Studying in London

Whether you are an international student, a UK student moving to London for university or a local Londoner, choosing to study in one of the world’s great capital cities will open doors to a huge range of opportunities during your time at university. In this chat you can ask our student ambassadors questions about their experience studying in the heart of London as well as gain important advice about how to make the most out of your time 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 runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding studying in the heart of a vibrant, exciting, global city: London. During the session we may also share videos or useful information. Please be aware we cannot answer any admissions-related questions in this chat (email ugadmissions@city.ac.uk to find out more).

To ask a question related to studying in London, 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. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself.

Your moderators today are our student ambassadors Davide Lazzaro (Actuarial Science student), Nicolò Todde (Civil Engineering student), Thomas Kell (Economics student) and Forhad Ahmed (Economics student); and also members of City’s Marketing Team: Meg Magrath, Rebecca Montgomery, Danisha Mudalige and Zhulyana Boyanova.

Hello! My name is Danisha and I currently work within the Marketing and Recruitment team, here at City. I also was a student at this university, having studied Accounting and Finance, and hence have spent my whole life living in London. Excited to answer any questions you have about studying and living in London :)

Hi everyone! I’m Davide and I’m doing my final year of Actuarial Science. I moved to London about two years ago and I have tried to make the most out of it ever since. For someone interested in a career in Finance, studying so close to the City of London is an amazing opportunity! Looking forward to answering your questions :)

Hi guys, my name is Meg - I work in the Marketing team here at City and I’m happy to answer any questions about what it’s like to study in London.

Hi everyone, it’s Nicolò and I moved to study from Italy Civil Engineering (MEng) at City. After I completed my second year in June 2018, I started my placement with a structural engineering company for one year after which I will come back to University and finish my third and fourth year. I decided to move to London because of the location of City, since it is located between Farringdon and Angel, the centre for civil and structural engineering companies. Feel free to ask me some questions regarding studying in London and I will happily answer them!!! :)

Hi, I’m Tom, I’ve lived in London all my life and have always been inspired by the diversity and amount of opportunity that is available here. As a final year Economics student, this allows me to access a wide variety of jobs, easily attend assessment centres, and access talks both at our university and across London. In addition, I can keep a wide range of friendships not just within the university, but also with people studying elsewhere in London, those I had from sixth form and beyond. Look forward to answering your questions :D.

Hi, I’m Forhad, I’m a born and bred Londoner and have experienced every part of this wonderful city. I am a final year student studying economics and have found being living and studying in London has allowed me to explore more and gain a greater insight especially into the financial district. Feel free to ask me any questions you have about the university and most importantly London!
Hello, I am a careers adviser based in the City of Oxford college. What would you say makes a great personal statement?

Hi all. My name is Zhuiyana. I work in the Marketing department at City and live in London for 6 years now (so I am a London pro ;)) Let me know if you have any questions about studying in London.

Hi I’m Rebecca. I work in the marketing team at City. Happy to answer all of your questions :)

Hi good evening to everyone here’s my first question I’m planning to study at City what are the opportunities studying City as a BSc student

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Hiya, our Recruitment Officers who are the experts in personal statements are all working at events today but I think what really makes a personal statement stand out to Admissions Officers and Lecturers is showing your passion for the subject you are applying for and what qualities you have that will make you an asset to the course.

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Thanks you have been really helpful

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Hi! There are a huge range of courses at City - the easiest way to break it down is we have 5 schools: Arts and Social Sciences, Cass Business School, Mathematics, Commuter Science and Engineering, and Health Sciences. This page shows you all our Undergraduate courses: https://www.city.ac.uk/courses?level=Undergraduate

Course finder

Find the right course for you at City, University of London: undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, foundation degrees, evening and weekend courses, professional development and work-based learning.

What is this chat about?
These videos look great! where they all filmed in london?
Yes - we work hard to show how beautiful London is.

What is this chat about?
This chat is all about what it is like studying in London. Our ambassadors are here to offer their advice and share their experiences :)

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Is there a specific course you are looking at? Each of our course pages should detail the requirements, but I can try to clarify further if needed.

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I’m asking about health courses

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Thanks ! I saw that Mrs Meg is giving some advices for the statement!

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Hi, im X, i’m planning to study actuarial science at city. What does the course embed, how are you finding it?
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You can find detail information about our appointments here: https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/about/visit

Visiting the Careers team

Book an appointment online to visit the Careers team now.

I'm asking about health courses

Hi, we don't have any health students in this chat. But, we can try to help you with any questions!

Hello, I am from an Asian country and I am planning to study at City, as you know it will be a cultural shock for me is there some way that you suggest I can cope with it?

My question is directed to Davide, what was it like moving to London?

Hi! I would say it was a big jump considering where I used to live before (a small town in the North-East of Italy), but it was definitely for the better! The first week at City University was full of events where I had the chance to meet new people and explore London, so it was easy to get used to my new life :)

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Hi, you can open accounts while at City, or when you arrive in London however you may be able to make an online application through various banks for student accounts such as Santander -
https://www.santander.co.uk/info/w18/current-accounts/123-student-current-account/

1|2|3 Student Current Account | Santander UK
Apply in 10 minutes

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Show your passion for the course! Show that your experiences and skills would make you a valuable asset on a course.

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I hope it was helpful!

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Hi, London isn't more expensive than any other European City like Paris. It also depends on what you want to do and where you want to live. The good thing about studying in London is that there are a lot of discounts for students!

Are there any foundation course for business in City?
Hi, thank you for your question! Yes, there is a Business Management course available, with a foundation year :)

Thanks Nicolo you're the best! :) What discounts do you like?

And about the business management, can we have some exchange with other Universities from different countries?

Can you share your experiences about student life in London firstly, which accommodation should we choose for the 1 year?
So first of all you have a guaranteed 1st year place in one of City's halls if you put City as your firm first choice. We have a few different halls, three of them are within 10 minutes of City. There are some variables, like whether you wish to share a bathroom or would prefer an ensuite. There is also "Gardens" which is further away but has catering.
I would say to look on the City accommodation page and you can decide which suits!
https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate

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

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Hi! I am sure you will find it easy to cope with this once you arrive. There is plenty of support from the Students' Union and the University Services available during welcome week. You can also join clubs and societies and socialise.

Where can I find more information on travel in London? I heard rush hour is really bad?
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Yes, we can! We have many partner universities all over the world, and highly encourage our students to take up such an opportunity to explore them - so very happy to hear you enquiring about this :)!

Hi, i'm planning to study actuarial science at city. What does the course embed? how are you finding it?

Hi! If you are interested in building up a strong quantitative and analytical skill set, then go for it :) I would say the course is at the intersection of Probability/Statistics and Finance, so it's perfect if you like Maths but you couldn't see yourself doing a BSc in Pure Maths. The first year is meant to get you up to speed, so I wouldn't be too worried about it. As for the second and third year, the modules become a bit more complicated but you get to choose some electives, which is great as you can specialise in what you like the most. Ask away if you have any further question!

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Thanks Nicolo! You are the best :) What discounts do you like?

:) Firstly, at City we have the City Bar, where you can grab a drink or some food at lower prices compared to any other bar in London. Also, if you go shopping, some shops have discounts for students as well.

Regarding aerospace engineering, who are the main employers of ex-students

Aeronautical Engineering graduates work in all areas of the aircraft and airline industries and in other high-tech industries, such as automotive including F1 and renewables.

Careers in aeronautical engineering in the UK are provided by larger companies such as Leonardo Helicopters, Airbus, BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce and QinetiQ and many successful specialist companies that supply components and services.

Several Aeronautical Engineering graduates move on to a career in flying.

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Thanks!

Awww I'm glad to hear! Happy to help :)
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Of course city provides a wealth of opportunity through aspects such as marketing ambassador work or our in house unitemps, London also provides a large labour market which is flexible enough to work alongside studies!

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Hi, it depends where you are coming from to be honest. Rush hour is definitely part of London life. I'm originally from the countryside so when I go home, I have to retrain myself to walk slower haha!! If you decide to live in student accommodation in your first year you'll avoid rush hour because you literally only have a 15 minute walk to campus.

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Thanks!

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what kinds of scholarships do you provide for overseas students?

What subjects do we study in first year

Thanks alot Thomas

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Hi, have a look at the following link: https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/business-management-foundation

Hope it helps!

Business Management (Foundation) Course | Cass Business School

The Business Management Foundation course provides an entry route to the BSc Business Management course and its specialisms.
What subjects do we study in first year

In year one you will study some of the core legal subjects common to all undergraduate law degrees:
- Legal Systems and Skills
- Foundations of Public Law
- Foundations of Contract Law
- Foundations of Criminal Law
- Foundations of Tort Law
- Contract Law and Practice
- Government, Accountability and Administrative Law
- Applied Legal Writing and Research.

More information can be found here:
https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/law

Law LLB Degree

Our Law LLB degree provides you with the essential legal and academic skills to be successful in law as well as a range of transferable skills sought after in many other sectors.
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Hi Saumyaa, City offers several scholarships, including overseas students. They are offered by all departments and you can have a look at them all here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries

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

do you accept foundation degrees for IT?

And please if we don't succeed in every term of our Conditional Offer is there a way to access to City? Of course with a little gap?

Hi. This is admissions-related questions. Please email ugadmissions@city.ac.uk outlining your personal situation.

What is the investment banking course like?

Hi Zuliyana what do you do?

What do you mean? Do you mean what do I study?

do you accept foundation degrees for IT?

Hi, do you mean Computer Science?

yes exactly that

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Though there is no available here who studies Investment Banking, I am happy to answer any questions you have in regard to this course: what in particular would you like to know?
Tell me about scholarship for international student

Hi, what would you like to know about scholarships? You can have a look here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries

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yes exactly that

I think so, however any entry requirement based enquiries for this course can be directed to: ug.compsci@city.ac.uk

Hi Danisha, do you have any information on what the course entails?

Thanks you have been really helpfuk

No problem. Sorry to redirect you! Just want to make sure you get the correct information :)

I want to study journalism in London is that where the headquarters of bbc are?

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Hi Danisha, do you have any information on what the course entails?

Here is the link to the course page about Investment Banking, detailing some of the modules you’ll be able to study as part of the degree and some of the opportunities and jobs past students have pursued as part of the course also:


**Investment and Financial Risk Management BSc Degree | Cass Business School**

Discover Cass Business School’s BSc (Hons) in Investment and Financial Risk Management. On this course, you’ll study every aspect of the discipline, from managing global investment portfolios to asset trading, as well as investment banking and many other areas of risk and investments. This is extraordinary calling. Come and be a part of it.

Do you encourage students to apply early or do you have leeway when it comes to the application timing?

Hi, I’m X and I want to study Actuarial Science. How much career support is there during your course and will they help after you graduate?

Do you have any information about medicine in your college

City: London is your campus

[https://youtu.be/lXLbZqLUjiQ](https://youtu.be/lXLbZqLUjiQ)
Hi Danisha, do you have any information on what the course entails? Hope that helps! And any further questions you have, please feel free to pass them onto me :)

Do you encourage students to apply early or do you have leeway when it comes to the application timing? Hi X, you should definitely get your application in before the UCAS deadline on 15th January

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Department of International Politics
An International Politics degree at City, University of London will help you find answers to the many questions about our changing world. We are a growing community of students and academics dedicated to exploring power, global transformations and new security challenges in the 21st century.

Thank you Rebecca, I will!

Do you have any information about medicine in your college? We do not offer a full doctoral medical degree however we offer a variety of medical related courses such as Nursing, Optometry was there a particular field you were interested in?

Thank you Rebecca, I will! Good luck :)
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Yes they are in London!

And already interested in optometry but is it for postgraduate or pre?

What are the entry requirements for actuarial science?

https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/actuarial-science

Actuarial Science BSc Undergraduate Degree | Cass Business School

Discover Cass Business School’s BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Science. In this course you’ll delve into stochastic models, finance and financial reporting, business and, naturally, actuarial science itself. Find out more about the BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Science. This is extraordinary calling, come and be a part of it.
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We have both a 3 year undergraduate programme, [https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/optometry](https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/optometry) and postgraduate - [https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/clinical-optometry](https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/clinical-optometry)

Clinical Optometry MSc Course

The MSc in Clinical Optometry course is designed to satisfy the rapidly changing academic, clinical and professional development needs of optometrists.

BSc Optometry

Our degree offers a professionally recognised qualification preparing you for a flexible and rewarding career in optometry.

Hi, I'm X and I want to study Actuarial Science. How much career support is there during your course and will they help after you graduate?

Hi, the Careers Service at City has always provided me with good advice on how to write my CV/cover letter and how to prepare for job interviews. On top of that, there is a module in the second year called "Actuarial Employability" which focuses on the same topics but is tailored to Actuarial science students only.

I was wondering, how much value do you place on IGCSEs?

Hi I'm interested in studying business management are there opportunities to set up your own business and if so what have previous students set up and did they continue it after they got their degree

Dear sir/madam, what are journalist students like in London what opportunities does London provide

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Most of our courses only have a requirement for a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language, however some courses including those in Cass or health may require a higher grade or a minimum number. Each course page on our website will detail this.

@Forhad is it easy to accept me since I am Sudanese

Davide, were there any culture adjustments you had to make in your move from Italy to the UK
London is a very multicultural city, so I never experienced the so-called "cultural shock" ;)

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It's best to email international@city.ac.uk they can assist you further when it comes to entry requirements from nations such as Sudan ;)

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Journalism students are incredibly friendly. I remember us quickly becoming close friends and helping each other. The School has amazing connections and provides you with opportunities to get useful work experience. I have managed to intern at the Times and Sky News so I will highly recommend it.

@Forhad thanks alot

What are the general A-level requirements for a course at City?

Meet our international Students

https://youtu.be/SH2Pc-_e8oY

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Hiya, there have been a lot of instances in which ideas for businesses have come about as a result of group projects taken within the Business Management, and that have actually come into fruition afterwards as well. Hence there is a lot of support in regard to this, and actually, it is often encouraged! Moreover, we do have CityVentures which helps support entrepreneurs with their upcoming business ideas: [https://www.city.ac.uk/cityventures](https://www.city.ac.uk/cityventures). Hope this all helps!

**CityVentures**

CityVentures help student enterprise programmes and provide startup support to inspiring investment opportunities.

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It really depends on the course. Each of the course pages on our website have the entry requirements detailed; [https://www.city.ac.uk/courses?level=Undergraduate](https://www.city.ac.uk/courses?level=Undergraduate)

**Course finder**

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My favourite thing about learning in London is the amount of amazing people I meet - whether that's friends at City, elsewhere, professionally, or through my part time job :)

My fav thing London is the endless amount of food places available all throughout the city.

What I love about London the most is that I can always find something interesting to do - attend an event or explore an area in London I have never visited.

My favourite thing about living in London is that I am never far away from all of my favourite clothes shops! And I get to meet so many different people from different backgrounds.

My favourite aspect of London is I like having the ability to connect with so many people in such a short space of time!
I love studying in London because it is such an exciting city where there is a lot happening and you could never get bored of it :) I love how multicultural the City is, and therefore meet a lot of people from different backgrounds!

My favourite thing about living in London is being able to go to the supermarket with my flip-flops and pyjamas on without being judged!

whos the most famous alumni city?

We have lots of famous journalism alumni. Dermot Murnaghan is one example, check out this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWY9AcBBoG

Dermot Murnaghan (Journalism 1984) - City, University of London alumnus

City, University of London opens up a world of opportunity; our students enjoy all that goes with living and working in an exciting capital city. Our focus o...

just watched that i saw him on sky i know him!

What's the ratio/percentage of the amount of people who travel from home and the people who live on campus

City is located in Islington in central London close to Clerkenwell, one of the fastest growing areas of London among young professionals.

Clerkenwell is defined as the area between the tube stations of Farringdon, Old Street, Angel and Kings Cross, and City, University of London is nestled equidistant between all four. One of the fastest growing areas of London among young professionals, it is known for its loft living and trendy art spaces. Walking into the financial district or Tech City, cycling to Soho, scooting to the West End – or even hopping on Eurostar to Paris is all achievable from here.

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I am not too sure about the exact number but it feels like there is a good balance ;)}
We have a huge range of sports [https://studenthub.city.ac.uk/student_life/sport_and_recreation/sports_clubs](https://studenthub.city.ac.uk/student_life/sport_and_recreation/sports_clubs). In addition, as part of the University of London, additional sporting teams are available through their union [https://www.studentcentral.london/activities/](https://www.studentcentral.london/activities/).

**Student Sports & Activities at Student Central**

Previously known as ULU, Student Central offers a variety of services to all students in central London such as Bars, Gym, Swimming pool, print shop, student shop, café, club nights, club and societies, student discount

**Sports clubs | Student Hub**

Get involved in one of our many sports clubs here at City.

We have boxing. Check all the classes at CitySport here [https://www.citysport.org.uk/classes](https://www.citysport.org.uk/classes)
There are 5 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.

It's been great chatting to you all today.

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