Conditions of Membership of the College

Newnham College was founded as a women’s college by a group of intellectual pioneers in 1871, at a time when women were excluded from the University of Cambridge. Over 150 years on, we are a lively intellectual and social community with a global outlook, and continue to work for women’s education, learning and research.

Our community includes the Principal, the Fellows and other senior members (the SCR), postgraduate students (the MCR) and undergraduate students (the JCR), supported by the staff to create an exceptional environment in which to live, work and study.

Cambridge is a residential University, and does not generally accept part-time undergraduate students or allow for remote study. First-year undergraduates are normally expected to live in College accommodation, and all registered students are required to comply with the University’s residence requirements each term (more details here – https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/manage-your-student-information/personal-information/residence). Newnham College accommodates only people who are current registered students at the University of Cambridge. Most undergraduate student courses will extend for three or four years before students graduate with a BA, while postgraduate courses vary in length. When a student intermits or discontinues their course, they are required to go out of residence.

When you join the University and register as a student, this is called Matriculation. The process involves completing an online form for the University, and signing a book (the Register) for the College. The College Register records your membership of the College and the University in perpetuity.

The University and College each have their own regulations, called the Statutes and Ordinances, which govern and support the academic life of their students. You can find the University’s Statutes and Ordinances here (https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/) and the College’s Statutes and Ordinances here (https://newn.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Statutes.pdf). Students should also look at the University Regulations for their particular Tripos or course, available via Faculty and Departmental websites.

Below are the general conditions for membership of the College for registered students:

i. Registered students must engage with their studies diligently according to the requirements of their Tripos or course, in accordance with the advice of their Director of Studies or Supervisor(s).

ii. If a registered student fails to be classed, or fails to pass a Tripos part which is not classed, they will not be allowed to continue in their course. In most Tripuses and courses the University of Cambridge does not offer exam re-sit opportunities.

iii. Registered students will be granted access to the College and University computer systems. This access is for academic use only, and login details must be kept confidential. Rules governing IT access are sent to new starters when they register; these must be followed.

iv. Registered students must regularly check their University email address (via their CRSID), as this is the main channel of communication.
v. All registered students must comply with the College’s Student Rules of Behaviour and Disciplinary Policy (https://newn.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Student-Discipline-Policy-approved-26-June-2020.pdf). They must respect the rights of all members of the College community and have due regard for Freedom of Speech.

vi. The College has the power under the Disciplinary Policy to require a registered student to leave College. This provision will not be exercised unless the student has previously been given the opportunity to state their case to the College Council (see Statute XVII and the Disciplinary Policy above).

vii. College bills for accommodation are payable in advance within the first 14 days of Full Term. The College reserves the right to refuse any student to return into residence at the start of an academic year if the student has not paid all amounts owing to the College or University. If a registered student has an outstanding amount on their College bill at the time of graduation, they may be prevented from graduating in person. If a tuition fee debt remains at the time of graduation, they will not receive their formal degree certificate.

viii. If a registered student is permitted to intermit or withdraws permanently from their course, College and University fees may still remain payable for the remainder of that term.

ix. Registered students who pay their own fees will be required to pay the University and College fees by 1 October of their first year as a condition of Matriculation, and in subsequent years they will be required to pay University and College fees within the first 14 days of Michaelmas Full Term. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of College membership, except by dispensation of the College Council, and termination of the room licence agreement for those in College accommodation.

I agree to the above Conditions of Membership of Newnham College, Cambridge.

Student’s signature
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Student’s name (block capitals) ........................................................................................................

Permanent address .........................................................................................................................