UK - England

Summer in Cambridge (Pembroke Cambridge Summer Program)
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. 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.

Note: the UCEAP Summer in Cambridge program - Pembroke Cambridge Summer Program - in this document is referred to as "Pembroke".

Application

You can use this website "Preparing for the UCEAP application" to assist you.

There are three applications for this program:

1) Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website.
2) Students will then complete a second application in the UCEAP Portal.
3) Complete an application directly to the Pembroke Cambridge Summer Program. Within your UCEAP Portal you will find detailed instructions for the Pembroke application. Apply early for the best chance to get your course choices and preferred housing.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Pembroke application:

- **Letter of Recommendation:** An academic letter of recommendation will need to be submitted directly to Pembroke. The recommendation can be from a professor or a graduate student instructor. Your referee should email this as a .doc, .docx or .pdf from an institutional email address directly to the Programme Manager at ip@pem.cam.ac.uk. Please ask your referee to name the file in the following format: SURNAME First name Reference.
- **Official UCB Transcript:** This can be submitted either via a digital transcript service or sent by a university administrator or academic from an institutional email address directly to the Programme Manager at ip@pem.cam.ac.uk. Alternatively we will accept official hard-copy transcripts by post, which must be sealed by your university registrar. However please be aware digital versions will be received and processed much quicker than hard copies. Unfortunately they cannot accept transcripts sent directly from students.
- **Digital photo.** Same style and size as a passport photo.

Competitiveness of the Program

Pembroke 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.

Acceptance

Pembroke reserves the right to select students. You will receive an official selection notification from UCEAP after Cambridge has notified you regarding selection. **Pembroke 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). UCEAP will send selection notification to the student after Pembroke informs us that the student 1) has been accepted to the program, 2) has agreed to selection terms and conditions and 3) 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** that students pay directly to Pembroke. After receiving selection notification from Pembroke, students should be prepared to pay an Accommodation Fee (housing).

Please note that on acceptance to the Pembroke Cambridge Summer Programme, you will be required to pay your accommodation fee to secure your place.

This fee is non-refundable and ranges from about $2,700 - $3,700.

Financial Aid students are eligible for a payment deferral with an approximately $800 deposit. Reach out to your BSA advisor if you are a financial Aid student interested in the payment deferral option.

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

The housing fee is not paid by UCEAP as part of UCEAP fees.

Scholarship
Pembroke offers UC students merit scholarships each summer of £1,000 GBP each to cover part of the cost of 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 Pembroke website for more details.

Curriculum
All students take 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 Pembroke 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. An additional estimated cost of **£1,364** will be added to the program budget for any student undertaking a supervision. Supervision courses cannot be dropped from your course list; once selected and secured, it will be a confirmed final course selection. Only select Supervision as one of your courses if you are certain you would like to pursue this option.

Calendar Considerations
The Pembroke program dates are not yet released. However, in previous years 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.

Special Advice for newTransfer Students
Transfer students new to UC Berkeley without a UC GPA who are interested in applying must reach out to the BSA advisor before applying. Pembroke considers transfers without a UC GPA on a case by case basis.

Other Important Notes
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 UCEAP 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.

UCEAP 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.

UCEAP 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, photos of housing and presentations from students who have participated in this program.

Making friends with locals
When students are able to make friends with locals while studying abroad, their experience is enriched. The recent post How to Make Friends with Locals While Abroad by UCEAP student Elizabeth Lemerand (UCLA) offers advice for students to make meaningful connections while they travel.

Media Resources
In order to aid with your study abroad process, the Study Abroad team has compiled media resources from UCEAP and Universities. These resources include YouTube videos that provide an overview of a location or university, and student blog posts and more. These resources can be used to give you a better understanding of what your study abroad experience may be like!

UCEAP Resources
Study Abroad in England, Ireland, and Scotland | UCEAP Virtual Study Abroad Fair 2021

Cambridge Pembroke
The Pembroke Cambridge Summer Programme
Study Abroad in Cambridge
Video Tour of Pembroke College, Cambridge