

Postgraduate Admissions Office Education Services

Terms of Admission:

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Application of these terms

- 1. If you accept your offer for study at the University of Cambridge, via the Postgraduate Admissions Office (PAO), you agree that these Terms of Admission apply to your relationship with the University and your College from then until you cease to be a postgraduate student. Not knowing or forgetting about the terms or their consequences is not a justification for not following them.
- 2. Please note that some of these Terms relate to conditions you will need to meet before you are able to take up your place.

Membership of the University and your College

- 3. As a student at the University, you will also be a member of a College, and you will have separate but interdependent relationships with the University and your College. The University will arrange an initial offer of membership to a College for you. You must remain a member of a College throughout your programme and it is important to be aware that:
 - (i) if you are not happy with a College's offer of membership, and choose not to accept it, your admission to the University will not be confirmed and you will not be able to take up your place at the University;
 - (ii) the Colleges are independent of the University, and of each other, and the University cannot normally arrange for you to move to another College;
 - (iii) College membership does not constitute an offer of College accommodation and a College room cannot be guaranteed.
- 4. You will be unable to pursue your programme if either your College or your University membership is terminated for any reason, including for breaches of College or University regulations on student discipline and conduct.
- 5. You must pursue your studies diligently. You may be withdrawn from your programme at the University, subject to applicable procedures, if your academic performance is judged to be unsatisfactory.
- 6. You must adhere to the Statutes and Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies of both your College and the University, as notified to you now or as set out on the University or College website (as amended, updated or supplemented from time to time in accordance with these Terms of Admission). This includes matters relating to discipline, capability to study, and fitness to practise for certain regulated professions. Permanent or temporary exclusion, arising from breaches of Statutes and Ordinances, or other rules, regulations, procedures and policies will result in your being unable to pursue your studies at both the University and your College.
- 7. University and College rules, regulations and policies are reviewed regularly, and may be amended, updated or supplemented from time to time: the University and College websites will always reflect the current procedures (see Annex).

8. You will be required to present original proof of identity to your College prior to starting your programme. Also, where advised by your admitting body, you must be able to present your original documentation as proof of prior academic achievement to the University and/or your College, on being asked to do so.

Self-service Pages

- 9. On being made an offer of admission, you will be allocated an account on the University's Applicant Self-service page. All communications from the University regarding your admission will be sent via this facility. You are expected to check your self-service account regularly. Any communication sent by the University to your University self-service account will be regarded as properly sent and received by you.
- 10. You will be allocated an account on the University's 'Self-service page for current postgraduate students' when your admission has been confirmed, and you have completed the student registration process.

Conditions

11. Your offer email and certificate will have outlined the conditions of your offer. You must meet all the conditions of your offer by the specified deadline before you can be admitted. If you do not meet the conditions of your offer by the relevant deadline, your offer will be withdrawn and you will not be admitted to the University.

The Financial Condition

- 12. The Financial Condition of your offer requires the completion of a Financial Undertaking Form (or the demonstration of exemption through holding an award from one of the University's internal funders that fully funds fees and full-time maintenance). Through the Financial Condition you undertake to the University that you have available at least the minimum required funds to cover all of the costs of your attendance at the University for the duration of your programme (including fees (UCF) and additional costs and your living costs). You may be asked to provide evidence of your ability to meet these costs by the University or your College.
- 13. Neither the University nor the College accepts responsibility for any personal debt you may incur.
- 14. If you are admitted, neither the University nor your College can commit to support you financially in the event that you cannot fulfil the commitment declared in your Financial Undertaking Form. You cannot rely on gaining funding once you have taken up your place. There are restrictions on

the amount of paid work you can undertake whilst studying, and you should not rely on such work to generate essential income for your studies. For further information see <u>here</u>.

Fees and additional costs

- 15. Your offer was made subject to satisfactory payment of the appropriate application fee. In the event that your payment transaction is deemed unsuccessful after you have received an offer, the University reserves the right to withdraw the offer, and you will be asked to send an alternative payment.
- 16. Your offer email and certificate will have outlined your University Composition Fee (UCF) for your first year of study.
- 17. The UCF covers the teaching, supervision, student support and facilities you will receive and have access to from the University and your College. For most programmes the College membership fee is integrated with this fee. However, the College fee is not integrated with the UCF for overseas students studying for the Master of Advanced Study.
- 18. Your UCF will include a classification of your fee status as either Home or Overseas. In the absence of a material change in your circumstances, or exceptionally where our understanding of your circumstances changes in the light of new information, this classification will remain the same for the duration of your course of study.
- 19. The UCF is set annually by the University, and for most courses the annual fee is fixed for the duration of the programme (for exceptions see paragraph 20 and check the <u>Course Directory</u> pages of your programme). Students who intermit, or who are withdrawn, and then return to study, may be liable for higher fee rates when they return to their study.
- 20. The UCF will rise annually for the Doctor of Education and in some cases for the Master of Architecture (see the relevant entries in the <u>Course Directory</u>). If you are admitted to a combined Masters and PhD programme, the UCF for the Masters element and the PhD element will differ: The UCF provided for the PhD element of the programme will be an estimate based on the current year's PhD fee; the fee applicable to your year of entry to the PhD is likely to be 5% higher than the estimate presented; the PhD UCF will be published during your Masters study.
- 21. Failure to pay the UCF by the due date provided to you by your College may result in you not being able to take your place on, or you being withdrawn from, your programme of study at the University.
- 22. Non-payment of the UCF will result in withdrawal from the University and your College, and a liability to pay any outstanding debt. The power to withdraw students for non-payment of fees is set out in section 12 of <u>Chapter VII of the University's Ordinances</u>.

- 23. In addition to the UCF outlined above, you may need to meet compulsory additional costs. The University has highlighted these in the prospectus information given about the programme and sets this out in your offer email and certificate.
- 24. If you withdraw from your programme, and this is after the statutory cancellation period where relevant (see paragraphs 89 to 0), you may be eligible for a refund of the termly UCF if you have been engaged in a course of study for 20 days or less of Full Term during the relevant term. For more information see <u>here</u>.

Living (or 'maintenance') costs

- 25. As well as those costs referenced in the paragraphs above, students are expected to affirm via the Financial Condition that they have sufficient finance to support all their living costs (known as 'maintenance' costs). These costs are likely to include (but are not limited to):
 - accommodation (either provided through your College or privately, and involving combined or separate costs for rent, utility services such as gas, electricity and access to phone and internet systems, and payments for other services such as kitchens, laundries, gym etc.);
 - food (whether provided by your College or through self-catering);
 - personal expenses while you are on your programme (e.g. clothes, leisure activities, membership of clubs and societies etc.); and
 - personal resources for study (computer, books, stationery, calculator etc.) which remain your property.
- 26. For full-time programmes an estimate of your minimum maintenance or living cost is included in your offer certificate; part-time students are required to make their own estimate of maintenance or living costs when completing the Financial Undertaking Form.
- 27. Where relevant, students should also make provision for costs related to their <u>arrival</u> in Cambridge and any additional (non-compulsory) research related costs.

Changes to your programme and related services and facilities

- 28. For relevant degrees, the subject of your research is stated in your offer email and certificate. You should inform your Department immediately of any proposed change. Any such change must be agreed by the University and if not (for example because suitable supervision arrangements are not available) your admission to the University will not be confirmed and you will not be able to take up your place at the University. Changes after admission will only be permitted with the agreement of your supervisor.
- 29. The University and your College will provide the programme and related educational and other services and facilities as described on the University website

(<u>https://www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/</u>) immediately prior to the date you accepted your offer of a place, and in the material information referred to in your offer email and certificate.

- 30. Each of the University's Faculties and Departments may provide additional information to supplement the material information (outlined in paragraph 29) in handbooks (available in print and online). The University will endeavour to ensure that this further information on the course is accurate and as described in these documents but given these are published in advance you should check the University website as per paragraph 29 which will be up-to-date.
- 31. However, there may be circumstances outside the University's control which may make it necessary to make changes to your programme or to related educational and other services and facilities. The University and your College will act reasonably in the circumstances to ensure that the changes are kept to a minimum and will make you aware as soon as reasonably practicable of such changes (see paragraph 34). The circumstances where such changes may arise are as follows:
 - unanticipated staff changes, sickness, absence or unavailability for other reasons;
 - developments in the subject area;
 - feedback from you or other students;
 - changes to the requirements or guidance of a professional, statutory, regulatory or accrediting body;
 - changes in legislation or government guidance;
 - where the numbers recruited to a programme are so low that an appropriate level of student experience cannot be guaranteed; or
 - any circumstance that falls within the scope of paragraph Error! Reference source not found..
- 32. The changes that the University or your College may make as a result of the above circumstances are to:
 - the content, structure, timetable and syllabus of a programme;
 - areas of research or other project;
 - the identity of supervisor(s) or the arrangements for supervision;
 - the start date of a programme, including by deferring it to another academic year;
 - the availability, duration, location and content of placements and other work-based learning opportunities;
 - the method, location, timetable and amount of teaching, lectures, seminars, supervisions and any other forms of instruction;
 - the method and content of assessments and examinations;
 - the delivery of services and facilities, to deliver in a different way, from a different location or online or by replacing them with alternative but equivalent services and facilities;
 - your matriculating College; or
 - your start date at the University.

- 33. The changes may be effected by modifying or suspending your existing programme, by combining your programme with another programme, or by closing your programme and/or offering you the opportunity to transfer to another programme.
- 34. Your Faculty or Department will consult students, through the formal student representation channels, on the impact of any substantive changes to your course prior to implementation. Any substantive change to a course requires approval by the University's Education Committee, in line with policies and procedures approved in advance by that Committee. That Committee is always concerned to ensure that no student is disadvantaged by any course change. The Education Committee includes student representatives.
- 35. You will be notified of these changes by the University or by your College as soon as reasonably practicable. They will if necessary draw your attention to opportunities to register a concern or complaint about the changes.

Changes to Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Procedures

- 36. The University and College procedures (including those referred to in these Terms of Admission) are reviewed regularly: current procedures will be set out on the relevant University and College websites.
- 37. The University and your College reserve the right to add to, delete or make reasonable changes to the <u>Statutes and Ordinances</u>, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies where, in the opinion of the University and/or your College, this will assist in the proper delivery of education.
- 38. Changes are usually made for one or more of the following reasons:
 - (a) To ensure they are fit for purpose;
 - (b) To reflect changes in the external environment, including legal or regulatory changes, changes to funding or financial arrangements or changes to government policy, requirements or guidance;
 - (c) To incorporate sector guidance or best practice;
 - (d) To incorporate feedback from students; and/or
 - (e) To aid clarity or consistency of approach.
- 39. Wherever possible, the University will consult students, through the formal student representation channels, on the impact of any substantive changes prior to implementation.
- 40. Any changes will normally come into effect at the start of the next academic year, although may be introduced during the academic year where the University reasonably considers this to be in the interests of students or where this is required by law or other exceptional circumstances. The University and your College will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students wherever reasonably possible, for example, by giving reasonable notice of changes to Statutes and

Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies before they take effect, or by phasing in the changes, if appropriate.

41. The updated Statutes and Ordinances, and other rules, regulations, procedures and policies will be made available on the University's website and may be publicised by other means so that students are made aware of any changes.

Matriculation

- 42. You must have received a formal confirmation of admission by email from the PAO, and in your self-service account, before you come to Cambridge to begin your study.
- 43. By accepting an offer for a programme with a pre-sessional course, you are also agreeing to attend the University from this earlier date. Where this is the case, it will be made clear in the relevant section of your self-service account.
- 44. On arrival you will be enrolled into the University through a process which in Cambridge is called matriculation. You may not matriculate until you have received a formal confirmation of admission (see paragraph 0). Matriculation requires you to sign the following declaration within four weeks of your arrival:

I promise to observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the University as far as they concern me, and to pay due respect and obedience to the Chancellor and other officers of the University.

- 45. By taking up your place at the University of Cambridge you agree that you will sign this declaration on matriculation, which refers to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University in force and which are amended from time to time. The current Statutes and Ordinances can be found on the University website (see <u>Annex</u> for a link to these). These are under continual review and changes to the Statutes and Ordinances are highlighted at this same website (see paragraph 37).
- 46. Matriculated students have access to such University services as the Careers Service, the Counselling Service, the Disability Resource Centre and University sports facilities.

Computing Facilities

47. By taking up your place at the University you agree to sign the following declaration in order to access the University's computing facilities, which will provide access to the internet, your University e-mail account, and information which is available only to University users. *I have read the rules and understand that allocations of computing resources are made and may only be used subject to the Rules issued from time to time by the University of Cambridge Information Services Committee, and I agree to abide by such rules. (The Rules and Guidelines on the use of University Information Services facilities are on the* *World Wide Web, see <u>https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/oolicies/governance-and-policy-</u> <u>documents</u>).*

N.B. It is sometimes the case that system staff will need to look at your account(s) or how you access your account(s) to solve system problems, because of suspected misuse of your account or to enable the legitimate business of the University to continue in your absence.

48. You will not be able pursue your studies effectively to obtain your degree without access to the University's Information Services. Please note that these rules may change between now and the date of your matriculation: you are advised to reread them close to that date.

Intellectual Property Rights in your work

- 49. Ownership of intellectual property (IP) rights (broadly defined, whether registrable patents or not) in material devised, made or created by you normally rests with you and the University does not ordinarily claim the ownership of such intellectual property rights. However, you need to be aware that this is not always the case and that the University or a third party will claim ownership where:
 - (i) IP rights are allocated to the University, funders or sponsors by grants or contracts for research funding or student sponsorship; or
 - (ii) IP rights are owned by third parties; or
 - (iii) working in collaboration with others (e.g. University staff) you jointly devise, make or create joint or interdependent intellectual property; or
 - (iv) legislation, regulations or ethical guidelines apply e.g. where data is derived from human subjects (e.g. clinical trials) or to personal data.
- 50. In such circumstances, relevant third party terms will apply to your work whether or not you have explicitly agreed to them. It is therefore important before you accept a place at the University and before you start work on a research project or join a research group, that you check any relevant third party terms and consider how such terms will affect the treatment of intellectual property that you create.
- 51. If you have any concerns, including not receiving any information about intellectual property rights, you must raise them with your proposed supervisor or your Faculty or Department so that you understand how intellectual property which might arise from your studies, research or project(s) will or may be treated.
- 52. The University endeavours where possible to ensure you retain the right to use intellectual property in academic teaching, publications, and academic research.
- 53. The <u>Regulations on Intellectual Property Rights</u> in Chapter XIII of the University's Statutes and Ordinances as amended from time to time set out how intellectual property rights are managed.
- 54. During your studies you may be given access to confidential information belonging to the University, academics, other students or third parties which might incur legal obligations to keep

it confidential. Also, the University or third parties with whom you interact as part of your studies may require you to sign a confidentiality agreement. You should consult relevant guidance and raise with your supervisor or a relevant academic officer in advance if you have any concerns regarding confidentiality and/or may seek your own independent legal advice. For further information please see <u>here</u>

Data Protection

- 55. When you applied to become a student you were told how the University and your College would use your personal information (meaning any information which relates to or identifies you as an individual) to process your application and for related purposes.
- 56. Further statements (from both the University and your College) setting out how your personal information will be used when you are a student are identified in the <u>Annex</u>. Please note, however, that these statements may change between now and the date of your matriculation: you are advised to re-read them on the websites close to that date.
- 57. By taking up your place to study at the University, you acknowledge that the University and your College will use and process your personal information in accordance with these statements. In addition to the information published there, when you use specific services and facilities offered by the University or your College, you will be told about any other uses of your personal information.
- 58. While studying at the University, you may need to use and handle the personal information of others in connection with your studies and research. You acknowledge that you will handle any such personal information carefully and securely, and in accordance with any reasonable guidance and direction you may receive.

Complaints

- 59. If for any reason you wish to complain about any aspect of your University experience, the formal procedure is contained in <u>Chapter II</u> of the University's Ordinances. However, if you have concerns, it is advisable to raise them as soon as possible with the Programme Director or Programme Executive Director, or to the part of the University concerned, to see if the matter can be resolved more quickly and easily through informal channels. Further information on complaints, and on making appeals in relation to examinations, can be found on the University website (see <u>Annex</u>).
- 60. If you have a complaint about your College, you should consult your College website for information as to how to bring a complaint (see <u>Annex</u>).

- 61. In both cases, the procedures are under continual review: the websites will always reflect the current procedures.
- 62. You may be able to refer a complaint to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education in England and Wales if the complaint falls within its remit and you have exhausted all internal College and University procedures.
- 63. If you wish to make an appeal or complaint about the application process, please follow the procedure described <u>here</u>.
- 64. Neither an admissions appeal nor complaint can be made about a matter of academic judgement.

Student misconduct, including physical misconduct, sexual misconduct and abusive behaviour

- 65. The University and the Colleges are committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination and affirms the rights of all of their members to be treated with dignity and respect. Any form of physical misconduct, sexual misconduct or abusive behaviour (including harassment of any kind) of one member of its community by another will not be tolerated. Allegations of these forms of behaviour are taken very seriously and the University and your College, following an investigation, may take action, including disciplinary action, in response to a complaint from a student.
- 66. The University and your College have specific policies regarding student misconduct, which can be accessed on their websites (see <u>Annex</u>). The relevant University and College procedures are reviewed regularly: the websites will always reflect the current procedures.

Discipline

- 67. The University's regulations relating to <u>disciplinary matters</u> are found in Chapter II of the University's Ordinances (see <u>Annex</u>). These include the Rules of Behaviour to which prospective students, students and former students must abide by from the point at which they have accepted an offer to study from the University. Breaching the University's Rules of Behaviour can result in sanctions and/or measures, including the removal of academic awards or permanent exclusion from the University.
- 68. The University's Rules of Behaviour also include specific provisions relating to academic misconduct, such as cheating in examinations, the use of contract essay services and other forms of plagiarism, e.g. attempting to pass another person's work off as your own. Further guidance on the University's policy against plagiarism can be found on the University's website (see <u>Annex</u>). Your matriculation at Cambridge is deemed as acceptance of the University's right to apply

specialist software to your work in examinations and during the programme of your studies to aid in detecting such academic misconduct.

69. Your College has its own arrangements as regards discipline which will be available on its website (see <u>Annex</u>). In exceptional circumstances, your College may apply its disciplinary procedure to applicants holding an offer of a place which may result in outcomes up to and including the revocation of that offer.

Support and capability to study

- 70. If the University has a concern that your behaviour is adversely impacting your welfare or academic progress, or the welfare of others within the collegiate University community, or has the potential to do so, then you may be referred into the Procedure to Support and Assess Capability to Study. This procedure can result in an assessment by a Study Capability Assessment Committee, which will include a medically qualified person. The Committee may request that you attend a consultation with a relevant expert as part of an investigation of the circumstances. If you choose not to attend a consultation then this may result in the Committee considering you pose a high risk either to yourself or the collegiate University community. You will have the right to attend, be represented and present information to the Committee in writing and orally. The Committee will determine how and whether you continue your studies. Information on the procedure to support and assess capability to study can be found <u>here</u>.
- 71. Your College will have its own arrangements as regards 'fitness to study' which will be available on its website (see <u>Annex</u>).

Fitness to Practise

- 72. The University has a responsibility to ensure that those pursuing programmes in medicine or veterinary medicine, or as trainee teachers, are fit to practise in their profession. Those on such programmes are bound by procedures to determine fitness to practice.
- 73. Some postgraduate students will also be medical/veterinary students and hence on the University's Medical Students/Veterinary Students Register. Other students will be fully/provisionally registered with the General Medical Council/Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The University has a responsibility to ensure that such students behave in an appropriate professional manner whilst undertaking their studies. If for any reason associated with their conduct, health or performance there is cause for concern that a student may not be fit to practise, there are procedures, drawn up in the light of guidance from the relevant professional bodies, by which the University will determine what action needs to be taken. For those on the Medical or Veterinary Student Register, the University will investigate and adjudicate whether they are fit to practise, whether conditions need to be imposed, or whether remedial action needs to be taken, and the procedures for determining this can be found in Chapter II of the <u>University's</u>

<u>Ordinances</u>. In very rare cases it may be determined that you are not fit to practise and you will not be permitted to continue your course. For other individuals, you may be referred directly to the General Medical Council/Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or other action may be taken for example, alerting your employer, funder, or other institution at which you are undertaking medical training or practice, as appropriate.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check

74. If you intend to conduct research or any other relevant activity as part of your course which involves regular contact with children or vulnerable adults you may be required to obtain a check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (and/ or overseas equivalent). Your Department will determine whether a check is required and, if so, this will become a condition of your offer which must be met before you start your course (all Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) students will require a check, see <u>here</u>). If you accept your conditional offer you will be contacted by the Student Registry about completing the check. You are required to make payment for the DBS check fee (unless this cost is covered by your department) and engage with our third-party service provider. Note the DBS check can take some time. More information on DBS checks, including fees, can be found <u>here</u>.

Unspent Criminal Convictions

- 75. Having a criminal conviction does not, of itself, prevent you from studying at the University. However, the University has safeguarding duties towards all its students and staff and requires the full disclosure by applicants of information related to convictions which are 'relevant' and 'unspent'. Instructions on what constitutes a 'relevant' and 'unspent' conviction, on the information required and how it should be disclosed, and on the process which follows a disclosure can be found <u>here</u>. Disclosure of a relevant, unspent criminal conviction must be made to the Head of Postgraduate Admissions at the same time as you accept your offer of admission.
- 76. In accepting your offer, you agree to allow the University and your College preference(s) or your accepting College to share the details and any information concerning the criminal conviction(s) disclosed by you with each other. You also agree that if at any time following your acceptance of your offer and during your time at the University, you are convicted of any criminal offence you will immediately inform and provide full details to the University or your College, and agree to permit the University and College to share the information with each other.
- 77. Following the disclosure of a relevant, unspent criminal conviction, the University and your College preference(s) or your accepting College will assess the risks posed by your conviction(s) to students and the wider collegiate University community. Based on this assessment of risk, the University may decide that:
 - your offer can proceed;

- your offer can proceed but certain non-academic offer conditions will be applied to mitigate risk once you matriculate to become a registered student;
- your offer is withdrawn.

Visas

78. If you require a visa to study in the UK, you are responsible for obtaining it and complying with its conditions. If you do not have valid immigration permission for study purposes, you will not be able to start your programme. If your permission expires during your programme and you no longer have a valid immigration status that permits study in the UK, you may be withdrawn from your programme. If the University is sponsoring your student visa it will inform you separately of your obligations towards the University in relation to your visa. It is your responsibility to check that all the details on your Certificate of Acceptance of Study (CAS) prepared by the University are correct and up to date before making your student visa application. The University accepts no liability for problems caused by incorrect information on the CAS. The University can only issue your CAS once you have met all of the conditions of your offer and your admission has been confirmed. If you breach the terms of your student visa, the University may be required to inform UK Visas and Immigration and you may be withdrawn from your programme. Further information about the requirements relevant to students who require a visa can be found on the International Students website.

Other matters

79. There are certain elements of study at the University of which students should be aware:-

- (i) As well as being a member of a College, in order to satisfy the University's residence requirement ('<u>Residence and Precincts of the University</u>' in Chapter II of the University's Ordinances), all full-time postgraduate students are expected to reside within a 10 mile radius of Great St Mary's Church throughout the required <u>terms of study</u>. Full-time students must have formal permission before they reside elsewhere, and if you wish to do so you should acquire agreement in principle from both your College, and your academic supervisor/Director of Study prior to arriving in Cambridge.
- (ii) The University does not offer admission part-way through a term and full-time students are required to be resident in the University for the required number of whole terms to complete their degree unless specifically granted permission to spend some terms outside the University. In some circumstances, your programme of research may require you to spend some time outside the University at the beginning of your programme. You will need to apply for, and be granted, leave to work away before the start of your first term. Permission cannot be granted retrospectively. Students on a Student visa should note that, 'working away' without having obtained official authorisation from the University may

constitute an 'unauthorised absence' and be a breach of the responsibilities attached to your visa.

- (iii) Lecturers and class leaders normally own the intellectual property rights in their teaching materials. Students may not audio-record lectures and classes without their prior agreement (for example where adjustments are required for a specific learning need). Where sessions are recorded by the lecturer or class leader, you will be notified of this and given further information. You may not share or disseminate any recordings to which you are given access.
- (iv) During your studies you may be given access to confidential information belonging to the University, academics, other students or third parties. This may incur a legal obligation to keep it confidential. In addition, the University or third parties with whom you interact as part of your studies may require you to sign a confidentiality agreement. You may choose to seek your own legal advice if this is the case.
- (v) The University of Cambridge does not formally articulate student achievement in terms of credits and does not award credit value for the majority of its courses. A fuller explanation is available <u>here</u>.
- (vi) The University annually sets out guidance for its examinations (see <u>Annex</u> for the most recent issue). Examination resits are not permitted except as a possible outcome of an application for an examination allowance on the grounds of illness or other grave cause.

Disability

- 80. If you have disclosed a disability, specific learning difficulty or chronic illness, your details will be forwarded to the Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre (ADRC) who will contact you to discuss your particular requirements. The University may not be able to accommodate your individual requirements if you do not disclose your disability and therefore you are encouraged to make a disclosure at the earliest opportunity. If you have not made a disclosure in your application for admission this can be made by contacting the ADRC.
- 81. Whether or not you have previously declared a disability/specific learning difficulty/chronic illness, you may seek the confidential support of the <u>Disability Resource Centre</u> at any point. Members of staff from the Disability Resource Centre will not make further disclosure of your disability within the University or to your College without your consent. It may however affect the University's and your College's ability to make any required reasonable adjustments if information about your disability cannot be shared with those within the University and your College who are required to implement them.

Limitation on Liability

- 82. Nothing in these terms of admission shall limit the University's or your College's liability to you:
 - a. for death or personal injury resulting from negligence (as defined in the Consumer Rights Act 2015);
 - b. for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 83. References to legislation in these Terms of Admission include reference to any amendments, extensions or re-enactments of such legislation.
- 84. Subject to paragraph 82 above and any restrictions in statute or at common law affecting the ability of the University or your College to limit their liability, the aggregate liability of the University and your College under these Terms of Admission or otherwise in connection with your admission to the University and/or your College and/or the provision of your course and other educational or related services and facilities (including pastoral services) by the University and/or your College, whether arising in contract, tort (specifically negligence), statute, or in any other way, shall not exceed the total of the course fees paid and due to be paid by you in relation to your course, as defined in the letter from the University offering you a place.
- 85. For the purposes of paragraphs 82 and 84, the terms 'University' and 'College' also include officers, employees and agents of the University or your College, and those paragraphs may be enforced by such officers, employees and agents. It is not otherwise intended that any of these terms will be enforceable by any third party.
- 86. Neither the University nor your College will be liable for matters arising which are outside of their control and which could not have been prevented even if reasonable care had been taken. This includes but is not limited to: strikes, other industrial action, staff illness, severe weather, fire, civil commotion, riot, invasion, terrorist attack or threat of terrorist attack, cyber-attack, war (whether declared or not), natural disaster, restrictions imposed by government or public authorities, epidemic or pandemic disease, or failure of public utilities or transport systems. In particular, where such event(s) occur and change(s) in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 0 are not possible or practicable, neither you nor the University nor your College will be liable to the other for breach of this contract nor for continued compliance with the contract including the provision of further tuition or services, payment of further fees, making refunds of fees paid or other loss or damage of any kind.

False, misleading or incomplete Information

- 87. It is a condition of admission that all information you provide is true, accurate and complete.
- 88. The University and/or your College will withdraw your offer and prevent you from proceeding to matriculation if any of the information provided by you in relation to your application is found to be false, misleading or materially incomplete, or if you fail to provide satisfactory information or

evidence which confirms that you can meet one or more of the conditions contained in your offer email and certificate. In the event the University investigates the information you have provided, you will have the right to make representations. If, after proper investigation, any of the information provided by you in relation to your application is found to be false, misleading or materially incomplete after you have matriculated, the University reserves the right to terminate of your studies. The power to withdraw a student for failing to meet the conditions of admission is set out in in section 12 of <u>Chapter VII of the University's Ordinances</u>.

Your Rights to Cancel

- 89. You have a statutory right to cancel your place at Cambridge without giving any reason. The cancellation period under UK consumer law will expire after 14 days from the day you accept the offer of a place at the University ('statutory cancellation period').
- 90. If for any reason you do not wish to take up your place at the University, you may cancel your place by withdrawing via your self service account or by making a clear statement to the University to this effect (See paragraph 0).
- 91. If you cancel your place on a programme up to and including 14 days from the date you accept your offer of a place at the University (the 'statutory cancellation period'), the University will reimburse you any payment received from you in respect of your tuition.
- 92. If your programme or associated provision of services (such as the provision of accommodation) is due to begin within 14 days from the date you accept the offer of a place, by accepting the offer of a place you are expressly agreeing that your programme and/or associated services should begin within the Cancellation Period. If you then subsequently decide to cancel the contract you may be obliged to pay a proportion of your Tuition Fees as set out in the University's <u>fee</u> regulations. For further information see <u>here</u>.
- 93. Where you are entitled to a refund, the University will make this refund without undue delay using the same means of payment as you used for the initial transaction, unless you have expressly agreed otherwise.

General

- 94. If any provision of the Terms of Admission is or becomes illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable that shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of the other provisions.
- 95. If you breach these Terms of Admission and the University or your College chooses not to exercise any right which it may have against you as a consequence of that breach, the University or your College shall not be prevented from taking action against you in the future in respect of any other breaches by you.

- 96. The rights under these Terms of Admission shall not be enforceable by any party who is not a party to it, including any party that is responsible for paying your fees in whole or in part, and no such party shall have any rights under or in connection with the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1989.
- 97. These Terms of Admission shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of England and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of England.

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Annex: Links to important documents which form part of the Terms of Admission

You are advised to read the following documents before you accepting your offer. Please note that they are subject to change prior to you joining the University and you are advised to re-read the documents nearer the point of admission.

University documents

- Statutes and Ordinances
- <u>General Regulations For Certain Postgraduate Degrees And Other Qualifications</u>
- <u>Code of practice for Research Students</u>
- <u>Code of Practice for Master's students</u>
- <u>Computing facility rules</u>
- Privacy notice regarding University IT facilities and services
- <u>Privacy notice for students</u>
- <u>Applicant complaints procedure</u>
- Inappropriate student and staff behaviour
- <u>Student discipline</u>
- Plagiarism and academic misconduct
- <u>Supporting and assessing capability to study</u>
- Disclosure and barring service

College documents

Your College will have its own documents that you should also consider. Please contact the relevant <u>College Admissions Office</u>.