

The Girton College Lifelong Learning Summer School

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FOUNDED IN 1869 Girton College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Cambridge. The College's beautiful buildings and spacious grounds are located just outside the city centre, and Girton is well known for its commitment to inclusive excellence, and its relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This residential summer school gives lifelong learners from around the world the exceptional opportunity to experience Cambridge student life during a programme specifically designed for adult learners. Participants can choose to attend the full two-week programme, or opt to attend for just one week.

Academic Courses

Participants take two courses each week, each lasting seven and a half hours, with teaching taking place in small classes. A variety of courses are offered in History, Literature, Art History and Architecture. Course material is accessible to all, and only an interest in the subject is required. There are no exams; participants study for the joy of learning.

Social Activities

A varied social programme is offered to help lifelong learners experience Cambridge to the full. Options may include visits to one of the many University of Cambridge museums and libraries, punting on the River Cam, architectural tours, pub tours or a visit to the magnificent Ely Cathedral. A day trip to London is also included in the two-week programme.

Cambridge College Experience

Accommodation is available in Girton's well-appointed bedrooms and meals may be taken in the College dining hall. Participants will experience a traditional English Afternoon Tea and attend a weekly Formal Dinner held in the College's historic dining hall. A series of tours and evening talks will help participants to appreciate Cambridge and its history.







