

AMES



UNDERSTAND THE WORLD. SHAPE ITS FUTURE.





WHY AMES?

AMES at Cambridge offers students the opportunity to study the languages, cultures, and histories of Asia and the Middle East, regions that shape over half the world's population and play a central role in global affairs.

Students benefit from:

- ➔ Advanced proficiency in their chosen language(s)
- ➔ Deep cultural and historical understanding
- ➔ Cross-disciplinary study in politics, religion, literature, visual culture and society
- ➔ Strong analytical, communication and intercultural skills
- ➔ Preparation for a wide range of international careers



WHAT CAN YOU STUDY AT AMES?

Students normally apply to one of our principal language pathways. Some courses offer opportunities to combine languages or broaden study in later years, depending on the pathway.

Languages	Options
Arabic	May be combined with another Middle Eastern language or with a European language
Hebrew	May be combined with another Middle Eastern language or with a European language
Persian	Must be studied in combination with another language
Chinese	Usually studied as a single-language pathway
Japanese	Usually studied as a single-language pathway
Korean	Available through optional papers in later years

Students may also have opportunities to study:

- ✓ Hindi in Year 2
- ✓ Sanskrit in Year 4

Chinese Studies and Japanese Studies welcome both beginners and applicants with prior school-level study. These pathways are normally studied separately, though under exceptional circumstances a combination route may be possible in later years with Faculty approval.







WHERE CAN AMES TAKE YOU?

AMES graduates are valued for their cultural insight, analytical thinking, and advanced language skills.

AMES graduates pursue careers across many sectors, including those listed here. These examples are not exhaustive.

Graduates go on to work in:

-  Government & diplomacy
-  International business & finance
-  Media & journalism
-  NGOs & international development
-  Academia & research



“AMES has opened up opportunities for me that I would not have had otherwise. During the four years, I was immersed in varied research and discovered new avenues of interest until, at the end of my undergraduate degree, I found myself on a new path, one which was exciting and fresh and which I could not have predicted before coming to AMES. I will always be grateful for the linguistic and critical thinking skills I learnt in Japanese Studies.” **AMES Graduate**



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SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIPS



We work closely with schools to introduce students to AMES and support informed subject choices.

Taster Sessions

Language and culture introductions
(in-school or online)

Webinars

Flexible, accessible
introductions to AMES

We offer

Masterclasses

Academic sessions led by AMES
specialists

In-School Visits

Talks and Q&A sessions
with staff and students



Visiting Cambridge is one of the best ways to experience AMES first-hand.

What students can expect:

- ☁ Meet academics and current students
- ☁ Discover where you will learn and study
- ☁ Learn about courses, admissions, and life at Cambridge



Book your place



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What A-levels are required?

There are no specific subject requirements, and entry standards follow the University's official admissions guidance. Students join AMES from a wide range of academic backgrounds.

Subjects such as Languages, English, History, Politics, Geography and other essay-based disciplines can be helpful, while subjects such as Maths and sciences also provide valuable analytical skills.

What matters most is intellectual curiosity, academic potential, and enthusiasm for the cultures, languages, histories, and societies studied in AMES.



MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT AMES



**Can I study more than
one language?**

Yes. Depending on the pathway chosen, students may have opportunities to study more than one language within the AMES degree.

Available combinations vary, so please check the latest course information.

**What support
is available?**

Students benefit from small-group teaching, close supervision, language support, and excellent pastoral and academic guidance.



STILL HAVE QUESTIONS



**What makes
AMES different?**

AMES combines intensive language study with culture, history, politics, and global perspectives in a uniquely multidisciplinary degree.

**Do students
need prior language study?**

No. Students can begin their language from scratch and reach an advanced level by the fourth year.

Chinese and Japanese also offer pathways for students with prior knowledge.



Get in Touch

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Whether you are considering applying or would like to learn more about AMES, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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