



Statement of Purpose

Congratulations on your decision to apply to Pembroke College. You have applied to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. Cambridge is our most competitive program, and we want our students to do everything they can to strengthen their applications. As part of your application to Pembroke, you are required to write a statement of purpose.

Pembroke College admits applicants who are driven, motivated and prepared for an academically rigorous semester. Writing a strong statement of purpose will strengthen your application and help differentiate you from other applicants.

Think of your statement of purpose as a college admissions essay. It should outline the reasons why you want to study at Pembroke College and the subjects you've chosen. A statement can be especially useful for providing additional information which is not immediately apparent from your transcript and which is relevant to your course and departmental selection.

Specifically, Cambridge is looking for you to address the following. Make sure your essay includes headings for each of these sections:

- Why you wish to study at Cambridge
- Any credits you might need to obtain during your proposed study in Cambridge
- The Tripos subjects that you wish to study and why (see <http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/admiss/ug/courses/>)
- The papers (classes) within the Tripos that would be of interest to you and why (see <http://www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/>)
- The papers (classes) you have already taken which are relevant to your intended area of study at Cambridge and why. (Students interested in studying science at Cambridge need to include a separate list of courses studied during the first two years at your home university).
- Outline your plans for the remainder of your undergraduate degree program and for your career and how studying at Cambridge would help further those plans

Avoid dwelling on wanting to go to Cambridge because it is a world-renowned school. Cambridge is very aware of its reputation and expects that you are too.

You must complete and submit your statement of purpose along with the other forms included in this document. Your application is not considered complete until you have returned your statement of purpose.

Supplemental Application Questions

Please type your answers to these questions. Handwritten answers will not be accepted.

- Final examination results from school (AP, Abitur etc): please give marks in individual subjects. Give SAT scores as well if applicable.
- Dates of attendance at school and university (since age 13): Please give the name of the institution and the years attended.
- Expected date of graduation from university.
- If you are applying for a scientific subject, list in detail the courses studied in your first two years at university; your application cannot be considered without this information.