MSc 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 everyone. My name is Dr Joseph Dunne-Howrie. I am one of the lecturers in Library and Information Science and the artist in residence at CityLIS. Please feel free to ask me any questions about the course or the university.

Hi my name is Chris and I work in the Marketing team here at City. Looking forward to answering your questions!

Welcome everyone. I’m going to start with a video about City

City, University of London: Campus tour

https://youtu.be/yFIFxXWXrg

Hello

Hi welcome to the session! Please let us know if you have any questions

Hello

Hi thanks for joining us for today’s session. Please do let us know if you have any questions.
Are there any books in particular I should be reading in preparation for the Library Science course?

Hi Lyn Robinson and David Bawden’s Introduction to Information Science is a core text book. Another book I would recommend is The 4th Revolution by Luciano Floridi.

Thank you

You’re welcome Do you have any more questions about the programme?

City, University of London: School of Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering tour

https://youtu.be/YBU5dK9zLml

Hi - May I ask a question about entry requirements

Sure. We usually ask for an undergraduate degree (any subject) or professional experience in libraries or information profession, but we are very open. These are not mandatory. You can contact Dr Lyn Robinson (head of department) for a more detailed discussion. More information on our application procedures here: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/library-information-science/library-and-information-science

Library and Information Science

At City, University of London we offer cutting edge masters courses in Library Science and Information Science through our internationally renowned Library School, CityLIS.

with regards to the programme - how many assignments per core module? and what type of assignments
Each module has one written assignment. The types of assignments include academic essays 2500-3000 words long, analysis of a scholarly resource eg journal article and a written dissertation 15,000-20,000 words.

Will you guys be reconsidering allowing the LIS courses to be taken long distance, especially considering how recent events have forced many of us to adapt to long distance learning?

Hi, no changes have been decided in regards to moving the course online - please visit https://www.city.ac.uk/study/coronavirus-info-for-prospective-students where the information is continually being updated.

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.

Thank you, Joseph - your response is appreciated.

Is there any reading material that would be beneficial for the 'Child and Adolescent Literature, Literacy and Library Services' module?

I don't teach that module but I can have a look on the Moodle area to see the reading list. I'll get back to you asap.

Is it essential to be working within the field to pursue library science?

No, CityLIS welcomes everyone!

Hello, would you be able to summarise the difference between the two courses - Library Science and Information Science?
Good question. Information Science is concerned with information management within one or more specific subject areas: e.g., law, finance, security, business, music, or healthcare. It focuses on resources of all kinds, database design, information architecture, metadata, discovery, measurement, analysis, visualisation, communication, ethics, impact, use. Information scientists may work in any organisation that collects and processes information of any kind.

Library Science focuses on the acquisition and management of a specific collection of information, for an intended audience: collection may be print based and/or digital. Documents may be text, images, sound, data, streaming data, any subject. Focus on document description, metadata, access, discovery, services, community, ethics and impact, use, understanding. Librarians work in any organisation with collection related services.

Hi when are you guys responding the offer to students?

Hi, thanks for your question. Our admissions teams are processing applications as normal, however there may be some impact on how quickly we are able to make decisions.

Great - thank you.

May I ask the differentiator between this course at the City University and the course at Sheffield University?

CityLIS is distinct from other library schools in a number of ways. The research specialisms of the team are diverse, ranging from performing arts, children's literature, fan studies, philosophy of information, open access and data science. This is reflected in the breadth of modules on offer. We do not seek to 'train' students but to educate them. The success of this approach is evidenced in the prestigious jobs many of our alumni now do. I'll post more details about this shortly.

When is the application deadline for September 2020?

All information about the application procedures can be found here https://www.city.ac.uk/study/applying

Applying to City

Information for prospective students about applying to City, University of London. Learn more here.

Thank you Chris

for long distance learning students - would there be access / support to lecturers for questions during study
No - all of our teaching is face to face. We use the virtual learning environment Moodle to share resources but you will not be able to fully participate in the course during this way. We do appreciate, however, that students many want to return home during term 3 when they are working on their dissertations and lectures cease. Students can meet their supervisor remotely.

Thank you, Chris. I was just wondering since the LIS courses only require students to be present one day a week when completed part-time, that this would be very doable to do long distance and would allow the course to be more accessible to many more students.

Hi __________ I totally understand. However, the course has been designed for face-to-face teaching and therefore this currently stands as the method of teaching.

City, University of London: Funding postgraduate study

https://youtu.be/s_Y42EIpq9k

thank you Joseph

Hello, what sort of prospects and career-based guidance can we expect on the course?

The course is academic and not vocational so we do not train students for specific professions. However, students will get many opportunities to meet professionals working in LIS contexts including galleries, museums, libraries, archives etc. as guest lecturers. The CityLIS team are research active and regularly participate in international professional events such as conferences and workshops. We also run the After Hours seminar series on Monday evenings. Each one is lead by a professional with LIS expertise, and is an excellent opportunity for professional networking. A list of our speakers can be found here: https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/citylis-events-19-20/#Xo0YmF5KjU

CityLIS Events 19/20

This page shows key dates and events for the academic year 19/20, in the Department of Library & Information Science, CityLIS, at City, University of London.

For part-time students - I was under the impression this was long distance learning - did I get that wrong?
Yes. Part time students are required to attend lectures. The only difference is number of modules studied each week. Full time is 4, part time is 2.

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I’ve had one or two questions about career prospects so I’m going to post some of the professions our alumni have gone on to

Head of Research Support, Kings College London Library (2013)

Digital Curator, Bodleian Digital Library 2016

Open Access Publications Manager, University College London
Customer Support Manager, Altmetric
Library Liaison Manager (Kings College London)
Knowledge Officer (Arup)

That’s such a shame, especially since this pandemic has shown us that it is possible to work remotely for many tasks. Thanks a million for your help Chris. I hope long distance will be considered by the department in the future.

You’re welcome. Thank you for your questions and comments.

If anyone has any more questions about the programme, please do let us know.

Any advice when writing our personal statements?

Hi. Most important thing is to demonstrate an interest in LIS and an articulation of why the course interests you. But most important thing is (cliche alert) be yourself. Some background detail about why the discipline attracts you and perhaps a mention of what career you would like to pursue after graduating.

I had a question about the children’s lit module. I’ll have a quick look at the reading list now.

Thank you.

Thank you.
Meet Arianna, she chose City because it was one of the few places that was a face-to-face course instead of either hybrid or entirely online. Read her story here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/people/students/arianna-dahlia](https://www.city.ac.uk/people/students/arianna-dahlia)

**Arianna Dahlia**

Meet Arianna Dahlia, who chose the Library Science degree because of the expertise and networking opportunities City’s programme offers.

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There is no specific reading list but if people want to send an email to me, joseph.dunne-howrie@city.ac.uk I can ask the relevant staff member.

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This is in regards to children’s lit module.

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I'll post some more general info about the course.

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Last question re part time - are the lecturers on a specific day / time?

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Yes. Mondays and Fridays. 10.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00 both days. After Hours seminars are on Mondays 18.00-19.30.
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

Information Science MSc course - Approved by CILIP, this degree is ideal for anyone seeking a career in information and data services.

Thank you for the information

Examples of past and current student assignments:
https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/category/citylis_writes/#Xp8cni5KJJu

- Tackling Subject Headings
- Good Neighbours: The Wahburg Library Classification Scheme in its Context
- Information Resource Guide: Ancient Greek Myths
- Authorship in the Age of the Infosphere
- The Developments in Scholarly Communication

CityLIS Research Project: DocPerform

The Future of Documents Project. City, University of London

Documenting Performance

Students are invited to help us with event organisation including marketing (but you don’t have to!). Alex, one of our alumni, made the artwork for DocPerform
There are 10 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.

Staff academic profiles give you a flavour of course content. Also good to note for dissertation supervisors: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/library-information-science#unit=people

Department of Library and Information Science

City’s Department of Library & Information Science has a heritage stretching back to 1961 and is internationally recognised in research and curriculum development.

thank you Chris and Joseph

You’re welcome We hope you found the session helpful!

Are there any opportunities for volunteer or part time work at the university’s library?

This is not something the department is directly involved with but I encourage you to contact the library team libadmin@city.ac.uk

session was very helpful. thank you

Pleasure. Hope we see you in September

All CityLIS staff have professional websites. Here’s mine http://www.josephdunnehowrie.com/

Joseph Dunne-Howrie – Theatre, Performance, Archives, Libraries, Information, Education

I am a Lecturer in Library and Information Science at City, University of London. I am also an Associate Lecturer at Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance and at the University of East London. I am interested in how theatre and performance operate in contemporary digital culture. The website contains information about my past … Continue reading

Thank you for your time!

Pleasure.

Thank you for your time. This session was very helpful.
You're welcome

Feel free to get in touch joseph.dunne-howrie@city.ac.uk if you'd like to learn more about CityLIS. We are all still working during lockdown.

My twitter handle is @memorydetritus

Stay up to date with all CityLIS developments here https://blogs.city.ac.uk/citylis/4rXp8e1j5KjIU/. As Chris said you can follow us on Twitter #CityLIS @CityLIS

CityLIS News
CityLIS News shares updates from the Department of Library & Information Science at City, University of London.

Thank you

You're welcome

Thanks for joining us today. I hope to see you all in September.

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