MSc Business Systems Analysis and Design online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MSc Business Systems Analysis and Design course. 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 MSc Business Systems Analysis and Design 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 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!

Your moderators today are Dr Andrew MacFarlane (Programme Director), David Mallo-Ferrer (Course Officer) and Aathaven Selvarajah (Recruitment Team).

Welcome to the session on MSc Business Systems Analysis and Design (BSAD). My name is Andrew MacFarlane, and I am the programme director. I am happy to answer any questions you have!

Hello everyone. I’m David, the course officer for the MSc Business Systems Analysis and Design programme. I hope you’ll all enjoy this session.

Tell be about the msc business system analysis...what is in?

The focus of the programme is getting students ready for careers in Business information systems e.g. as systems analysts or business analysts and the content is directed at providing the skills and knowledge for those roles.

I am [Name] I belong to india...I have completed msc mathematics...

Hi [Name], welcome to the chat.

Hello, I am wondering how many days would a part time student need to attend classes in one week?

[Name]: you would need to come to the university to study 2 modules a term, which means you would attend one day a week. In term 1 this would be one whole day, but the options you choose would determine which days you attend in term 2.
Hi, I'm looking to apply to the MSc Business Analysis and Design Course. I attended City University from 2011 until 2014 studying a Computer Science Course. As I am working full time at the moment my main question is how many classes and tutorials are held per week on a part time course and at which times?

Welcome back to City! Look out for a message that Andrew Macfarlane will be posting very shortly about part-time study.

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All our students attend daytime, so you would need day release from your employers. This would be 1 day a week.

Thank you Andrew and David. Would you say generally throughout the course I would be at the university for 1 day per week or only in term 1?

Yes that is correct.

When does the earliest class start and the latest class end during the day?

All classes start at 9am and generally finish by 6pm.

What are two days I can choose?

In year 1 you will probably attend on a Wednesday only, in year 2 on a Friday only in term 1.

I am master of mathematics...which course is best for me???

Hi, for a full list of all of the postgraduate courses that we have on offer within the Department of Computer Science, please visit: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses?level=Postgraduate&subject=Computing&0and&0Computer%20Science. You should be able to gain a good understanding about which course suits you best from the course pages.

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.
How many terms do I have

It is two 10 week terms per year.

Perfect, I have seen both a 24 and 28 months within your prospectus and website. Is the course 24 or 28? Or it it a 24 month with an additional 4 month internship module?

The part time course runs over two years, starting in September of the first year and ending in December of the 2nd year.

Scholarship avalavil for this course in any University there???

Hi, details of the scholarships that we have on offer for these courses can be found here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries?school%22School%20of%20Mathematics%2C%20Computer%20Science%20and%20Engineering%22&level=postgraduate

There are eligibility criteria that you will have to meet for you to receive such scholarships/bursaries.

Scholarships and bursaries

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8U5dK9zLmL

Thanks David and is it a necessity to take an internship or is that just an option?
The internship is for full time students only.

Scholarship available for this course in any University there??

I will play a video shortly that covers funding postgraduate study shortly.

Sorry, I'm not sure which question you're answering yes to, only in term 1 or 1 day per week throughout the course?

to clarify, in term 1 you would need to come to the university to study 2 modules a term, which means you would attend one day a week. The options you choose would determine which days you attend in term 2.

10 weeks per term? You mean I only need to attend 10 weeks classes in one year?

there are two terms so it would be 20 weeks. We also have reading weeks so overall you would be expected to attend the university on a face to face basis for 22 weeks a year. The rest of the time would be spend on studying or taking assessments or undertaking your dissertation project.

Hi, can you recommend something to study, read before beginning of the course, cause my background is finance and management, but no background in IT.


Okay I see Andrew. So if I choose modules which are only on a Wednesday and the other on a Friday, I may have to attend on two separate days come term 2. Thanks for your patience on this question, I understand this is quite trivial.

that is correct

My story in 3 objects: Ibukunolua Ogundipe, MSc in Business Systems Analysis and Design at City

This is my story in 3 objects: postgraduate perspectives

https://youtu.be/VSnAL-FKnN0
One more question about new year holidays, is there information about dates? Or not yet

Hi you can find the academic year term dates, including holiday periods here: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-year

Academic year (term dates)
City, University of London for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 academic years.

City, University of London: Computer Science postgraduate internships

https://youtu.be/olusQLBkBQ

Thank you! I'm currently a Business Analyst producing mainly MI reports and doing basic requirements gathering, process mapping. In the past I worked for a software house for 9 months, going through several different aspects of the project lifecycle. I.e. requirements gathering, specification producing, testing. I'm looking to get back into working in software. What can this course offer outside of honing on these skills?

very much so. Our systems specification module provides you will all you need in terms of the software engineering life-cycle, and the business Engineering with ERP solutions module provides the necessary background on business processes.
Perfect thank you. On a PT course will I be doing 2 modules per term throughout the entire course

yes that is correct.

Is the timetable available now

No, not yet, the University is still going through the process of generating timetables for all our programmes. You will be informed of the timetable when you join the programme.

In total I only need to attend 8 modules?

yes that is correct

Can I ask questions about visa? When the earliest can I apply for visa? And when will I get information about next step. (I've got unconditional offer and paid deposit)
for students who already hold an unconditional offer and have paid the course deposit, the University will start the CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) process in mid-June. We will contact students at that point with instructions and with a CAS number once. After students receive their CAS number (electronically), they can then start applying for the Tier 4 visa. We have some very good guidance information on our website: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/international/visa-immigration-advice/tier4#tab=tab-2

Applying For A Tier 4 Student Visa

Find out how to apply for a Tier 4 General Student visa if you are a Non-EEA or Switzerland applicant studying a full time course.

And do you have any further information on each of the modules on the course besides what is on your website?

the only information we have available on the website is in the programme specification

Thank you, I thought there might be some internal pdfs on each module

at this stage in the application process, this is all the information we can share with prospective candidates.

Are they any courses I need to select by myself or the university will decide for me?

Hi, if you look at our course page and scroll down to the 'Course content and assessments' section and look at the Module list, you will find core modules (which you have to undertake to be awarded for the degree) and elective modules (which you can choose from).

https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/business-systems-analysis-and-design

Business Systems Analysis and Design MSc

Business Systems Analysis and Design MSc Course - Accredited by the British Computer Society, analyse business systems within a real-world context.

Hello, how many days per week for full time students and which days?
For full-time students, you will attend on Wednesdays and Fridays in term 1. The days you attend in term 2 will depend on your option choices.

In terms of paying for the course, does this occur once I am accepted and need to be paid before starting the course, or can this be paid in instalments smaller than £4500 per year?

Regarding fee payment: once you receive an offer from us, you are asked to pay the course deposit, which will then be deducted from your fees. You can pay the course fees in two equal instalments: 1st instalment in August and the 2nd instalment in January. We send a notification to students when payment is due. For part-time students, it is the same arrangement in both years of study.

Ok thanks, and if I have IELTS Academic certificate, should I retake it, cause there is also IELTS Academic UKVI, is it obligatory to get visa tier 4?

We accept both IELTS Academic and IELTS UKVI. Applicants are only required to take one of them; it doesn’t matter which.

Thank you for answering my questions. Do you send transcripts of this to our emails afterwards?

Hi, we upload anonymised transcripts of these chats onto our website a couple of days after they have taken place. Please check at the beginning of the next week. You will be able to find them here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit-us/online-events](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit-us/online-events) - please scroll down the page.

**Online events**

Interested in finding out more about City, University of London’s courses but unable to attend our open days? Register now for one of our online events.

I have a background in hospitality management, will this course be beneficial to me?

This rather depends on your career aspirations. ICTs are important in many domains including hospitality, so you can use your knowledge gained to enhance your skills and knowledge whilst on the programme.

Cheers! Take care all.

Thank you for taking part. All the best.
Is the internship optional?

Yes, the internship is optional.

How long for the internship and when?

The internship route can be between 3 and 6 months, depending on the internship itself. Students who pass all their taught modules at their first attempt will be able to apply for the internship route and do the internship during the summer. You can find more information about the internship option here: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/placements-and-internships/placement-internship-schemes/computer-science/postgraduate-internships

Postgraduate internships

Postgraduate internships for IT graduates at City, University of London

When is the next intake and requirements please?

The next intake is September 2019, and the requirements for that academic year is a minimum of UK degree of 2:2 (Lower Second Class Honours) or overseas equivalent. Overseas students will be subject to meeting English Language requirements.

Are there many students events?

Hi, there are many events for students taking place throughout the academic year. The Careers Service runs events every week, including a technology and consultancy fair, employers in residence, employer panel events, etc.

We also have an award winning Professional Mentoring scheme in which our students are paired up with experiences professionals to develop their employability skills. This is a very competitive and rewarding scheme.

Is there an union for students to get together?


Hi, yes City does have a Students’ Union. You can find more information about it here: https://www.citystudents.co.uk/ They host numerous events throughout the year. You can also join one of our many student societies or even create your own - https://www.citystudents.co.uk/getinvolved/societies/

You may also be aware that City is part of the University of London. Therefore you will be able to join societies from other collegiate institutions from the University of London. So there are a lot of opportunities to get involved.

City Students’ Union

Societies

[Image of a swimming pool]

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