

Pre-interview and interview notes for applicants

October 2017



This document contains important information about interviews and admissions assessments for each subject, information about any written work you may need to submit, and information on any reading you may need to prepare for interviews. **Please read this information carefully as you will not receive a further notice of anything you are required to do.**

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General Information

1) DECEMBER INTERVIEWS IN CAMBRIDGE

(This information does not apply to applicants who are being interviewed overseas)

Most interviews will be held in Trinity during the week of **Monday 4 December 2017**. Some may be arranged for earlier in the month but it will be impossible to hold interviews after **Monday 11 December 2017**. If you have unavoidable engagements during this period you must let us know as soon as possible since it is very difficult to change interview arrangements once candidates have been notified. Please note that we are unable to arrange interviews outside our scheduled interview times unless in extreme circumstances. Invitations to interview will be sent out during the second half of November. It is not possible to notify anyone of interview dates or times any earlier than this.

If you are selected for interview, you will receive details by email in due course. Meanwhile, please read the notes that follow for specific interview instructions.

Interviews will be with one or more members of the teaching staff in the subject you intend to study in the first year. We do not conduct general interviews at Trinity. In some subjects there are also written tests to sit – details are given for each subject in the sections that follow.

Please note that there is no particular dress code for interviews at Trinity. You are encouraged to dress comfortably.

Overnight accommodation in College is very limited and, if available, will be considered on request only from those for whom travel to and from Cambridge in one day is impossible or where interview procedures mean that you have to be here first thing in the morning or late in the afternoon. We cannot provide accommodation for more than one night. Meals and accommodation are provided free of charge. We regret that it is not possible to provide meals or accommodation for accompanying parents or friends.

If you wish to find accommodation elsewhere in Cambridge, please visit the Cambridge Visitor Information Centre website at <http://www.visitcambridge.org/>.

2) INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS BEING INTERVIEWED OVERSEAS

If you are being interviewed overseas, you should still submit to the Admissions Administrator any written work that is requested for your subject in the subject-specific notes in this document. Please note that international students who are being interviewed overseas will **not** follow the interview procedures that are given in the notes below; the information about interview arrangements in this document applies only to applicants who are being interviewed in Trinity in December. If you are being interviewed overseas, you will follow the interview procedures outlined in the country-specific notes for the country concerned, the precise details of which will be sent to you by the relevant Overseas Application Centre.

Applicants interviewed overseas may also be asked to undergo a video conference interview.

3) APPLICANTS UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR INTERVIEW IN CAMBRIDGE

If you are unable to attend for interview in Cambridge, you may be asked to undergo a video conference interview. This is generally not possible in science subjects. If you are not interviewed, your application will be given full consideration by our Admissions Officers and we shall let you have our decision in January. You should submit any written work that is requested for your subject.

4) AFFILIATED APPLICANTS

It is not our policy at Trinity to interview all Affiliated applicants, although we would normally consider for interview a UK or EU candidate. After the closing date (15 October of the year preceding year of proposed entry), applicants' files are submitted to the appropriate Admissions Officers for their consideration and our decisions are sent to candidates in January. You should submit any written work that is requested for your subject.

5) DECISIONS AND THE JANUARY POOL

Decisions will be sent to you in early January. UK and EU candidates who are placed in the Pool may be invited for another interview in early January. It is important that we have both the address and a telephone number at which you can be contacted then. If you intend to be at the home address given on your application, no action is required; if you will be elsewhere, you must send us the details as soon as they are known. You should also let us know as soon as possible if you are not available for interview in January.

6) WRITTEN WORK

Candidates for some subjects are required to submit written work. Details are given in the relevant subject paragraphs further in this document. However, for all written work the following information applies:

- The deadline for written work to be received at Trinity is **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- Your written work is non-returnable. Legible photocopies are acceptable, but work must be original work, not re-written or corrected for Cambridge (unless stated otherwise). Please keep a copy of what you send as reference may be made to it at interview.
- Please number the pages.
- Staples, paperclips, treasury tags, plastic wallets are fine but not necessary.
- Each essay must be accompanied by a signed coversheet which you should download from the Trinity Applicant Information web page at <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/information-for-current-applicants/>.
- Your written work may be marked or unmarked but it must be certified as your own by a member of the school staff.
- Unless the subject matter is specified for your subject (in the relevant subject-specific notes that follow), any piece of work written for the subjects you study/studied at school/college will be acceptable even if it is not linked to the subject you propose to study at Cambridge. In general, we would like to see work that best reflects your interests and abilities. We are deliberately flexible about this so that you are free to select pieces you would like us to read.
- 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. For UK candidates, essays written for subjects in Year 12 would be fine if you have not yet produced anything suitable in Year 13. We do not expect gap year students to produce new work – please send in work from your A-levels (or equivalent).
- Please write on the cover sheet any information about the context in which you wrote each essay which may be useful to the person reading it. For example, how long you were given to do it (1 hour/3 days/3 weeks, etc), whether or not you were allowed to use a dictionary (say, in the case of foreign language essays) or other resources.
- Unless specified in the subject-specific notes, essays may be either handwritten or typed. We prefer that you submit your work exactly as you produced it at school/college. Accordingly, please do not worry about such details as formatting or whether or not you have included a bibliography.
- Any essays you send in 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. Unless otherwise specified in the subject-specific notes, 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.
- 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, any candidate who does not have suitable essays in English may translate work written in another language. We do not mind whether you translate the work yourself or have it officially translated.
- If, for any reason, you are unable to submit any written work, it is in your interests to write to us before the deadline to explain your circumstances.
- **You must ensure that you pay the correct postage when you send your work to us.** Within the UK. A4 envelopes require large letter stamps otherwise the Post Office will not deliver them.
- **You must submit your essays by post. Emailed documents or faxed copies are not acceptable.**
- If you require confirmation that your written work has been received, please include a small self-addressed envelope for us to return to you. The Porters at Trinity can sign for post whenever it arrives. Candidates who live locally are welcome to hand-deliver their work to the Porters' Lodge if they wish.

Subject-specific Information

ANGLO-SAXON, NORSE AND CELTIC

- Send two recent essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- Please ensure that you have absorbed the Guide to the ASNC Tripos (obtainable from The Secretary, ASNC, Faculty of English, 9 West Road, Cambridge, CB2 1QA; also available on the internet at <http://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/> which contains an introductory reading list. It would help if you have read two or three of the items on this list.
- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for ASNC at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/asncaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – **the registration deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for ASNC will be **taken on 2 November 2017**. Further details about the format of the assessment and preparatory materials are available on the [written assessments](#) page.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

ARCHAEOLOGY

- Send one recent essay to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Archaeology are required to take a written assessment at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/archaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

ARCHITECTURE

- Bring a portfolio of drawings, photographs, sketches, models, or other visual material which you think may be relevant. What you bring for interview is entirely up to you. We have applications from many students who have not done Art at GCSE let alone A-level. The important thing to remember is that it is your work (your own imaginative ideas) that the interviewer is trying to gauge, rather than the work of an art teacher. The aim is to demonstrate your own general abilities and enthusiasms, not necessarily to cover a particular range of materials and techniques. There will only be about 15 minutes, perhaps, to look at the contents of a portfolio, so you should not bring more than a maximum of, say, 20 pieces to discuss, although a working sketch book kept over a period of time is also very useful.
- You will have one interview with the Director of Studies in Architecture and another member of the teaching staff.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Architecture are required to take written and practical assessments at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- Writing skills (30 minutes)
- Graphic and spatial ability (30 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/arcaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessments at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

ASIAN & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

- Send two recent, preferably marked, essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- Candidates will have two separate interviews. One will be with the Director of Studies in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the other with a specialist in the area in which you have expressed interest. It is expected that you will have done some reading concerning the relevant culture(s). It is possible that one of the interviews may involve the Director of Studies of another college.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for AMES at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/amesaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the **registration deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for AMES will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Those applying for Chemical Engineering via Natural Sciences should follow the guidelines for Natural Sciences applicants and those applying for Chemical Engineering via Engineering should follow the guidelines for Engineering applicants.

CLASSICS

- Send two examples of written work (essays, translations or compositions) to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**. **PLEASE SEND FOUR COPIES OF EACH PIECE OF WORK (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET)**.
- You will have separate interviews with two members of the Classics staff and may be asked to discuss the work you have submitted.
- You will also be seen by a Director of Studies in Classics in another college.
- Applicants for the four-year course are given a language learning aptitude test which takes place in the Classics Faculty whilst they are in Cambridge for interviews. There are different exercises for those who have studied Latin to GCSE or AS level (or equivalent), and for those who have no knowledge of the language at all. You won't need any more information – just turn up and do your best.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Classics are required to take a written assessment at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

Classics three-year course

Translation exercise (60 minutes)

Classics four-year course

Language (or GCSE Latin) assessment after teaching session (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/claaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- You will have one interview of about 45 minutes with two members of the Computer Science staff. The interview will focus on scientific or mathematical topics.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Computer Science are required to take the [Computer Science Admissions Test \(CSAT\)](#) at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- [CSAT](#) Maths-based problems (100 minutes)

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

ECONOMICS

- You will have one interview, with two members of the Economics staff. Part of this interview will involve discussion of an article that you will be asked to collect before the interview. The remainder of the interview will be a discussion of general economic issues though no specialised knowledge of the subject will be assumed. You will be given instructions about your collection of the article when we send the details of your interview.
- Because of the severe competition for places to read Economics at Trinity, not all applicants are called for interview.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.
- Mathematics A-level (or equivalent) is a prerequisite for reading Economics at Cambridge.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for Economics at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Problem-solving/maths MCQs (80 minutes)
- Data response/comprehension (40 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/ecaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for Economics will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

ENGINEERING

- If selected for interview, candidates for Engineering at Trinity take a short (one-hour) test during their interview visit comprising maths and physics questions (a sample is available on the College website at: <https://share.trin.cam.ac.uk/sites/public/Tutorial/Admissions-UG/engineering07.pdf>) followed by two interviews of about half-an-hour each with different members of the teaching staff. One interview concentrates on the candidate's answers to the test questions and the other is of a broader technical nature and may include discussions of topics of interest to the candidate.
- Applicants unable to take a full A-level in Further Mathematics may offer another science subject instead but will be asked also to take an AS in Further Maths.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for Engineering at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Maths/Physics MCQs (80 minutes)
- Engineering specific questions (40 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/engaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for Engineering will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

ENGLISH

- Send one recent essay, of a word limit of up to 2000 words, to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- Those invited for interview will receive two interviews. In one of these you will be asked more general questions about your reading and thinking. You may also be asked about the school or college essay that you submitted in advance. In the other interview, you will be asked questions about particular pieces of writing in poetry or prose or both. Shortly before this latter interview you will be asked to sit a one-hour written test consisting of two questions. One of these will require you to write a short essay; the other will form the basis of questions in the subsequent interview. In this interview you will also be given a piece of writing that you have not previously seen, on which you will be asked to comment. We don't expect you to have previous knowledge of any of the texts that you will be asked to talk or write about over the course of the day.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the English Literature Admission Test (ELAT) at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- ELAT (90 minutes)

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the written assessments page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The ELAT will be **taken on 2 November 2017**. It will be a 90 minute assessment. You will be given six passages of poetry, prose or drama, from which you choose two or three to compare in an essay.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

GEOGRAPHY

- Send two original essays (1,500 words maximum length, preferably word-processed) that relate to contemporary geographical issues. If you are already studying geography, you should submit one human geography essay and one physical geography essay if possible. Essays should reach the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- You will have two interviews lasting around thirty minutes, each with two members of the faculty. Part of one interview will involve discussion of an article that you will be asked to collect and read before the interview.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for Geography at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- TSA section (40 minutes)
- Comprehension (40 minutes)
- Data response (40 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/gaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for Geography will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

HISTORY

- Send two recent essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**. If possible we would like one of these, but preferably not more than one, to be a 'timed essay', produced 'under exam conditions'. **PLEASE SEND FOUR COPIES OF EACH ESSAY (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET).**
- There will be separate interviews of about 30 minutes each with two members of the History staff. In one interview there will be a discussion of the essays you have submitted and on general historical matters and intellectual interests. In the other you will be asked to discuss one or more pieces of analytical writing or primary historical evidence.
- As well as an oral interview on the pieces of writing, you will also be asked to produce a brief written answer to a question arising from them. You should allow two hours to study and write on them before your interview.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for History at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/haa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for History will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

HISTORY & MODERN LANGUAGES

- Send two recent essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**, one in History and one in the language you wish to study. **PLEASE SEND FOUR COPIES OF EACH ESSAY (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET).**
- There will be two interviews, one in each subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for History and Modern Languages are required to take written assessments both pre-interview (the [History assessment](#)) and at interview (the [Modern Languages](#) assessment), if interviewed.

Assessment format

Pre-interview - History assessment

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/haa_specification.pdf for a specification.

At interview - Modern Languages assessment

- Discursive response in Foreign Language (40 minutes)
- Discursive response in English (20 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/mmlaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

The pre-interview assessment must be taken at an authorised centre (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college). You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the pre-interview assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the [written assessment](#) at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessments pre-interview and at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

HISTORY & POLITICS

- Send two recent essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**. **PLEASE SEND FOUR COPIES OF EACH ESSAY (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET)**. We encourage you to submit a coursework essay or dissertation, not a text of short answers or a personal opinion piece. If your schoolwork does not include essays, it is best to ask your teacher to set you an essay to write in your own time, and then to confirm that the essay is your own work in an attached statement.
- You can expect to have two interviews, each lasting between 25 and 40 minutes. In one of these, you will be asked to discuss a set of documents that you will have had a chance to study beforehand and on the subject of which you will also have been asked to put down some thoughts in writing.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

Assessment format

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/haa_specification.pdf for a specification.

The pre-interview written assessment for History and Politics will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

HISTORY OF ART

- Send to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017** an essay of not more than 500 words describing a building or work of art that you have seen and admired; if you are studying neither Art nor History of Art at school you may, if you wish, choose another topic with an artistic, literary or historical theme. Contrary to the directions given on the Cover Sheet for written work, this piece may be specially written for your application.
- You will have one interview of about 30 minutes with the Director of Studies in History of Art and another member of the faculty.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for History of Art are required to take a [written assessment](#) at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- Structured comparison of images (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/hoaaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

HUMAN, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

- Send two recent essays (preferably typed) to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**. **PLEASE SEND TWO COPIES OF EACH ESSAY (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET)**. We encourage you to submit a coursework essay or dissertation, not a text of short answers or a personal opinion piece. If your schoolwork does not include essays, it is best to ask your teacher to set you an essay to write in your own time, and then to confirm that the essay is your own work in an attached statement.
- You should indicate at <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/information-for-current-applicants/hspc-preferences/> whether you are primarily interested in Anthropology, Politics and International Relations, or Sociology. If you are interested in a specific combination of these subjects, please specify which. Please enter your choices by **Sunday 22 October 2017**.
- You will have two interviews, each lasting 25 to 40 minutes.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for HSPS at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See <http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/hspc specification.pdf> for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for HSPS will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

LAND ECONOMY

- You will have interviews with our Director of Studies in Land Economy and a member of the Economics teaching staff. The interview with the Director of Studies will involve discussion of an article that you will be asked to collect before the interview.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Land Economy are required to take a [written assessment](#) at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- [Thinking Skills Assessment](#) (Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; 90 minutes)

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

LAW

- Applicants will have two interviews, each with two members of the teaching staff in Law. One interview will focus on the examination of a factual scenario given to the applicant 30 minutes before the interview. A sample scenario is available at: https://share.trin.cam.ac.uk/sites/public/Tutorial/Admissions-UG/Law_Factual_Scenario_Example.pdf. Applicants will not need to collect any materials before the other interview.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.
- Prior knowledge of, or training in, Law is not expected or required of candidates.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Law are required to take a [written assessment at interview](#), if interviewed.

Assessment format

- Cambridge Law Test (essay version; 60 minutes)

See https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/lawaa_specification.pdf for a specification, including sample tests and the marking criteria.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

LINGUISTICS

- You will have one interview with two members of the teaching staff. You will be provided with some written material, which will form the basis of the interview.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Linguistics are required to take a written assessment at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- Structured analysis of language data (20 minutes)
- Analysis of quantitative data (20 minutes)
- Short essay (20 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/lingaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

MATHEMATICS

- You will be asked to take a mathematics test during the hour before your interview time. Some of the problems should be easy and some hard, and we hope you will tackle as many as you can in the time allotted. You will be expected to work out your solutions without the aid of notes, books or calculators but conditions otherwise will be as informal as we can make them. You should try to finish questions as completely as you are able to. More information and examples of past test papers can be found on the College website at <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/mathematics/>.
- The interview will be with two members of the teaching staff and will be based in part on what you have done in the written test.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

MEDICAL SCIENCES (MEDICINE)

- There will be two interviews, each with two members of the teaching staff.
- Not all applicants are invited for interview. Candidates with examination results that are not competitive and/or have a low score in Section 2 of the BMAT are not normally called, and neither are all overseas applicants because of the severely restricted nature of overseas quotas for Medical Sciences.
- **Applicants selected for interview in this subject are invited for interview at very short notice so please ensure that you are free during the week commencing Monday 4 December 2017.**

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All Standard Course (A100) applicants (including applicants to mature Colleges) are required to take the [Biomedical Admission Test \(BMAT\)](#) pre-interview at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

BMAT

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the BMAT – the registration **deadline is 5.00 pm on 1 October 2017**. This means you must be entered for the BMAT before submitting your UCAS application by 15 October.

Your assessment centre must register you for the BMAT; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The BMAT will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

The BMAT is used to assess scientific aptitude and focuses on scientific abilities relevant to the study of Medicine at Cambridge (the BMAT is also used by some other universities). It is based on factual knowledge of mathematics and science to GCSE/IGCSE, and doesn't require special teaching or preparation.

Information about the [BMAT and how to register](#) is available from the BMAT website.

There is an [entry fee](#) for the BMAT, details are available on the BMAT website. If you're a UK/EU student, we are concerned that the entry fee shouldn't deter you from applying. Applicants in receipt of certain financial support may apply for their BMAT fees to be reimbursed. Please contact the [BMAT Support Team](#) for more information.

MODERN AND MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES

- Please send to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017** two recent pieces of coursework from your language A-level(s). **PLEASE SEND FOUR COPIES OF EACH ESSAY (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET)**. At least one should be in a foreign language. This should be normal coursework, with your teacher's comments. It helps us to find out more about you before we see you; we do not normally discuss it at interview.
- You will have two interviews, one for each of the languages you intend to study at Cambridge. Each interview will last 30 minutes and will include the following:
 - (a) Discussion (in English) of a short text which may be literary or non-literary, prose or poetry. You will be given these texts 45-minutes in advance of each interview, in order to read through them. For a language you are studying at A-level, the text will be in the foreign language. You can expect to be asked questions about the language as well as the content; the aim is to provide you with an opportunity to show us your abilities as a language-learner and as a reader and interpreter of texts. For a language you are planning to take *ab initio*, you will be given either a simple passage in the foreign language (if you already have some knowledge of it) or one in English but related to the culture of the language in question.
 - (b) If considered necessary, there may be a short conversation in the foreign language if you already have some knowledge of it. The conversation will be geared to your current level of knowledge (e.g. A-level, GCSE).
- Your letter of invitation will give details about the time and place of your interviews and test, and instructions about collecting the texts.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for MML are required to take a written assessment at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- Discursive response in Foreign Language (40 minutes)
- Discursive response in English (20 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/mmlaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

Please note that your performance in the assessment at interview will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

MUSIC

- You may, if you wish, submit **no more than two examples** of recent written work or compositions; these should reach the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- You will have separate interviews of about 30 minutes each with two members of the Music staff. The interviews will include questions on music history and analysis of musical extracts. Candidates will also be required to harmonize at the keyboard and do some aural tests.
- In addition, there will be a one-hour written test in which you will be required to harmonize a Bach chorale in four parts.

NATURAL SCIENCES

- Visit <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/information-for-current-applicants/natsci-preferences/> and:

i) list in order of preference, the two A-level (or equivalent) subjects which represent your main interests. You should choose just two subjects out of four: Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics;

ii) indicate which three sciences, in addition to Mathematics, you would hope to study in the first year. This information is not binding and is to be used for administrative purposes only.

iii) indicate which Part II option you ultimately might wish to take. This information is not binding and is to be used for administrative purposes only.

You should submit the online form by **Sunday 22 October 2017** at the latest.

- You will have one interview of about 45 minutes with two members of the Natural Sciences staff. There will also be a written test lasting 60 minutes which may be used as the basis of discussion at interview; some typical questions are posted on the College website at: https://share.trin.cam.ac.uk/sites/public/Tutorial/Admissions-UG/nst_ipp.pdf.
- Please bring a pocket calculator with you for possible use in the test.
- At interview you must also be prepared to talk about your declared particular interests, or any of your A-level (or equivalent) mathematical or science subjects.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for Natural Sciences at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Maths/Science MCQs (80 minutes)
- In-depth Science questions (40 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/nsaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for Natural Sciences will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

PHILOSOPHY

- Send two recent essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.
- You will have two separate interviews.
- You can best prepare by reading and thinking about the books listed at <http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/prosp-students/prosp-ugrad-readlinglist>.
- Professor Blackburn's book, *Think*, would be a good starting point if you have not so far read much on the subject, but you can find other suggestions for introductory reading on the Faculty of Philosophy website.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants for Philosophy are required to take a [written assessment](#) at interview, if interviewed.

Assessment format

- Multiple choice logic problems (20 minutes)
- Essay (40 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/paa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You do not need to register or be registered in advance for the assessment at interview – the College will provide details of arrangements in the emails inviting applicants to interview.

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Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

- You will have one interview with two members of the teaching staff.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for PBS at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Section 1: Thinking Skills Assessment (CT/PS). Plus either Part B Mathematics and Biology or Part C Reading Comprehension (80 minutes)
- Section 2: Essay/text response (40 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/pbsaa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for PBS will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

THEOLOGY, RELIGION, AND PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

- Send two recent essays to the Admissions Administrator by **Wednesday 8 November 2017**. **PLEASE SEND FOUR COPIES OF EACH ESSAY (INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET)**.
- You will have one interview, with two members of the teaching staff.
- You will also be seen by a Director of Studies in Theology at another college.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to take the pre-interview written assessment for Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college).

Assessment format

- Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Essay/text response element (60 minutes)

See http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/taa_specification.pdf for a specification.

You must be registered in advance (separately to your UCAS application) to take the assessment – the registration **deadline is 15 October 2017**. Your assessment centre must register you for the pre-interview assessment; you're not able to register yourself. See the [written assessments](#) page for information about assessment centres and registration.

The pre-interview written assessment for Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion will be **taken on 2 November 2017**.

Please note that your performance in the pre-interview assessment will not be considered in isolation, but will be taken into account alongside the other elements of your application.

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