

Oxford & Cambridge Comparison

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The goal of this webinar





Three goals of this webinar



Is Oxbridge for you?

What is the workload like?

What is the teaching style like?

How does your university
experience differ?



Oxford or Cambridge?

What is the difference?

How to pick?



Your Questions

What did you always want to
know about Oxbridge?



Today's panellists

Who we are and what we studied



Today's Panellists



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Undergrad: **BA Jurisprudence @ Oxford**

Year of study: **First Year**

Role at PA: **Oxford Recruitment Officer**



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Role at PA: **Cambridge Campus Officer**



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Year of study: **First Year**

Role at PA: **Oxford Training Officer**



Is Oxbridge for you?

How is Oxbridge different to other universities?

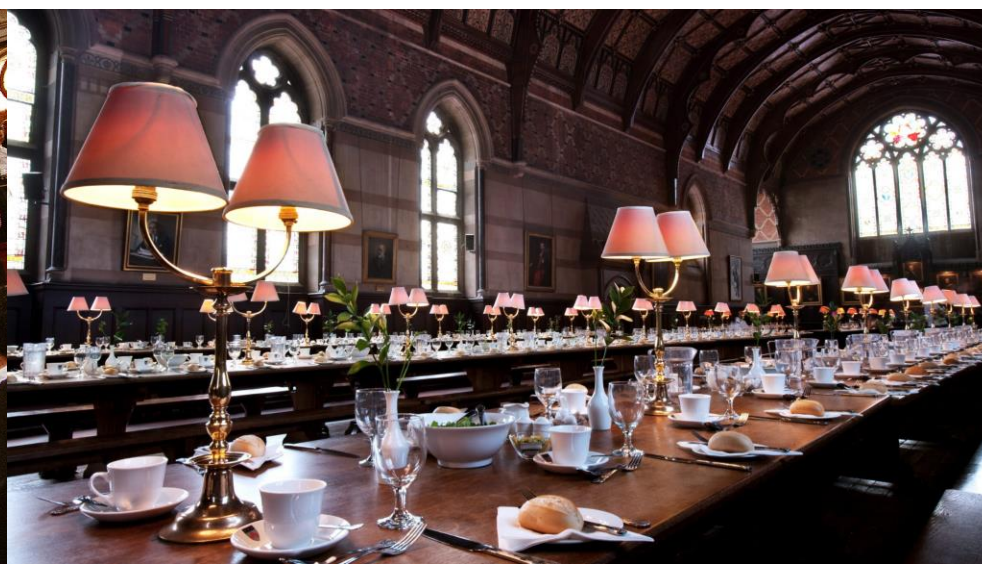
Academics

	Oxbridge	Other Universities
University system	Collegiate	Non-collegiate (except Durham)
Tutorial sizes	2-3 per Tutorial/Supervision	> 8 per Tutorial
Workload	Average of 40 hrs/week Law: 8 to 12 essays a term	Lower UCL: 8 essays a year
Nature of study	Emphasis on self-study	More on Teaching
Term Length	8 weeks	10 weeks or more



Social Life

	Oxbridge	Other Universities
Student body	Oxford – 20% International Cambridge – 25% International	LSE – 70% International UCL – 40% International
University experience	Traditions: Matriculation, Gowns, Formals	Non-traditional



Applications

	Oxbridge	Other Universities
UCAS Deadlines	15th Oct	15th January
Interview?	Yes	No





Oxford vs. Cambridge

What are the differences between
the two universities?
How do you choose?

Academics

1. Course structure

- Most important factor in distinguishing Cambridge from Oxford is the course structure of the subject you want to study.
- Oxford and Cambridge don't offer identical courses.
- Visit the Cambridge and Oxford websites and do your research on the course structure at each university and figure out which one you prefer.

2. Exam structure

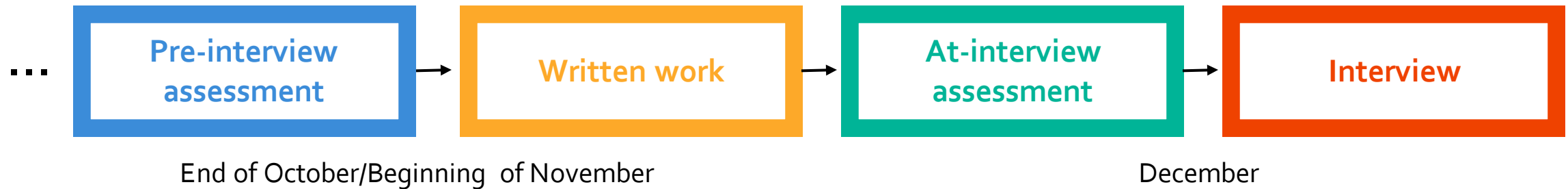
- At Oxford your results in your Finals determine your class of degree.
- At Cambridge students are examined formally at the end of each year and are awarded a degree classification for each part.

Social life

- Size
- Shops
- Societies
- All female colleges



Applications



Cambridge

- Grade requirements, written work and at-interview-assessment varies from college to college
- Usually A*A*A for most sciences and A*AA for arts courses
 - 40-42 IB, 776
- Interviews around 75% of all applicants
- Pre-interview assessments or at-interview-assessments

Oxford

- 'centralised' requirements (not college-dependent)
- Between AAA and A*A*A
 - 38-40 IB, various
- Interviews around 50% of all applicants
- Usually pre-interview assessments

Applications

Summary:

1. Oxford slightly lower grade requirements
2. Cambridge conducts more interviews & at-interview-assessments more common
3. Cambridge's requirements are college-specific
4. Cambridge's colleges may modify offers

-> Once you decided on your course, look at both unis' requirements, and then go to the individual Cambridge College websites for more details

Tip: Don't hesitate to contact the relevant Cambridge College admissions office!



Our Experience

Why did we choose Oxbridge?



Spotlight: Oxford

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Spotlight: Cambridge



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Q & A

You ask – we answer!

Q&A

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