MSc Speech and Language Therapy online chat session

This CityChat session is for anyone interested in studying our MSc Speech and Language Therapy course. The session will be run by current students and academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life 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 others.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our MSc Speech and Language Therapy 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 this course 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!

Hi, I’m Abigael Levin. I’m a speech and language therapist and a member of the clinical teaching team here at City, University of London. I look forward to answering your questions.

Hi, my name is Zhulyana. I work in the Marketing Department at City. Let me know if you have any questions. Happy to answer them :)

Hi everyone! My name is Kirsty and I am a current, first year student on the MSc Speech and Language Therapy course. I studied my undergraduate degree in Psychology. I’m looking forward to answering your questions.

Hi, I’m Susan, I work in the marketing team here at City and I’m looking forward to helping to answer your questions.

Hello, my name is Paul Turner. I’m Divisional Lead in Language and Communication Science. I’m looking forward to answering your questions today.

Hi all, I’m Latisha and I work as Admissions Offer here at City!

Hi, I just wondered what the process is like on the selection day and what I can expect? What type of questions will I be asked and will I benefit from preparing anything?

On selection day we invite a number of applicants all at once and you will be interviewed in a multiple mini interview set up with four different interviewers. All applicants are asked the same questions and are given marks for the quality of their answers. All applicants who reach the required score will be offered a place.

Hello! What is the best way to prepare for the course apart from work experience and volunteering? Also when do we hear back about whether we have secured a place on the course?
Hi! Once you’ve been accepted on the course, there is an optional reading list sent to you which I found helpful. I read a couple of the books on there, but I would personally say work experience is the most important thing! I believe I found out I was on the course approx two weeks after my interview.

Sorry I forgot to add, I have applied for MSc speech and language therapy.

Hello! What is the best way to prepare for the course apart from work experience and volunteering? Also when do we hear back about whether we have secured a place on the course?
Hello, you will receive a suggested pre-course reading list. You are not expected to read them all, but focus on the topics where you are weaker.

Hi, my name is [name] and I have an interview next for the MSc Speech and Language Therapy course. Great to meet you all! I was wondering, is there a module which includes Dysphagia?

Hi! Good luck for your interview. Yes we do, I am currently studying a module which includes Dysphagia. We tried out thickened fluids this week.

Hi Everyone nice to meet you all! My name is [name] and I have applied to study of speech and language pathology MSc at City. Kristy what has it been like transitioning from psychology to speech therapy?

Hi! I found the transition relatively straightforward. The Psychology module in particular had a lot of familiar concepts to me. There is also a lot of psychology throughout other modules, such as Dysfluency. The only areas which were a little challenging for me were the Phonetics and Linguistics as I had never covered these before - I'd recommend doing a little bit of reading beforehand so some of the terms are familiar to you.

I read that during the interviews service users may be present, is that correct?

Hi [name], yes that's correct. They will be accompanied by a lecturer from the course.

Hi I'm [name], I have applied for MSc Speech and Language. I was just wondering what way the placements work.

Hi [name], all clinical placements are arranged by the placements administration team here at City, University of London. We have a variety of one day a week placements during term time and miniblock placements in the Summer. In the first term of MSc1, we currently ask students to find their own pre-clinical placements of 3 days in a typical early years setting and 3 half days in a setting with typically aging people. Placements are allocated from a students home address and we aim for students to be travelling up to and around an hour and a half as our placements are mainly within the greater London area. Your journey to placement may be longer if you live a long way from City.

Hi [name], that's interesting. What is your favourite module on the course? They all look fantastic!
Hi! As a psychology graduate, I do have a soft spot for the Psychology module! But I also really enjoy the Biological Science module, particularly the topics on Ear, Nose and Throat and Neurology. It is within this module that you learn about different neurological disorders, which I am very interested in.

Hello, I'm [Redacted] and I've been invited for a selection day in February. I was just wondering what does the selection day consist of?

Hi [Redacted]. On selection day we invite a number of applicants all at once and you will be interviewed in a multiple mini interview set up with four different interviewers. All applicants are asked the same questions and are given marks for the quality of their answers. All applicants who reach the required score will be offered a place.

Are classes typically everyday for many hours? What is a typical week like?

Yes, days are usually quite full! When I return in the New Year, I will have three days where I am in 9-6 with lectures all day, except an hour for lunch. There is also one day where I am on placement, and the 5th day is an independent study day.

Could anyone give an idea of the contact hours for the course? I'm aware its slightly different to undergrad BSc!

It is roughly 20 hours per week.

What is the assessment structure on the MSc? How often do you complete assignments and what format do they take?

The assessment varies from exams, class tests, and coursework. I currently have a Linguistics Data Analysis assignment which I am working on, and I have one exam in the exam period after Christmas.

Also, does everyone have to be interviewed before they receive an offer? and roughly how long is it before we hear back after an interview?

Hi [Redacted], yes everyone has to have an interview, and ideally we would like to get offers out within a week or so so :-)

If possible, I would like to have the reading list as well

We normally sent the reading list out to offer holders in the spring term.

On average, how many students are placed into the cohort each year?
Hi, it ranges from 100-120

One of the aspects that caught my attention about City was the multidimensional learning style with moodle, clinicals and group work. I was wondering how the clinical placements work?

Hi, the clinical placements are one day a week during terms and mini blocks during the summer. Placements are organised within the university. While you are on clinical placements you will be supported by a HCPC registered speech and language therapist who will guide you while working with clients. You will have placements with both children and adults.

I was wondering if it would be possible to describe what a typical week would be like for the MSc in S&L Therapy

Weeks change very frequently! In your first term, you are mainly based at university - often with lectures from 9am-6pm. After Christmas, you start to have your clinical placement on one day a week and are in lectures the rest of the week.

Hi everyone, my name is [redacted]. I'm currently at undergraduate English literature and modern languages undergraduate, and I'm considering doing a masters to qualify as a speech pathologist. I was wondering how important it is to have a scientific background when applying for and studying on this course?

Hi there, we accept any subject, but it must be a 2.1

On average, how many students are placed into the cohort each year?

Hi, we take approximately 100 students per year onto the course.

In terms of summer block placements, do students get to choose/express a preference for a certain time period or are they all allocated?

Hi, students can express a preference for their preferred client groups. But we may not be able to meet the students' specific requests. We will make sure that every student has had paediatric and adult placements as per the guidance from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

Hiya, I'm [redacted]. I haven't applied yet but I'm interested in some point in the future in studying your MSc Speech and Language Therapy. I was wondering how much time would be spent on campus per week? And also, how do the placements work? Can we choose where to do them? I work in Brighton and have a young baby so I'm not sure yet if the course will be doable for me! Thanks for your help :)

Hi, thanks for joining us! Placements are typically 1 day per week during term and then a block in the summer, and 3 days a week on campus - this does vary across the year though. Abigail is replying to another question about whether you choose where to do placements, so please look out for this answer and let us know if you'd like any more info.
What are the facilities at the university like? Is the library open 24/7?

Hello :) The library is open 24/7 only in exam periods of the year.

What's the timing like of assignments/assessments throughout the year?

We have a course plan which details all the hand in and return dates. Many assessments will be towards the end of the term, but we review the timetable each year and try to split them up.

Hi everyone I've applied for the MSc Speech and Language Therapy course. Is there a lot of catching up to do if you have not done a Science degree but have come from a linguistics background?

Hi! There is quite a lot of science content to the course, but they do not assume you have any prior knowledge so you won't be at a disadvantage. I had the opposite concern to you when I started - I come from a science background but have never done Linguistics at all! Everyone comes from different backgrounds, so we all have different strengths and weaknesses and the lecturers take that into consideration.

In America, we have work studies where students can work on campus to help support themselves. I read on a UK student visa I would have the opportunity to work 20 hours a week, are there opportunities available to work within the university?

Hi there are opportunities to work as a student ambassador, but your hours would need to comply with international allowance. This is something to be mindful of.

What are the facilities at the university like? Is the library open 24/7?

It is open 24/7 during the revision and exam periods. It is open until late the rest of the year.

In the Selection Day interviews, what qualities do you look for in potential students?

Hi we are looking for applicants who can answer the questions clearly and concisely demonstrating good communication skills. In the multiple mini-interviews you have around 8 minutes per interviewer.

How well does the university cater to those who are disabled or have illnesses? Do they offer any support?
We have special student services that can help you with that. Here is more info about it: https://studenthub.city.ac.uk/help-and-support/disability-support

Disability support | Student Hub
The Disability Support team supports students with a range of diagnosed disabilities and long-term health conditions.

Hello everyone, my name is [redacted] and I've applied to the MSc in Speech and Language Therapy. I'm from Canada and was wondering if the interview process done through Skype will be similar to those conducted at City. Will there be multiple interviewers and service users present?

Hi [redacted] if you are having a Skype interview this will be with a single interviewer.

If we have not got an offer after a week is it unlikely that we have not got an offer?

Hi [redacted] we will inform you either way in an email.

In terms of getting an offer, would that be emailed to us or sent in the post?

You would receive it via email :)

If we have not got an offer after a week is it unlikely that we have not got an offer?

We have yet to send out offers following the recent selection days. It will take us a few weeks to process all the applications and scores. You should receive the week before Christmas.

Hi, question for Kirsty if that's okay, but how did you find the selection process and is there any advice you would give to those who have interviews coming up?

I actually found the selection process surprisingly enjoyable! For my selection process, we had mini multiple interviews where we went into different rooms and spoke to different people for a very short amount of time (roughly 5 minutes each). I found this much less intimidating than a panel interview and I thought it was great to be able to speak to lots of different interviewers. I would advise to research the course (the website is really useful) and think about the many different client groups that SLTs work with.

I'm a (quite) mature student intending on a career change - background in Linguistics and English language teaching - do you have many career change students? Or are most of the students younger/straight from undergrad studies?
Hi, we have lots of students from all sorts of backgrounds on the MSc programmes. There are students who have recently graduated from their first degree and people who are looking for a career change.

I did my interview last week and I had an email saying that I would hear back before Christmas, have you got any idea what that means?

Hi, this means that you will hear back from us around then regarding whether you have got a place or not.

My undergrad university used to award bursaries for excellent academic performance. Are there similar reward programs at City for post graduate students?

You might find this search bar useful https://www.city.ac.uk/studyfees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries
Funding support available for students studying at City, University of London.

Kirsty, from the student perspective, would you say you have a lot of free time outside of uni to engage in extra curricular activities and society events?

Hi! The course is very busy, but if you’re good at managing your time you can certainly take part in societies. I’m currently a part of the University of London Canoe Polo society, as well as singing in a choir - I’d definitely recommend joining a society, it’s a nice way to relax and do something that isn’t so academic.

What societies are there at the university?

We have a whole range of societies available. Here is a snapshot https://www.citystudents.co.uk/getinvolved/societies/

Societies
Hi I'm a third year psychology student and hoping to apply for the speech and language msc. But I was just curious about what is the best way to fund the course as I am struggling to find a way to fund for a two Yr course. I know the student loan company do a loan but it doesn't cover both years. Does city uni offer bursaries or scholarships or anything like that? I am very passionate to join but I really don't know if I could afford to join and just wanted some advice.

Hi. The Studnet Loans for Health MScs are different to other MScs. You get the same terms as an undergraduate course, i.e. a loan for both years of fees and living costs.

How many people are interviewed compared with how many people get an offer?

Hi there, if you an on-time applicant and you meet the entry requirements, you are invited to an interview. Depending on how many acceptances take place, we may have to interview more or less late applications. It is difficult to say as it changes year on year.

Is there any opportunity through the university to learn British Sign Language?

There is a BSL societies but not a formal course you can do, to best of my knowledge.

For the skype interview, do we need any specific documents? Online for the selection day interview it mentioned passports etc.

Hi no you do not need to provide anything.

Are there opportunities to get placements within learning disability?

yes, there is.

Hi, I'm thinking about applying to your MSc Speech and Language therapy. Are the exams written or verbal?

There are both written and oral exams on the course, as well as courseworks.

Hi all, I'm haven't applied for the MSc yet but hoping to submit a late application. Are places allocated to students who make the deadline first?

Hi there, you can still apply however we cannot guarantee that places will be available. If you apply after the deadline please be aware that your application could be withdrawn at any stage.
Kirsty, what would you say your favourite aspects are of the course and the most challenging aspects?

Hi! My favourite aspect of the course so far focuses on learning about the different client groups that we will encounter. I particularly enjoy learning about the progressive and non-progressive neurological disorders (Parkinson’s Disease etc). I find the phonetics aspect of the course the most challenging as I have never studied this area before, but it’s really interesting!

Thanks for all your comments! How come some students hear before others about getting on to the course or not?

Some students are holding offers from last year.

In my experience in South Africa, most of the masters degrees are for the most part independent study, is it the same at City?

For the MSc in Speech and Language Therapy there is a large amount of taught content as well as clinical placements. There is a requirement to complete independent study also.

Hi Paul, please could you explain the loan? I was under the impression I would only get £10,500 as you would get for a normal masters and that I would have to find the 8,000 excess myself.

No for health MScs you get loans for fees for the whole course even if you have had a loan before. You also get loans for two years of living expenses.

Are the students in the program close? I am international student so am wondering what the best way to meet friends would be!

Hi! I would say the best way to make friends would be to join societies, including the Speech and Language Society but any other groups you’d be interested in. These are really good opportunities to meet other people.

Hello my name is and I am currently studying Speech and Language Sciences in Canada and looking to apply for the MSc SLT. Is there a limit on how many international students are accepted.

Hi there, yes we are limited to how many we can accept, but we do accept a fair amount of international students.

How does the university assist overseas students with finding suitable accommodation before making the move to London?
We have plenty of support. You can read more here: https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/postgraduate

Postgraduate accommodation
City, University of London students can apply for a place in our modern halls of residence or get help with finding private accommodation in London.

Hiya, thanks for replying to my message Susan. So I understand that students will generally be on campus three times a week for lectures, plus one day a week on placement which will all be in the Greater London area. I'm still unsure as to whether this course will be flexible enough for me - would you suggest that I give you a call maybe to discuss further? Thank you

Yes, we will be happy to chat with you :)

Funding/Financial related question - given the workload is it possible to work (part time for example) on the MSc programme?

It is! I currently work part time while studying. I would recommend a flexible or zero hour contract so that you can pick up shifts when it suits you. There will be sometimes when you are busier than others, so working every weekend or every evening may not be ideal.

Thank you Kirsty. I believe, I may experience a similar phenomenon. I'm coming from a Linguistics background. I have a Masters in Linguistics. Would you all recommend some subject matter that will help to transition?

You may find the Anatomy and physiology aspects of the course to be quite different to your previous studies, so may wish to explore these further.

I am an avid traveler and would love to combine my career and travel passion. The opportunity to work abroad at the end of the course is outstanding. How do the placements for that program work?

Hi, with a MSc in speech and language therapy there is a mutual agreement across Australia, Canada, South Africa to recognise the qualification to practice in those countries. Although each country might have specific requirements that you as the student would need to keep track of. This is typically related to your placement experiences.

do you choose a supervisor for your final year dissertation? Or is it chosen for you
You put down your preferences and we try to allocate your supervisor according to this. Sometimes we might assign you one according to availability.

I was just curious about the duration of the admission process as I have not heard back even after applying on time. Being an international student I am required to take the IELTS. So will I hear back about the interview only after I have submitted my score?

Hi [name], have you been interviewed yet? If so, you should hear before Christmas. If not, we are working through our Skype interviews and you should hear soon. Please contact our Admissions Office if you don’t hear soon.

Hi Paul, thank you so much. This brings great relief to me.

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Hi there, we have been in touch with you and have asked that once you have your results, let us know and we can see if your scores meet our entry requirements.

In terms of accommodation, would you recommend if we commute (only 40 mins) or we live in London?

I have moved to London because my commute would be over an hour and a half each way and I think that’s too far for me! The majority of people on my course at the moment do commute, however - some commute for over an hour so a 40 minute commute would certainly be possible.

For placements, do we pair up with other students or do we attend individually?

Hi [name], students can be on their own or in placements. It depends on how many students the placement requests.

Hello, regarding the clinical placement, I wonder if it’s usually within the city? And how long does it take for us to travel? (If I leave from uni)

Hi! Placements can be anywhere within London. The team try to ensure that you do not have to travel more than an hour and a half from where you are living.

What are the positives of studying this degree in London in comparison to smaller cities?

You get a lot of work experience opportunities. You can also benefit from the social life in the City - something which I appreciated a lot when I was a student. Of course, you have to consider your financial situation and the expenses associated with living in London.
Thank you so much for taking the time to answer our questions in the chat. This is extremely helpful and insightful.

Hi everyone. My name is [Redacted] and recently applied to the course. How many of your hours are seminar based on average. And how do you choose your supervisor for the dissertation part of the course?

Hi [Redacted], the course includes around 3 days a week on campus, plus placement time. This does vary though so won’t be the same every week. You would select your preferred project from a selection of options, which would detail who the supervisors are too.

I was speaking to a Speech and Language Therapist, she informed me of the rise of mental health issues in Speech and Language Therapy. I was just wondering would we be learning about this during the course of the MSc?

Hi, there are lectures about mental health within the programme.

Hi, I was a late applicant but I have been invited to interview. Is that interview now secured or is it possible that it might be withdrawn beforehand?

Hi there, if you have been invited to interview then you have not yet been made an offer - you should attend interview as to not miss the opportunity of a place.

Do you have employability statistics about this course?

The most recent statistics show that more than 90% of graduates are in employment 6 months after completing the course.

What does the pre course entail?

It covers a lot of anatomy and physiology, and an introduction to professional studies.

Are there any additional funding options specific to this course at all?
If I were you I would like at the page below [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding)

**Fees and funding**

Find out about fees at City, as well as the range of funding options.

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Is there any advice you can give to help us prepare for the interviews?

I would recommend you research the course well, and have a good idea of the many different client groups that SLTs work with - including those that have difficulties with swallowing.

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Does this mean there will be less places available on the course if some students have an offer from last year?

Hi there, yes that's correct.

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If we receive an offer - is there a deadline to accept the offer before? If so when?

Yes there will be a deadline which will be stated in the offer letter. It will be a three or four weeks after offering.

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What would a typical day in clinics look like?

A day on placement will be an varied depending on the placement setting. We have placements in nurseries, schools, colleges, clinics, hospitals, day centres, etc. The placement day will be very much like a working day for your supervising clinician.

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For MSc Speech and language therapy, what would you say is the most challenging part of the course and what is the most enjoyable part? For challenging modules, is there any way we can prepare for them, for example, any reading or specific work experience we can undertake?

I would say the most challenging part of the course for me personally is the Phonetics. I have never studied this before so it was a brand new area for me. I enjoy learning about the different client groups that SLTs work with, particularly those with neurological disorders and cancer.

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In regards to a late application, is this from now? I read online that the deadline was in October and reopened again. If we choose to apply and the spaces have all been filled, are we able to apply again in the September following?
The course is still open for the 2020 intake. If the course becomes full and you are put on a waiting list it is unlikely that you will be offered a place for the following year.

Often times with schools in North America they will list the requirements or “cut off” to apply within a program but in reality the accepted students have an academic standing significantly higher. I see that for City the requirement is a 2.1 , does having a 2.1 put one in a relatively good position for acceptance or do most accepted applicants have a higher academic standing?

Hi there, to enter our programme applicants must have 2.1 (or equivalent) or higher.

When would the pre course start?

On the 1st of September

Thanks for the answers, this is super helpful. I have a question on placements. Are you given a mentor on placement, who signs you off competencies similar to nursing?

Hi, on placement students are allocated a practice educator who supports the students clinical learning. This means that they observe you working with clients and give you feedback and in some instances assess you.

Hi I’m applying for SL course too. In terms of statistics, is there any further support for students that haven’t studied statistics before? Thank you.

The lectures will give you lots of information and support, so you’re not expected to be at an advanced level when you join.

What does the pre-course consist of? Great idea.

Most anatomy and physiology combined with professional studies.

Hi, I’m and like most here I have applied for the MSc Speech and Language therapy. I was wondering what introductory readings you could recommend, or if there are any particular clinicians/researchers or any particular papers that are considered to be especially influential and therefore would be beneficial to read, or at least gain some familiarity with?

Once you receive an offer, there is an optional reading list that is sent out. I read a couple of these books before I started, but I wouldn’t worry too much about doing a lot of pre-reading. They do not assume anyone has prior knowledge.
Roughly how many people turn up to interview a year? What are the chances of an offer?

We interview about 250 people each year. Not everyone who is offered a place takes it up. We probably make about 160 offers each year.

What does the pre course involve?

Mostly anatomy and physiology combined with professional studies.

Are both years weighted equally in terms of assessments?

Yes they are.

Ah this is great. I like that you can get stuck in.

Hi Latisha, thanks for your response. Sorry, my question was: is it still possible that my invitation to interview could be withdrawn because I applied late? Or will I 100% have that interview?

Hi there, if you have been invited to interview, your offer may not be for a place on the course, but for the waiting list should you be offered as places fill up. Hope this makes sense!

Hi, I have never used Moodle before for coursework is it relatively easy to navigate?

Yes, it is very intuitive. You would not have problems with it.

Are there research opportunities as well as clinical placements?

Hi, each student will complete a research project as part of their MSc, there are also some opportunities that might arise related to research activity within the Division.

Thank you for answering our questions. It is so helpful and making me feel at ease.
Are interviews offered based on academics only or does the process also favour those with significant related experience? For example if you meet the 2:1 requirement and also have various experience in different settings with different types of clients would this be an asset to your application or is it simply academic based?

Work experience is taken into account. During the interview, I talked mainly about my relevant work experience and found it super helpful to have it to refer too.

Are new intakes going to have mentors particularly at initial placements?

Hi each student has a practice educator for each clinical placement.

Do a lot students choose to volunteer abroad at the end of the course?

We have a project in Cambodia and we send roughly 8-9 per year.

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Yes you have a practice educator who looks after you on placement. We also have a student mentoring scheme, MSc2s mentor MSc1s.

What area will each interviewer cover?

Hi, this is tricky to answer without giving you an advantage which would be unfair. But we are looking to see why you want to be a SLT, what you know of the profession and the programme.

Hi, I have recently completed two work experiences; one in a community setting and another in a hospital setting- will this be beneficial to talk about in the interview?

Yes these experiences should be useful at interview.

Thanks for the responses! If I received a conditional offer upon graduating from my current university and I am an international student, when do I start applying for a visa and filling out any paperwork?

I am afraid we cannot answer this question. I would suggest you speak with our visa advise office. T: +44 (0)20 7040 7040 E: visadvice@city.ac.uk
Thank you, this session was really helpful

You are welcome :)

Thanks for the responses! If I received a conditional offer upon graduating from my current university and I am an international student, when do I start applying for a visa and filling out any paperwork?

Hi there, visas start being issued in May-June. You would need to meet the conditions of your offer first, as to start visas you must have an unconditional offer.

Kirsty- I also studied psychology as an undergraduate. Was the transition hard to graduate level work? I have been out of school for a few years now but have always been very driven academically. What work experience did you have prior to acceptance?

For me, I found the transition relatively straightforward but I did go straight into my Masters from my Undergrad - there are long hours but so far I've found there is significantly less independent study required than for my psychology degree. I had a years work experience placement (as part of my degree) at a children's charity that works with 0-25 year olds with all kind of disabilities such as cerebral palsy, Autism, Downs etc.

Having done a BSc in speech sciences I am aware the MSc is an intense course. What aspects of the course are most challenging and how can we prepare ourselves?

If you have done a BSc in Speech Sciences, you will have covered many relevant topics. Perhaps the professional studies modules will be the most challenging, but it depends on your individual strengths and weaknesses.

Hi Kirsty, are you able to give us an idea of the work experience you had prior to going on the course? I have some but not a lot.

I completed a sandwich course during my undergraduate course, where I worked for a year with children aged 0-25 which a wide range of disabilities. I have other friends on the course who shadowed a SLT for a couple of days, or volunteered in day centres for a few days a week for a couple of months.

When making offers, do our personal statements get considered as well as the interviews? I have upcoming work experience that I didn’t get to talk about in my interview.

Hi my understanding is that personal statements are considered prior to interview.

Thank you for all your answers so far, they’ve been really helpful! I was wondering what the career opportunities are like once graduating? Do graduates often get jobs in the field soon after finishing?
Hi, most students get employment as SLTs quite quickly after graduating. We have an employability rate of 96%.

Well done everyone for getting onto the course! Are offers usually sent out at the same time?

The offers for people who have been interviewed in November and December will all go out at the same time (before Christmas). People who are holding offers will have deferred from last year.

That sounds very interesting Kirsty, are there any opportunities for volunteering alongside study at City?

There are. Check this website for further information https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/city-opportunities/volunteering

**Community volunteering**

Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience and contribute to the community as a City student.

Kirsty, wondering if you have any advice on how to manage our time throughout this course and the qualities you think are needed to succeed throughout the year?

I would keep a really good diary of all your deadlines so you know what you need to do and when! Keeping up with the lecture content is also really important - after my lectures I go through all my notes to make sure I have everything I need. This really saves time when I have a later assignment.

I have a part time job, I am part of a choir and a sports team so you can definitely balance your time if you’re careful.

Kirsty, great thank you. Your undergraduate placement sounds interesting. I interned at an child outpatient clinic when I was a junior in undergrad and many of the psychologists worked with children with speech disorders.

That sounds great! I think that will be really useful to talk about in your interview.

Is there a minimum requirement of work experience needed to be accepted on the course?

Hi, there’s no minimum requirement, it’ll be how you use your experiences to answer interview questions.
Oh I didn’t realise you could get unconditional for the MSc! Congratulations! When did you hear?

You get an unconditional offer if you already have completed your BSc course and have relevant experience. People who are holding offers will have applied for the 2019 intake and have deferred or been on the waiting list and so offered a place for the following year.

I read that the program teaches a holistic approach. I am interested in alternative therapy methods as well as traditional ones. In undergrad at my placements we used pet therapy and art therapy. Would there be placements or research opportunities that incorporated this?

Hi [name], this sounds really interesting, but at the moment I’m not aware of any placements that are working alongside pet or art therapies. But lots of SLTs do work as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Thankyou Zhuilyana I will give that a read.

You are welcome :)

Is there a webpage or resource that is available which outlines the international equivalents to a 2:1.

This is a useful tool for checking overseas qualifications and if they are comparable to the required UK entry criteria: [https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/](https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/)
You can also contact our Admissions team if you’re unsure - [health@city.ac.uk](mailto:health@city.ac.uk)

Hello, my name is [name] and I have applied for MSc Speech therapy, thank you for this helpful chat. Sorry I have some catching up to do on this message thread but I was wondering whether you’re able to give an insight to the condition the service user on the selection day may have?

Hi [name], the service user on the day may have a communication difficulty such as, hearing impairment, laryngectomy, communication difficulties following a stroke or head injury, stammer, etc...

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Currently, UK students can access the full student undergraduate loan system again for their SLT Masters as it is a Health course. So my fees get paid for directly by Student Finance England, and I get money for living costs too which depends upon my parents income - you receive a weighted London bonus for this.

Thanks for all the responses so far, they have been more than insightful! Anyway, do students move on to pursue a PhD/research in speech pathology upon graduation from this programme?

Yes a few students do, but PhD studentships are very competitive.

Thank you administrators for this informative session it has been very helpful. Best of success to all the applicants!!

I was just wondering about the academic support - are students assigned to a personal tutor?

Yes, you have a personal tutor and a placement tutor. You will meet with them throughout the year.

Just want to say thank you for making this chat session possible. The course sounds fantastic!

Thank you everyone for your help at this session, good luck everyone!

In the interview, if there is a service user present, what are you looking for e.g. how we interact/communicate with them?

Yes that's right.

You are very welcome :)
Is there any more details about the pre course? Or will the information be forwarded to us in due course?

Information was sent to me a couple of weeks before the start with a timetable etc. It was mainly introductory and focused on basic physiology and anatomy.

Is BSL offered?

No not as standard. There is a BSL study net society.

So the pre course starts on the 1 September? Will the course start straight after that?

Yes, the pre course for me started on the 1st September. There is ‘Freshers Week’ in between before lectures start.

I think I read this somewhere but unsure - Is there an opportunity to study another language as a postgrad at City?

We have free language courses available to students. See details below: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/arts-social-sciences/centre-for-language-studies

Centre for Language Studies
The Centre for Language Studies at City, University of London - teaching language and culture to City staff and students.

Many thanks for this chat, it’s been really helpful and informative! Wishing everybody the best of luck.

Is there anywhere to find more specific module details, rather than just the general module title list on the MSc SLT page?

Good question. We will add some brief details to the webpage. Once you are registered on the course all the module specs are available on Moodle.

Thank you for your time and help!

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