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Cambridge PKP Summer

UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

Application Deadlines

The Cambridge Pembroke Kings Summer 2017 program or "PKP" has a rolling application deadline beginning October 17, 2016 and ending January 30, 2017. Please note that while Cambridge's own application window is open until much later, *in order to apply for the program as an EAP student you must submit your EAP application to Berkeley Study Abroad, and the Cambridge PKP host university portion online, by January 30, 2017.*

Program Dates & Duration – Date Conflict with Fall Semester Start Date!

The Cambridge PKP Summer 2017 program runs from July 2 to August 26, 2017. Since the first day of classes at Berkeley is Wednesday, August 24, there is a date conflict with Berkeley Fall Semester's first day of instruction. Berkeley students who want to attend the program in Summer 2017 must manage this situation. Students can miss the last week of the program by taking a combination of one Module 1 course, taught during the month of July, and two Module 3 courses or "Part-Time" courses, which progress over both July & August but end a week earlier than the official ending date of the program, in order to return before the start of the Berkeley Fall Semester on August 23rd. Students must take a total of 3 courses. The supervision option is a Module 3 course.

Of course, graduating seniors or students studying abroad or doing a program off-campus in Fall 2017 would not be affected.

Application Process

Applying to the Cambridge/PKP program involves submitting dual applications: one for EAP and one for Cambridge. Students should access the application from the [BSA Website](#), not from Cambridge's website. You should first submit online applications for EAP and Cambridge (Items #6 & #9 on the Application Checklist) and then submit the remaining hard copy application materials both to BSA and directly to Cambridge. This includes mailing an official UCB transcript and one letter of recommendation to Cambridge. Transfer students must also submit official copies to Cambridge of all transfer school transcripts.

GPA Requirement

The applicant's cumulative GPA must be 3.2 or above at time of application. Neither Cambridge nor EAP allows rounding off (i.e. a cumulative GPA of 3.195 does not qualify).

Competitiveness of the Program

Cambridge will be able to accommodate all the qualified applicants who apply by the specified deadlines. Students are advised to apply as early as possible within the application window to increase their chances of getting their first choice of courses and housing. Immediately after selection you will have to pay housing costs (an "Accommodation Fee", see explanation in **Program Fees** below) before you can sign up for classes and choose your housing. PKP closed enrollment in April last year, filling all available spots one month earlier than anticipated.

The Application deadline of January 30, 2017 should give an applicant plenty of time to submit official documents and to be included in the selection pool before enrollment closes. Cambridge hopes to admit about 350 students from an international pool of applicants.

Acceptance

Cambridge reserves the right to select students. You will receive official selection notification from EAP after Cambridge has notified you regarding selection. Cambridge will email their acceptance decision to you within three weeks of receiving your complete application (i.e. online application as well as hard copy application materials). EAP will send selection notification to the student after Cambridge informs us that the student has been accepted to the program, has agreed to selection terms and conditions and has paid the Accommodation Fee.

Program Fees

There is a non-refundable application fee of **£50** (about **\$68 using the exchange rate 1GBP = \$1.35**) that students pay directly to Cambridge. After receiving selection notification from Cambridge, students should be prepared to pay an Accommodation Fee (housing cost) ranging from **£1456 - £2258** directly to Cambridge (about **\$1,966 - \$3,049 if 1 GBP=\$1.35**) in order to register for courses and apply for housing. *Students will not be able to sign up for classes or apply for housing until this fee is paid. This fee is non-refundable.*

Program Fees Deposit for Financial Aid Recipients

Students who are on financial aid have the option of paying a lower accommodation fee deposit of **500 GBP** (about **\$675 if 1GBP=\$1.35**). Upon paying the deposit the student is guaranteed Band 2 housing. The rest of the accommodation fee is due to Cambridge as soon as summer financial aid is disbursed, or ten days before the program start date. The housing fee is not paid by UCEAP as part of UCEAP fees.

Summer Financial Aid

Financial aid for the summer is not as comprehensive as what students may be accustomed to during the academic year because it is a “trailer” to the current academic year. If financial aid is important for your participation in the Cambridge/PKP program then it’s essential that you plan ahead and keep the following in mind:

1. The Financial Aid Office will likely not be able to release offers for summer until the end of March or later. You will not know exactly how much summer aid you will be getting until several months before departure. If you have questions about what kind of aid you can expect, please speak with a Financial Aid Counselor at Berkeley Study Abroad.
2. Your summer financial aid award will not be disbursed until a minimum of 10 days prior to the program start date (late June), so you will need to be prepared to pay the Accommodation Fee deposit and other pre-departure expenses for the health clearance, student visa, and airline tickets using a credit card or other means.

Scholarships

- Pembroke offers UC students merit scholarships each summer of 1,000 GBP each to cover part of the cost of Cambridge PKP tuition. Applications are only released to selected students. The requirement to apply for the scholarship is a UC cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. See the Cambridge PKP website for more details.
- The [Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Program](#) will offer summer scholarships.
- UCEAP offers [Promise Award Scholarships](#).

Curriculum

- All students take 3 (three) upper division courses worth 3.33 semester units each, for a total of 10 units. Module 1 courses are taught in July, Module 2 courses are taught in August, and Module 3 courses are taught in July and August. Module 3 courses end a week before the program ends. The “supervision” has the same time-frame as a Module 3 course.
- The Cambridge/PKP program offers students the unique opportunity to work closely with a Cambridge faculty member or post-doctoral candidate by substituting a Cambridge-style supervision course (similar to an independent research project at UC) for one course. Students meet with a faculty member individually or in small groups once a week to complete a series of research-based papers in the subject area. A cost of **700 GBP** (about **\$945 if 1GBP=\$1.35**) will be added to the program budget for any student undertaking a supervision.

EAP Returnees

EAP returnees are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with students who have gone on the program ask the [BSA Adviser](#) for student contacts. The Cambridge/PKP web site also includes an alumni section where you can contact returned students.

Special Advice for recent Transfer Students

Recent transfer students who are interested in applying must have one semester’s worth of Berkeley grades in addition to their work from their transfer school; thus only transfer students admitted in fall semester of the current academic year can apply to EAP-Cambridge PKP. Transfer students who are spring admits (who won’t have a semester of Berkeley grades by the application deadline) should consider 1) applying to Cambridge PKP as a non-UC sponsored option or 2) applying for the program after a year’s worth of Berkeley grades is posted on the UCB transcript.

Special Advice for “FPF” Freshman Fall Program Students

Students can apply for Cambridge PKP if they have junior standing on the UCB transcript by departure for the program and a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above. FPF students who will take 30 college credits in the freshman year at Cal and who enter with 26 or more Advanced Placement credits and meet the GPA requirement will qualify for the program. However, they will be selected conditionally and will not become full selectees until grades from the fall semester appear on the UCB transcript. This happens sometime between March and April of the following spring semester. FPF students should submit the University Extension transcript when they first apply and be prepared to wait through the period from February to April until they can submit the official Berkeley transcript to Cambridge PKP and be cleared for selection.

Student Visitor Visa

Depending upon whether the student will have to provide a parental bank statement to prove sufficient funds for the Student Visitor Visa, the student may need to bring a certified birth certificate. Most U.S. citizens will be able to order their birth certificate on-line by contacting: <https://www.vitalchek.com>. U.S. citizens can also telephone the county clerk in the county of birth to obtain the birth certificate. Please request these well in advance, as the process to obtain it may be lengthy. *A photocopy of a certified document is not acceptable.*

Choosing between study at a Sciences Po in Paris, Bordeaux or Lyon: The Institut d’Etudes Politiques in Paris or Sciences Po, Paris is a popular program, but it is not the typical study abroad program. It is definitely more challenging on the academic and personal level whether a student is studying on the French, bilingual or English tracks. However, students who are ambitious and want to do serious academic work abroad should consider applying to the Sciences Po in Paris program. Sciences Po Paris students must adapt to the French university system and an elite school within that system. There are different academic demands for writing and analysis than in U.S. universities. The first few months on the program require that students make an adjustment to the new system. UCB students can have a difficult adaptation experience to Sciences Po, Paris, but will usually become accustomed to how things work by the end of the term.

Frequently Asked Questions about the PKP application:

- **Letters of Recommendation:** PKP requires that the recommender be someone who has taught you at the college level no more than three years ago who can comment on your academic ability. The recommendation can be from a professor or a graduate student instructor.
- **Official UCB Transcript:** a hard copy must be mailed to Cambridge.
- **May I take dependents with me?** The Student Visitor Visa needed for this program does not permit the student to bring dependents.

Don’t Fly to England Through Dublin, Ireland!

Hopefully this **WARNING!** will stick in your mind when it comes time to making plane reservations for your flight to England. You will not gain entry clearance and student visitor visa status in England if you arrive via an airline that goes through Dublin, Ireland or any city in the Republic of Ireland. Last year students booked cheaper flights to Dublin and were hoping to transit with a local airline to London, but had to instead 1) fly from Dublin to another European capital such as Paris or Amsterdam and then fly or travel to London, or 2) change or void their airline ticket to arrange another flight. So the flight to Dublin, while cheap and convenient, didn’t end up saving them any money. This warning is posted on the Visa Instructions: **“Do NOT travel through Ireland on your way to the UK. Doing so will prevent you from obtaining your entry clearance, thus making your stay in the UK illegal.”**