Library and Information Sciences online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MA/MSc Library Science and MSc Information Science courses. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other applicants.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our MA/MSc Library Science and MSc Information Science courses. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (BST). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session, we may also share videos, polls or documents related to your course. To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. Please make sure you say which course you have applied to when you post your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Hello! Welcome to our chat session for entry to CityLIS courses in September 2020. I’m Lyn Robinson, and as Programme Director I have responsibility for the overall content, cohesion and design of our courses. Looking forward to hearing from you all and to answering your questions!

Hello everyone, and welcome to this CityLIS chat. My name is Dr Joseph Dunne-Howrie. I am a lecturer and artist in residence in the department. I teach the Libraries and Publishing module and am one of the leaders of the DocPerform project. You can read more about my research here https://www.city.ac.uk/people/academics/joseph-dunne-howrie. I’m looking forward to answering all of your questions.

Dr Joseph Dunne-Howrie
Dr Joseph Dunne-Howrie, Lecturer in Library Science, is an academic

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Hello! I’m (Masters LIS) starting in 2020 - Last time I was at uni (in 2004 :joy:) we had book lists and pre-reading. What modules will be offered first and what should I be doing to prepare?

Hi! Here’s a general reading list https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/2020/06/03/background-reading-for-citylis-20-21/#XqCJp5KJU

Background Reading for CityLIS 20/21

For those of you planning to study for a masters in Library or Information Science, LIS, here are some suggestions for background reading in preparation for your course.

Hello! I’m (Masters Library Science), starting in 2020. Is the course still likely to be taught for the most part online to start with?

Hi! We are currently planning for creating a blended learning environment for 2020/21, which will be a mixture of online and face-to-face sessions. Plans are still in development. More details can be found here https://www.city.ac.uk/study/coronavirus-info-for-prospective-students

Coronavirus information for prospective students

Information for prospective students on the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on activities at City, University of London.

Hello! I’m (Masters Library Science), starting in 2020. Is the course still likely to be taught for the most part online to start with?

Hi! We place health and safety of our students and staff at the top of our agenda, and the University is guided by government policy. At the current time, teaching and learning for term 1 will take place online.

Roughly how many students are enrolled in the LIS course?
For this year we don’t know yet. In previous years we average between 30-40 for both courses in total.

Which platforms will be using for online learning?

Since lockdown we have been using Teams for tutorials and group meetings. Our Moodle platform allows us to upload diverse module content, such as chapters, podcasts, etc. I have used Kaltura lecture capture to record lecture slides with voice annotation.

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We may also use Zoom in addition to Teams, alongside our eLearning platform Moodle, as Joe says. Do you have experience with any of these conferencing platforms?

Links to our courses can be accessed here:
MA/MSc Library Science - https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/library-science
MSc Information Science - https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/information-science

Library Science MSc Course
Library Science MSc course - Approved by CILIP, this degree is ideal for anyone seeking a career in modern collection based information services.

Information Science MSc Course
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I am a primary teacher librarian and tech integrationist. We have been doing online learning since March using Zoom and Seesaw (similar to Moodle).

That's great! I think many folks use video conferencing for social connection, but it is different when we focus on learning. What do you think are the drawbacks to learning via these conferencing platforms? If any!

Participation is different online, some
I feel interactivity is one of the most important aspects of face-to-face teaching to emulate online, as students find it easier as they don’t enjoy speaking in front of others, I find online trickier as I like to “read the room”. Online can also offer a more diverse range of options for showing learning.

Yes, there are opportunities for longer demos. Working in smaller break out groups can be appealing as well.

Interaction is a hot topic for online learning - we are looking to find ways to engage everyone. I agree it is harder to get a feel for what is happening online though - not being able to see everyone’s faces all the time :)

Breakout rooms were very useful for my classes.

I’ve been re-drafting an article over the last couple of weeks which looks at how democracies are changing in the world of web 2.0. Digital networks offer some exciting educational opportunities as well.

If you’d like to take a look at our campus - check out our Campus Tour video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFJlxXWrcg

Thank you for answering my questions.

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Thank you for asking! Looking forward to meeting you later this year Jill! - drop me a line if there is anything else you think of.

There are just over 15 minutes left of this session, please send through any questions you wish to soon.

We’d love to hear from more of you.

Hi, I’m and I’m planning on applying later for entry in 2021. Do you know when the next application cycle opens? And do you have any recommendations for things to do over the next year to build skills or knowledge?
Hello, you can apply now and specify that you wish to be considered for entry 2021, otherwise just wait until after the start of term, 28th September. In the meantime please follow us on Twitter and take a look at our blog. Here is a link to the background reading for this year - it should hold out pretty well for next year too! [https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/2020/06/03/background-reading-for-citylis-20-21/]

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Hi, alumni have gone on to secure work in all kinds of sectors including libraries, museums, local government, and data management. We have strong engagement with graduates on Twitter and often ask them to come back as guest lecturers and speakers at our After Hours events.

You can find former students' dissertations on Humanities Commons to get a flavour of the teaching and research specialisms in the dept. [https://hcommons.org/groups/citylis/]

**User Groups**

Staff, students, alumni and honorary members of the Dept. of Library & Information Science, CityLIS, at City, University of London. Check out our collection of masters dissertations and PhD theses!

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Dear Dr. Lyn, I'm from Nigeria, I'll like to ask when should we expect to receive CAS?? And when are we expected to received our scholarship application decisions?? Thank you.

Hello, you need to contact our course officer David Mallo-Ferrer to check when the CAS will be issued. David should be able to update you on any decisions regarding scholarships too.

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There are 5 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.

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**CityLIS News**

CityLIS News shares updates from the Department of Library & Information Science at City, University of London.
I’m interested in starting information science masters but are likely to being leaving London in a few years, what would you job prospects are like outside the M25 in the field?

Hello — you may wish to check the jobs listing from CILIP, and also take advice from specialist services such as TFPL. If you follow @CityLIS on Twitter, we often post job ads, which should help to give you an idea of the landscape. Do you have a particular job in mind?

If you have any further questions feel free to send an email to joseph.dunne-howrie@city.ac.uk

You can also follow me on Twitter @MemoryDetritus

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David’s email address is: david.mallo-ferrer.1@city.ac.uk

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