
**Program
Overview**

One Year Program at the College at Cambridge University, England. **Semester study is not an option.** One full year at Cambridge equals 8 credits at Haverford. Students who do not complete the year will not receive **any** credit.

Students apply in two ways:

Partner College: Applications are binding. Students must go through an internal application process and be nominated by the Faculty Advisory Board. Students may apply to only one Partner College at either Oxford or Cambridge.

Cambridge Partner:

- Lucy Cavendish College

If nominated, students will receive an application to the Partner College. If a student applies and is accepted, they are **required** to attend—the application itself is a binding contract. Apply to a Non-Partner College if you are unable to fully commit to attending.

Non-Partner College: Applications are non-binding. Admission is extremely competitive.

Deadline

December 4

Deadline reflects the internal application process. **No late applications accepted.**

For **Non-Partner Colleges**, apply as soon as possible in the fall preceding year of study. The Colleges fill up quickly and admission is extremely competitive.

Eligibility

A minimum 3.7 GPA in major; Minimum 3.7 GPA overall

Always check the Black Binders in Stokes 118D to verify a college's specific GPA requirements.

- Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- Students should have completed at least two years of study at Haverford.
- Nominations for the Partner Colleges must be made by the Faculty Advisory Board.

Students who do not meet the matriculation requirements will not be permitted to study at Cambridge even if accepted by a college.

Program Dates

2022–2023

Dates are approximates.

The academic year is divided into three terms—Michaelmas, Lent, and Easter—each of which lasts 8 weeks. A six-week break separates each of the terms.

Michaelmas: 4 October–2 December

Lent: 17 January–17 March

Easter: 25 April–16 June

Academic Program

Academic Credits

One full year at Cambridge equals 8 credits at Haverford. Students who do not complete the year will not receive **any** credit, no exceptions.

Tutorials & Tutors

The emphasis at Cambridge is to study a **single** subject—or a specific combination of subjects—in depth. If you are interested in studying a “minor” subject you must make this clear at the time of application. Once subjects of study are finalized changes cannot be made.

Example: A student accepted to study history **cannot** study philosophy unless philosophy is indicated as a minor subject prior to acceptance.

Students are looked after by the tutors in the subject they have chosen. Tutors will lead some of your tutorials or arrange tutorials with specialists in other fields as appropriate.

1. Once the request for tutorials has been submitted, changes **cannot** be made.
2. You **may not** change your program of study.
3. Additional subjects **may not** be added.
4. You **may not** leave early for any reason.

The central feature of a course of instruction in Cambridge is the “supervision”—a weekly meeting with your tutor at which written work is presented and discussed. The individualized nature of these supervisions makes it possible to arrange work appropriate to the particular background and interests of each student. Most students have between one to three supervisions a week, either singly or in small groups of two to four students. The University also provides a large range of lectures each term, attended by students from any of the Cambridge colleges.

Example: A student studying philosophy at one college may attend a lecture on chemistry at another.

Examinations

If university finals are set, you must take them or the equivalent, i.e. college tests or research papers. **Bring copies of your papers home for review by your major advisor.**

Libraries

- College libraries contain standard course texts and other related materials.
- Faculty and department libraries offer more specialised collections and electronic resources for particular subjects.
- The main University Library (or UL) is a legal deposit library holding more than eight million books, journals and other documents ranging in age from 3,000 year-old manuscripts to the latest electronic articles.
- You can use the online Spacefinder tool to find out about libraries and other study spaces across the city.
- To ensure you get the most from the University's libraries, the UL and many of the College, faculty and department libraries offer practical sessions and one-to-one help. These include introductory tours, sessions to highlight the resources available for particular disciplines and information skills classes.

For more information, visit the [University Library website](#).

Application Procedures

Partner Colleges

Internal Application Process for Nomination:

1. Attend the **mandatory** Information Session on Oxford and Cambridge. Failure to attend will result in being unable to apply to a Partner College.
2. Read the Cambridge materials on the [Study Abroad website](#) and on the specific Cambridge college website.
3. [Schedule an appointment](#) to discuss your plans with Rebecca Avery **before** applying to any of these Colleges.
4. After meeting with Rebecca Avery, submit Haverford's [Declaration of Intent to Study Abroad](#).
5. Complete Haverford's internal [Oxbridge Application](#) by **December 4**.
6. Obtain two faculty recommendations—these must be in the subject of intended study. Recommendations should be emailed directly to Rebecca Avery by the faculty member.

By December 4, students should submit the following to Rebecca Avery via email:

All documents should be attached to a single email.

1. Unofficial transcript.
2. An essay of approximately 800 words, focusing on the academic reasons for attending Cambridge.
3. Two samples of your best-written academic work in the area of intended study. This is not always necessary for mathematics and sciences. Consult Rebecca Avery prior to December 4 if you are unsure.

Nomination & Completing Your Application

The Faculty Advisory Board selects students for nomination. Nomination decisions will be communicated in January after fall semester grades have been recorded.

- An interview may be required.
- Nomination by the Faculty Advisory Board does not guarantee acceptance. Students still need to apply to and be accepted by a Partner College.
- Students will not be nominated until grades from the fall semester are recorded.

If nominated, students will be invited to complete the specific program application for one of the Partner Colleges. At this stage, students can decline nomination and their application will not be forwarded, but once the Faculty Advisory Board writes a letter of nomination, students are **bound to attend if accepted**.

Students who do not fulfill the contract for any reason cannot assume their return to Haverford will be automatic. Students may be asked to take a leave of absence for the remainder of the year and will be responsible for any unrecoverable fees.

Rebecca Avery will prepare the application packet with a letter of nomination from one of the faculty members and forward it to the Partner College in January.

The Partner Colleges will make their decisions from the end of March to mid-April. Students must return their letter of acceptance to the College within ten days.

Non-Partner Colleges

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Completing Your Application

The admissions process may take several months.

Follow the procedures as indicated on the application for your particular college.

Cambridge recommends students send information in **one** mailing.

- Place your completed application and all other materials in an unsealed, stamped, manila envelope addressed to the Tutor for Admissions.
- Submit this application packet to Rebecca Avery **two weeks** before the deadline so that she can prepare her letter of endorsement.
- Faculty recommendations should be sent to Rebecca Avery. Do not have the faculty member mail it directly to the Tutor for Admissions.

Applications are sent via registered mail after Rebecca Avery has reviewed the materials.

Note: The information provided should be as complete as possible so that the College can make its decision promptly and in the best interests of the applicant. The Colleges

require full details of the applicant's academic career.

It is helpful to know what area(s) within a subject the applicant would hope to study at Cambridge, for example, "19th or 20th-century English literature" rather than simply "English." Tutors can provide advice for those who are undecided.

Payment of Fees

Tuition

Students pay tuition to Haverford College, which will then be responsible for paying the program directly.

Room & Board

In most cases, students are responsible for room and board fees.
Students may not apply for off-campus independent housing.

Financial Aid

In addition to providing financial aid for tuition, Haverford will also provide aid for room and board for those eligible.

Qualified students receiving Haverford grant funds will receive an airfare allowance if their family income is less than \$100,000.

Students studying either for a semester or for a full academic year, if approved by the Faculty Advisory Board, will receive only one airfare allowance credit. The amount will be credited towards the student's Haverford tuition bill.

For more information, visit [Financial Aid: Study Abroad FAQs](#).

Refunds

Tuition will not be refunded if a student should withdraw from the program.

Haverford adheres to the tuition policies of each institution. Even in medical emergencies, if there is no refund forthcoming from the individual college, Haverford cannot issue a refund.

Students might want to consider tuition insurance, which is available through the [Haverford Business Office](#). A fee will be levied for students who withdraw.

Travel Information

Arrival in England

For immigration purposes students will need:

- A passport valid at least six months **after** their anticipated date of return.
- A Student Route Visa
- Proof of acceptance for a recognized course of study; bring your letter of acceptance with you.
- Proof that the costs of stay may be met. A statement from a bank should do.

Passport

All international travel requires a passport, which must be valid for 6 months **after** a student's intended date of return. Apply early; the process may take several weeks.

Visa

Any student from the U.S. studying in the U.K. for 6 months or longer must get a U.K. Visa before departure.

Haverford students studying abroad in the UK must qualify for a [Student Visa](#) under a Points Based System (PBS).

Visas must be obtained through the nearest British diplomatic post (Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate-General).

Visa procedures and requirements are constantly changing. The visa application process is complicated and can take up to three months. U.S. citizens should not plan to leave the country during the summer following their sophomore year. Since the visa stamp is placed in your passport, you will be required to send your passport to the British consulate.

International students may have to return to their home country to obtain a U.K. Tier 4 Visa. International students and non-U.S. citizens should consult the prospectus, the nearest British consulate, and [Natasha Weisz](#), Assistant Dean for International Student Support at Haverford.

All students should read the [Student Visa Application Procedures](#).

ID Card & Insurance

Haverford recommends that students obtain an International Student Identification Card and international health insurance through iNext before leaving the United States.

[The International Student Identification Card](#) serves as an acceptable form of identification in most cases, eliminating the necessity of carrying a passport.

[iNext](#) provides basic accident, medical, and repatriation insurance for travel outside of the U.S., as well as other benefits.

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