Welcome to City

We are delighted to welcome you to our Open Day. We think City, University of London is a unique place to study: we are located in the heart of one of the most exciting cities in the world; we combine a commitment to academic excellence with a longstanding tradition of preparing graduates for successful careers in business and the professions; and we are one of the UK’s most international universities with students and staff from over 160 different countries.

You are visiting City at an exciting time. In 2016 we joined the University of London and were ranked among the top 20 UK universities by the Guardian University Guide 2017. We have invested £160 million in our campus over the last six years and this has seen us recently ranked first in London for student satisfaction for two consecutive years (Complete University Guide 2017 and 2018).

Open Days are a great way to see this investment in our students. Inside our new entrance on Northampton Square you will be able to visit student support information areas; we encourage you to visit our new sports facility, CitySport; see our expanded online and print resources in our libraries; explore the new spaces for studying and the new student social spaces across campus, including CityBar.

Our Open Day is packed full of tours, talks, lectures and events to provide you with a glimpse of life as a City student and this Guide will help you plan your day. Over the page you will find some tips on making the most of your visit, the talks planner on the inside cover provides an overview of all the day’s activity, while pages 9-17 contain more information on academic life at City, with details of the course-specific talks run by City’s five schools.

At the back of this Guide you will find maps of our campus. On the day, staff and Student Ambassadors will be on hand to help you find your way around, chat about life at City and answer your questions.

We’re looking forward to meeting you and we really hope you enjoy your time at City.

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Planning your day at City

City’s Open Day is held at the University’s main campus, around Northampton Square. Student Ambassadors will be around campus throughout the day; they can help you find your way and they also run our campus tours. The maps at the back of this Open Day Guide will help you organise your time at City.

Travel information

City is located in Central London and it has excellent transport links. Our nearest London Underground stations are Angel (Northern Line) and Farringdon (Circle Line; Hammersmith & City Lines; National Rail Services). Both stations are approximately 10 minutes’ walk from Northampton Square.

There are numerous bus routes which run by Northampton Square, including the following: 4, 19, 30, 38, 43, 55, 56, 73, 153, 205, 214, 243, 274, 341, 394, 476.

For further information on public transport in London, please visit www.tfl.gov.uk

Parking in Central London is expensive and we recommend using public transport where possible. However, if you do plan to arrive at City by car, please visit www.ncp.co.uk to find details of convenient car parks. City is unable to provide visitor parking on campus.

At the back of this guide you will find a map of our campus and the local area.

Arrival

When you arrive at City, you will be able to register at our two main entrances, both of which are highlighted in the maps in this guide. Please make sure you bring your barcode registration email with you for fast-track registration on the day; you will be given a wristband once you have registered.

There are Open Day helpdesks throughout campus, where staff and Student Ambassadors will be ready to help you plan your day, register for tours and find your way around. Facilities are available for prayer and quiet reflection during the day. Please ask at an Open Day helpdesk for more information.

Plan

Open Days are always very busy: at any point in the day, there are several talks taking place and tours departing. It is helpful to identify your ‘can’t miss’ events.

Among these will usually be any talks that relate to the subject(s) you are interested in studying, plus any of the mock-lectures, or, interactive sessions, which are designed to complement these course talks.

General talks on admissions, student finance, careers and accommodation are also really helpful, as you plan for life at university and the student experience talks give a different insight into life here. Finally, the Welcome to City talk at 10am and 12.30pm provide an excellent overview of everything City has to offer.

Explore

Campus tours, which run throughout the day, are a great way to get your bearings. But it can also be really helpful to wander around campus yourself or with parents or friends: if you get lost, a Student Ambassador will always be close at hand to help you find your way. Try to allow a little time for exploring our neighbourhood as well; close to Angel you will find plenty of shops and cafes, while cultural activity and restaurants dominate around Farringdon, Barbican and the nearby Exmouth Market.

Ask questions

Do not be afraid to ask questions; Student Ambassadors will be around campus throughout the day to help answer any questions you may have. As current students, they have first-hand experience of living and studying in London, and can you help you find your way around.

Life beyond the lecture hall

Open Days provide an invaluable opportunity to find out about academic life. Course-specific talks outline; what you will study and when; options for work placements and study abroad during your degree; and the career paths open to you once you graduate.

But as current students will tell you, life at university extends far beyond the lecture hall. What is the social life like? Will I meet people who share my interests? Are there opportunities for volunteering in the community or for paid work?...
How we support our students

Student Centre
The Student Centre, located in the University Building (B), can offer advice on financial support and accommodation. A member of the Learning Success team, which looks after disability, dyslexia and academic learning support matters, will also be available.

You will visit the Student Centre as part of all Campus Tours. Representatives from the Student Centre in areas like Accommodation, Funding and Financial Support will be available at the information stands in The Pavilion, University Building (B).

Students' Union
City Students’ Union works to improve the experience of City students in a variety of ways, from student representation to events. It provides independent advice on academic issues through the Advice Service and coordinates the Programme Rep system, giving students a clear voice to improve their courses.

Want to add something to your experience? Why not join a society? There are over 60 to choose from or take part in some fundraising for charity. The Students’ Union is also there to help increase your employability, with countless opportunities to lead a project or develop new skills.

Admissions
Members of our admissions team will be available throughout the day in The Pavilion. Feel free to drop in for a discussion about your qualifications, writing personal statements, or any aspect of your application. Or attend one of the Admissions talks taking place at 12.15pm or 1.30pm in Oakden, Centenary Building (H).

Careers, Student Development and Outreach
The Careers Service offers guidance to City applicants and students from day one. Our Service provides resources and appointments, skills sessions and employer events. We also link up and collaborate closely with Student Development who provide community volunteering, widening participation, professional mentoring, and CityBuddies.

Alongside information about career planning, you can find out more about opportunities for volunteering, mentoring and working as a Student Ambassador. You will be able to discuss your options with the careers team; as they help you bridge the gap between higher education and the world of work or further study. In addition to this, you can also build your skills and experience while studying at City, through part-time experiences offered through our on campus temporary recruitment agency Unitemps.

Accommodation
We guarantee all our undergraduate students, who apply by the deadline, a place in halls of residence. All Halls are based in Zone 1 and within walking distance of our Northampton Square campus.

If you have any questions about how you can improve your job prospects, get involved in the community and help your fellow students, come and speak to us in E125, Drysdale Building (E).

The talk about the Careers Service will take place at 11.45am in AG21 College Building (A).

Library
The library is located in the University Building (B). Library staff will be available during the day to answer your questions and show you the state-of-the-art resources and facilities.

Library Services offer a huge range of resources to support your studies at City. Our printed collections are complemented by a vast portfolio of online resources (e-books, e-journals and specialist databases). Opening hours are extensive and help is available from our specialist staff in person and online.

Though you will visit many of the departments responsible for student support as part of your campus tour, you may wish to find out more about the services we provide. Below we have highlighted all the services we think you should see on your visit to City.

All of these services will have information stands easily accessible in The Pavilion - just through from the main entrance of the University Building.
Tours

Campus tours
Campus tours are led by Student Ambassadors and take approximately half an hour. You will visit the Student Centre, the Careers, Student Development and Outreach service, the Library, CityBar and the Students’ Union. Many of our departments also run tours of their own facilities. Details of these additional tours are available on the subject-specific pages that follow.

Sport and Leisure
Sport plays an important role within the student community at City and whether you want to continue with a familiar sport, work out, set new goals, try something different or join a team, City offers a range of activities. Sport and Leisure activities are based at our leading-edge sports centre, CitySport; the largest student sports facility in Central London.

How to book your tour
To book a place on a tour, visit the Open Day tour desks located in the College Building (A) and University Building (B). Campus tours and CitySport tours run every 10 minutes. All tours run between 10am and 2.30pm and they depart from the Bandstand in Northampton Square - shown on the map at the back of this guide.

Supporting our students

When planning your day, make sure to allow some time for getting to know City’s buildings and facilities; the campus and CitySport tours run by our Student Ambassadors are an excellent place to start.

As shown on the map at the back of this guide, both tours leave from the Northampton Square Bandstand. This is accessed by exiting the main entrance, or from St John Street via Wyclif Street and from Goswell Road via Ashby Street.

Alongside our course-specific talks, we provide a range of general talks to give you an insight into what you can expect as a student at City, University of London.

Welcome to City

Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre, Tait Building (C)
Talk
10am
30 minutes
B200, University Building (B)
Talk
12.30pm
30 minutes
City's President, Professor Sir Paul Curran will be joined by a recent alumni to introduce you to life as a City student. Professor Curran will discuss what makes City special, while our alumni will talk about their experience at the University and where it has taken them in their career to date.

Accommodation

Oakden, Centenary Building (H)
Talk
11.45am, 1pm
30 minutes
City offers accommodation in halls of residence to all first year undergraduates who accept their place at the University within the accommodation deadline. This talk will provide advice on costs, how to apply, options in the private sector and living in London.

Admissions

Oakden, Centenary Building (H)
Talk
12.15pm, 1.30pm
30 minutes
This talk, led by Richard Broom and Dan Cox of City's Admissions team, will cover the key stages in the annual university admissions process, including guidance on how and when to apply, the UCAS system and different types of offers.

Careers

AG21, College Building (A)
Talk
11.45am
30 minutes
A City Careers Consultant will discuss factors to research when considering your course choice and how you can make the most of the Open Day.

Student finance

A130, College Building (A)
Talk
12.15pm, 2.15pm
30 minutes
This talk will provide up-to-date information on areas including funding, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and money management tips.

The student experience

AG08, College Building (A)
Talk
12.15pm, 2pm
30 minutes
One of our current students will provide an insight into life at City, including information on careers, clubs, societies, health and sport.

Sport and leisure

AG08, College Building (A)
Talk
12.30pm, 2pm
30 minutes
Whether you are a complete beginner to a sport, have represented your school/college or even played at county and national level, we have opportunities for all of our students.

CitySport is located at the Franklin Building on Goswell Road; approximately a five-minute walk from Northampton Square. We encourage all students and guests to visit, with tours running throughout the day from the bandstand in Northampton Square.
School of Arts & Social Sciences

The School of Arts & Social Sciences provides its students with a dynamic, academically rigorous environment for undergraduate study. We focus on disciplines across the social sciences, arts and humanities – Economics, History, International Politics, Psychology, Sociology, and on Journalism, English and Music. In all subject areas, our students benefit from City’s Central London location, our close links with the professions and the academic and personal support they need to succeed in their studies and prepare for their future.
Cass is a leading global business school driven by world-class knowledge, innovative education and a vibrant community – we enable the extraordinary. Located in the heart of one of the world’s leading financial centres, Cass has strong links to both the City of London and the thriving entrepreneurial hub of Tech City.

We offer undergraduate degrees in four areas: Accounting and Finance; Actuarial Science; Banking, Finance and Investment; and Business Management. We were ranked number one in London and among the top 10 UK institutions for courses in Accounting and Finance and Business, Management and Marketing by the Guardian University Guide 2017.

Information stand
Drysdale Building (E)
10am — 3pm
Located in: ELG06 foyer
Drysdale Building (B)

Find out more
Cass Business School course information can be found on page 79 of the 2018/19 Undergraduate Prospectus
School of Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering

The School is proud to introduce a new course in MSci Data Science – beginning September 2018, subject to final internal approval.

The School offers 15 exceptional undergraduate courses; all benefiting from our enviable location and shaped by the needs of the professions. Our Engineering students profit enormously from our focus on creative design coupled with a deep understanding of the mathematics and physics. Our Mathematics graduates are highly sought-after in the financial sector and in Computer Science, we engage directly with leading businesses to prepare our students for rewarding careers in software development, system design, management and research.
The City Law School

The City Law School is one of London’s major law schools, offering an impressive range of academic and professional courses. We were the first law school in London to educate students and practitioners at all stages of legal education and offer courses suitable for everyone interested in following a career in law, including undergraduate and postgraduate law, specialist masters and research degrees.

Our LLB (Hons) is one of the most renowned in London and is a qualifying law degree, enabling you to progress your studies to become either a barrister or solicitor. The law degree will give you a range of transferable skills you can use to pursue a range of professional careers if you choose not to practice law in the future. We provide valuable career support and the chance to put your legal skills and knowledge to practice via mooting and pro bono opportunities.
City’s School of Health Sciences is a world-leading centre for healthcare education and applied healthcare research in the heart of London. Students undertake placements with London’s leading healthcare providers and benefit from simulated learning on campus in our state-of-the-art clinical skills suites and laboratories. Teaching is delivered by academic staff who are leading health educators, practitioners and researchers with many working and advising within the sector as well as teaching. Thanks to our track record of direct engagement with the world of work, over 90 per cent of our graduates find employment or continue to further study after graduation.

City is ranked 1st in London for professional healthcare courses (radiography, optometry and speech and language) and 2nd for Nursing and Midwifery (Guardian University Guide 2018).
A short history of City, University of London

1852 The Inns of Court School of Law was founded. One of the earliest providers of legal education in London, it became a part of The City Law School in 2001.

1876 Herbert Henry Asquith, British Prime Minister from 1908 to 1916, graduated from The Inns of Court School of Law. Asquith was the first of many global leaders, including Mohandas 'Mahatma' Gandhi, Clement Attlee, Jawaharlal Nehru, Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair, to pass through what is now The City Law School.

1877 St Bartholomew’s School of Nursing and Midwifery was founded, affiliated with London’s oldest hospital, St Bartholomew’s. The College of Nursing was later incorporated into the School of Health Sciences at City, University of London.

1894 The Institute of Actuaries was established. It is now The School of Mathematics and Business Analytics.

1896 The Northampton Institute was founded with the objective of promoting “the industrial skill, general knowledge, health and wellbeing of young men and women belonging to the poorer classes”.

1908 The University Great Hall played host to the boxing competition of the first London Olympic Games. Great Britain topped the medal table, winning 14 of the 15 medals awarded.

1909 The Northampton Institute introduced courses in Aeronautical Engineering, the first offered in the UK. In this year the Institute also presented its first candidates for University of London BSc degrees.

1914-1918 The Northampton Institute played a key role in the First World War, with students and staff producing munitions, military optical aids, and parts for radio telegraphic stations. The Department of Aeronautical Engineering was tasked with testing and inspecting aircraft parts and other supplies for the Royal Flying Corps, while female volunteers from the Institute staffed military hospitals in the UK and overseas. For injured or disabled soldiers and sailors returning to the UK, the Institute provided training in trades allied to horology, engineering and optics.

1927 With the founding of the Department of Automotive and Visual Sciences, the Northampton Institute became one of the first establishments in the world to educate optometrists.

1939-1945 The Northampton Institute once again played a key part in the war effort, providing training courses for munitions, military optical aids and electronic digital computers and calculators in accounting, costing and management, laying the groundwork for the foundation of the British Computer Society.

1946 The Institute began a period of expansion that set the stage for its transition into The City University in 1966. Between 1946 and 1956 the number of courses grew and academic research became more important.

1955 The Northampton Institute offered a summer school on the use of electronic digital computers and calculators in accounting, costing and management, laying the groundwork for the foundation of the British Computer Society.

1957 Following a Government review highlighting the growing need for technical and scientific personnel in British industry, the Northampton Institute became a College of Advanced Technology, with a mandate to increase student numbers, offer advanced degrees and retain its close links with industry.

1963 The Northampton College began to construct its first hall of residence, close to the City of London.

1966 The University was created by Royal Charter. Dr James Tail was appointed as its first Vice-Chancellor and Oliver Thompson its first Pro-Chancellor. Their approach to the Lord Mayor of London led to a unique arrangement that continues today, in which the Lord Mayor is invited to be the Rector of City, University of London.

1969 The Drysdale and Centenary Buildings were completed. The University Building opened a year later and the Tall Building in 1974. Dr James Tail was knighted for services to higher education.

1971 The astronauts of Apollo 15 visited City and presented Vice-Chancellor Sir Perth in a protective garment, which came from the Apollo 15 command module.

1975 The first students of City’s new degree in Music began their studies and benefitted from City’s links with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

1976 City launched a Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism, capitalising on its proximity to Fleet Street and its long experience of educating for the professions.

1977 The Centre for Legal Studies was established and the Graduate Diploma in Law was offered for the first time.

1988 The School of Engineering was formed under the guidance of Professor Ludwig Finkelstein, its first Dean.

1990 The School of Informatics was formed, bringing together the departments of Information Science, Business Computing and Computer Science. Undergraduate degrees in Law were offered for the first time.

1995 St Bartholomew School of Nursing and Midwifery and the Charterhouse College of Radiography were incorporated into the University and became parts of the School of Health Sciences.

2001 Following a generous donation from the Sir John Cass Foundation towards the Business School’s new building, the School was renamed the Sir John Cass Business School. Her Majesty the Queen opened the new building two years later.

2004 The Social Sciences Building (now Broad) was opened.

2010 Professor Paul Curran was appointed as City’s seventh Vice-Chancellor. The University was ranked in the top five per cent of universities in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and in the top 30 higher education institutions in the UK by the Times Higher Education.

2012 City agreed its ambitious Strategic Plan 2012 to 2016.

2014 Forty per cent of City’s total academic staff assessed as producing research of world-leading or internationally excellent quality in the national Research Excellence Framework.

2015 City achieved its highest ever score in the National Student Survey and was positioned No1 in London.

2016 City celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Royal Charter. Professor Paul Curran was knighted for services to higher education. City joined the University of London federation in September 2016, becoming an independent institution of the collegiate university.

2017 HRH The Princess Royal unveils a plaque to mark the opening of City’s new main entrance on Northampton Square. A new sculpture is also revealed outside the main entrance, representing one of the cloaks that form part of City’s crest.

City’s tradition of providing high-quality education relevant to business and the professions dates back over 160 years. For many of our graduates, time spent at City laid the groundwork for careers that have changed the world we live in.
Life at university is about more than just your in-class experience. Activities are taking place on Open Days that are designed to help you learn more about City and have fun at the same time.

‘London is your campus’ virtual reality experience

Have you ever tried virtual reality? Do you want to explore why we think London is our campus? Fly around the skies of London to visit where City alumni now work, view placement opportunities for current students and see how close London tourist attractions are. Try our VR experience from 10am to 3pm, available in Level 1 Tait Building entrance.

City stamp competition

You will have received a City Stampcard (among other things) in your Open Day pack. The aim of this card is for you to get to know our campus and collect stamps as you go.

Return your fully stamped card by 3pm and you will be entered in to a competition to win one of ten £100 Amazon vouchers.
In case of fire
Fire alarm sounders are located in all parts of the building. On hearing a continuous alarm, please leave the building immediately by the nearest fire exit or as advised by fire wardens who are identified by their yellow high-visibility jackets. Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so by the wardens.

Accessibility
We welcome students and guests with disabilities and will support you both as an Open Day visitor and as a student if you choose to study at City in the future. All parts of the University are fully wheelchair accessible. If you require any information on access issues prior to your visit please contact us via the email address below.

If you would like any section of this publication in an accessible format, please email citypublications@city.ac.uk or call +44(0)20 7040 8631. For all other enquiries, please use the contact details below.

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