

# UK - England

## Cambridge PKP Summer

### UCEAP Advising Notes

#### **Objective of the Advising Notes Document**

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

#### **Advisor Contact Information**

The BSA Adviser for England is Katie Weibel ([weibel@berkeley.edu](mailto:weibel@berkeley.edu)). Katie has spent time traveling England and would be happy to help you compare universities/cities in this program. Her drop-in hours are Tuesdays 10-12, Thursdays 1-2, Fridays 2-3, or by appointment.

#### **Applications 2019-20**

You can use the document, "Preparing for the UCEAP application" to assist you.

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply>

#### **Application Process**

Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website. From within this interactive application, students will be instructed to complete a secondary application in the MyEAP system. Students will also need to complete an application directly to PKP at the same time - all applications will be due on the UCB deadline. Within your MyEAP application you will find detailed instructions for the PKP application.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions about the PKP application:**

- **Letters of Recommendation:** An academic letter of recommendation will need to be submitted directly to PKP. PKP requires that the recommender be someone who has taught you at the college level no more than three years ago who can comment on your academic ability. The recommendation can be from a professor or a graduate student instructor.
- **Official UCB Transcript:** An official transcript will need to be emailed (PDF) or mailed (hard copy) directly to PKP. Transfer students must also submit official copies to Cambridge of all transfer school transcripts.
- **May I take dependents with me?** The Student Visitor Visa needed for this program does not permit the student to bring dependents.
- **There is a non-refundable application fee of 60 GBP.**

## Competitiveness of the Program

Cambridge will be able to accommodate all the qualified applicants who apply by the specified deadlines.

Students are advised to apply as early as possible within the application window to increase their chances of getting their first choice of courses and housing. Immediately after selection you will have to pay housing costs (an “Accommodation Fee”, see explanation in **Program Fees** below) before you can sign up for classes and choose your housing. PKP closed enrollment in April last year, filing all available spots one month earlier than anticipated.

## Acceptance

Cambridge reserves the right to select students. You will receive official selection notification from EAP after Cambridge has notified you regarding selection. **Cambridge will email their acceptance decision to you within two weeks of receiving your complete application** (i.e. online application as well as hard copy application materials). EAP will send selection notification to the student after Cambridge informs us that the student has been accepted to the program, has agreed to selection terms and conditions and has paid the Accommodation Fee. You can check this [chart](#) to see when students have been placed at your host university in the past.

## Cohort

This program allows students to take courses alongside international and UC system-wide students. To see how big the UCB cohorts were per university, check out this [chart](#).

## Program Fees

There is a non-refundable application fee of **£60** (about **\$78 using the exchange rate 1GBP = \$1.31**) that students pay directly to Cambridge. After receiving selection notification from Cambridge, students should be prepared to pay an Accommodation Fee (housing cost) ranging from **£1456 - £2258** directly to Cambridge (about **\$1,903 - \$2,952 if 1 GBP=\$1.31**) in order to register for courses and apply for housing.

*Students will not be able to sign up for classes or apply for housing until this fee is paid. This fee is non-refundable.*

## Program Fees Deposit for Financial Aid Recipients

Students who are on financial aid have the option of paying a lower accommodation fee deposit of **500 GBP** (about **\$653 if 1GBP=\$1.31**). Upon paying the deposit the student is guaranteed Band 2 housing. The rest of the accommodation fee is due to Cambridge as soon as summer financial aid is disbursed, or ten days before the program start date. The housing fee is not paid by UCEAP as part of UCEAP fees.

## Summer Financial Aid

Financial aid for the summer is not as comprehensive as what students may be accustomed to during the academic year because it is a “trailer” to the current academic year. If financial aid is important for your participation in the Cambridge/PKP program then it’s essential that you plan ahead and keep the following in mind:

1. The Financial Aid Office will likely not be able to release offers for summer until the end of March or later. You will not know exactly how much summer aid you will be getting until several months before departure. If you have questions about what kind of aid you can expect, please speak with a Financial Aid Counselor at Berkeley Study Abroad.
2. Your summer financial aid award will not be disbursed until a minimum of 10 days prior to the program start date (late June), so you will need to be prepared to pay the Accommodation Fee deposit and other pre-departure expenses for the health clearance, student visa, and airline tickets using a credit card or other means.

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## Scholarships

- Pembroke offers UC students merit scholarships each summer of 1,000 GBP each to cover part of the cost of Cambridge PKP tuition. Applications are only released to selected students. The requirement to apply for the scholarship is a UC cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. See the Cambridge PKP website for more details.
- The [Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Program](#) will offer summer scholarships.
- UCEAP offers [Promise Award Scholarships](#).

## Curriculum

- All students take 3 (three) upper division courses worth 3.33 semester units each, for a total of 10 units. Module 1 courses are taught in July, Module 2 courses are taught in August, and Module 3 courses are taught in July and August. Module 3 courses end a week before the program ends. The “supervision” has the same time-frame as a Module 3 course.
- Past participants of this program HIGHLY recommend taking one course in each module to make sure you balance your workload.
- The Cambridge/PKP program offers students the unique opportunity to work closely with a Cambridge faculty member or post-doctoral candidate by substituting a Cambridge-style supervision course (similar to an independent research project at UC) for one course. Students meet with a faculty member individually or in small groups once a week to complete a series of research-based papers in the subject area. A cost of **700 GBP** (about **\$915 if 1GBP=\$1.31**) will be added to the program budget for any student undertaking a supervision.

## Calendar Considerations

The Cambridge PKP summer 2019 program dates are not yet released. However, last year the program ran very close to the start date of Berkeley’s fall term. Please make sure to check the calendars when choosing this program and the modules. The first day of classes at Berkeley is Wednesday, August 21.

## Special Advice for recent Transfer Students

Recent transfer students who are interested in applying must have one semester’s worth of Berkeley grades in addition to their work from their transfer school; thus only transfer students admitted in fall semester of the current academic year can apply to EAP-Cambridge PKP. Transfer students who are spring admits (who won’t have a semester of Berkeley grades by the application deadline) should consider 1) applying to Cambridge PKP as a non-UC sponsored option or 2) applying for the program after a year’s worth of Berkeley grades is posted on the UCB transcript.

## Special Advice for “FPF” Freshman Fall Program Students

Students can apply for Cambridge PKP if they have junior standing on the UCB transcript by departure for the program and a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above. FPF students who will take 30 college credits in the freshman year at Cal and who enter with 26 or more Advanced Placement credits and meet the GPA requirement will qualify for the program. However, they will be selected conditionally and will not become full selectees until grades from the fall semester appear on the UCB transcript. This happens sometime between March and April of the following spring semester. FPF students should submit the University Extension transcript when they first apply and be prepared to wait through the period from February to April until they can submit the official Berkeley transcript to Cambridge PKP and be cleared for selection.

## Travel & Entry Clearance/Visas

You may not travel to or through the Republic of Ireland on your way to the United Kingdom. Do not book your flight on Aer Lingus, as it will make a stop in Dublin on its way to the U.K.

U.S. Citizens: You will obtain an entry clearance called the Student Visitor Visa when you arrive in the U.K. from British immigration officers at the airport or at another port of entry. UCEAP will provide detailed information about this clearance. You need to show proper documentation of your student status and evidence of financial support for the coming term abroad.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, check the [United Kingdom Visa and Immigration \(UKVI\) website](#) to determine the visa process for your country of citizenship.

## **Brexit**

[Matt Beech – Brexit and its Aftershocks](#)

[Brexit: Your simple guide to the UK leaving the EU](#)

## **Delayed Grades from Abroad: Important for Seniors**

Depending on the host institution, UCEAP will transmit your UCEAP courses, units, and grades to Berkeley up to 90 days after your program officially ends. You cannot be administratively graduated until your UCEAP grades are reported to Berkeley, are posted to your transcript, and a degree audit is conducted.

The Berkeley Office of the Registrar only administratively graduates students (a.k.a. degrees are “posted” to transcripts) three times per year: October for students with a summer anticipated graduation date, February for students with a Fall anticipated graduation date, and July for students with a Spring anticipated graduation date. If your EAP grades arrive after degrees are posted for your term of participation, your degree will be processed and posted to your transcript with the next term’s degree list.

You can review this [chart](#) to see when students at your host university in the past have had their EAP grades transmitted to the Berkeley Office of the Registrar. Factoring in a 1 to 4-week delay for grades to appear on your Berkeley transcript, determine when your degree is likely to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar (October, July or February).

If you determine that your grades are likely to arrive later than the term you need to graduate from Berkeley to stay eligible for your graduate program or another post-graduation opportunity, contact the program/employer you are applying to as early as possible. Ask about their policy on delayed graduation due to study abroad participation. Find out how long they can wait for UCEAP grades to be recorded on your official Berkeley transcript and for your degree to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar.

Ask your graduate program or employer if you can provide some academic information while waiting for your UCEAP grades or Berkeley diploma. If courses and grades do not yet appear on your Berkeley transcript, ask the program/employer if it will accept an official "Verification of UCEAP Coursework." This is a letter from UCEAP verifying dates of UCEAP attendance and giving the estimated dates of arrival for course titles, units, and grades. You can get this letter from your BSA Campus Adviser or from your UCEAP Academic Specialist for your program. If your UCEAP grades already appear on your Berkeley transcript but you are waiting for your degree to be posted, you can also request a Certificate of Completion. Read more about Transcripts and Diplomas on the Office of the Registrar website.

## **EAP Alums**

EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

## **EAP Alum-Created Resources**

Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the [Student Created Resource Google folder](#) that we will continually update with tips, example schedules and presentations from students who have participated on this program.