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Japanese
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Pembroke College Oxford
Pembroke is one of the most dynamic Oxford colleges with a lively and ambitious intellectual community where students and academics alike are passionate about their subjects. Our tutors are world-leading tutors in topics including development economics, the impact of the internet on competition law and politics in Eastern Europe. When you choose Pembroke, you will be joining a diverse community of fellow scholars and students.

Our Humanities and Social Sciences students benefit from a lively environment including a vibrant artistic culture with a student-owned art collection and gallery, an annual JCR Arts Week, a College musical, weekly concerts and poetry society meetings and generous book grants.

We have a rich tradition in the Humanities and Social Sciences — Tolkien taught here (while writing *The Hobbit* and most of the *Lord of the Rings*), Samuel Johnson studied here, Senator J William Fulbright was a Pembroke Rhodes Scholar and Sir William Blackstone became a student here aged just 15!

**Undergraduate admissions at Oxford**

The full list of courses offered at the University of Oxford, plus information about applying to Oxford, including submitting your UCAS application, admissions tests, the interview process and the timeline for decisions, can be found at: [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate)

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**What’s a Fellow?**

A Tutorial Fellow is a permanent teaching and research member of the College, who sits on the College’s Governing Body and has overall responsibility for their subject and its students in the College. In addition to the Tutorial Fellows listed in this booklet, all subjects also have other specialist tutors - see our course pages: [www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/courses)

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**Recognition in the Humanities and Social Sciences for Oxford University**

- **Top University in the world for Arts and Humanities**
  - QS WORLD RANKINGS 2017

- **Ranked 1st in the world for Social Sciences**
  - TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT RANKINGS 2018

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It’s not just the students who are friendly: the caring and helpful porters, academic office, and all other staff are also essential in contributing to making Pembroke such a lovely place to live and study.

Anna, History & Modern Languages
At Pembroke you can share knowledge, learn from and debate with some of the world’s best contemporary thinkers.

Our tutors are actively engaged in their own research, and Pembroke academics specialise in subjects as varied as the impact of civil rights movements to Victorian literature. So if you have a special interest in a certain tutor’s research, that’s a great reason to choose Pembroke.

"Pembroke is a great place to study Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL) because all of the tutors are really helpful. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the tutorials I’ve had at Pembroke because they are very engaging, and you always come out having learnt a lot.

Colette, PPL"
2 Academic enrichment...

Pembroke’s humanities and social sciences students belong to a wider academic community, where cross-disciplinary links are made. Tutors co-ordinate a variety of societies and events for students on their courses. Students have the opportunity to attend lectures, seminars and other academic-related events (within and beyond their area of study), often involving high-profile speakers and experts in their field.

“Pembroke has a very welcoming atmosphere, and the student body is inclusive: year groups mix socially; there are many events for almost every interest and hobby throughout the year.

Meris, English & Modern Languages

3 ...in a vibrant community

All Pembroke students are part of an active and supportive student community. The College plays host to a broad range of student-led activities, clubs and societies.

All current undergraduates are automatically members of the Junior Common Room (JCR). The JCR is a tightly knit and inclusive community that discusses and makes important decisions together and organises a range of social events for students throughout the year. Through our Mentoring Scheme, you’ll be able to learn from Pembroke’s postgraduate students, who offer academic and study skills guidance.
4 A great place to be

The College offers a guarantee of three years of student accommodation; great food and a convenient environment in the heart of Oxford. Students benefit from 24-hour access to the College library and can book seminar rooms to study in.

We encourage students to have a balanced lifestyle at Oxford, and you can excel in and enjoy a wide range of activities – from student journalism to rowing; a lively music scene and the College’s very own student-owned art collection. There are opportunities beyond Oxford – for example, every year four students have the opportunity to spend two weeks in Japan with the Technos International Event.

5 Book grants

Arriving at University and needing to buy numerous textbooks can be financially challenging. That’s why the Pembroke Book Grant Scheme is so valuable. Humanities and social sciences students are eligible for book grants to help with the costs of buying essential texts (see overleaf for further details).

The aspect of college life I enjoy most is the close community, due to us being able to live within college for all three years of our degree. It creates a very fun and supportive environment, enabling you to enjoy your time off and make the most of your time working during the term.

Alex, Law

“Kiera got to put her Chinese into practice on the Experience China programme”
1954 Alumni Group Book Grants

All students on Humanities and Social Science courses at Pembroke are eligible for our Book Grant Scheme to help with the cost of buying essential texts.

Whilst the College ensures a good stock of books for all subjects in our library, we realise that it is important for students to have their own copies of core texts. Therefore, each eligible student will receive £100 in their first year, and another £100 in their final year, to help with the costs of essential textbooks. These book grants are available to all students studying courses contained within this booklet.

The 1954 Group of Pembroke Alumni are a generous group of donors who have for many years sought to improve the financial lot of Pembroke undergraduates and the student experience.

“The tutors are very supportive and friendly, and so really give you the confidence to explore ideas in tutorials and in essays and to think originally. The college also provides a book grant of £100 in first and third year to students, and the college library will buy books on course reading lists they don’t currently have if requested.

Will, PPE
Financial support, awards and prizes

All Pembroke students benefit from the financial support available to all Oxford undergraduates – see below for full information.

In addition, the College provides:

- **Hardship funds** for students who face unexpected difficulties due to changes in circumstances once here.

- **Vacation grants** for students who need to stay in Oxford after the end of term for exams or other study-related reasons.

- **A variety of travel funds** for study-related activities.

Pembroke offers a range of special **academic prizes and awards** as well as for those involved in sports and the arts at high levels.

In addition, academic excellence is rewarded through generous annual **College Scholarships and Exhibitions**, awarded on the basis of performance at public exams and throughout the year. Scholarships are currently worth £600 and Exhibitions £450, plus an academic allowance of £250 for Scholars and £150 for Exhibitioners. Additionally, Scholars and Exhibitioners will also receive a gift of a Scholars gown, a prestigious dinner to celebrate the admission of new Scholars and Exhibitioners and a plaque listing.

Find out more at:

[www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding)

[www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/finance-undergraduate](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/finance-undergraduate)
Although Arabic & Islamic Studies and Arabic with a subsidiary language are the main courses that Pembroke offers, students can also apply to study Persian, Turkish, Hebrew and Jewish Studies*. These courses are four years, with the second year spent abroad (except for Jewish Studies, which is a three-year course, and Hebrew, where the year abroad is optional). It introduces students to non-Western languages and civilisations, and presents both major traditions and cultural trends of the regions studied.

**Why choose Pembroke?**

With more students in this area than any other college, plus two Tutorial Fellows in Arabic and Islamic Studies, and a Senior Research Fellow (SRF), Pembroke has built up a tradition of Middle Eastern Studies. Students benefit from one of the two largest collections of books relating to the Middle East of any undergraduate college, and special travel funds. You can also use the connections of SRF, Dr Elisabeth Kendall, to organise internships in the Middle East. Dr Kendall works on the contemporary Arab world. Her current research examines connections between militant movements and local cultures, with a particular interest in extremist propaganda and jihadist poetry.

**Brian Wilson Scholarship in Arabic:** Each year we normally award a scholarship (funded by an alumnus) to a final year Arabic student, for outstanding academic performance.

**What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?**

As no prior knowledge of the chosen language is required, a natural flair for acquiring foreign languages is important, coupled with an ability to write analytical prose.

“Pembroke is a great place to study Arabic because of its excellent library resources and professors. The extensive collection of Arabic and Islamic study materials lessens the stress of reading for essays, lectures, and seminars.”

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**Meet our lead tutors**

**Professor Christopher Melchert** is a Tutorial Fellow in Arabic (responsible also for Persian, Turkish and Hebrew). His research interests lie in the early history of Islamic law, Sufism, and the renunciation of the world that preceded it.

**Professor Nicolai Sinai** is a Tutorial Fellow in Arabic (responsible also for Persian, Turkish and Hebrew). He publishes on the Qur’an, Islamic commentaries on the Qur’an, and the history of theological and philosophical thought in the Islamic world.

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**What extra activities do we offer?**

We hold a social event each term to bring together the whole subject community across all years. In the past this has included wine tasting events, as well as informal and formal dinners.

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**Want to find out more?**

[www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/arabic](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/arabic)

*Teaching provided by the Oriental Institute
The BA in Chinese is a four-year course, including a year abroad at Beijing University, and gives students an understanding of modern and traditional China. Chinese language forms the basis for any approach to the study of China and is central to this course. As well as being taught reading and writing skills, students receive training in interpreting and in giving oral presentations in modern standard Chinese. You do not need to have any prior experience of Chinese in order to apply, but should be able to show a strong record in studying another language.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke benefits from having one of the largest cohorts of students reading Chinese within the University and is one of only a small number of colleges that has a Fellow in Chinese. As a result, our college library is well-stocked with Chinese materials. In addition, our tutors have an interest in both modern, contemporary China, and Chinese history, giving you the ability to learn from a specialist in both of these areas.

What extra activities do we offer?

We organise two informal dinners per term which bring together undergraduate and graduate students. These dinners are a great opportunity to network and build relationships with your subject peers across the College.

Brian Wilson Scholarship in Chinese:
Each year the College normally awards a scholarship to a final year undergraduate reading Chinese. The award is made on the recommendation of the subject tutor for outstanding academic performance and has been funded by an alumnus of the College.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

An aptitude for learning a language is crucial, either from having studied Chinese, or another language at A-Level, as well as a well-informed interest in China including its history, culture, politics, philosophy and literature. As studying Chinese involves memorising large volumes of vocabulary, students must be willing to work hard, regardless of the task in hand.

Meet our lead tutor

Professor Henrietta Harrison is a Stanley Ho Fellow and Tutor in Chinese. Her interests are in contemporary Chinese society and politics, and she also specialises in Chinese history.

“I went to several formal dinners during my first year…I was able to talk to third year students about what to expect on the year abroad, to fourth years about their dissertations, as well as tutors about their current research, all in a much more casual setting than I’d normally see them.”

Kiera, Chinese

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/chinese
The Economics and Management (E&M) course examines issues central to the world we live in and brings together two complementary subjects with many interdisciplinary links. Pembroke has a strong involvement with Management Studies and pioneered it at undergraduate level at Oxford. E&M students are an international group, and go on to a wide range of careers around the world, including start-ups, consultancy, banking and finance, government agencies and non-governmental organisations.

Why choose Pembroke?
E&M has a prominent place at Pembroke. We have one of the largest cohorts of students of any college and are one of only three to have two Fellows in Management - therefore an excellent level of support is available. We also have a large number of graduate students, creating a vibrant and diverse community.

What extra activities do we offer?
Pembroke has strong links with the Saïd Business School and the Oxford Foundry, and was one of the original three founding colleges of the All-Innovate Business Plan Competition. Students applying for this University-wide competition are well supported within College and are mentored throughout the application process.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?
Successful students will possess independence and flexibility of thought, as well as an ability to analyse and solve problems logically and critically. You need to have an interest in and a motivation for studying commercial and non-commercial organisations and the economy.

“One of the best aspects of E&M at Pembroke has been our large course group and the number of tutors. I’ve been better positioned to find other students I can intellectually engage with, all while experiencing lots of tutors’ varying perspectives.”

Roshan, E&M

Meet our lead tutors

Dr Brian A’Hearn
is a Tutorial Fellow in Economics and an Economic Historian. He is a specialist in the long-run economic growth of Italy.

Professor Pramila Krishnan
is a Tutorial Fellow in Economics concentrating on applied microeconomics, with topics ranging from informal insurance, education and health to firm productivity and exchange rates in developing countries.

Professor Owen Darbishire
is a Tutorial Fellow in Management and a specialist in negotiations, collective bargaining, employment systems and work organisation.

Dr Eamonn Molloy
is a Tutorial Fellow in Management and is internationally recognised for his research and executive-level teaching in the areas of complex organisation design and technological change.

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/e-m
The English degree at Oxford is the broadest in the country. You will have the chance to study all periods of English Literature, from 650 AD to the present day, and can choose from a wide range of writers and approaches. You will also be able to work on language in relation to history, culture, media and identity, for example. For students who wish to study English as part of a joint honours degree, Pembroke also offers English & Modern Languages and History & English.

Why choose Pembroke?

English at Pembroke is part of a vibrant interdisciplinary community with a large cohort of students. We promote independent study and the development of research skills by allowing you wherever possible the freedom to choose your own texts in line with your interests. Pembroke also has a thriving drama community and JCR Art Committee, both of which can give you the space to consider how your degree works in practice.

What extra activities do we offer?

Our English society meets twice per term and includes activities ranging from film screenings to talks from external speakers or graduate students. Our affiliation with the Oxford Playhouse means that students can benefit from subsidised tickets, and we host the annual News UK Lecture and Tolkien Lecture here at Pembroke.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Due to the breadth of the course, students studying English need to be happy to work and think independently. You also need to be skilled at critically evaluating texts and responding to the nuances of literary language.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Lynda Mugglestone is a Fellow and Tutor in English. She is an expert in the history of English, encompassing spoken English and ideologies of ‘talking proper’. She is also interested in dictionaries as social and cultural institutions, and most recently, in the exploration of language change in the First World War.

Professor Ushashi Dasgupta is a Fellow and Tutor in English. Her research centres around 19th century literature. She is interested in the city and the home, space and architecture, the intersections between economics and literature, and the global histories of reading.

“Pembroke’s tutoring is really great; Lynda Mugglestone, Ushashi Dasgupta, and Madeleine Forey are three tutors who have had a really meaningful impact on my studies at Oxford. They all strike the balance between demanding a lot from and motivating us.”

John, English

Have you considered our joint courses?

English & Modern Languages
History & English

Want to find out more?

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/english
This is a highly rewarding degree that is both intellectually stimulating and demanding. You can study English and one of the following modern foreign languages (and its literature): French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese or Modern Greek. There is usually a year abroad, offering you the opportunity to practice your language skills, as well as experiencing another culture first-hand. This degree will equip you with analytical and writing skills that are readily transferable into many professions.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke is one of the larger language colleges and has Fellows in English, French, and Italian, plus lecturers in German, Spanish, Portuguese and Modern Greek. With a strong community of students on joint courses, Pembroke is a great college to choose if you are considering a language degree or an associated joint school.

What extra activities do we offer?

Our English society meets twice a term, and includes activities ranging from film screenings to talks from external speakers or graduate students. Pembroke also has dedicated modern languages subject reps who organise social events each term and act as an academic and pastoral interface.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Students studying this course need to have a keen interest in and motivation for discovering other languages, literatures and cultures, and a solid grounding in the grammar, vocabulary and expression of languages already studied.

Want to find out more?

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/english-modern-languages

*Up to 10 across English and its joint schools, and up to 10 across Modern Languages and its joint schools.
In this course you study one European Modern Language and one Middle Eastern Language: ideal for linguists who want to study a language they’re already familiar with, plus trying something new. You’ll normally spend your second year in the Middle East, and your vacations improving your European language, within Europe or further afield.

To apply to study EMEL, you should be studying, or have studied, one of the following languages up to A Level or equivalent: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese or Modern Greek. Any one of these may be studied with Arabic, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish. Please note that it is not possible to apply to study more than one language ab initio (as a beginner).

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke is one of the largest Oxford colleges for languages, and is proud to offer an unusually wide range of languages and expertise, with two Fellows in Arabic, plus Fellows in French and Italian, and lecturers in German, Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese and Modern Greek. We also have Fellows in Japanese and Chinese.

What extra activities do we offer?

Pembroke has dedicated modern languages subject reps who organise social events each term and act as an academic and pastoral interface, within both European and Middle Eastern Languages.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Students must have a keen interest in and motivation for discovering other languages, literatures and cultures. Although no prior knowledge of a Middle Eastern Language is required, a natural flair for languages is essential.

“I love EMEL at Pembroke. After every French literature tutorial, I would come out having had my mind opened to ideas that I’d never even thought of before...I really couldn’t imagine myself at any other college!”

Sara, EMEL

Meet our lead tutors

Dr Tim Farrant
Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

Professor Guido Bonsaver
Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

Professor Christopher Melchert
Please see ‘Arabic (and other Middle Eastern Languages)’ for a full bio.

Professor Nicolai Sinai
Please see ‘Arabic (and other Middle Eastern Languages)’ for a full bio.

Want to find out more?

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/emel
Our History students come from a wide range of backgrounds and have diverse interests, but they are united in their desire to study the past and to fulfil their intellectual potential. In addition to our single honours History course, Pembroke also offers joint honours courses where you can study History with Economics, English, Modern Languages or Politics.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke has a thriving and successful background in history. The large number of joint schools offered at Pembroke means that there is a large peer support network of students studying History or a joint school and also a diverse and vigorous sense of scholarly community across the College.

What extra activities do we offer?

The history society at Pembroke is one of the most active subject-based groups. It meets regularly throughout term for both academic presentations and talks, but also social events such as quizzes and film nights.

“’I’m one of the presidents of Pembroke’s History Society, which I’ve loved doing! As well as organising our annual dinner, I’m also responsible for arranging special college events. This year we showed Pembroke’s special collections to the student body, which included writings from Samuel Johnson.”

Rachael, History

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

To be successful in History, candidates should be enthusiastic and committed to working hard to master the subject, possess analytical skills, and be able to communicate clearly.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Adrian Gregory is a Tutorial Fellow in Modern History. His research interests lie in 20th century British and European History, and is currently working on the way that the First World War reshaped modern religion.

Professor Stephen Tuck is a Tutorial Fellow in History. His research focuses on US history, particularly civil rights.

Have you considered our joint courses?

History & Economics
History & English
History & Modern Languages
History & Politics

Want to find out more?

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/history
This joint course is particularly good at arming undergraduates with a strong set of skills spanning logic, analysis, historical interpretation and expression of ideas, leaving you with a very broad range of career options including management consulting, law, teaching and many branches of public service.

**Why choose Pembroke?**

There are very few Colleges which routinely prioritise the admission of candidates for the joint History and Economics course - Pembroke is one. Here we admit two or three undergraduates each year, and thereby create a supportive network of students for those who join us. Many of our own tutors have research interests which span the two disciplines and therefore a real interest in encouraging students in their pursuit of overlapping areas.

**What extra activities do we offer?**

The history society at Pembroke is one of the most active subject-based groups. It meets regularly throughout term for both academic presentations and talks but also social events such as quizzes and film nights.

**What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?**

Candidates need strong essay-writing skills, to be intrinsically motivated, enthusiastic and committed to working hard to master the subject. In addition, students should possess analytical skills, and be able to communicate clearly.

**Meet our lead tutors**

**Dr Brian A’Hearn**  
Please see ‘Economics & Management’ for a full bio.

**Professor Pramila Krishnan**  
Please see ‘Economics & Management’ for a full bio.

**Professor Adrian Gregory**  
Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

**Professor Stephen Tuck**  
Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

“Pembroke is one of the Oxford colleges most dedicated to History & Economics. With tutors specialising in Economic History and a significant number of History & Economics undergraduates, it provides all the support students need to thrive academically.”

*Kiran, History & Economics*

**Want to find out more?**  
[www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/history-economics](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/history-economics)
History and English is an intellectually stimulating and immensely rewarding degree. The intersections between language, literature, culture, and history are currently the focus of active debate within both disciplines. Throughout your course, you are encouraged to relate literary and historical ideas in the investigation of your chosen periods, topics, or authors.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke has a strong reputation in history joint schools, is the largest College for History and English and has a vigorous sense of scholarly community. At Pembroke, we emphasise joint schools more than most colleges and our tutors work closely together to integrate the teaching across the two subjects.

What extra activities do we offer?

Students studying this course benefit from the activities of both the subjects’ societies which meet regularly throughout term. The history society organises academic presentations and also social events such as quizzes and film nights, while the English society’s activities range from film screenings and theatre visits, to talks from external speakers or graduate students.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Both parts of the course require students to enjoy critical debate, and to be open to new ideas. Students need to interrogate texts from a range of perspectives and periods. Being intellectually flexible, and able to communicate clearly are useful skills. Strong analytical abilities help on both sides of the course.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Adrian Gregory
Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

Professor Stephen Tuck
Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

Professor Lynda Mugglestone
Please see ‘English’ for a full bio.

Professor Ushashi Dasgupta
Please see ‘English’ for a full bio.

“Pembroke has one of the biggest intakes of History and English students out of all the colleges. This means that the tutors are used to guiding students through the joint course, and also that there’s lots of people in college doing your subject who you can ask if you need any help/last-minute notes!”

Elizabeth, History & English

*Up to 10 across History and its joint schools, and up to 10 across English and its joint schools.*
History and Modern Languages (HML) is a four-year course with an integral year abroad in your third year. You can study History with one of the following: French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, or Modern Greek. The fullness and variety of the curriculum means that students can combine papers from the two faculties in stimulating ways, for example the ‘Bridge Essay’, where students can make their own innovative contributions to the subjects.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke has a strong tradition in HML. As we offer a large number of joint courses, you’ll be surrounded by a large peer group who appreciate the challenges and opportunities of a joint course; you’ll be choosing a supportive environment at Pembroke. Our HML tutors also have a variety of interests spanning, and in many case overlapping, these disciplines.

What extra activities do we offer?

The history society at Pembroke is one of the most active subject groups. It meets regularly throughout term for both academic presentations and talks but also social events such as quizzes and film nights. Pembroke also has dedicated modern languages subject reps who organise social events each term and act as an academic and pastoral interface.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

For both history and languages candidates need curiosity and imagination, analytical skill, intellectual flexibility, and should be able to communicate clearly. A keen interest in and motivation for discovering other languages, literatures and cultures is crucial, along with a solid grounding in grammar and vocabulary.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Adrian Gregory
Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

Professor Stephen Tuck
Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

Dr Tim Farrant
Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

Professor Guido Bonsaver
Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/history-ml

“Pembroke’s an excellent place to study HML… there are loads of the joint students doing a different combination of subjects, who all bring a different perspective. Pembroke has a brilliant community - studying two subjects just made my friendship circle larger from the start.”

Mimi, History & Modern Languages

*Up to 10 across History and its joint schools, and up to 10 across Modern Languages and its joint schools.
History and Politics combines two complementary but distinct disciplines, guaranteeing you an academically stimulating degree programme. The course equips you to approach the study of the past with the conceptual rigour derived from political science and enables you to set contemporary political problems in their historical perspective.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke is well established as the college of choice for History and Politics. We have a vibrant group of historians, as well as many political scientists, and students studying this degree have done exceptionally well in recent years. As joint schools are emphasised more at Pembroke than at most colleges, we work harder to integrate the teaching across the two chosen subjects.

What extra activities do we offer?

The history society at Pembroke is one of the most active subject-based groups. It meets regularly throughout term for both academic presentations and talks but also social events such as quizzes and film nights. There is also a politics colloquium in the College involving both undergraduate and graduate students, which meets once per term for a distinguished lecture and subsequent reception.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

For the history modules, candidates should possess analytical skills, be flexible and able to communicate clearly. In addition, for the politics side of the course, strong reasoning skills and a technical command of the literature are key.

“There’s a really good community of students doing History & Politics at Pembroke, so you always have people you can ask for advice and help, and you never feel isolated. Tutors are really supportive, and appreciate that the start of a new course can be quite overwhelming, so don’t expect the finished product straight away!”

Hugh, History & Politics

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Stephen Whitefield

is a Tutorial Fellow in Politics. His research interests focus on understanding public opinion in Russia and Ukraine and understanding the changing positions of political parties across Western and Eastern Europe.

Professor Adrian Gregory

Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

Professor Stephen Tuck

Please see ‘History’ for a full bio.

Want to find out more?

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/history-politics
The BA in Japanese is a four-year course with the second year spent at university in Japan. Pembroke has a long-standing tradition of Japanese studies at both undergraduate and graduate levels. You do not need to have any prior experience of Japanese in order to apply to study this language as an undergraduate.

**Why choose Pembroke?**

Pembroke is one of only three Oxford Colleges that has a Fellow in Japanese. In total, we have three tutors in Japanese: a Tutorial Fellow, a Tanaka Junior Research Fellow, and a Retained Lecturer, all of whom contribute to the scholarly life of the students studying this subject. There is a lively undergraduate and graduate population which you will instantly be welcomed into and furthermore Pembroke’s library is one of the best College libraries for books relating to Japanese studies.

**What extra activities do we offer?**

Pembroke plays host to a series of events including the annual Tanaka Memorial Symposium in Japanese Studies which brings together scholars from around the world. In addition, the College organises career-orientated events with talks from graduate students who have undertaken internships. The College usually awards the TEPCo Prize for good performance in the Preliminary Examination (first year exams), which is funded by a gift to Pembroke from the Tokyo Electric Power Company.

**What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?**

Daily practice and revision are very important. With Japanese, students who are consistent in their practice are the most successful learners.

“Pembroke is close to the Oriental Institute, where many lessons are. The library is well stocked, there are other Japanologists to talk to here, and most importantly, Professor Flores is there to support you as a College tutor.”  

**Meet our lead tutor**

**Professor Linda Flores** is a Tutorial Fellow in Japanese. Her current research focuses on writing produced after the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011, which is sometimes referred to as ‘3.11 literature’. She is particularly interested in the ethics and aesthetics of representing trauma in contemporary writing.

**Want to find out more?**

[www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/japanese](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/japanese)
What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Successful candidates will possess an intellectual curiosity and desire to learn, coupled with strong verbal and logical reasoning and communication skills (both on paper and verbally).

“I was president of the Blackstone Society (Pembroke’s law society), and organised dinners with various law firms, plus the Annual Blackstone Dinner. All this allowed me to see where my degree could take me in the future, and gain opportunities such as internships.”

Alex, Law

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Rebecca Williams
is a Tutorial Fellow in Law. and a Professor of Criminal and Public Law. As well as teaching Criminal Law and Administrative Law, Rebecca works on various projects involving artificial intelligence, machine learning and the interrelationship of law and technology.

Professor Ariel Ezrachi
is a Fellow in Law and the Slaughter and May Professor of Competition Law. He serves as the Director of the University of Oxford Centre for Competition Law and Policy.

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/law
Sir William Blackstone is one of the true giants of English Common Law. He became a student at Pembroke College in 1738 at the age of 15.

He became Professor William Blackstone, the first holder of the Vinerian Professorship, in 1758. Despite apparently modest educational aims, his lectures were truly ground-breaking, and were eventually published in four volumes between 1765 and 1769, under the title Commentaries on the Laws of England. His was not the first, but probably the greatest, attempt to organise the English Common Law into a rational and clear structure. More specifically, however, Blackstone’s lectures were intended to instate the study of the common law at Universities in an attempt to break the monopoly of the study of the Civil, meaning Roman, Law. His legacy is inestimable in England and the United States of America, where his Commentaries became and remain a major resource for judges and practitioners. They would also go on to inform the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the USA.

Pembroke’s current legal community honours Blackstone by convening a distinguished lecture each year in his name, which is attended by all law students, in addition to senior legal academics and practitioners. For the most recent lectures we have welcomed Lord Neuberger (President of the UK Supreme Court), Sir Keir Starmer MP (former Head of the Crown Prosecution Service) who addressed the question of ‘Human Rights: can Britain go it alone; and should we?’, The Right Honourable Lady Justice Hallett who talked on the subject of ‘Juries Past and Present’, and Sir Peter Roth QC, who spoke about ‘The continuing evolution of competition law’.

Left: Sir William Blackstone
Below: Annual Blackstone Lecture in Pembroke’s Pichette Auditorium, delivered by Sir Peter Roth, President of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal in 2019.
Maths and Philosophy is a joint honours degree bringing together the logic and thought of philosophy with that of mathematics.

Why choose Pembroke?
At Pembroke we have a large number of students studying maths or philosophy, creating a large but close-knit community where members support each other.

What extra activities do we offer?
The maths society meets twice a term and offers engaging talks by guest speakers about the real-life application of mathematics. It also provides the unique opportunity to network with experts in a range of fields. Meanwhile, the philosophy team organise a talk from a prominent philosopher once per term and there is a reading group which meets regularly. Students studying our joint degrees benefit from both sets of subject activities.

“There is a large support network for Maths and Phil students (compared to other colleges), and you can always ask your college parents for advice!”

Silvia, Maths & Philosophy

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?
For the maths element of the course students need a real interest in the subject, coupled with a deep passion for abstract concepts and on the philosophy side an ability to think clearly, reason and engage in structured arguments is key.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor James Read
is a Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy. His research lies primarily in the philosophy of physics: in particular, in the foundations of space-time theories, the study of symmetries in physics, and the role of probability in physics.

Professor Damian Rössler
is a Senior Maths Tutor and Fellow in Pure Mathematics. Although a mathematician by training, Professor Rössler is interested in various aspects of the philosophy of mathematics, especially Wittgenstein’s views on the foundations of mathematics.

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/maths-philo
Studying Modern Languages offers both practical training in written and spoken language, and an extensive introduction to European literature, culture, linguistics and thought. This ranges from the medieval to the contemporary, and embraces both metropolitan and diasporic, colonial and post-colonial European languages and literatures worldwide. At Pembroke you can study French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, or Modern Greek – either in a combination of two languages or in a joint degree with English, History, a Middle Eastern Language, Philosophy or Linguistics. Moreover, French, German and Spanish can each be studied in a single language degree.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke is one of the larger language colleges in terms of tutors and students, offering an unusually wide variety of languages. We have Fellows in French and Italian and lecturers in German, Spanish, Portuguese, Modern Greek and Linguistics.

What extra activities do we offer?

Pembroke has dedicated modern languages subject reps who organise social events each term and act as an academic and pastoral interface.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Students must have a keen interest in and motivation for discovering other languages, literatures, cultures and mindsets, coupled with a solid grounding in the grammar, vocabulary and expression of languages already studied.

“Pembroke is a great college to study modern languages as we have a wide range of specialists who put great importance on helping students to choose the right subjects and topics for them.”

Elizabeth, Modern Languages

Meet our lead tutors

Dr Tim Farrant
is a Tutorial Fellow in French and Reader in 19th century French Literature. He teaches across the modern period, and has published on authors from Balzac to Zola and numerous other (including Anglo-French comparative) aspects of 19th century French literature, culture and visual art.

Professor Guido Bonsaver
is a Tutorial Fellow in Italian. His research interests include 20th century Italian culture, in particular the relationship between political history and narrative. He has recently worked on censorship during the Fascist regime and on cinema and migration in contemporary Italy.

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/languages
Modern Languages & Linguistics combines one Modern Language - French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese or Modern Greek - with Linguistics. You will analyse the nature and structure of language (how words and sentences are formed, how we make and hear sounds, how languages change, vary, and are organised in the brain) and apply these ideas to your chosen language. The combination with Linguistics - which can take you from the past to the contemporary, and from the physiological to sociolinguistics and psychology - is popular. With a language, it can take you anywhere.

**Why choose Pembroke?**

As well as having a tutor in Linguistics, Pembroke is one of the larger language colleges both in terms of tutors and students, and offers an unusually wide variety of languages and joint schools with Modern Languages. We have a growing community of students studying Linguistics, both in combination with a Modern Language, and alongside Psychology.

**What extra activities do we offer?**

Pembroke has dedicated modern languages subject reps who organise social events each term and act as an academic and pastoral interface between students, tutors, and across the various language and subject combinations.

**What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?**

A keen interest in and motivation for discovering other languages, literatures and cultures, coupled with a solid grounding in the grammar, vocabulary and expression of languages already studied. You don't need to have studied Linguistics, but need to have the ability to think about language analytically and have an interest in the science of language i.e. how languages work and interact with society.

“Pembroke Library is certainly well-stocked with Italian literature and secondary criticism on Italian works. There is also a fair selection of books in the Linguistics section, and if you require a book that you can’t find elsewhere, the librarians can order it in at your request.”

Isabel, Modern Languages

**Meet our lead tutors**

- **Dr Tim Farrant**
  Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

- **Professor Guido Bonsaver**
  Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

- **Dr Holly Kennard**
  is a Tutor in Linguistics. Her research interests lie in phonology and morphophonology, language contact and language endangerment. She is particularly interested in Breton and the other Celtic languages.

**Want to find out more?**

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/ml
Students are admitted to read Music at Pembroke from a wide range of schools and colleges, and with very different musical experiences. As well as admitting two students per year to read Music, Pembroke aims to have two Organ Scholars in residence at any one time. (Although the Organ Scholars often read Music, this is not a requirement and candidates for this post wishing to read other subjects are encouraged to apply).

**Why choose Pembroke?**

In addition to being minutes away from the Music Faculty, Pembroke’s music facilities are excellent; the Pichette Auditorium provides a modern and spacious recital space housing our Steinway D piano, and our chapel is home to one of only three Létourneau Organs in the UK.

**What extra activities do we offer?**

Pembroke has a thriving music society and attracts talented musicians from a range of academic disciplines. There are plenty of activities to become involved with, including the College Chapel choir who meet and perform once a week during term time at the weekly Chapel service, the regular informal concerts held in the Master’s Lodgings, the weekly lunchtime music recital series, and the annual college musical.

Pembroke students also benefit from:

*Instrumental Award*: Worth £300 and open to first year undergraduates reading any subject (apart from the Organ Scholar), the Award is made on the basis of a short recital (up to 20 minutes).

**What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?**

Candidates require a lively interest in music of all periods. They must also have the ability to analyse scores, compose stylistically, assimilate a wide variety of musicological approaches and write lucidly about them.

“Pembroke offers so many amazing performance and learning opportunities. We get taught by specialists both here and at other colleges, which means we get a really well-rounded insight into the content. Also, being less than a two-minute walk from the faculty helps....”

*Amelia, Music*

**Meet our lead tutor**

*Dr Guy Newbury*

is a Tutor in Music, a composer and pianist. His research interests are in the late 19th and 20th centuries, especially French and Polish music.

**Want to find out more?**

[www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/music](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/music)
The study of language, literature, and linguistics presents challenging philosophical and theoretical issues, which make Philosophy and Modern Languages one of the many stimulating degree combinations involving modern languages. Students will spend their third year abroad to gain more experience of their chosen language - French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese or Modern Greek - and the culture of a native-speaking environment.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke is one of the larger language colleges both in terms of tutors and students and has two Fellows in Philosophy so is well positioned to support those on this challenging and rewarding degree. Due to the wide variety of philosophy joint schools offered at Pembroke, the philosophy community within College is particularly extensive, offering students the opportunity to benefit from a broad range of perspectives.

What extra activities do we offer?

Pembroke has a very active modern languages subject rep, who organises social, academic and pastoral events each term. In addition, the philosophy team organises a talk from a prominent philosopher once per term and there is a reading group which meets regularly.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

A keen interest in and motivation for discovering other languages, literatures and cultures, coupled with a solid grounding in the grammar, vocabulary and expression of languages already studied. For Philosophy, reasoning skills are crucial, along with the ability to engage in structured arguments.

“What I love most about the course is how different the learning styles are. You develop two very different skill sets when studying language and literature versus philosophy. It’s also exciting and rewarding to apply what you learned on one side of the course to the other.”

Julianne, Philosophy & Modern Languages

Meet our lead tutors

Dr Tim Farrant
Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

Professor Guido Bonsaver
Please see ‘Modern Languages’ for a full bio.

Professor Guy Kahane
Please see ‘Philosophy & Theology’ for a full bio.

Professor James Read
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Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/philo-modern-languages
Parallel study of Philosophy and Theology leads to a deeper understanding of each. Philosophy develops analytical rigour and logical, reasoned critique, whilst Theology helps you understand the intellectual underpinning of religious traditions, and the social and cultural contexts for religious belief and practice. It brings together a wide range of skills and disciplines: historical, textual, linguistic, sociological, literary-critical and philosophical.

Why choose Pembroke?
As well as two Fellows in both Philosophy and Theology, both subjects have a large and lively community of scholars and students, helping you benefit from a broad range of philosophical and theological perspectives.

What extra activities do we offer?
Both subjects host regular events to bring together their respective communities, including academic seminars, social gatherings and subject dinners. Students also benefit from study skills workshops, including exam timetabling, revision, and dissertation subjects.

“Pembroke is such a great place to study Philosophy & Theology, not only because of the quality of the teaching, but also the communication between departments in ensuring that it’s a well-balanced joint degree.”

Charles, Philosophy & Theology

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?
As well as the ability to write essays and conduct research, successful students will have a strong interest in philosophical questions.

You do not have to have a background in any particular academic subject to apply.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Justin Jones
is a Tutorial Fellow in Theology and Religion. He is a specialist in modern and contemporary Islam, with a focus on South Asia.

The Revd Dr Andrew Teal
is the Chaplain and a Tutor in Theology and Religion. His research interests include historical & systematic theology, history of Christianity and the study of religions.

Professor Guy Kahane
is a Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy. He works in theoretical and applied ethics, and conducts research into the psychology and evolutionary basis of human morality. He has also written on nihilism, humanity’s cosmic significance, counterfactual history and whether we should want God to exist.

Professor James Read
is a Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy. His research lies primarily in the philosophy of physics: in particular, in the foundations of space-time theories, the study of symmetries in physics, and the role of probability in physics.

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/phil-theo
PPE demands the ability to take stock of large amounts of evidence, arguments and scholarly material and apply intelligent analysis to it. It is very much a course for those who like wrestling with different theories, problems and conflicts, whilst developing their own views.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke has a large, diverse community across the subjects in PPE, meaning there is an excellent peer support network. The philosophy community within College is particularly extensive due to the wide variety of joint schools offered at Pembroke, which offers students the ability to benefit from a broad range of philosophical perspectives.

“The great thing about philosophy is you can really dive into some of the most interesting parts and engage with them right away.”

Will, PPE

What extra activities do we offer?

Students studying PPE enjoy a range of activities across all three subjects. Pembroke often invites prestigious guest speakers in areas relevant to PPE to give lectures in College and in addition, there is a philosophy reading group and a politics colloquium made up of both undergraduate and graduate students.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

Independence and flexibility of thought, as well as the ability to evaluate evidence, consider issues from different perspectives, and engage in structured arguments. A good technical command of the literature is key.
Senator J William Fulbright, whose interest in international relations is perpetuated in the Fulbright Scholarships, was a Rhodes Scholar at Pembroke in the 1920s.

Fulbright was a Southern Democrat and a staunch multilateralist who supported the creation of the United Nations and was the longest serving chairman in the history of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He opposed McCarthyism and the House Un-American Activities Committee, and later became known for his opposition to American involvement in the Vietnam War. His efforts to establish an international exchange program eventually resulted in the creation of a fellowship program which bears his name, the Fulbright Program.

Pembroke honours its connection to Fulbright with the appointment of a Fulbright Visiting Fellow who contributes to the intellectual life of the College through seminars, public lectures and curriculum development in any discipline related to politics and international relations. The 2019 Visiting Professor, Premilla Nadasen organised the seminar series, "Radical Histories of Anti-Racist Activism and Organizing" which brought together scholars, activists and writers to discuss how we can learn from and generate new political imaginaries based on past and present struggles for racial and gender justice.

In addition to the above series of seminars, Pembroke organises the Annual Distinguished Fulbright Lecture in association with the US-UK Fulbright Commission, and Oxford University’s Department of Politics and International Relations, and has attracted speakers of the calibre of Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph Stiglitz. In 2019 the Rt Hon David Miliband spoke on ‘The new arrogance of Power, global politics in an age of impunity’. In previous years Professor Lord Nicholas Stern of Brentford addressed the question ‘The best of centuries or the worst of centuries? Leadership, governance and cohesion in an interdependent world’, the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, Professor Louise Richardson, spoke on ‘The University in the Age of Populism’, and Professor Michael Ignatieff addressed the issue of ‘The European Refugee Crisis: what is to be done?’.
This demanding course brings together the most fundamental subjects in the arts and the sciences. The philosophy part of the course covers logic and general philosophy in the first year, and in subsequent years there are around 30 papers which can be studied. The physics part of the course covers subjects such as mechanics, thermodynamics and relativity.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke is one of only five colleges to have a Fellow in Philosophy of Physics - a core component of this course. Due to the wide variety of joint schools offered at Pembroke, the philosophy community within College is particularly extensive, offering students the ability to benefit from a diverse range of perspectives on philosophical matters.

What extra activities do we offer?

The physics society meets on average twice per term to discuss current research and hear from engaging guest speakers. The philosophy team organise a talk from a prominent philosopher each term and there is a reading group which meets regularly. As a student studying a joint honours degree you can benefit from both sets of subject activities.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

You do not need to have a philosophical background to study this course – but an enthusiasm for deep thinking is compulsory! Successful students in this subject will have a good physics intuition, excellent mathematical skills and an ability to think clearly, reason and engage in structured arguments.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Tim Woollings
is a Fellow and Associate Professor in Atmospheric Physics. His research focuses on understanding extreme weather and the role of climate change in the extratropics, particularly in the North Atlantic region. Outside of Pembroke he is Joint Chair at the Met Office.

Professor Alfons Weber
is the Rokos-Clarendon Fellow and Tutor in Physics. He is a particle physicist and specialises in studying neutrinos and developing instrumentation for research as well as for security applications.

Professor James Read
Please see ‘Philosophy & Theology’ for a full bio.

"Unlike most colleges, Pembroke has a philosophy of physics tutor, James Read. He’s a great tutor with fascinating research into the Philosophy of Spacetime, which we explore on the course."

Catherine, Physics & Philosophy

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/physics-philo
The joint honours PPL course allows students to follow a bipartite degree (Psychology with either Philosophy or Linguistics). These disciplines are closely interrelated, so studying a combination of them allows students to explore different aspects of each subject, resulting in a very varied and dynamic course.

**Why choose Pembroke?**

Pembroke has a large, diverse community across the subjects in PPL, meaning there is an excellent peer support network. Due to the wide variety of joint schools offered, the philosophy community within College is particularly extensive, offering students the ability to benefit from a broad range of perspectives on philosophical matters.

**What extra activities do we offer?**

During term, the whole psychology community meets once a week for lunch. These informal lunches facilitate the sharing of information from practical discussions about the course and life in Oxford, through to conversations about exciting psychological discoveries. Furthermore, the philosophy team organise a talk from a prominent philosopher once per term and there is a reading group which meets regularly.

**What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?**

Successful students in this subject are able to evaluate evidence, consider issues from different perspectives, and engage in structured arguments. For courses including Linguistics it is key to have the ability to think about language analytically and have an interest in the science of language.

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**Meet our lead tutors**

- **Professor Hannah Smithson**
  is a Tutorial Fellow in Psychology, whose research focuses on the retinal and cortical processing that underlies human vision.

- **Dr Rebekah White**
  is a Tutor in Psychology, whose research interests lie in the field of Cognitive Psychology.

- **Professor James Read**
  Please see ‘Philosophy & Theology’ for a full bio.

- **Professor Guy Kahane**
  Please see ‘Philosophy & Theology’ for a full bio.

- **Dr Holly Kennard**
  Please see ‘Modern Languages & Linguistics’ for a full bio.

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Want to find out more?  
[www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/ppl](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/ppl)
Theology and Oriental Studies at Oxford represents a unique degree programme offering a variety of perspectives on non-Western cultures, religions and civilisations. Students can choose from a range of papers in both subjects across all three years of your degree, but typically students will be encouraged to specialise in any one of the following traditions: Buddhism, Eastern Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism. The course also contains an intensive language learning component throughout, which may be in Pali, Tibetan, Sanskrit, Arabic, Hebrew or Greek.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke has a large and lively community of students across both Theology and Oriental Studies. It is also especially well-resourced for this course from a teaching perspective, since it has two Fellows in each of these subjects.

What extra activities do we offer?

Pembroke hosts regular events to bring the respective theology and oriental studies communities together. Such events include academic seminars, informal social gatherings as well as subject dinners. Students also benefit from valuable workshops on general study skills, including exam timetabling, revision skills and dissertation subjects.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

As well as the ability to write essays and conduct research, a natural flair and interest in acquiring foreign languages is important. There are no specific pre-requisites to apply.
Theology & Religion

Theology is a truly interdisciplinary degree that incorporates a range of subjects and methods to study religion, allowing students to take up elements of Philosophy, Biblical Studies, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology and Languages. In recent years, the Faculty has developed a new curriculum, which gives students a huge choice of subjects and flexibility of study.

Why choose Pembroke?

Pembroke has a large and lively community of theologians at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and its own theology-based research programme called ‘Religion and the Frontier Challenges’. It has two Theology Fellows and other attached scholars, and so is particularly well-resourced in terms of its teaching community.

What extra activities do we offer?

Pembroke hosts regular events to bring the large theology community together, including academic seminars, informal social gatherings and subject dinners. Students also benefit from valuable workshops on general study skills, including exam timetabling, revision skills and dissertation subjects.

What characteristics do you need to be successful in this subject?

The most important characteristics for success are simply enthusiasm and interest. As with many other humanities subjects, strong essay-writing skills are also key and an ability to conduct research. You do not need any particular background in the subject to apply.

Meet our lead tutors

Professor Justin Jones
Please see ‘Philosophy & Theology’ for a full bio.

The Revd Dr Andrew Teal
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“There are funds in place, like the Travel Grant and Tutorial Fund, which can assist with trips or study related to the course. Last summer I was able to do a week’s intensive Arabic course which carried on well from my Qur’anic Arabic option for Prelims.”

Moana, Theology & Religion

2-3 places per year (4 across Theology and joint schools)

Want to find out more?
www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/theology
Getting the Balance Right

Pembroke is home to a wide range of clubs and societies which students are encouraged to get involved in alongside their studies. Clubs are a great way to practise sport, music, drama, and more, in a relaxed and supportive environment. Students often found new clubs/societies, and financial support is available for this.

“I have done a wide range of sports at Pembroke; rowing, rugby and netball. The sports are all open to all, and always fun (even if you’re bad like me)! I also do some singing at Pembroke; the choir is really casual and there are recitals every term that anyone can sing in.”

Imogen, English

“I’m Vice-President of the JCR and on the Pembroke Ball team, two extracurriculars that have been a lot of fun so far! I’d really encourage anyone who has time to get involved in the JCR, because it gives you a say in events that directly affect you and your fellow students.”

Silvia, Maths & Philosophy

Pembroke Choir Tour to Luxembourg
I personally really enjoyed getting involved in the Art scene at Pembroke — specifically the JCR Art Fund Gallery and associated events, as well as the Art Fest in Trinity term. I was the JCR Art Rep and the JCR Art Fund President during my time at Pembroke and I had many fun and enriching opportunities because of this.

Meris, English & Modern Languages

Sporting activities for students range from netball, rugby, football and rowing, to tennis, lacrosse, croquet, rounders and others…sport at Pembroke provides the external focus of competing in a team environment that, regardless of standard, gives students a regular opportunity to bond outside of the College vicinity.

Samuel, History

Involving myself in something outside of my academic studies that I am absolutely passionate about has only led to my fascination for my course growing stronger - Pembroke’s emphasis on a balanced lifestyle has really been wonderful for us!

Roshan, E&M
The information in this booklet is correct at time of print (September 2019) but is subject to change. Numbers of admissions places may vary each year, and are only provided as an approximation. Please see the Pembroke website (www.pmb.ox.ac.uk) for official information about undergraduate admissions and course content; in the event of any discrepancy between the information in this booklet and the University of Oxford website, the University website should be considered the authoritative source. Due to research leave and changes in personnel, the availability of individual members of staff cannot be guaranteed in any given year.

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For more information on courses, and interviews with current students, visit:

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/courses

If you have any questions, get in touch with our Admissions and Access Officer:

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