Education

Full details about the course are available from
www.educ.cam.ac.uk/courses/undergrad
and
www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/education

The subject at Selwyn

You will be able to study

- Education, Psychology and Learning
  This focuses on education from a psychological perspective, exploring human development and education in a variety of social and cultural environments.

- Education, Policy and International Development
  This focuses on historical and contemporary discussions concerning these areas, and education’s role in economic and social change.

- Education, English, Drama and the Arts
  This combines the study of drama and/or English Literature, with key issues in Education, such as debates around creativity, learning and culture.

Qualities we are looking for

Candidates seeking places on this course must be able to demonstrate an interest in education, as well as intellectual breadth and flexibility. Some seek careers in such diverse fields as educational research, educational administration, publishing or the media, or careers unrelated to education as, like all Cambridge courses, this degree provides an excellent range of transferable skills. Others go on to seek Qualified Teacher Status by taking a Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

It is useful (but not essential) for applicants to have studied one or more of the social sciences (eg Sociology, Psychology and History). For Education English, Drama and the Arts we would normally expect English Literature A-Level or equivalent. We may accept English Language and Literature, or Drama and Theatre Studies if these are supported by wide and critical personal reading.

Admissions Assessment

There will be an at-interview admissions assessment. The assessment is 1 hour in length and is designed for you to demonstrate your ability to think critically about an educational issue. You are not expected to have detailed factual or contextual knowledge about the issue.

Interviews

We ask all applicants to submit in advance two pieces of written work. All applicants invited to interview will be required to take an at-interview written assessment in a format common to all Colleges.

Applicants will have a subject interview with our Director of Studies. In this interview they may be asked to read over a passage beforehand, which will then be used as part of the discussion.

Applicants will also have a general interview with a Fellow who is not a specialist in this subject. This is designed to learn about the applicant's interests and activities outside Education, his/her motivation in choosing to study Education at Cambridge, and the applicant’s maturity of approach towards academic work.

Finding out more and Open Days

The Faculty of Education will be participating in the Cambridge Open Days on 5 and 6 July. See the insert in our prospectus about this and other open days at Selwyn. Full details are also available on our website.

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Teaching Fellows at Selwyn

Our Director of Studies for the Education course is Mr Steve Watts, who is a member and lecturer at the Education Faculty, and the Admissions Tutor at Homerton College.