



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

Advanced Diploma in Research
Theory and Practice in English
Business Management or Engineering

Cambridge International
Pre-Master's Programme
2020 - 2021

“Talented graduates from around the globe seek to study at Master’s level in English speaking universities. The new Advanced Diploma course offered by the University of Cambridge, one of the world’s best universities, supports students to develop intellectually and improve their academic English Language level. This ambitious new course is a platform for future study at the postgraduate level and preparing to engage with research that is relevant to worldwide knowledge economies.

Cambridge is a brilliant and welcoming multicultural city of learning and discovery. It has a rich history of innovation and is a city that offers a wide range of cultural experiences. It is one of the world’s best places in which to be a student, create new professional networks and form lifelong friendships.”



James Gazzard
Director of Continuing Education
University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education



The University of Cambridge has attracted many of the very best minds for over 800 years. Famous alumni of the University include the natural historian David Attenborough; the anthropologist, Jane Goodall; the novelist Zadie Smith; the engineers Ray Dolby, Charles Rolls and Charles Babbage; the scientists Hawking, Crick, Darwin and Newton; and the poets Tennyson, Wordsworth and Milton.

Join us in Cambridge

Our International Pre-Master's (IPM) programme aims to develop students' abilities in research methods and practices, their English language and academic literacy skills, and understanding of current and emerging themes in Business Management or Engineering. In so doing, the course prepares students to undertake Master's level study in higher education institutions in the UK, or elsewhere, in either Business Management or Engineering.

Today the University has grown to over 20,000 students, 7,500 of whom are graduate students.



Of those graduate students, 50% come from overseas, and over 40% are women.



The University and its Colleges are now spread throughout the city.

118 affiliates of the University of Cambridge have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904.

The IPM programme

Cambridge International Pre-Master's Programme:
Advanced Diploma in Research Theory and Practice
in English – Business Management or Engineering

The course will introduce research methodologies combined with current subject-specific topics, whilst improving English language skills to meet Master's level requirements.





This nine-month full-time Advanced Diploma programme is for students wishing to study a Master's degree at a leading university.

The Cambridge International Pre-Master's programme is designed to

- provide students with the necessary English language and academic literacy skills to conduct an independent research project;
- develop students' skills as independent and critical researchers in preparation for Master's level study in the UK or other English speaking countries;
- enhance students' knowledge and understanding of key and emerging Business Management or Engineering themes.

Applicants should have completed their undergraduate degree at the time of entry, achieving a high grade, at least equivalent to a UK 2.1 Honours degree or an overseas equivalent from a recognised higher education institution, in a related field (Business Management or Engineering).



Learning the Cambridge way

Students will learn about research fundamentals, research processes and how to conduct an independent research project based on a variety of case studies linked to current and emerging themes in Business Management and Engineering.



“The International Pre-Master’s is an innovative course that has been carefully created to help students extend their subject knowledge by engaging with contemporary research. It will also prepare students for Master’s level study, at leading universities, by helping to improve language skills, academic confidence and the ability to conduct a research project guided by a Cambridge supervisor. The course will be taught in a highly interactive manner and students will work with colleagues in seminars, workshops and online to enhance their understanding of contemporary themes in Business Management or Engineering. The IPM will help students take the next step on their career journey.”



Dr Nigel Kettley
Academic Director,
University Senior
Lecturer in Education
and Social Science.

The current and emerging themes are:

Managing Technology
and Innovation

Unit 1: Research Fundamentals
– Thinking like a Researcher

This unit focuses on research fundamentals in Business Management and Engineering.

Environmental, Social
and Governance Issues
(ESG)

Unit 2: Research Design –
Professional Research Processes
and Procedure

This unit consolidates learning from unit 1 to enable students to use their insights for designing research.

The Ageing Workforce
and Productivity

Unit 3: Independent Research
Project in the Specialist Subject

This unit will focus on developing students’ skills so that they become independent and critical researchers ready to continue their study at Master’s level.

Virtual, Augmented
and Mixed Reality



Teaching

12 hours formal teaching per week alongside workshops, seminars and independent learning.

Support

Students will be assigned a subject specialist supervisor and a pastoral Tutor through the College to support their learning journey.

Resources

Students will have access to college and university-wide libraries to support their studies.

Workshops

The 3 hour face-to-face workshops will be split into small sessions covering research fundamentals relevant to both disciplines, guided by the four current themes.

Discipline-specific Research Seminars

Workshops will be supported by discipline-specific 2 hour face-to-face research seminars. These are intended to deepen understanding of research fundamentals in relation to the chosen research topic.

Independent Learning

In addition students will be expected to deepen their knowledge and understanding outside the classroom through independent learning and reflection.

Cultural Programme

Cambridge IPM students will have a formal dinner every term and will additionally benefit from a cultural programme alongside their studies which will include visits to local places of interest such as Ely Cathedral, the theatre or a festival.



Visit our website to find out more:
www.ice.cam.ac.uk/ipm

“Increase multilingualism amongst students and staff of the University; promoting, encouraging and supporting the learning of languages for personal, academic and professional purposes.”

Cambridge University Language Centre Mission Statement



The Language Centre

IPM Students will have a total of 40 hours' Language and Literacy seminars per term (2 x 2 hour sessions per week)

The English Language and Academic Literacy components will adopt the same developmental logic as the content and research skills aspects of the IPM. The components are designed to both develop the students' academic literacy skills in English whilst at the same time supporting the respective tasks and skills taught in each term. The components will cover key receptive strategies required at postgraduate level with respect to managing reading input, but will also focus on the active skills of written and oral communication.

This will include all of the key elements involved such as:

- understanding the writing process
- achieving clarity in writing
- argumentation in English

It will also raise awareness of how these may be different from what the student is used to, in their first language. Teaching will include full class seminars as well as individual supervisions.

Students will have access to the wide range of Online Learning Objects developed in-house by the Language Centre. Formative assessment will support the development of language and academic literacy skills, as well as the main written requirement of the content units in each term.

The University of Cambridge Language Centre:

Supports the highest levels of academic achievement by students whose first language is not English.

Fosters learner autonomy in language learners, whether studying independently or attending courses within the University.

Colleges

The University of Cambridge is a collegiate university and its students are members of a College.

IPM students become a part of the unique tradition attached to College membership at Cambridge. IPM students will have the option to choose from one of following colleges:



Girton College
www.girton.cam.ac.uk



Lucy Cavendish College
www.lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk

(this is a female only college)



Wolfson College
www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk



Graduate study at Cambridge can be a life-changing experience.

Some of the advantages of College membership are tangible. These include:

Induction in the first few weeks | ongoing academic and pastoral support from the Tutor and Graduate Office | accommodation and catering | financial advice and assistance | social, cultural and sporting facilities | opportunities for research, teaching, and professional development, through interdisciplinary seminars or intergenerational networks of College members.

And some benefits of College membership are intangible, but just as real, and equally integral to the experience of Cambridge:

Conversations and friendships that extend beyond their area of expertise and stimulate new ideas | the opportunity to represent the University or College | the excitement of belonging to a truly international group.



If students have an image of Cambridge, it's probably one of ancient buildings, immaculate green lawns and people punting down a willow-fringed river. A city of bustling streets and pavement cafés, it also features green spaces and parks, and cows can be found grazing close to the city centre. It is a historic town, built by the Romans and familiar to Danes, Saxons and Normans.

Cambridge offers all the benefits of city life: pubs and clubs; an incredible variety of concert venues offering music for all tastes; theatres, cinemas, cafés and restaurants; a thriving central market; and a good range of shops.

Life in Cambridge

Cambridge is a great place to be a student.

Accommodation

Students admitted to this course have the choice of the following:*

- **Swirles Court**

Swirles Court contains 325 ensuite study bedrooms, together with social and study spaces, all set around landscaped courtyards with card controlled access to create a secure environment.

- **Mount Pleasant Halls**

City centre accommodation. Excellent sized rooms with ensuite bedroom clusters set to be between 16.9 sq m and 17.1 sq m and studios a minimum of 23 sq m (accessible bedrooms to be a minimum of 20 sq m). Each floor will be accessible by lift and included in the new facilities are kitchens, a study area, launderette and IT hub room.



Cambridge is home to Silicon Fen (**The Cambridge Cluster**) with a combination of over 500 startup, tech and biotech companies. It is also a UK hub for other global companies such as Ernst and Young, AstraZeneca and Microsoft.

Cambridge has excellent road and rail links to the rest of the UK – London is only 50 minutes away by train. It is also within easy reach of all London's international airports, and there is a direct 30-minute rail link to Stansted international airport.

Whether students want to take part in a sport, pursue a hobby or join a politically focused group, there will almost certainly be a society that suits their interests. Sporting activities are very common in Cambridge, and there are excellent facilities, often provided by the Colleges. It is quite common to see rowers on the River Cam on chilly mornings, practising for The Bumps, a biannual intercollegiate competition. There are hundreds of student societies in Cambridge, catering for almost every taste and interest which IPMs students are encouraged to join.

**Accommodation costs are not included in the tuition fees*

Entry requirements:

Students must be aged 21 or over at the point of commencement of the course. A language certificate waiver is not available for this course. All applicants are required to submit a certificate at application.

Relevant higher education:

Applicants for this course will normally have achieved a UK 2.1 honours degree or overseas equivalent from a recognised higher education institution, in a related field (Business Management or Engineering).

English language level:

IELTS: 6.5

with no element lower than 6.0

TOEFL: iBT 90

with no element lower than 22, other than speaking which can be no lower than 20

Cambridge Advanced: overall 176

with no less than 169 in any paper

Cambridge Proficiency: overall 176

with no less than 169 in any paper

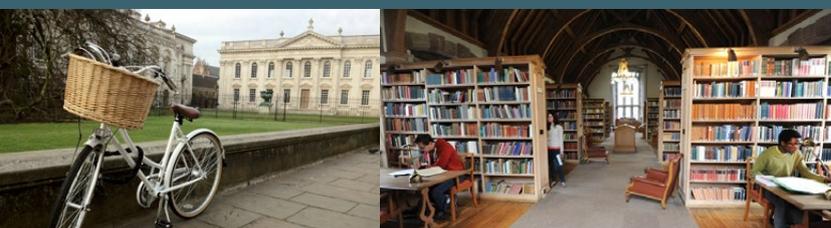
Application Information:

Candidates should visit the University of Cambridge Graduate Admissions website for more information before starting an application.

Applicants must submit the following in order to fulfill the admissions requirements of this course:

- Bachelor's degree transcripts
- Bachelor's degree certificate
- English language assessment certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge Advanced, Cambridge Proficiency)
- Research proposal
- CV or resume
- Two references
- Personal statement
- Financial evidence

To apply visit the application portal:
www.ice.cam.ac.uk/ipm



Key dates:

Applications open:

2 September 2019

Virtual Open Day:

17 September 2019

Online Research Proposal Workshop 1:

10 October 2019

Early Application Deadline:

5 December 2019

Online Research Proposal Workshop 2:

11 February 2020

Final Application Deadline:

31 March 2020

Programme Starts:

October 2020

Award Ceremony:

August 2021

Fees:

Application Fee

All applicants will be required to make a £60 payment at application stage. This fee is non-refundable.

Tuition Fees

Home and EU: £13,875

Overseas: £17,500

Please note: The **College fee** is included in the tuition fees. Applicants do not need to pay an additional College fee.

Accommodation costs are not included in the tuition fees.

Maintenance Costs

Students must consider the minimum cost of living likely to be incurred whilst studying on the programme. Details of current costs can be found at www.ice.cam.ac.uk/ipm

Admissions enquiries

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