

What are we talking about? **(An informal guide to some commonly used terms)**

Tripes – Refers to undergraduate degree courses at Cambridge e.g. you would say you are studying the ASNC Tripes.

The three year ASNC Tripes is divided into **two** main academic phases - Part I and Part II. Part I spans two years and consists of the Prelim to Part I year (first year of study) and the Part I year (second year of study). Students then move onto Part II (the third and final year).

Additional note on Prelim (to Part I) –Prelim students are usually in their first year of study. Confusion can arise, however, when Prelim students see information described as for 'Part I', which actually relates to them also (depending on the context in which it is used). If in doubt, please ask!

Michaelmas Term – The term running from October – December.

Lent Term – The term running from January – March.

Easter Term – The term running from April – June.

Teaching Weeks – Cambridge Teaching weeks run from Thursday – Wednesday. A guide to the days/dates of this year's 'weeks' can be found [here](#).

Papers – This is the Cambridge term for what other Universities may call 'modules'. In each year you study a different number of papers from the selection available. There are different **courses** that run to make up the teaching for each paper which will consist of a series of lectures/seminars/classes that students attend. The **Lecture list** clearly shows all teaching that takes place for each paper. The **Timetable** shows the teaching in a week-view format for ease of planning. Both are available to download from the ASNC website.

- Click here for information on [Part I \(and Prelim\) Papers](#)
- Click here for information on [Part II Papers](#)

Tutor - In general, your Tutor will be a Fellow of your college, appointed to protect your interests, and to help you in all domestic (i.e. college) matters (college rooms, complaints about the food, book grants, travel grants, personal welfare etc.).

DoS (Director of Studies) - Your DoS may be a Fellow of your college, or a Fellow of another college, and is appointed to look after your academic welfare. S/he will see you formally at the beginning and at the end of each term, and will assist you in making your choice of papers, in organising your supervisions, in checking your examination entries, and in planning your work during the course of the year. S/he will also discuss the reports submitted by a supervisor or supervisors towards the end of each term. Note, however, that the duties assigned to each officer may vary from one college to another, and that your Tutor also receives and will certainly wish to discuss your supervision reports. Click here for [this year's DoS list](#).

Raven – the security log-in you must go through to access to restricted materials. You will be given a username and password for this.

ASNC Student Intranet – pages on the ASNC Website that has restricted content (you will need to log in via Raven to access these pages). [Click here to see the intranet page](#).

Moodle – an online system (accessed via Raven) used to share materials and resources etc. There are different Moodle pages for different courses/purposes but you will only be able to see those you are subscribed to. [Click here to go to the Moodle site.](#)

CamSIS - Cambridge's system for handling student information, records and transactions, from initial contact and application, all the way through to graduation. [Click here to go to the CamSIS site.](#)

JAC (Joint Academic Committee) - is a meeting that takes at the end of each term between Undergraduate students and Senior Members of the Department. [Click here](#) for more information.

GJAC (Graduate Joint Academic Committee) - is a meeting that takes at the end of each term between Graduate students and Senior Members of the Department. [Click here](#) for more information.

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