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## **MATRICULATION FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS**

Matriculation is the formal process of enrolling in the University of Cambridge and specifically in Emmanuel College. You matriculate by signing the Matriculation Book. Before this ceremony there will be a group photograph, and afterwards an individual photograph. There are several online declarations that you need to make before the ceremony as well. It is followed by the formal Matriculation Dinner to celebrate joining the College and University.

If you:

- have matriculated before at Emmanuel then you do not need to attend the ceremony. You are welcome to come for the photograph at 4.45pm if you would like, and, if this is your first course as a graduate, you are invited to the dinner later on,
- have matriculated before at a different College in Cambridge University then you will need to attend the ceremony to matriculate as a member of Emmanuel.

The College Matriculation Ceremony for Postgraduates will take place during the late afternoon of **Wednesday 23 October 2024**. **This is your top priority on that day and it is not expected that you will be absent.**

**If you genuinely have a serious reason why you cannot be present then please contact the Tutorial Office ([tutorial-office@emma.cam.ac.uk](mailto:tutorial-office@emma.cam.ac.uk)) without delay.**

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

**Either:** Gown and a **plain dark** dress or suit with skirt or trousers with a white blouse and black shoes

**Or:** Gown and a **plain dark** suit with a white shirt, tie and black shoes

**NB:** Graduate students with a Cambridge degree wear the gown of the highest Cambridge degree you have, e.g. BA, MSci, MEng  
Graduate students from elsewhere wear the BA status gown (the same as a Cambridge BA gown but without strings) or, if you are aged 24 or more, the MA status gown (also without strings).

If you do not already possess one then you will need to obtain a gown **as soon as you arrive**. The MCR Committee or the Porters will be able to help with this.

### **WHAT HAPPENS**

*Before the ceremony*

Shortly after your arrival you will be sent two links. Please follow both of them and indicate your agreement **before** the matriculation ceremony.

The first is to the University Matriculation Form, where you will agree to the following declarations:





**'I promise to observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the University as far as they concern me, and to pay due respect and obedience to the Chancellor and other officers of the University.'**

**'I understand that in becoming a member of the above College I accept the responsibility of membership of the College and University community and agree to abide by the statutes, rules and regulations of these institutions and to do nothing that is harmful to the work or reputation of either of them.'**

You will also be giving consent to the processing by the College and the University of your personal data for proper purposes (as described in the Data Protection Statement on the College website [www.emma.cam.ac.uk/about/documents/](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/about/documents/)). and promising to observe the provisions of the Data Protection legislation yourself.

The second link concerns the [College Regulations](#) and the College Health & Safety [guide](#) and [policy](#). You will find a copy of both of these in your Freshers' Pack. **Please do read them.** When you follow the link you will be asked to indicate that you agree to abide by them.

### **ON THE DAY OF THE CEREMONY**

Please come to the Old Library correctly dressed and with a gown at **4.45pm** promptly.

After the procedure has been explained to you, a group photograph will be taken in Front Court. After that you are asked to come to the Matriculation Ceremony in groups through the afternoon wearing your gown and dark clothes. There will be a list showing your individual time on the noticeboard in the B staircase entrance and in the Old Library.

Then you will write your full name in the College Matriculation Book (in your normal handwriting i.e. not your signature) and the place of your birth. If you were born in the British Isles, you write the *historic* county of your birth (i.e. not necessarily the current local government area). By tradition, the form of county name for such counties as Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lancashire and so on is York (as in 'the County of York'), Chester, Lancaster, etc. If you were born outside the British Isles you write the area (state, province, department, land etc. and the country (e.g. Gironde, France; Florida, USA; Shandong Province, China)

Immediately afterwards an individual photograph will be taken.

### **MATRICULATION DINNER**

The Matriculation Dinner will be held on the evening of the same day, **Wednesday 23 October**. At 7.00 pm there will be drinks in the Old Library followed at 7.30 pm by Dinner in Hall. Dress is as for the Matriculation ceremony. Everyone wears a gown.

**Please complete [this form](#) by Wednesday 25 September 2024, if you have any dietary requirements or food allergies that you wish to be brought to the attention of the College Catering Department or if you do NOT propose to come to the Freshers' Dinner and/or the Matriculation Dinner** – please tick the appropriate box. There is no need to complete this form if you do not have any dietary requirements.

Thank you.