MSc Artificial Intelligence

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MSc Artificial Intelligence course. 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 MSc Artificial Intelligence course. 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 Dr Eduardo Alonso (Programme Director) and Mai Teladia (Recruitment Team).

Hi, I am Ed Alonso, the director of the MSc in AI. Welcome!

Hi, I have few questions

Hi, yes, of course, happy to answer

1) what are entry requirements for a mature student over 40?

the same for all ages :-) have experience with maths and programming (calculus, linear algebra, python)

2) how technical is the course?

quite, there are some modules on ethical and legal aspects of the new AI but he focus is on deep learning techniques

3) data science I'm hearing is beginning to slow down and focus more placed of ML. What are main difference between this course and Data science MSc

data science focuses more on preparing and analysing data, input and output. AI is on the algorithms from the former to the latter
Hi Eduardo. Could you give us some examples of AI companies that have agreed to offer industry placements to members of the 2019/2020 cohort, for the purposes of the dissertation?

Hi, for instance Delta Capita, Betbuddy, M&S, Barclays

4) More and more emphasis is being placed on practical experience. Is there an option to be placed in an industry placement/ secondment as part of MSc

Yes, the students have option of doing their project as an internships, for 6 months, from June to December

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Hi Eduardo, I believe the Msc AI is completely online based?

Hi, No, it is a "real" (attendance) MSc. Obviously, the material is shared online with the students (through internal Moodle), but lectures and labs/tutorials are physical

Okies
Thank you. Another one: I understand this is a very hands on course. In terms of implementing DL algorithms, does the course lean more towards first principles (eg coding up backprop from scratch etc), or more towards using preexisting libraries (Tensorflow, Keras etc)?

Both :-) you can use existing libraries (that’s what they are for!) but we also teach our students how to program backprop etc from scratch (all in Python)

Hi Eduardo. Hope you’re doing well. The module description on the website says "The course has been designed to adapt to developments in the sector, with space within the modules to explore your own interests, so there are no elective modules." Here goes the question: I would like to know what does it mean by having space within the modules?

Hi, hope you are well! It means that, in your assessments and final project you can choose your domains according to your interests. For example, if your background is in, say, Finance, you will be able to build neural networks that will predict the prize of goods in the market.

Alright. And if I’d like to enroll for a module which is not a part of MSc AI, say neural computing, in which term do you recommend taking it up i.e if it can be opted for.
Hi, I'm afraid you cannot enrol in modules of other programmes. In any case, wrt neural computing we focus on nature-based AI, ANNs, Deep Learning, Computational Cognitive Science, 6 modules out of 6 (whereas Neural Computing, a module in the MSc in Data Science is just one)

Alright. And if I'd like to enroll for a module which is not a part of MSc AI, say neural computing, in which term do you recommend taking it up i.e if it can be opted for.

I meant 6 modules out of 8, sorry

Thank you :)

My pleasure!

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Eduardo, would you be able to tell us how many applications you received for the 2019/2020 cohort, and how many students you took on?

Good one ;-) The target for 2019/20 was 20 students, but we received far too many good applications and eventually ended up with 40 :-)

There are 15 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.

One last one: I know the MSc Data Science is BCS accredited and was wondering if this course was too? Thank you very much for your time :)

No problem. No, the MSc in AI is not BCS accredited. We haven't applied.

There are 5 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.
Hi Eduardo, Sorry I joined this session late. I hope Msc AI is only a full time available course?

yes!

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This session has now ended, thank you for attending today's chat. If you are interested in visiting us in person to speak to the programme director and see our facilities, our next Postgraduate Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 19th February 2020. You can register for this event here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit-us/postgraduate-open-evenings.

If you have any further questions please email: pgenquiries@city.ac.uk

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