

# Land Economy

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Welcome to the world of Land Economy at the University of Cambridge, a degree exclusive to this university. This subject combines aspects of economics, law, and environmental science to explore how we use land and its resources. As a first-year student, here's what you can expect:

## Example Timetable

- In your first year, you will typically have around 8-12 hours of lectures and two or three supervisions a week.
- As you progress through your course, contact hours may vary slightly from term to term and certainly between year to year, so be prepared for changes.

## What is unique about the Cambridge course?

- The degree is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and allows graduates to progress directly to the Assessment of Professional Competence to become a full member of the RICS.

- It can also give partial exemption from the academic requirements of the Bar Council and Law Society for those intending to be lawyers.
- An appropriate combination of papers is required in each case.
- The Department has one of the strongest records for graduate employment or further study across the University. (Ninety-seven percent of respondents to the Graduate Outcomes Survey were in work or further study 15 months after graduation\*)

## What are supervisions like?

- Supervisions are a unique feature of Cambridge education
- These are small group sessions (approximately 3-6 people) with an academic expert.
- They are designed for in-depth discussion and clarification.
- Be active in supervisions; ask questions and engage in debates. For me, I found that supervisions helped me understand the content a lot more than lectures.

## What did you wish you knew when applying?

- Don't hesitate to ask for help and guidance from your lecturers, supervisors, and DOS.
- Supervisions are there to help you. Ask questions, be proactive, and do the work to the best of your ability, as this feedback is helpful at times.
- You may find yourself having to adapt; this is perfectly fine. It's normal if you don't get the hang of things straight away or if lectures don't make sense immediately. These things will come with time, experience, and a few supervisions.

## Favourite and worst thing about your subject?

**Favourite:** The diverse and relevant subject matter, interdisciplinary nature.

**Challenge:** Pacing of lectures.

# Application Timeline

**Summer:** Research courses (MOOC, EPQ, etc.), read relevant books, and seek advice. Start building skills or participating in things you would include in your personal statement or things that help you read around Land Economy.

**September:** Start working on your personal statement. Get support from teachers and any mentors – they will usually be more than happy to support you.

**October/November:** Focus on interview preparation and practice.

## Personal Statement Tips

- Highlight your passion for the subject and experiences that led you to it.
- Mention relevant books, articles, or projects you've engaged with.
- Let your inquisitive and curious nature be obvious when reading your PS.
- Try to show your breadth of knowledge or interests (since the course is quite interdisciplinary).

## Interview Tips

- Be yourself; interviews aim to understand your thought process.
- Let your passion for all things Land Economy shine through.
- You are going to Cambridge above all else to learn more. They don't expect you to know everything about anything. Show you have a willingness and a hunger to learn.

## Recommended reading/activities

Have a look around the Land Economy page at <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/land-economy> and <https://www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate-study>.

Suggested Readings:

- "Economics of Social Problems" by Julian Le Grand and Carol Propper
- "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" by Jane Jacobs
- "Is Eating People Wrong? Great Legal Cases and How They Shaped the World" by Allan Hutchinson

# Other

- Land Economy students often engage in Spring Weeks (and summer internships); consider looking for these opportunities.
- Take advantage of Cambridge's rich academic and social life. Sign up for societies and sports

