Cass Business School Placements and Study Abroad Online Chat Session

Find out more about the placement and study abroad opportunities on Cass Business School courses.

Thank you for joining us for today's Online Chat session. This session is for Cass Business School students to find out more about the Placement and Study Abroad options available to you during your course. You can also ask questions about life at City, University of London and Cass Business School generally, including advice on moving to London. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). 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 a mixture of current students and staff who work at the University-you can find out more about them below!

Hello everyone. My name is Zhuliyana. I am UK Marketing and Recruitment Officer at City. Feel free to ask me any questions you might have.

Hi! I’m Katie and I work within the Student Exchange/ Study Abroad team. If you have any questions about studying abroad as part of your degree please ask me a question!

Hi, My name is Uma and I am a BSc. Actuarial Science student at Cass Business School. I did a placement at UBS Asset Management in London after my second year and was offered to come back after I graduate. If you have any questions about placements, I will be happy to answer them.

Hi everyone, my name is Mohammed. I am part of the Cass undergraduate Placements and Internships team. I will be at hand to answer your questions relating to taking a placement year.

Cass Business School: This is Extraordinary Calling

https://youtu.be/Lrms09_GO6A

Hi, my name is Devika and I am a final year student studying BSc Management at Cass Business School. I did a study abroad term at Ross Business School, University of Michigan in my 2nd year and would be happy to chat with you about my experiences.
If you have just joined the chat, please feel free to post any questions about placements and study abroad! We are happy to answer them.

Is it possible to do both study abroad and work placement as part of my degree at Cass?

So those students who study Actuarial Science and Accounting & Finance, unfortunately it isn’t possible to study abroad and take a 1 year work placement. However you could apply for our Study Abroad Sandwich Year programme. Students would apply to Study Abroad for 1 term and then take up a work placement abroad for the other term. This work placement abroad would be self-organised. For those students studying on the Business Management, Finance, Banking & International Finance, Investment & Financial Risk Management degrees you would have the opportunity to apply to study abroad and take a work placement as part of your degree. The study abroad programme would take place during the first term of the second year.

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What Katie said is correct. As I am part of the management degree, I was able to do the study abroad term at Ross Business School, USA and I also did a placement year at Bosch, UK.

Hello. I wonder whether uni will help us to find a job for the placement year or not.

Hi, Thank you for your question. The team advertise a number of work placement and summer internships annually, and invite businesses to Cass to meet with you and discuss the roles available. The team offers 1-2-1 advice on CV’s and covering letters, as well as organising workshops to help you enhance your skills and competencies with applications and interviews. We also do receive placement roles from companies who want to exclusively take on a Cass student.

Devika Punchhi and @Umadevi Dassaye, can you please tell me more about your experiences of studying abroad and being on a work placement?
Working at UBS was an excellent experience. It gave me the chance to engage in a professional environment and learn about investment management and corporate strategy. I was part of the Strategy team and worked on strategic projects to help the company grow its business. I enjoyed working in London and learning about how investment management works. I also received valuable training and even sponsored me to get an additional qualification. It was also great as I got an offer to join their investment team when I graduate!

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My study abroad experience was very good. When I decided that this is something I want to do, I definitely felt like I made the correct choice.

Moreover, as City University offers a number of partner universities, there was a huge variety of schools for me to choose among. As I was keen on USA, the study abroad team helped me evaluate my options and encouraged me to do the term abroad.

Overall, it was a very good cultural experience and I made some good friends, saw a different way of learning and even got a chance to work with PWC as part of a project.

Being an international student on a Tier 4 visa, this was a very good opportunity to avail as I got the best of both worlds by being able to go to a completely different country and get a new university experiences, as well as the ability to maintain my status and get access to resources from City University of London.

That has been really useful! Thanks for your answers. How likely is employers keep you after a placement?

It really depends on the company. Some firms would typically take 50% of their placement interns for their graduate positions, but some can take even less. So you need to work hard during the placement to secure a graduate offer. But I would say placements is the best route to go if you want to secure a position as a graduate in a company because you would have one year’s experience that the firm will highly value and would want to keep you.

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Hi, you can also sign up to receiving emails regarding the internship and placement opportunities that are regularly advertised on the City University job board.
That has been really useful! Thanks for your answers. How likely is that employers keep you after a placement?

Hi, there is a good chance the company may keep you on. Although it does depend on the company's business needs. We have had a number of students secure graduate roles after their placements with the company. We encourage students to take the opportunity and impress their employer as that will make the company want to keep you on and offer a graduate role. More and more top companies are starting to use the placement and summer internship route to recruit for their graduate roles.

If you would like more information on which partner universities you can study abroad at and the locations, check out our webpage here: https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/student-intranet/your-academic-journey/study-abroad

Cass Undergraduate: Avin Abraham Work Placement Experience
https://youtu.be/b5rUt7w-mjM
How easy or difficult is it to complete your application for placement or study abroad?

The application process for most companies in the UK has several steps: 1) online test, 2) Video or phone interviews and 3) Assessment day - which is a full or half day of interviews with partners/managing directors and case studies and tests. The process is long, but not difficult if you have done your research and prepared well. The Cass placement team is very helpful in preparing students for interviews and assessment days.

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It is very straightforward. For the study abroad, the study abroad team will support you and send you emails about the steps that are meant to be followed. It would also be helpful to read through the text published under the city university study abroad scheme: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/international/exchange-and-study-abroad/city-student-exchange](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/international/exchange-and-study-abroad/city-student-exchange)

Also do some external research regarding different countries requirements for visa.

Additionally, the visa compliance team at City University are also a good resource for finding out how to go about the process.

**Student Exchange Opportunities**

Find out about Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students at City who have taken an international placement as part of their studies.

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**Cass Undergraduate: Jasmine Tan Work Placement Experience**

[jasmine_tan_workplacement_experience](https://youtu.be/XGkTRUW0xM)

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How easy or difficult is it to complete your application for placement or study abroad?

The application process for a placement year varies and depends on the company. The big companies usually have a few steps while others may only have a short CV and covering letter application. The placements team along with the City Careers team offer 1-2-1 application advice and offer a number of resources to help you succeed. Also students may book a mock interview to help with interview scenarios.
are you guaranteed a job during your placement year?

Hi, a graduate offer is not guaranteed, it is basically a one year internship where the managers will look at how you perform and then offer you a job based on your performance during the year. But placements, in my opinion, is the best way to secure a job from an employer as you would have spent a full year in the company.

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Hi, Thank you for your question. The placement year job is not guaranteed as you have to go through the application process. However the placements team offer a number of opportunities to help you secure a role. We can review your application and provide expert advice through the stages.

And concerning the placements, are you guaranteed a placement during your placement year? In other words, how do you normally receive a placement? It could be a waste of a year if you don’t receive a placement.

Please see above reply. Placements are not guaranteed however they are offered extensive support. If students do not secure a placement role, they do have the option to come back and complete their 3rd and final year.

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Cass Business School Campus Tour
https://youtu.be/A8T5Tt59yMU

I’m quite confused by what Katie Hughes stated, why is it not possible that accounting and finance students take a year work placement? I applied for work placement and received a conditional offer for it. However, I’m still waiting for a reply whether I’ll be receiving unconditional offer.
Hi, thank you for clarifying. It is possible for Accounting & Finance and Actuarial Science students to apply for the 1 year work placement. Unfortunately Accounting & Finance and Actuarial Science students can't apply for both the 1 year Work Placement and Study Abroad programme. To help you please find the webpages for Accounting & Finance [https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/accounting-and-finance](https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/accounting-and-finance) and Actuarial Science [https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/actuarial-science](https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/actuarial-science).

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Hi, just to extend on Mohammed’s point. To get a placement at any company, you will have to go through their application process - interviews, tests and so on. It is not guaranteed that you get offered one, but it is certainly possible. I am an international student from Mauritius and I had to go through the application of several companies to get my placement offer.

This session has now ended. Thank you for all of your questions! If you have any further questions please email ug enquiries@city.ac.uk.