

# **Applying to MML and History/ML at Cambridge**

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# Who should apply to Cambridge?

Our key criteria are:

Academic ability

Potential to benefit from the course

Applicants must:

Enjoy a challenge

Have real enthusiasm for their chosen course

# UCAS Application

- Personal details
- College and Course choice
- Education
- Employment details
- Personal Statement
- Reference and Predicted Grades

## Personal statement: academic content

- ▶ Why you have chosen the course:  
passion, motivation
- ▶ What aspects of languages interest you:  
supra-curricular explorations
- ▶ Trips abroad?

# Supra curricular resources

<http://www.multikultura.org.uk/>

<http://www.myheplus.com/subjects/modern-languages>

# Extra Curricular Activities?

- ▶ Demonstrate “spare capacity”
- ▶ Evidence of time management skills
- ▶ We do **not** value some activities above others
- ▶ Excellence in an extra curricular activity will not compensate for lower academic potential

# Written work

Submitted schoolwork

At-interview written assessment

Courses with pre-interview written assessments	Courses with at-interview written assessments
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Chemical Engineering Economics Engineering English Geography History History and Modern Languages** History and Politics* Human, Social, and Political Sciences Medicine (BMAT) Natural Sciences Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion Veterinary Medicine (BMAT)	Archaeology* Architecture Classics (3-year and 4-year) Computer Science Education History and Modern Languages** History of Art Land Economy Law Linguistics Modern and Medieval Languages Philosophy

\*New course for 2017 entry

\*\*New course for 2017 entry; applicants for History and Modern Languages will take both the History pre-interview and the MML at-interview assessment.

[www.cam.ac.uk/assessment](http://www.cam.ac.uk/assessment)



# MML Written Assessment: Rubric

- ▶ Please read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions following it.
- ▶ Your response to Section A **MUST** be in ONE of the languages that you are applying to study here. If you are studying at A-level (A2) or equivalent both of the languages you wish to study here, you are free to write in either language. Please write APPROXIMATELY 250 WORDS in your answer.
- ▶ Your response to Section B **MUST** be in English. Please note that you will not be penalised if you don't know the correct terminology to describe the use of English in the passage.

# Applying to MML

<http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/applying/how>

# The interview process

- ▶ The majority of applicants are called for interview
- ▶ Applicants have 1, 2 or 3 interviews, each lasting 20-45 minutes
- ▶ Interviews are a discussion in which we hope to see:
  - a secure level of language for post-A-level entry
  - a genuine interest in any *ab initio* language
  - candidates thinking for themselves

# How we decide

- ▶ **GCSE**
- ▶ **AS level results (if available)**
- ▶ **Predicted grades**
- ▶ **Reference**
- ▶ **Personal statement**
- ▶ **Further information on SAQ (Cambridge's supplementary questionnaire)**
- ▶ **Interviews**
- ▶ **Assessments and submitted schoolwork, where appropriate**