



UNIVERSITY OF
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Master of Studies in Climate, Environmental, and Urban Policy



The Master of Studies in Climate, Environmental, and Urban Policy is principally aimed at senior, mid-career, and high-potential early-career professionals. The course is offered by the Department of Land Economy, combining the strong interdisciplinary background of academics from the Department and the broader University of Cambridge with the practical expertise from the world-class Cambridge innovation cluster. The programme provides a unique perspective on the ongoing sustainability transformations, especially the low-carbon transition.

The course aim is to equip senior, mid-career, and high-potential early-career professionals with a 360-degree view of climate, environmental, and urban policy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Developing a 360-degree strategic view of climate, environmental, and urban policy and their relevance for the sustainability transformation.
- Developing the ability to connect the short-, medium-, and long-term drivers of sustainability transformations and their macro-, meso-, and micro- scales.
- Understanding the complex factors surrounding the low-carbon transition, including technology innovation, market dynamics, policy interventions, geopolitical drivers, and environmental constraints.
- Understanding the different dimensions of the global challenges around degrading ecosystems, loss of biodiversity, and the geopolitics of food security.
- Understanding the main drivers of demographic and urbanisation trends, and their implications at different levels, from global to local.
- Applying the 360-degree view developed in the course to analyse the complex links between climate change, biodiversity loss, public policy, and sustainable cities and shape the decision-making processes of organisations in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The MSt in Climate, Environmental, and Urban Policy programme has a modular design and is delivered part-time over two years, through a combination of distance learning, e-learning through a Virtual Learning Environment [VLE], and attendance at five intensive residential sessions over the two-year duration of the course.

The seven interdisciplinary modules are taught through a combination of:

- Taught sessions, lectures, and interactive sessions by leading academics and practitioners.
- Group work, including working through case studies, dialogue, debate, and presentations throughout the taught modules.
- Individual work, including working through course materials on the VLE, course reading, and preparation of written work (primarily in the periods between the residential sessions).
- Residential sessions.
- Supervisions and support from the Land Economy faculty, tutors, and supervisors from within the collegiate university.

DATES OF RESIDENTIAL SESSIONS

Year	Residential	Dates
2025–26	1 (2 weeks)	21 Sept to 3 October 2025
	2 (2 weeks)	22 March to 2 April 2026
	3 (2 weeks)	5 to 17 July 2026
2026–27	4 (1 week)	6 to 11 December 2026
	5 (1 week)	27 June to 3 July 2027

THEMES AND MODULES

The MSt in Climate, Environmental, and Urban Policy has three 'Core Modules', a compulsory 'Methods and Methodologies' module, and three optional 'Applied Modules' (from which students select one as their specialisation stream).

The modules taken by every student are:

- CEUP1: Understanding Sustainability Transformations
- CEUP2: Economics and Public Policy of Sustainability
- CEUP3: Law and Governance of Sustainability
- CEUP7: Methods and Methodologies

In addition to the three 'Core Modules' and the 'Methods and Methodologies' module, students will select one of the three optional modules offered as their specialisation stream:

- CEUP4: Climate Change and the Energy Transformation
- CEUP5: Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Food Systems
- CEUP6: Cities and the Future of Urbanisation

ASSESSMENT

Students will be required to complete the following assessments throughout the course:

- 3 x Case Studies ranging between 2,500 and 4,000 words (CEUP1, CEUP2, *and* CEUP3)
- 3 x Critical Essays of 1,500 words (CEUP4, CEUP5, *or* CEUP6)
- 1 x Dissertation Methodological Outline (CEUP7)
- 1 x Dissertation of no more than 12,000 words

COURSE FEES

The fees for the full two-year MSt in CEUP course consist of University tuition fees, College membership fees, and residential accommodation costs. Details are shown in the table below:

Costs	Amount
Combined Graduate Fee (University tuition and College membership fees)	£29,924 (£14,962 pa)
Accommodation (Accommodation at Churchill College for the eight residential weeks of the course)	£3,712*
Course total (excl. travel and subsistence)	£33,636

*Accommodation rates are set independently by the College. Costs vary depending on the type and standard of accommodation available.

Students are responsible for payment of their tuition fees, and, for this course, many are likely to obtain full or partial funding from their employer.

Find further details on [our website](#).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should normally have a relevant UK first or very good upper second class honours degree or overseas equivalent. In addition, students joining the MSt course will typically have significant experience in a relevant industry or in public service and, in some cases, a professional qualification, although such an element would not be a pre-requisite.

Those with alternative qualifications or experience will be evaluated on an individual basis. As applicants will be expected to have experience and successful track records in industry or public service, consideration may be given to candidates on the strength of their vocational experience in lieu of the normal standard entry requirements.



COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP

Students of the MSt in Climate, Environmental and Urban Policy will be affiliated with Churchill College, Cambridge, where the residential sessions will be held.

[Churchill College](#) is the national and Commonwealth memorial to Sir Winston Churchill. It is the embodiment of his vision of how higher education can benefit society in the modern age. Open, friendly, progressive and outward-looking, Churchill strives to build bridges from academe to business and the professions. It pioneered the entry of women to all-male colleges. It engages with politicians, political commentators, historians and the media through the work of the [Churchill Archives Centre](#); and it collaborates with the business world through executive education programmes focused on leadership, strategy and innovation.

Students will be able to book rooms at Churchill College, subject to availability, for the duration of the residentials. Students may also organise their accommodation in other ways, according to their own needs.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If you're not from a majority English-speaking country, you will need to submit evidence that you meet the University's English language requirement. Please see the University's [Competence in English tool](#) for further information.

Those applicants who are subject to a language requirement are strongly encouraged to submit their language results with their initial application as failure to do so may delay the processing of applications. The language test scores detailed in the table below can satisfy this requirement.

IELTS Academic: Overall score of 7.5 (a minimum of 7.0 in each individual component)	TOEFL Internet: Overall score of 110 (a minimum of 25 in each individual component)
CAE: Grade A or B (with at least 193 in each individual element plus an assessment by the University Language Centre)	CPE: Grade A, B, or C (with at least 200 in each individual element).



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How to apply

Go to the Department of Land Economy website:

<https://www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/course-page/mst-climate-environment-and-urban-policy>

Click the “Apply online now” button.

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