Student life, finance and accommodation at City

This Online Chat session is for prospective students interested in finding out more about student life, finance and accommodations as part of their studies at City. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to your questions by other applicants.

Welcome to this Online chat session which is dedicated to student life, accommodation and finance at City, University of London.

My name is X and I work in the City’s Marketing and External relations team – looking forward to answering your questions! :)

Hi I’m X, I’m a second year nursing student at City. If you have any questions for us, feel free to ask :) 

Was budgeting student financing and paying for accommodation difficult

Hi, although student finance comes in at the start of every term, finding ways to budget and manage this is quite easy. I would personally suggest opening a savings account or even working out a weekly budget for yourself. At City we can help you if you are having issues with your finances.

Hi, I’m X. I am a 4th year student in Aeronautical Engineering, feel free to ask me any questions.

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Hi X, first year students undergraduate students are eligible for this. For more information go to https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/guarantee-scheme

Undergraduate accommodation guarantee scheme

All first City University London year undergraduate students are guaranteed a place in halls of residence.

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Everyone can apply however there are certain conditions a student need to meet before they can apply for accommodation. The most important condition would be to have a course offer from City and that course offer needs to be 'Firmly' accepted via UCAS.

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It's important to budget well whether you are staying in halls or at home.

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Hi, The rent is paid in three instalments. The date when the payment is due is in line with student loan payments, if someone has problems getting their loan for the 1st instalment you will need to show evidence of your student loan application to have a delayed payment.

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Hi, this would vary with the hall's policies but typically the accommodation rent does not come out of your account on the same day as receiving your maintenance fees, you could receive a higher loan amount based off your circumstances, more information can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/continuing-fulltime-students

Student finance

Student finance - student loans or student grants for tuition fees and living costs, extra help, student loan repayments

Thank you - I guess the university accommodation is generally cheaper than private?

It depends on the accommodations you compare. Better look on our website for prices. https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/fees-and-contracts

Fees & contracts

Student accommodation fees & contracts information for undergraduate students at City University London.
Also - what is the student society life like? Are there many opportunities to meet and do things with other students in societies or otherwise?

The university has around 100 societies ranging from Games society to Pro Bono Society, follow this link to see the societies offered at City, University of London: https://www.citystudents.co.uk/getinvolved/societies/

Societies

If opting for private accommodation do you have any recommended areas of London?

More advice can be found here https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/private-housing

Private accommodation
Where to begin? Read our helpful guide to getting started with your search.

Thanks. Do you have any recommendations about which university halls are better for postgrads or students who are not first time undergrads? I'm not a drinker or heavy party goer so might not fit in so well with typical first and second years :wink:

If however you're looking for convenience then it would be good to look at nearby halls such as Liberty House, private accommodation can be very expensive in this area.

Thank you - do you happen to know whether law students have all classes at the city law school or also at the main location in Northampton square?

There is a building dedicated to law students that will be opening very soon, most likely some of your classes will take place there, but this is very close to the main campus.
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We are getting a new law school built very shortly - so my assumption is that you will be spend a lot of your time over there.

This chat session how has now ended. Thank you so much for all of your questions! If you have any further questions, please email onlineevents@city.ac.uk.