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The summer Pembroke-King's Programme, based at Pembroke and King's Colleges, offers an exceptional opportunity to experience life as an undergraduate in one of the oldest and most distinguished university cities in the world. Founded in 1209, the University of Cambridge is comprised of thirty-one residential, self-governing colleges. Pembroke College's origins and buildings go back to 1347, while King's College bears the signature of several English kings. Completed by Henry VIII, the college's extraordinary Gothic chapel is one of Britain's most visited tourist attractions.

ACADEMICS

During this eight-week programme, students select three courses from a wide variety of options in the arts, social sciences, humanities and sciences. Courses are designed to be rigorous and intellectually demanding, with both survey and more closely-focused, topical course options available. The courses reflect Cambridge and British styles of teaching and learning, and the small lecture course enrolments, averaging twenty-five students, allow seminar groups to be intimate and discussion-oriented. Students have access to all facilities open to regular undergraduates, including college, faculty and university libraries.

SUBJECTS

Courses are organised in nine subject groups and students are free to mix and match courses from the over 45 on offer.

Arts and Architecture – art history, architecture, film and the study of drawing and painting

Creative Writing – short story, script and novel writing and arts journalism

Economics and Finance – development economics, experimental economics, finance and international macroeconomics

English Literature and Linguistics – Bloomsbury, Avant-Garde literature, Shakespeare, forensic linguistics

Business and Management – international management and business ethics, creativity and business innovation

History – Anglo-American relations, twentieth century European history, British history 400-1330

International Relations – foreign policy and international security

Philosophy, Law and Political Theory – political philosophy, introduction to English common law, ethics and sociology

Sciences – behavioural ecology, neurobiology, mathematics and neuroscience

SUPERVISIONS

The supervision system (one-on-one or small group teaching) is one of the key strengths of the Cambridge undergraduate teaching system and students wishing to experience this unique tutorial system may substitute a supervision for one of the taught courses. Supervisions are both academically demanding and rewarding, and best for students with a significant amount of initiative and enthusiasm for the subject they intend to study. In 2011 students worked on such diverse topics as the molecular mechanisms of heart failure, the unpunished crimes in Shakespeare's romances, the battle against the miraculous: Catholic shrines during the English Reformation, TOMS: an economic case study of philanthropic capitalism, and the late British Empire in the Caribbean.

PLENARY LECTURES

In addition to the regular schedule of courses, the Pembroke-King's Programme hosts a number of plenary lectures in the evenings which supplement and enhance the academic experience.

In 2011 the following talks were given:

Why Cambridge is unique (Professor Jonathan Steinberg)

A 21st century view of national security (Sir Richard Dearlove)

Lost in translation? Kazuo Ishiguro stays at home and goes to the movies (Dr Mark Wormald)

Language and the law: tales from the witness stand (Professor John Hawkins)

The state of the (European) Union (Dr Antonio Missiroli)

Western intelligence and Colonel Gaddafi (Professor Christopher Andrew)

Is the internet dumbing us down? (Professor Jonathan Steinberg)

Wagner and the total work of art (Mr Patrick Carney)

LIVING

With their extensive gardens and quiet courtyards, Pembroke and King's Colleges are beautiful places to live and work. The colleges provide all essential facilities and comforts, with plenty of places to meet, relax, study, entertain and be entertained. Each college has its own bar, coffee shop, television room, computer facilities, music practice rooms and sports-grounds. All students are housed in single-occupancy rooms with a washbasin, internet access and cleaning service. Rooms are banded in price according to location and amenities. In addition to housing, the accommodation fee also includes a partial meal plan and several Formal Halls – traditional multi-course meals served by candlelight in a historic dining hall.

LEISURE

An extensive daily schedule of activities is organised by Cambridge students, who live and work residentially with the programme, including river walks and cream teas at Grantchester; football, tennis, croquet, cricket; pub quizzes and dining out; days at the seaside and walks in the hills; historical and literary tours and punting. Throughout the summer, students can take advantage of Cambridge's busy cultural calendar of concerts and musicals, as well as the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival.

TRAVEL

Students have plenty of chances to explore and absorb British culture outside Cambridge. Included in the Programme Fee is a day trip to London, Britain's cultural, political and economic heartbeat. Visits to the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London or the British Museum are all options students can choose from and the day culminates in a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Also included in the Programme Fee is a four-day visit to Edinburgh, Scotland's vibrant and picturesque capital, situated between a dramatic volcanic landscape and the sea. In Edinburgh students can climb Arthur's Seat or hike in the Trossachs, visit the galleries and museums, and experience traditional Scottish dancing, known as a ceilidh. Cambridge is also ideally situated as a jumping off-point to explore the rest of Europe. A major hub for many low-cost airlines, Stansted Airport is located just a half-hour train ride south of the city.

APPLICATIONS

The Pembroke-King's Programme welcomes academically ambitious students from all over the world. While students have traditionally come from leading US universities, such as the University of California, Harvard, Yale, Penn and Brigham Young, an increasing proportion of students come from universities across Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

Applicants will have spent at least one year on a degree course when the programme starts and should be in the top quarter of their year group in terms of academic ability. For students in the US a minimum GPA of 3.2 is required, though many successful applicants have much higher GPAs.

Most students gain academic credit at their home institutions for the courses they take and transcripts and syllabi will be issued to assist with this.

