



Requests to change Tripos

You have been admitted to the University to read the subject for which you applied, and you have no automatic right to change subject. A significant change of course involving a different discipline and Director of Studies is a serious step.

You should discuss your concerns with your current Director of Studies, who will be able to advise you on the structure of later years of your current Tripos. If you still wish to pursue a change, you should discuss any such proposal thoroughly with your Director of Studies and your Tutor, who will advise you on the formal process. The Senior Tutor must approve the move and give her permission to change subject.

In particular, please remember that timing may be a substantive issue. It may be particularly difficult to change a course mid-year; however, even in Michaelmas Term there may be obstacles. Changing your course in some cases will involve extending your time at University for an additional year. In this case, you must ensure that you understand the additional funding implications in terms of fees and maintenance.

Normally, once you are sure that you want to proceed with your request, the Undergraduate Admissions Tutor will organise a formal assessment of aptitude and potential for the new subject. This will be comparable to the admissions process for the course. Your proposed new Director of Studies will need to be convinced that you have suitable academic qualifications for the new course, strong motivation and potential; in short, the proposed Director of Studies will consider whether you would have been accepted to that course had you applied in the first instance to that course.

Final permission to change subject requires approval in writing by the Senior Tutor. The Tutorial & Academic Office also needs to be informed so that appropriate administrative action is taken.

For international students, changing Tripos will also require you to apply for a new visa.