Library and Information Sciences online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MA/MSc Library Science and MSc Information Science courses. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other applicants.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our MA/MSc Library Science and MSc Information Science courses. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session, we may also share videos, polls or documents related to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. Please make sure you say which course you have applied to when you post your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Your moderators today are Joseph Dunne-Howrie (Lecturer in Library Science), David Mallo-Ferrer (Course Officer) and Shanice Harrison (Recruitment Team).

Hi everyone. My name’s Dr Joseph Dunne-Howrie. I’m one of the lecturers on the course. I’m really looking forward to meeting you all and answering any questions you have. There’s no such thing as a stupid question :)

Hi all, I’m David, the course officer for MSc Information Science and MSc/Ma Library Science. I’m looking forward to answering your questions.

Hello, my name is Shanice and I work in marketing. I look forward to answering your questions and I hope you enjoy the session!

Hello, my name is [redacted] and I am in the process of applying for the Library Science MSc course.

Great. Is there anything you’d like to ask me about it?

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Good Morning

Hello [redacted] welcome to the chat. Are you thinking of applying for Library or Information Science

And good Afternoon everybody.
Hi, my name is [redacted] and I’ve got a place on the course. I was wondering if there was any reading or preparation we could do to start looking at relevant course content over the summer.

Hi, Lyn Robinson’s and David Bawden’s book Introduction to Library and Information Science is a must have. Also see The 4th Revolution by Luciano Floridi.

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Hi, congratulations on getting on the course and thank you for joining the chat. Hopefully you will find useful information here today. Do ask any question that may come to mind at any point.

I see quite often online (mainly on Reddit as there is a Librarian subReddit) people in countries such as the USA speaking about MLIS courses, I feel as the MSc the UK equivalent?

I’m not too sure about the exact differences but the course is accredited by CILIP, a consortia that includes the American Library Association.

Thanks David, Yes, I am, I was in the university on January, because I was improving my English for 4 months in London.

great, I hope you enjoyed your time in London.

Hello everybody. My name is [redacted] and I have applied to Library Science.

Hi, [redacted] thank you for your application and for joining the chat today. Do send us any questions about the course you may have.

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Brilliant. Glad to hear you’ll be joining us. The course is aimed at people who want to work in a library or similar collection-oriented organisation in the galleries, archives, libraries and museums sector. Do you have any specific queries?

Soo, My goal is apply for (Information and sciences.)
Hello, I am [Redacted] and I got the offer for Information science MS program. Could you please introduce how to enroll the courses and how many courses shall I complete each term. Thanks!

Hi. You can apply using the link below. [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/information-science](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/information-science)

Information Science MSc Course

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Full time is 8 x taught modules (15 credits each) and dissertation (60 credit)

Also, I am wondering if the school provides the opportunity the students to practice in the library, like internship.

There's not currently a formal internship programme but we do have a strong professional network that you can benefit from. All staff members are members of CILIP and have contacts in the GLAM and information management sectors.

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Hi,

Our Destinations pages show you some of the jobs our Library Science graduates have gone to soon after finishing their masters: [https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/your-career/destinations-of-city-graduates?courses=MSC%2FMA_Library_Science](https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/your-career/destinations-of-city-graduates?courses=MSC%2FMA_Library_Science)

If you want to email us at smcsep@city.ac.uk, I'll ask the course director to give you more details, if needed.

Where City graduates work

Wee where City graduates work after studying at City. Based on Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey.

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Some of our recent graduates work in museum libraries and cultural institutions such as the Wellcome, the Globe and the V&A.

Hello my name is ____ I am an international student from the US who will hopefully be attending in the fall of this year. I currently work in a public library and I am really interested in creating children programming and grant writing. Will that be offered in any specific module?

Yes! We have an elective module in children's publishing called Child and Adolescent Literature, Literacy and Library Services. But it's only available to Library Science students.

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In the module I teach, Libraries and Publishing, one of our guest lecturers works for Bloomsbury publishing and is a specialist in children's literature.

I'm currently writing the personal statement for the application, what kind of things are you always pleased to see in one? It's been a long while since I've written a personal statement. I'm also curious to know how much impact it has on the application decision in addition to the other criteria.

Hi ____ usually the admissions tutor will want to see your motivation to study the course. For example, what interest you about this specific course at City. It may be the content of the programme, the modules that you can study... The tutor will want to see what your professional aspirations are, that is, what you'll like to do with the knowledge and skills you'll gain through the course. If you have previous studies or work experience in this field, please do also mention this on your personal statement.

David: As a foreign student, Have I time to apply for the course, desde Colombia? ¿Do I have to carry out the homologation of the degree to be able to study the course?
Luis, you can apply from Colombia. You don’t need to get a homologation of the degree, as we will use our own tools to determine its equivalency with UK degrees. However, you will have to submit (online) your final transcript and degree certificate both in the native language and an official English translation.

Thank you! I have been accepted onto the library science course, I was under the impression that it is possible to decide between the library and information degree after the first term. Are there specific career paths that might make us want to lean towards one or the other?

Both will equip you with valuable skills in the information profession. Library Science is targeted towards people who want to work with specific collections in libraries or a similar institutions and focuses on processes of information organisation, communication, access and provision, library infrastructures and philosophical perspectives. Information Science looks at information infrastructures, communication processes, and systems and services. There is a strong focus on ethics and impact in both courses.

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Perfect I have already applied and been accepted to the Library Science Program, I am just waiting to apply for a 4 tier visa and for my financial aid to come through. Any tips on either of those processes?

Hi [redacted] a short summary of how the process works for students who will need a Tier 4 visa:
From mid June and once you have accepted you place on the course and paid the deposit, we’ll prepare an electronic Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) to help you to apply for the visa. We will contact you at that point. Once you have the CAS number you can proceed to apply for the visa. We’ll then ask you to start the registration process in Mid to late August.

More information about applying for a visa can be found here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/International/visa-immigration-advice/Tier4#tab=tab-2

Applying For A Tier 4 Student Visa

Find out how to apply for a Tier 4 General Student visa if you are a Non-EEA or Switzerland applicant studying a full time course.
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Here is the breakdown of modules for each course. As you can see, there is a lot of overlap:

Library Science:
- Library and Information Science Foundation
- Information Management and Policy
- Information Organisation
- Digital Libraries
- Libraries and Publishing
- Data, Information, Technologies and Applications
- Research Methods and Communication
- Elective module

Information Science:
- Library and Information Science Foundation
- Information Management and Policy
- Information Organisation
- Information Retrieval
- Information Resources and Documentation
- Data, Information, Technologies and Applications
- Research Methods and Communication
- Elective module

All students on both courses must also complete a written dissertation.

Elective modules 19/20:
- Information law and policy; libraries and publishing; information resources and documentation; child and adolescent literature, literacy and library services (LS only); web applications; databases (IS only); data visualisation (IS only); independent study or practice reflection; digital literacies and open practices (in higher education) (LS only)

Thanks! Is there a typical time frame after applying to expect to hear back about whether you have been accepted?

It's usually a 2 week turn around.

Is there a general percentage of how many students graduate with a MA or an MSc or does this widely vary?

Majority of students choose to graduate with an MSc.

On average, how many places are there for the courses?

Numbers are not capped.
We are hosting the DocPerform 3: Postdigital Symposium on Thursday 16 March. The DocPerform project looks at the relationship between theatre, live art and LIS and explores issues relating to new document formats (VR/AR/XX). The event is free to attend. It would be great to see some of you there. It’s a good opportunity for you to meet the team in person and to learn more about our research. Register for the event here. Attendance is free. [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/docperform-3-postdigital-tickets-60700490802](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/docperform-3-postdigital-tickets-60700490802)

**DocPerform 3: Postdigital**

DocPerform 3: Interdisciplinary Symposium: 16th May 2019 at City, University of LondonOrganisers: Lyn Robinson & Joseph Dunne-HowrieEvent Image Artist: Alexander Bell Programme WebsiteTwitter: @DocPerform #DocPerform @CityLIS @CityLISThe DocPerform project team are delighted to announce that our third symposium will take place on 16th May 2019, at City, University of London. This event is open to everyone with an interest in how we understand new-media document formats, and the associated processes of documentation, with a specific focus on performance. We are looking from the perspective of research, teaching or practice, within the fields of library & information science, performing arts, (theatre, dance, music), digital arts, museums, archives, digital preservation and cultural heritage. DocPerform is an interdisciplinary research project led by scholars and practitioners from the fields of performing arts and library & information science. The project concerns conceptual, methodological and technological innovations in the documentation of performance, and the extent to which performance may itself be considered to be a document. We are interested in the creation, collection, sharing, indexing, storage, access, preservation, use, remediation and understanding of new-media documents, in particular as they relate to performances of all kinds. Advances in technology including 360° recording, virtual reality, augmented reality, binaural sound, multisensory internet, pervasive computing and the internet of things, have revolutionised how we create content, and interact with the infosphere. Consequently, there are new possibilities for storytellers and performance makers to create engaging experiences for audiences. Technologies have brought about a convergence of data files, webpages, eBooks, interactive narratives, video games, television programming, video and films, so that boundaries between these existing categories of documents are no longer di...

**The DocPerform project [https://documentingperformance.com/](https://documentingperformance.com/)**

**Documenting Performance**

The Future of Documents Project. City, University of London

Happy to take more questions about the course and employability but if anyone wants to learn more about staff’s research activities go ahead

Can international students apply for a scholarship to study at the university? What kind of scholarships or payment facilities does City University have?
We offer a small number of scholarships funded by the School itself. You can find more information about them and how to apply in the 'Scholarships' section of the course page: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/information-science

There are bursaries from other sources that you may be able to apply for. More information at https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/scholarships-and-funding/other-scholarships-and-bursaries or by searching 'bursaries' in the search box at the top of any City web page.

**Other Computer/Library and Information Science scholarships, bursaries and prizes**

Other scholarships, awards and prizes for Computer/Information Science at City, University of London

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Hi I am from Pakistan. I have a masters degree in library and information science, actually I want to say that cataloguing has importance here, but no researches and new courses are getting importance here.

Hi, All lecturers are research active, meaning we regularly publish articles, present papers at conferences and run projects. Have you applied for our course?

Thanks, David,

No problem at all. Best of luck with your application!

Is the decision for most students to graduate with a MSc generally more to do with the range of modules or because of employability, or possible something else?

There is no difference in course content between an MSc and MA in library science. Employability is probably the biggest motivating factor, but I'm not aware of any evidence one is better than the other.

No sir actually I was talking about my country. But I just joined this group and thanks for informing me.
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Visiting the Bibliotheekartag/BibliothekskongressISKO UK 2019

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Remember to follow us on twitter @CityLIS #CityLIS

Can I ask what typical group sizes are for lectures, seminars, tutorials? In particular for the Part time course?

It’s about 35 people per class

You can learn more about the department on the CityLIS blog https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/#.XNrrKcpKtUk

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Feel free to contact me or anyone else in the team if you have further questions. Contact details can be found on our webpage [https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/library-information-science#unit=courses](https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/library-information-science#unit=courses).

**Department of Library and Information Science**

City’s Department of Library & Information Science has a heritage stretching back to 1961 and is internationally recognised in research and curriculum development.

Few more bits of info: we run the After Hours research seminar series with guest lecturers on Monday evenings during term time [https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/citylis-events-1819/#.XNrsEspKIUk](https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/citylis-events-1819/#.XNrsEspKIUk).

**CityLIS Events 18/19**

This page shows key dates for the 18/19 academic year, in the Department of Library & Information Science, CityLIS.

Examples of student’s work can be found here: [https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/category/student_perspectives/#.XNraJcpKIUk](https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/category/student_perspectives/#.XNraJcpKIUk).

**Visiting the Bibliothekartag/Bibliotheks Kongress**

Don’t Be Evil Man and Machine, Standardisation and the Geographical Layer Cake

Navigating the ‘exaflood’ Information Bodyguards

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An analysis and evaluation of an article from the Journal of Information Science
How has the catalogue developed from the ancient world until the 21st Century? What current questions does cataloguing face? Is information governance essential for good information management? The Ethical Conflicts Engendered by the increasing prevalence of e-books and e-journals in the academic world

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Info about research activities https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/category/research/#XNrsXspKluk

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Reflections on Stories of Solitude: Performance, Technology and Digital Overload
Reflections on the Cities, Embodiments and Technologies Conference

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Thank you for running this chat and for answering our questions.

You're welcome. I hope you and the other chat members have enjoyed this session.

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Pleasure. Hope to see you in the autumn

Thanks for these links too, lots to read!

Pleasure

Thanks for your time

And thank you for joining us today!
This session has now ended. Thank you for joining us for today’s chat. If you have any questions, please email enquiries@city.ac.uk