WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CRSid/Raven IT LOGIN DETAILS?

Once you have met the conditions of your offer and have been confirmed by the Graduate Admissions Office, you will receive an email from the Student Registry asking you to complete the online student registration process - usually from early September onwards. Once you have completed the student registration process you will be able to collect your passwords and access your IT accounts.

CAN I CONTACT MY LECTURER OR SUPERVISOR BEFORE I START?

Yes, you can. Please contact the Department/Faculty directly for answers to any course related questions you may have.

CAN I LOOK AT THE VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT BEFORE I START?

Once your CRSid and Raven accounts are active and you have matriculated, you will be able to access Moodle Dashboard training, IT software and Library eResources. Please discuss accessibility with your Department.

HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD I SPEND STUDYING?

Time spent studying will vary from one student to another (including assignments, reading, time spent on the platform, time spent thinking about course content, etc), and from one week to another.

Don't worry though - once you begin your studies, your tutor/supervisor will provide further guidance. Remember to check out our Time Management and beating Procrastination documents - they contain great advice and links to tools/apps to help you.

HOW ARE COURSES ASSESSED?

Assessment methods vary according to the course but typically include:
· Research essays
· Thesis
· Critical evaluations
· Presentations
· A dissertation
The Department/Faculty will set assessments appropriate to the course. Take a look at the 'Study' tab of your course in the Directory for more information on teaching and assessments.

IS SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES?

Yes, the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) will contact you to offer support with your individual needs such as transport, access to Departments or accommodation needs. If you didn't disclose your disability at the time of applying, please contact the DRC at disability@admin.cam.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1223 332301.

DO I NEED A COMPUTER?

Most students choose to bring a computer/laptop, but you don't have to. There are shared computing facilities (Windows, Mac and Linux) available around the University.

WILL I RECEIVE COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION?

Whilst not all students will be offered accommodation in the College, applicants can seek the support of the University Accommodation Service who can help with alternative options. You will need to meet all the conditions of your offer to secure accommodation.

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR MY VISA?

The earliest you can make a Tier 4 visa application is 3 months prior to your course start date. You will not be able to make the application until you have met ALL conditions of your offer, your place has been confirmed and you have received your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). Guidance on the requirements and process to apply for a Tier 4 visa is outlined on our International Students webpage here. You are advised to take some time to read through this information in advance.

CAN I DEFER MY PLACE?

Yes, only if your course, College and funding body (if applicable) permit deferrals to another intake within the same academic year. If this is possible, you will be able to submit a request for deferral in your Self-service account. If your admission has already been confirmed, please email us at graduateadmissions@admin.cam.ac.uk.

WHEN DO I PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF FUNDING?

If you are self-funding, the only document you need to upload is the completed Financial Undertaking Form. Student loans count as self-funding. If you have been given an award or scholarship, you need to upload the Financial Undertaking Form and the official award letter.

WHEN DO I PAY MY TUITION FEES?

The University Composition Fee (UCF, which covers the cost of teaching, supervision, student support and facilities you will receive and have access to) is collected by your College, who will be in touch with you separately about payment arrangements.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARIES?

There are many libraries in Cambridge! You'll have access to your College Library, the subject libraries and the main University Library. (The UL - @TheUL). If you want an induction into using a library then you should be able to book a place here.
Remember, Libraries buy most of the online resources you'll need, so your local subject librarians are useful people to talk to.