

Interviews and Assessments

Please consult the below table and accompanying notes for details about arrangements concerning assessments and interviews for each subject.

Subject	Written Work?***	Pre-Registered Assessment*?	Pre-Interview Assessment (Online, before interview)**	How many interviews will I have?****	Will the/one of the interviews have any pre-reading?****
AMES	No	No	Yes if combining with ML	1	No
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic	2 pieces	No	No	2	No
Archaeology	1 piece	No	Yes	1	No
Architecture	Portfolio	No	Yes	1	No
Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology	No	ESAT	No	1	No
Classics	2 pieces	No	Yes	2	No
Computer Science	No	TMUA	No	2	Yes
Design	Portfolio	No	Yes	1	No
Economics	No	TMUA	No	1	Yes
Engineering	No	ESAT	No	1	No
English	2 pieces	No	CLAT	1	Yes
Geography	No	No	No	1	Yes
History	2 pieces	No	No	2	No
History and Modern Languages	2 pieces (1 in language of study)	No	Yes	2 (1 history, 1 MML)	No

History and Politics	2 pieces	No	No	1	No
History of Art	No	No	No	2	No
HSPS	2 pieces	No	Yes	1	No
Law	No	LNAT	No	2	Yes
Linguistics	No	No	Yes	1	No
Maths	No	No	Yes	2	No
Medicine	No	UCAT	No	2	No
MML	2 pieces	No	Yes	2	Yes
Music	Yes: and a harmony/counterpoint exercise or original composition	No	No	2	Yes
Natural Sciences Biological	No	ESAT	No	2	No
Natural Sciences Physical	No	ESAT	No	2	Yes
PBS	No	No	No	1	Yes
Philosophy	No	No	No	1	No
Theology	2 pieces	No	No	1	Yes

***Pre-registered assessments:** these are assessments you must register for yourself. Failure to do so by the deadline will mean your application is discontinued. [Application dates and deadlines for Cambridge | Undergraduate Study](#)

****Pre-interview assessments:** these are assessments for which you will be automatically entered if you are invited to interview. They will take place towards the end of November, online. If you require any adjustments to be made for the purposes of the assessment, please click here: [Applying with a Disability, Neurodiverse Condition, Mental Health Condition or Chronic Health Condition | King's College Cambridge](#)

*****Written work:** Unless the subject matter is specified for your subject, any piece of work written for the subjects you study / studied at school or college will be fine, even if the work is not linked to the subject that you propose to study at Cambridge. In general, we would like to see work that best reflects your interests and abilities. You can submit work that is also being examined officially as coursework if you want to.

It is best to submit recent work; however, the essays you submit do not have to have been written in your final year at school. We do not expect gap-year students to produce new work - if you are on a gap year, please send essays from your final year at school.

We prefer essays to be marked by a member of your school staff. If submitting marked work is not possible for any reason, please add a brief explanatory note on the coversheet. School work must be original work, not re-written or corrected for Cambridge.

Unless specified in the information for your subject, essays may be either handwritten or typed. We prefer you to submit your work exactly as you produced it at school or college. Accordingly, please do not worry about such details as formatting or whether or not you included a bibliography.

Any essays you send should be pieces of work that you would feel happy to discuss in an interview. Your interviewers then decide whether or not to ask you about your written work.

There is no word limit. As a guide, and unless otherwise specified in your subject paragraph, most candidates submit essays that are between 1,000 and 3,000 words long. When selecting work, please note that we are looking for quality rather than quantity. If you submit work that is longer than 3,000 words, we are happy to receive it but do not guarantee that the interviewers will read all of it.

All essays must be written in English, unless we have requested them to be written in a foreign language that you are applying to study at Cambridge. It is best to submit work that was originally written in English, however we are happy to accept translations (either official translations or a translation by you) if you want to submit work originally written in another language. We are aware of differences in syllabus and methodology in different countries so you will not be disadvantaged if your essays are not written in the same style as those we receive from UK applicants.

If, for any reason, you are unable to submit any written work, it is in your interest to write to us before the deadline and to explain your circumstances.

To prepare your written work for submission:

1. Save and fill in a separate cover sheet for each piece of work you plan to submit. (You can find the coversheet at the link below.)
2. Create a single PDF that has your cover sheet as the first page, then your written work.
3. Make sure you create a separate PDF for each piece of work you plan to submit.
4. Check the size of your files and reduce them if you need to. Files need to be up to 100MB or 15MB if you're submitting an Architecture portfolio.
5. Name your PDF file following this format: Lastname_Firstname_UCAS ID_WrittenWork1. For example, Wilkinson_Joe_0123456789_WrittenWork1

[Written work and portfolios | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Upload link: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6JVJtspxtK9vwhM

******Interviews:** Interviews will generally be 25 minutes in length. However, if you are applying for a subject which only conducts one interview, your interview will usually be 35 minutes long. HSPS interviews are 30 minutes long. They will be conducted by two fellows who are academic specialists in your chosen subject. They will be designed to test your ability to apply knowledge and skills learned in your school studies to new, and unfamiliar challenges/problems, and to assess whether you would likely cope with the academic demands of your course. More information about interviews can be found on the Applicant Information 2024 Page of the Website.

******* Pre-Reading:** For some interviews, you will be asked to read a short text around 30 minutes in advance of the interview. This will then be discussed during the interview. You will be informed about where you need to go to collect the reading, and where you need to stay while you read it. The pre-reading will not assume any prior knowledge of the subject and is not something for which you can/should prepare.

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