

You Said, We Did: Michaelmas 2025

What you liked

Good layout of books and nice plants

Good place to study

The librarians have been helpful when I've had issues.

You are all amazing very helpful

You're all so friendly and helpful

The comfortable office chairs are great

It's a lovely and bright space to work

it's a great space!

Natural lighting is pretty good

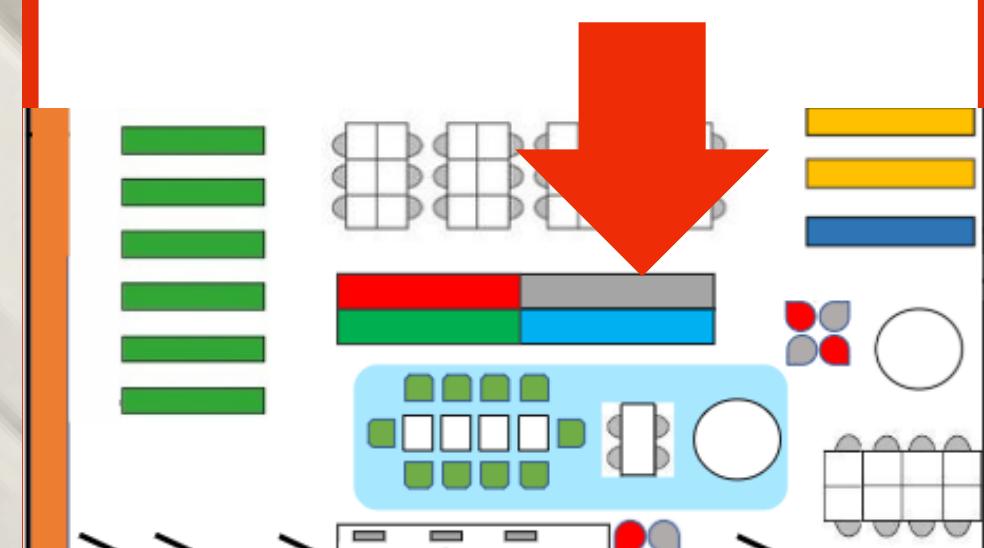
Desk layout and the "non work" section are both very good

Beanbags!

We know our beanbags are really popular - so we've refilled them all to make them extra comfortable and hopefully they'll last longer!

Maybe more cute little toys to accompany studying?

Agreed! We've added 7 fidget animals and 5 crocheted labware study buddies. Find them here:



Could we have more information about finding online resources/older journal articles/materials not available in Cambridge?

Absolutely! Keep an eye out for information appearing in the library space and on our website in the near future! You can also contact us in the office or by email for help with locating or accessing resources.

Please could we have some scissors for the origami?

Yes! We've added scissors to the Wellbeing Area.

What we're unable to change

Gets cold sometimes

Temperatures in the library can sometimes become uncomfortable. Unfortunately there isn't much we can do to control this, but we have tried to help by providing blankets and portable heaters for when it's cold and usb fans for when it's hot.

Sometimes cold

The opening hours for Part II/III students on weekends! It would be really nice to have access till 8pm like on the other days to ensure there's enough time to view materials.

Slightly sterile atmosphere

The harsh lighting and big open space

Feels very sterile

The current library access policy was agreed upon by the Head of Department and the Teaching Office before the start of the academic year, and is unlikely to change further.

For non-borrowable materials, you can use the library's multifunctional device to scan or copy portions of a volume to continue reading. We can also help you check if an electronic version is available.

We know that the library space isn't suited to everyone. To help you find the right space for you, we have provided a webpage on other spaces for study around Cambridge (library.ch.cam.ac.uk/other-spaces-study-around-cambridge), which includes a link to SpaceFinder. Spacefinder allows you to filter study spaces across the university by atmosphere, noise levels, and facilities.

We also have guidance on spaces for supervisions, meetings and group work in the department on our website at library.ch.cam.ac.uk/spaces-supervisions-meetings-and-group-work

Upgrade the library monitors to higher resolution

Having spoken with the IT department, this is sadly not possible due to budget constraints.

We would like some more info!

Seems aimed at postgraduates

Not enough undergrad/RLO books!

The library's policy is to have one reference copy and at least one short loan copy of titles on undergraduate recommended reading lists. If an item is heavily used and you're having difficulty accessing it, let us know – we will consider purchasing additional copies. Part IA and IB reading list items are often available in your college library or at the Moore Library.

Postgraduates have more access to the library, in line with their departmental access. However, our space and services are available to all members of the Department, with the exception of the large Part IA cohort. We endeavour to make the Library as inclusive and welcoming for all who use it, please let us know where we need to improve and how we can make undergraduates feel more welcome.