



**Cambridge
Programmes**



Cambridge History Summer School

Venue: The Leys School, Cambridge, UK.



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An inspiring course for big picture thinkers



The Cambridge History Summer School is a two-week programme that immerses students in undergraduate-level teaching and research.

Students who take the course will be introduced to the historical forces that have shaped our world, and will learn to interpret the past using primary sources including historical documents, objects, artworks, archaeology and architecture. The course fosters university-style discussion and debate, with students learning skills relating to critical thinking and analysis that will stand them in good stead both for university and for navigating our complex world.

The course is tailor-made for students who are considering studying the Humanities or Social Sciences at university, and seek an introduction to the critical and analytical skills used by historians and social scientists. While a curiosity about history is expected, this course is also suitable for students interested in a range of subjects, including law, economics and sociology.



What makes the course unique? >

Taught by historians

The course is taught by historians with teaching experience at the UK's leading universities. Following the Cambridge model, students are taught in seminars and supervisions that prioritise discussion and cordial debate. Students are expected to carry out their own intellectually rigorous research and form their own opinions about some of the key questions asked by historians today.

Exciting historical modules

Students have the opportunity to explore areas of history that are rarely taught at school level, such as the history of witchcraft and magic, or the role of war in shaping our world. Students have the opportunity to dig deep into case studies including the Mongol invasions and Great Scottish Witch Hunt, examining both primary sources and the accounts of historians.

Hands-on research at museums and archives

The course makes use of Cambridge's world-class museums and archives, with students getting the opportunity to view, study and even handle historical objects, including books, manuscripts, paintings, and sculpture.

Mentorship from Cambridge students

Small-group work is led by mentors: current Cambridge History undergraduates who offer academic support and inspiration as well as caring for the students' pastoral wellbeing.





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Tours and field trips exploring the UK's extraordinary historical sites

Students on the History course have the opportunity to visit some of the UK's most historically significant buildings and places, including the British Museum, King's College Cambridge, the Fitzwilliam Museum, and Ely Cathedral. Trips are led by historians, and directly relate to the research and discussions in class.

Collaborative research, debate, and presentation skills

Students complete museum and archive-based research challenges, a historical scavenger hunt, and take part in team debates. They also present their research findings to the class and receive feedback on both their written work and presentation skills.

Preparation for University applications

Students receive guidance on university admissions processes, take part in mock interviews with current Cambridge students, and are taught valuable study skills.

Small class sizes

With supervision groups comprising six or seven students, the History Programme replicates a Cambridge history seminar.

Places are limited, students who are academically ambitious and intellectually curious students are particularly encouraged to apply:

Indicative timetable

Day	Morning session	Afternoon Session
1	Introduction to History	Cambridge history walking tour
2	Ancient and Medieval Magic	Writing and presentation guidance
3	War and conflict in the ancient world	University admission skills
4	The early modern witch hunt	Historical scavenger hunt
5	War and conflict: the Mongol invasions	University Interviews
6	Case studies in witchcraft and the law	Class debate: is history always written by the victors?
7	Day trip to London	British Museum research challenge
8	Magic in the modern world	Archival object handling session
9	Technology and 21st century warfare	Research challenge presentation
10	Historical analysis and critical thinking	Life at University and Prize Giving



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