A global university

Global outlook, global impact, global reach.

This is City.

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For 125 years, City, University of London has been providing education and research of the highest quality.

Central to this has been our global outlook, our location in the heart of a global city and our globally diverse community. Educational excellence, renowned academics and professional standing attract students and staff from more than 160 countries around the world. Our world-leading research addresses contemporary issues of global concern and we work in partnership with some of the world’s leading universities.

Building on our reputation for academic excellence, our vision is to be a leading global university and our purpose is to transform the lives of our students; create new knowledge; support business and the professions and contribute to the global good of society. Central to this and achieving our strategic priorities of ‘better’ and ‘bigger’ are our partnerships with international universities. They enhance the quality of the education we provide and the impact of the research we produce. Moreover, they allow us to extend our global reach and increase our global profile.

As part of our Internationalisation Strategy, City is committed to deepening and strengthening its strategic partnerships. It will also build new partnerships with universities that, similar to us, are ambitious, globally oriented and value diversity.

Professor Stanton Newman
Vice-President International

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140k+ global alumni members and a world network of alumni ambassadors

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London, a prime location

We are the University of the City of London. Based in the heart of the capital, we have always had strong links with London’s Square Mile, the financial and professional heart of Britain.

Our location provides access to the leading cultural, sporting and social opportunities available in a major world city. That is what makes London at the top of QS Top Universities Best Student Cities in the World.

Our close ties with the many world-leading financial and professional institutions on our doorstep are vital to ensure our degree programmes:

• fit the changing professional needs of a globalised world;
• allow for work placement opportunities with major employers;
• provide our graduates with excellent employment prospects.

A rich heritage

Since 1894, we have maintained the tradition of providing education of the highest quality, relevant to business and the professions. We are proud of our Victorian heritage and our roots that go back to the founding of the Inns of Court School of Law (1832), St Bartholomew’s College of Nursing and Midwifery (1877) and the Northampton Institute (1894).

We have grown in size and status and in 2016 became a proud member of the University of London federation of universities, one of the oldest, largest and most diverse collegiate universities in the UK.

Business and the professions

Today, we are known for our commitment to academic excellence, with a focus on business and the professions. Our degrees enable students to broaden their horizons, gain critical skills for the future and build their professional networks.

Degree key features:

• many are professionally accredited;
• many offer employment placement opportunities;
• many academics have relevant, professional experience;
• many research projects are funded by the Government, charities and business.

Academic excellence

A constant objective at City is to advance knowledge, through research and enterprise. Our academics engage in a broad range of research, in areas ranging from climate change to healthcare to economic theory. Whatever the topic, their work directly benefits large sections of society, both in the UK and globally.

Our academics aim for excellence as they strive to push the boundaries of established thinking. That is why 75.7% of City’s research submission was rated as either world leading or internationally excellent in the Research Excellence Framework 2014, a research assessment of the UK’s higher education sector.

Estate

Extensive investment in our estate in recent years has created world-class facilities for our staff and students. State-of-the-art equipment ensures our student learning and our research are of the highest standard.

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Our Schools

We have five academic Schools each with a strong reputation for academic excellence and teaching. Learning and research is elevated by close relationships with the business, the professions and industry.

School of Arts & Social Sciences
The School has almost 4,000 students across a broad range of Arts and Social Sciences disciplines. The School is going through a very exciting period of growth and will be expanding its staff and student numbers by a third over the next five years. It provides a dynamic and academically supportive environment for students undertaking undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees. The School encompasses the following disciplines: Economics; English; International politics; Journalism; Music; Psychology; Sociology; and History. It is a major centre for quantitative social science and social survey methodology in London.

Sir John Cass Business School
The School has been at the forefront of business education for over 50 years. Cass has premises in several locations including in the heart of one of the world’s leading financial centres and close to the Old Street and Shoreditch area of innovation, creativity and new enterprises. Cass is part of an elite group of business schools awarded triple accreditations by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS). The School has particular strengths in entrepreneurship; real estate; strategy; organisational behaviour; marketing; corporate social responsibility; banking and finance; and actuarial science and insurance.

School of Health Sciences
The School provides healthcare education in Nursing, Midwifery, Optometry, Radiography, Health Management and Language and Communication Sciences, and has an outstanding reputation for applied and innovative healthcare research that influences health provision in the UK and overseas. Research areas include vision sciences; language and communication sciences; maternal and child health; healthcare delivery; health policy; health management; mental health nursing; public health; health services and healthcare innovation research; and food policy.

The City Law School
The School dates back to 1852, when the Inns of Court School of Law was founded. Some of the world’s most influential figures are among its alumni, including former Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair; and Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement. City Law School teaches legal education at all stages – from academic to professional practice studies (barrister and solicitor education); at undergraduate to postgraduate level including LLM programmes, distance learning, doctoral and continuing professional development studies. Its academic law research features cutting-edge study in the areas of public and private international law; European law; public law; socio-legal studies; human rights; migration; maritime law and policy; international economic law; intellectual property; the legal profession; and legal ethics.

School of Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering
With electrical and mechanical engineering being its founding disciplines, City has had a historical strength in engineering for over 120 years. It was also the first UK University to offer courses in aeronautical engineering. Today, the School is home to over 3,000 students, 44% of whom come from 129 countries outside the UK. Its programmes cover the core areas of engineering (aeronautical, biomedical, civil, electrical and electronic, and mechanical), computer science (data science, computer science, artificial intelligence, software reliability and cyber security), mathematics and library and information science. With its strong professional links, the degree programmes, where applicable, are accredited by major UK professional bodies. Teaching in the School is very much underpinned by active research, with nearly 200 academic and post-doctoral research staff across the School’s 19 research centres and groups working in the fields of photonics and instrumentation; biomedical engineering; thermo-fluids; aerodynamics and flow control; geotechnical engineering; cavitation research; data science; cyber security; machine learning; human–computer interaction design, artificial intelligence; and mathematics.

Global Impact

Our researchers conduct high quality and impactful research, pursuing new knowledge which has contributed to global change, unrestricted by borders.

We continue to enhance the quality of our research and enterprise in ways that contribute to society and City’s global standing. We have over 70 specialist research centres and four interdisciplinary centres.

Our research areas with global impact include:
- Transforming lives The care of older people; glaucoma; aphasia; speech and language; biomedical engineering and mental health;
- Shaping policy Food policy; telehealth; health economics; corporate finance; pensions; and enterprise;
- The wider world European Social Survey; Middle Eastern politics; fintech; international political economy; tax havens; migration; and sustainable transport;
- In practice Immigration law; mergers and acquisitions; the law of evidence; work-life balance; and aviation;
- Data and digital Data visualisation; artificial intelligence; human–computer interaction; measuring populations; persuasive computing; and predicting life expectancy.

We are active in international research networks in areas such as the Internet of Things, optical fibres; and water quality monitoring and we also work as a convener. For example, for over ten years we have brought together international stakeholders who work on compressors and their systems for a major annual conference.

Therapeutic radiography students studying with the immersive 3D virtual reality training system in the virtual radiotherapy treatment room.
Global outlook

We are committed to providing students with an educational experience that equips them with the knowledge, skills and attributes to be globally employable and to make a positive contribution to the world.

With around 20,000 students from over 160 countries and a broad range of cultures and backgrounds we have one of the highest proportions of international staff and students among UK universities. We ensure students are able to develop and contribute international perspectives as an integral part of their learning experience. We also recognise the proven benefits on academic and employability outcomes of studying abroad and offer opportunities for students to spend a semester or a year at an international partner, as well as a variety of short-term international experiences in collaboration with key partners. We offer a range of international experiences on campus, and are continually exploring best practice in embedding internationalisation in all our curricula. International City Week is an annual celebration of City’s diverse and vibrant global community and we provide staff and students with opportunities to hear from inspiring speakers on global issues.

Our courses focus on business and the professions and optimise the employability of our students, this is at the heart of what makes us distinct. Our Careers Service further equips our students for the working world, providing information resources, guidance services and employer events for students seeking international career opportunities and for international students seeking employment in the UK.

Through CityVentures, an incubator for student ‘startups’, we provide access to funding and facilities that inspire, aid and champion the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Extensive investment in our estate in recent years has created world-class facilities across City’s Schools. Students can also take advantage of CitySport, the largest student sports facility in central London.

We have partnerships with over 100 leading institutions around the world.

These include exchange agreements with prestigious partners in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australasia including Karolinska Institute, Rutgers University, Sciences Po and the University of Queensland. We also offer joint and dual degrees with highly ranked universities such as Bocconi University and Singapore Management University. For over 30 years we’ve welcomed students from partner universities on our Study Abroad Programme, allowing them to experience London for a semester or an academic year.

In addition to working in partnership with individual universities, we are a founding member of the World Cities World Class (WC2) University Network. WC2 brings together ten world class universities located in major world cities, including City University of New York, University of São Paulo, Tongji University and Ryerson University in order to respond to the challenges and opportunities facing urban areas.

We are directly engaged in several countries. Our Dubai Centre was established in 2007 in collaboration with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). It is the market leader in postgraduate education for employers and employees in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). It offers an Executive MBA, postgraduate courses in aviation and an LLM in Maritime Law. In Greece, we offer programmes in Maritime Operations and Management; and Maritime Law.