy outstanding small-group teaching in a beautiful and inspiring academic environment. With around 350 students from around the world, the six-week summer programme offers an intellectually stimulating environment for the exchange of ideas and learning.

The following sections explain the relevant details of the programme. Please do drop us a note if you have any further queries or need more details. We look forward to receiving your feedback and confirming the next steps for PKP 2018.

Academic features of PKP

The PKP academic experience is based on the world-renowned Cambridge style of teaching, including:

- Intensive small group teaching
- Out-of-classroom interaction
- Individualised feedback on performance
- Focus on independent work

Students on PKP select three courses from the 45 offered. Each course involves a total of 25 hours' contact time, divided between whole group lecture sessions and small group interactive seminars. Lecture groups are generally capped at 30 participants or fewer and seminar groups are capped at 15 students.

The academic features of PKP can be summarised in three categories:

1) Interactive formal contact hours

- Classroom teaching
- Seminars: The seminars are generally organised in a workshop style, allowing for small groups of usually 15 students or fewer to interact and exchange ideas.
- Students have extensive contact with the lecturers in person and beyond the classroom via email, and receive individualised feedback on their performance.

2) Self-directed study

- For each formal contact hour, the student is expected to put in 2 hours of independent preparation by reading from the extensive list of core texts and suggested further readings for the course.
- As part of their seminars, students work on presentations, portfolios, case studies and more. On many courses, seminar participation includes providing feedback on other students' presentations.

- Some courses include project-based work.
- For each course, the take-home exam requires students to produce two answers of no more than 1,000 words each – the students are expected to put in between 5 – 7 hours of work to produce both answers.
- For each course, the final dissertation requires students to produce one paper of no more than 2,500 words – the students are expected to put in between 7 – 10 hours of research and writing.

3) Additional academic offerings

- Compulsory study skills sessions for social sciences and the sciences
- Course field trips as applicable
- Guest speakers on courses as applicable
- Three plenary lectures on topics of political, economic and social relevance
- Academic advisory sessions offered during daily drop-in hours and by appointment: this often includes feedback on the draft papers for the exam and dissertation.

Choice of courses

Students choose three courses on PKP. All courses are worth the same number of credits and consist of 12 lectures and 8 seminars, with each teaching session lasting 1.25 hours; a total of 25 hours of contact time per course. The 45 or so courses (courses confirmed for 2018 will be specified on our website) offered range across the following subject areas:

- Science and Maths
- Economics, Business, Finance and Management
- Social Sciences
- Arts and Humanities
- Supervision

The courses are split into three modules with the following dates and durations:

Module 1 courses: 9th to 27th July 2018 (Three weeks)

Module 2 courses: 30th July to 17th August 2018 (Three weeks)

Module 3 courses: 9th July to 17th August 2018 (Six weeks)

Students choose three courses in a variety of combinations across the three Modules (explained further in the section on Timetable). Participant numbers on each course are capped to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be heard and can get to know the instructors well.

The subject range represents Cambridge strengths and the intellectual interests of the instructors who design and develop the courses. Courses are designed to be challenging but accessible, and most have no pre-requisite skills or knowledge.

The list of courses is currently being updated. Once finalised, all returning and new courses will be announced to confirmed and potential applicants on the IP online application portal and on the website.

Independent Supervision

Supervisions replace one Module 3 course. The Supervision option offers students the extraordinary opportunity to work on an independent research project of their own choosing, under the guidance of a Supervisor who is an expert in the field. For most students, choosing this option is a particularly rewarding part of the PKP experience.

Typically, students will have six individual one-hour Supervision sessions over the six weeks of PKP. In advance of each session, students are expected to submit a piece of written work which is then discussed during the Supervision. As a general rule, the work students complete for the Supervisions will equal at least one third of their PKP workload, and this will normally equate to four essays of around 1,500 words each over the course of the summer, although the student and the supervisor may decide to replace the essays with a longer dissertation (a minimum of 5,000 words).

Students pay an additional fee to take the Supervision option. This includes access to the University Library, in addition to the libraries at Pembroke, King's and Engineering.

Students are required to submit a proposal within 3 weeks of being made an offer (with an absolute deadline of 30th April 2018).

We always endeavour to arrange Supervisions when requested but are on rare occasions constrained by how niche the proposal is and the availability of Supervisors. In 2017, we managed to confirm Supervisions for all 68 students who elected to take the Supervision option.

Contact hours, workload, assessment and credits

Each course consists of 12 lectures and 8 seminars, each of which lasts 1.25 hours. The total contact time for each course is 25 hours with a total of 75 hours contact time across the Programme. In addition, there is extensive out-of-classroom contact with the academics in person and over email, with students receiving individualised feedback on their performance. It is expected that for each contact hour, the student puts in approximately 2 hours of class preparation – which can be independent reading, or sometimes group work – and between 12 and 17 hours of assessment work.

Assessments usually consist of a take-home exam and a dissertation (this may vary depending on the course). Students opting for the Supervision option submit a series of 4 assessed essays with the grade generally averaged across all four, or one longer dissertation.

Academic credit can usually be gained for the courses taken during the programme, although the amount of credit can vary according to the policy of the home university. In general, credits have ranged from 3 to 4 for each PKP course or Supervision.

Students will be issued with a transcript and syllabi to assist in arranging credit.

The Pembroke-King's Summer Programme does not operate the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) however, as an approximation, completion of the programme can be considered as equivalent to completing a full Cambridge term and thus to 20 ECTS credits.

Credit transfer is generally straightforward – the 25 hours’ contact time, combined with the Cambridge style of teaching which places a strong focus on intensive, small group teaching, out-of-classroom interaction, individual feedback on performance and guided independent study, generally fits with students’ home university policy.

Fees

The fees for PKP 2018 are:

Tuition fee: £3,850/-

Accommodation fee for 44 nights of the programme depending on the four housing bands is:

Band 1 - £1,746

Band 2 - £2,047

Band 3 - £2,230

Band 4 - £2,372

The tuition fee covers:

- Tuition (not including Supervision): selection from approximately 45 courses
- Academic and pastoral support from the PKP Director / IP Director through daily (drop in) advisory hours
- Comprehensive orientation and practical advice and information
- Comprehensive feedback on performance through mid-term essays (unless there is alternative assessment on the course)
- Three Plenary lectures. In 2017 the following speakers gave plenary lectures:

Plenary speaker	Topic
Lord Chris Smith, Master of Pembroke College (confirmed for 2018 also)	<i>What now for Brexit?</i>
Dr Hannah Mumby, Fellow, Pembroke College	<i>The puzzle of elephants</i>
Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, Member of the House of Lords, Executive Chairwoman of the AMAR Foundation	<i>Sexual violence in conflict: Religious persecution and fate of the Yazidi people</i>
Mr Kieren Lovell, Head, Computer Emergency Response Team, University of Cambridge	<i>Cyber security: Why hack the machine when they can hack you?</i>

- Study skills sessions (Social Sciences and Sciences)
- Field trips / guest speakers on courses (where applicable)
- Free provision of transcripts: hard copy posted to the address provided / home institution as applicable

- Access to libraries at Pembroke College, King's College, Engineering, and University Library (for Supervision students only)
- IT support, 24/7 access to computer facilities and Wi-Fi
- Printing credit of £20
- College-based 24/7 pastoral and welfare support
- College-based onsite medical support, including daily medical surgery (drop in) on weekdays
- Practical support and advice throughout the programme, including through a dedicated PKP team and Programme Assistants.

The accommodation fee includes:

- Six weeks (44 nights) continuous accommodation in a single occupancy room in Pembroke or King's Colleges accommodation
- Provision of linen (bedding and towels)
- Weekly room cleaning service
- Daily communal area cleaning service
- Meal plan providing approximately ten meals per week (60 in total) at the College where the student resides
- Three formal dinners 'Formal Halls', including drinks receptions
- Welcome buffet
- Walking tours of Cambridge, Pembroke College and King's College
- Social programme: a wide range of free / subsidised activities organised throughout the programme. This may include, for instance:
 - Football/Cricket
 - Karaoke nights
 - Day trips (e.g. London, Ely),
 - A walk to Wimpole Hall or Grantchester Tea Rooms
 - Punting on the river Cam.
- Life-long membership of the Pembroke College Circle, an alumni network which enables 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. All participants in the programme will be automatically enrolled in the Pembroke Circle (<http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/international-programmes/pembroke-college-circle/>) and made aware of the attendant benefits and opportunities. This network has now more than 3,000 members.

Application process

Applicants are required to have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 or equivalent at the time of application and must have completed their first year of university by the start of PKP. Applications are made through our online application system and will require an academic transcript from the applicant's home university and an academic reference sent directly to the PKP office in Cambridge (by email or post). We will open our online application system in early October 2017, and expect to close during March 2018 when the programme is most likely to reach capacity.

Upon receipt of a complete application, we aim to communicate our decision within fifteen working days. Once an application has been accepted (students are notified by email and can see the accepted status on their online application), the applicant can log in to their online to first select and pay for their accommodation, and then for their academic courses.

While the accommodation choice is final, students can revise their course selections (i.e. add or drop courses to a total of 3) until the course selection deadline in early June (date to be confirmed).

English language requirements

A high level of fluency in English is a prerequisite for attending PKP. For non-native English speakers and students who are not studying at an English-speaking university, the students will normally need to provide one of the following qualifications:

- GCSE in English Language/IGCSE English Language (as a first language): at grade C or above
- IELTS: normally a minimum overall grade of 7.0, usually with 7.0 in each element
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: at grade A
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: at grade A or B
- TOEFL Paper Based Test: 627
- TOEFL Computer Based Test: 263
- TOEFL Internet Based Test: 107 (including a minimum of 25/30 in each component)

However, if the student has studied and been assessed in English at university level as part of their degree, excluding in English Language classes, the student may not need to provide any further qualifications, although they have to supply a comprehensive course syllabus. Likewise, if they have completed an academic course abroad with English as the language of instruction this may also satisfy our requirements.

Evidence of a high level of fluency in English can be scanned and emailed across to the PKP team.

If in doubt, we can liaise and communicate directly with the students to reconfirm eligibility, or offer guidance and advice as may be necessary. We have a very large number of students from non-English speaking countries – and we work with each applicant to establish and confirm eligibility as required.

The deadline for applications is normally in March (exact 2018 date to be confirmed).