



## Pre-Master's Foundation Programme

- Fast-track preparation for study at Master's level in one to three terms
- Progression to leading UK Master's programmes
- Support and guidance at every stage of university application





## Your pathway to a Master's degree programme at a UK university

By choosing to follow a postgraduate course of studies in the UK, you will be working towards a qualification that is acknowledged to be of the highest academic standard in the world.

With over 20,000 postgraduate courses available in the UK, covering a wide range of subjects, you're sure to find a specialist programme to suit your needs.

Postgraduate degrees in the UK can be completed in a shorter time than those in many other countries, as courses are more intensive. However, this means that overseas students must be highly fluent in English and capable of writing-up research results and presenting a well-constructed dissertation in order to graduate.

This is where CATS Cambridge can help. The Pre-Master's programme provides international students with a thorough preparation for postgraduate-level study and an introduction to life in the UK. The course aims to raise students' individual standard of English and develop practical skills such as research methods and writing. Most importantly, we support students at every stage of the university application process.

By the time you leave CATS Cambridge you will be thoroughly prepared for study at postgraduate level at UK university and confident of achieving your academic goals.



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## Entry requirements



### Course duration

The length of the Pre-Master's Foundation programme at CATS Cambridge depends on your level of English, your diploma or degree qualification, and any relevant work experience. Please refer to the tables below:

Start date	Completion date	Duration	Academic entry requirement	English language
September	June	3 terms	3-year HE diploma/degree + 3 years' work experience	IELTS 5.0 or equivalent
January	August/July	2 or 3 terms	4-year degree (minimum 2.2 equivalent) or 3-year diploma + 3 years' work experience	IELTS 5.5 or equivalent
April	June/August	1 or 2 terms	4-year degree (minimum 2.1 equivalent)	IELTS 6.0 or equivalent

Duration is shown for those wishing to follow Master's in subject of their first degree.



### IELTS/TOEFL equivalence tables

TOEFL paper	TOEFL computer	TOEFL internet-based	IELTS equivalent
625-680	263-300	106-120	7.5-9.0
600	250	100	7.0
575	232	91	6.5
550	213	79-80	6.0
525	196	71	5.5
500	173	61	5.0
475	152	52	4.5
450	133	45	4.0
425	113	38	3.5
under 425	under 113	under 38	under 3.5

### Countries and academic qualifications that will be considered include:

Arab states	Bachelor's degree	Pakistan	Bachelor's degree
China	Bachelor's degree 3-year graduate diploma	Russia	Bachelor's degree (Bakalavr) Specialist diploma
Cyprus	Bachelor's degree (University of Cyprus) Higher Technical Institute diploma	Singapore	Bachelor's degree from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technical University or universities of equivalent standing
Hong Kong	Bachelor's degree Higher diploma from former polytechnics	South Africa	Laureatus in Technology 4-year degree National Higher diploma
India	BSc.Eng, BEng, BTech, BCom or non-central university degree	Taiwan	Bachelor's degree Diploma in Technology
Indonesia	S2 (Magister) or S1 (Sarjana)	Thailand	Bachelor's degree College/polytechnic diploma
Iran	Fogh-Licence Kardani/Karshenas Arshad	Turkey	Bachelor's degree Lisans Diplomasi
Japan	Bachelor's degree	Vietnam	Tot Nghiep Dai Hoc (degree) Su Pharm (diploma)
Kenya	Bachelor's degree		
Korea	Bachelor's (Haksa) degree		
Malaysia	Bachelor's degree		
Nigeria	Bachelor's degree		

# Pre-Master's Foundation at CATS Cambridge

## Why take this programme?

- To improve your standard of English and raise your IELTS score
- To help you with in-depth research and writing dissertations
- To progress towards a Master's programme in the UK



## Core subjects

English for Academic Purposes  
Research Methodology  
Studying in the UK  
Information & Communications Technologies (ICT)

## Optional subjects

Any subject may be considered  
Previously these have included Business, Economics, Law and International Relations

**The Pre-Master's Foundation Programme** is a modular course consisting of core subjects and a subject theme. It is a flexible programme that is suitable for students with English language levels ranging from intermediate to fluent, and a range of post-secondary qualifications.

The course aims to develop independent working, research, analysis and critical essay writing skills within a given subject area. Students following Pre-Master's Foundation Programmes for three terms complete an individual research project and a substantial dissertation.

## Course Assessment

Students are continually assessed and all work submitted contributes to the final grade awarded.

All Pre-Master's Foundation students are required to take IELTS (International English Language Teaching System), a necessary requirement for entrance to UK university Master's programmes.

The course is moderated by an external examiner.



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## Sample programme

The **Pre-Master's Foundation Programme** will be taught allowing students time to undertake their own university visits. It will include tutorial time (2 hours per week) and plenty of opportunity for private study.

- Students are expected to take IELTS and obtain a grade of at least 6.5.
- An examination will be set in the subject of choice, and students must achieve a pass mark greater than 45%.
- Students undertake dissertations of 3,000 words in their subject areas, which must reach the required standard. They will each be required to make a presentation on their dissertation, which is also assessed.



- The last week of each term is an examination week. Students who do not reach the required standard must re-sit the exam and complete the assessment within four weeks to pass the course.
- The College's Pre-Master's Certificate is awarded to students who satisfy all elements of the assessment programme.

Core subjects hours/week		
<p><b>English programme</b> 10+ hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Writing skills</li> <li>● Use of English and grammar</li> <li>● Writing a dissertation</li> <li>● Listening skills</li> <li>● Speaking skills</li> <li>● Presentation skills</li> <li>● Discussion skills</li> <li>● Reading academic texts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Research methods</b> 6 hours term 2 and 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Research approaches</li> <li>● Project writing</li> <li>● Study skills: Project planning</li> <li>● Research techniques</li> <li>● Using data and statistical techniques</li> <li>● Project analysis</li> <li>● Research proposal and plan</li> <li>● Presentation of project</li> </ul>	<p><b>Studying in the UK</b> 1 hour term 1 only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● British culture</li> <li>● Education system</li> <li>● Legal system</li> <li>● UK universities</li> <li>● Master's degree application</li> </ul>
		<p><b>ICT</b> 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analytical methods (SPSS)</li> <li>● Dissertation preparation</li> <li>● Presentation of dissertation</li> </ul>

Optional subjects 5 hours/week Previously optional subjects have included:		
<p><b>Business Studies/Economics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International trade</li> <li>● Strategic management</li> <li>● Business legislation and ethics</li> <li>● Marketing</li> <li>● Business organisation</li> <li>● Human resources management</li> <li>● Revision</li> </ul>	<p><b>Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leadership and motivation in engineering environments</li> <li>● Teamwork related to problem solving and decision making</li> <li>● Key issues in Human Resources</li> <li>● Communication issues and skills development</li> <li>● Introduction to international business</li> <li>● Environmental management and sustainability</li> <li>● An overview of key investment decision making techniques as applied in engineering business environments</li> </ul>	<p><b>History of Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Making and Meaning: Power and value in Art</li> <li>● The History of Art History</li> <li>● Culture and Early Modern Arts</li> <li>● Science, Aestheticism and the Image of the Body</li> <li>● Modernism and Postmodernism</li> <li>● Art, Sex, War, and Gender Politics</li> </ul>

Other subjects may be considered

# Entry dates and fees



06 September – 10 December  
Half Term 25 – 29 October

11 April – 03 June

04 January – 08 April  
Half Term 21 – 25 February

22 June – 02 September

## Pre-Master's Foundation Programme Fees

(Age 21+, English language level minimum IELTS 5.0)

Termly	£ 5,000
Three terms	£ 15,000
Annually in advance	£ 14,480

**Other charges** Registration fee (£100) and refundable deposit (£900)  
Course books and examination fees (as applicable)  
Optional social activities (as applicable)

## Accommodation Fees

	Termly	Three Terms	Annually in Advance
<b>Homestay</b>			
Single room, catered	£2,200	£6,600	£6,370
<b>College Residence</b>			
Single room, en-suite, catered	£3,100	£9,300	£8,970
Single room, catered	£2,900	£8,700	£8,400
Single room, en-suite, self catering	£2,300	£6,900	£6,660
Single room, self catering	£2,100	£6,300	£6,080
<b>Weekly accommodation fee in vacation</b>			
Homestay		£185	
Single room		£210	
Leaving belongings in room during vacations		£40 (one-off fee)	

## Transfer Fee from London airports (one way charges)

Heathrow	£135
Gatwick	£150
Stansted	£70

\*Prices may vary – please check upon application

Applications for Master's programmes are processed in January. Each university has its own individual application forms. CATS Cambridge will advise students on appropriate programmes, subject to payment of the deposit and registration fee.



Successful students from CATS Cambridge Pre-Master's programme have progressed onto a diverse range of subjects ranging from Business to Construction Management

- MBA Business Administration
- MSc Business Administration
- MEng Civil and Chemical Engineering
- MSc Construction Management
- MSc Economic Competitiveness
- MSc International Management
- MSc International Journalism

## Student progression and support

### Support at every stage of your application

When you are applying for your Master's degree programme you will benefit from expert advice and counselling services from our dedicated Higher Education Team. From choosing the most appropriate course to finding the right university environment to completing the application process, we will help you at every stage.

### Learning resources

Pre-Master's students will be able to make use of the Personalised Learning Centre, a brand new state-of-the-art facility located a few minutes walk from the College campus. The Learning Centre provides an extensive range of resources – academic journals in print and online, books and DVDs – and is staffed by two qualified librarians. The Learning Centre is open from 8am to 7pm, seven days a week, to meet the needs of our students.



# Why study Pre-Master's at CATS Cambridge?

- Academic success – our environment challenges students to aim high and our results are 42% above the national average
- Flexibility – we will consider any optional subject requested. Previously these have included Business, International Relations and Law
- Supportive environment – this includes pre-arrival information, higher education advice from day one, Master's application assistance and guaranteed accommodation
- Facilities – a state-of-the-art learning resource centre, computer labs, WiFi access throughout campus and quiet study rooms ensure the best facilities for learning
- Location – the only College located in central Cambridge opposite the Cambridge University College of St John's and only 45 minutes from London

To apply or for further details about the Pre-Master's programme contact one of our Educational Advisors on +44 (0) 1223 345698 or email us at [admissions@ceg-uk.com](mailto:admissions@ceg-uk.com)

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