

Humanities & Social Sciences Study Skills (and one or two other useful sites)

University map: <http://map.cam.ac.uk/>

General advice on transition to University: <http://skills.caret.cam.ac.uk/transkills/resources/>

STUDY SKILLS WEBSITES

There are many websites offering advice about study skills. Some are more helpful than others! This list for the humanities and social sciences provides links to various useful sites, mainly ones providing advice tailored to studying in Cambridge; some are general, others are for specific subject areas. These sites are helpful for wide-ranging advice about study skills:

Cambridge Online Study Skills

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/plagiarism/students/skills/index.html>

CUSU <http://www.studentadvice.cam.ac.uk/academic/study/>

CU "Skills Portal": <http://www.skills.cam.ac.uk/>

These serve several functions, providing links to immediately useful advice about studying as well as to information about skills you may well wish to develop during your undergraduate course. Some of the links may prove useful as you start your course; others may become helpful as the year progresses, e.g. as a way of quickly finding past Tripos papers. Of course some simply link to other sites in this list!

Browse - and benefit from what you read!

Interpretation of **key words** in Essay titles/questions - use "*Click here for glossary*" on:

http://skills.caret.cam.ac.uk/bioacwr/key_words.html but note that one or two interpretations are arguably over-simplified!

Advice about **spelling, punctuation and grammar** see "essay writing guidelines" under Department of Engineering at:

http://skills.caret.cam.ac.uk/studgen/sci/aw/faculty_guidelines.html

These pages provide guidance about good **academic practice, including plagiarism** and how to avoid it. They also set out the policies and procedures to be followed if plagiarism or collusion is suspected in work submitted for examination: <http://www.plagiarism.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

Having good IT skills can help enormously during your time at university, in terms of effective research and use of university software and computer systems. The university offers numerous training courses, with full details available here: <http://training.cam.ac.uk/ucs/>

Faculties and Departments

Some Faculties and Departments provide their own pages with information specific to their subjects.

Faculty of Human, Social and Political Science (HSPS)

The faculty produces a useful student handbook, including advice on essay writing, plagiarism, and research, available as a pdf here: <http://www.hsps.cam.ac.uk/current-students/course-materials/c-m-files/handbook-pt-1>

Faculty of Economics

The Faculty of Economics produce a study skills booklet available online: <http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/intranet/info/StudySkills.pdf>

Faculty of History

The faculty's style guide for essays and dissertations is available here: <http://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/style-guide>, and the website also contains a useful quick guide to effective use of grammar and punctuation: <http://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/grammar-punctuation>

Department of History and Philosophy of Science

HPS have a good page on transferrable skills to enhance and support academic performance, including suggestions for developing these skills: <http://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/students/transferrable-skills/transferrable-skills-overview>

Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law maintain a list of legal resources both within and beyond the University here: <http://www.law.cam.ac.uk/legal-resources-0>, in addition to legal training resources here: <http://www.law.cam.ac.uk/legal-resources/training-resources>

Difficulties with studying

Finally, if you experience difficulties in studying, for example you find yourself procrastinating all too often, don't panic but do seek help face-to-face and/or on-line. The advice on the "*Strategies for effective learning*" sites at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in the USA is particularly helpful: See: <http://alac.rpi.edu/update.do?catcenterkey=12>