MSc Artificial Intelligence

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MSc Artificial Intelligence 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 Artificial Intelligence 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 Eduardo Alonso (Programme Director), David Mallo-Ferrer (Course Officer) and Shanice Harrison (Recruitment Team).

Hello everybody, I am Ed Alonso the MSc AI programme director, happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hello everyone. I’m David Mallo-Ferrer, the course officer for Artificial Intelligence. I’m looking forward to answering your questions!

Hey there from the Netherlands! My name is [redacted] and I am in the finishing steps for my bachelors degree of Psychology and looking forward to getting more into AI.

Hi [redacted] psychology is related to AI for sure

How many of your students go on to do research?

It is a research focused programme, so most do; others go and work for AI related companies or companies which use AI technology

Currently I am studying electrical engineering and can I pursue my masters in AI?

Yes, with EE you will have the required maths; as for programming, do you have any experience, say in Matlab or any other language?
Hello, my name is [name] and I am currently a final year medical student interested in applying for the master's program. Coming from a non-computer science background, is there any way I could improve my chances for my application. I am currently learning python and java on udemy and have done A-levels in Maths and Further maths along with the 3 basic sciences. Thank you.

Good choice, if you pass the online course Python course you mention you will be on the right track. Your A-levels are good for the programme!

Does the program also prepare students for a research career if they wish to go in that direction?

Yes, it is a master which prepares students for both research and industry alike.

Machine Learning ,algorithm , c language ...etc

Excellent!

I am interested in AI in general but particularly interested in its application with healthcare. Is there any modules or internships related to this? Thank you

There are not specific modules in healthcare, but the techniques we teach in deep learning are applied to, for instance, classification of medical images such as brain scans (I myself supervise PhD students in this area in collaboration with hospitals); we will use specific practical cases like this in illustrating how AI technology is developed and applied.

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Hi [name], For this course we require a 2:1 or above or overseas equivalent. A score of 7-8 from a well-ranked Dutch university is comparable to a 2:1. I hope this helps.

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So, if you maintain your current GPA you would meet the qualification on entry criteria.

In medical school, we don’t graduate with an honours like a 1st or 2:1, we purely need a pass to get our degree. Would that be a problem?

Understood, please send us your application and we will look into the details.
That’s good to know, thank you!

Anton, no problem at all.

Do you think having an internship will help me in getting selected to the graduate school including all other core stuffs?

you mean, for a PhD after the MSc? In general, doing an internship helps getting a job but it is also instrumental in progressing to a PhD of course. Actually, we are starting a new PhD programme on industrial AI with big companies.

I’m asking for graduate school after BE?

ok, understood. if the internship is AI related yes of course

I have another question, which has been bugging me for a while. I really like the idea, that studying AI will provide me with a toolset, which will be applicable to a wide array of problems. I am a very curious person, so I think that would suit me. However, I also realize that it is important to specialize to have good chances on the job market. Do I still have the correct impression that a masters in AI will allow me to be flexible in terms of fields I could potentially work in?

Yes, AI is now used in all sorts of sectors, from health and transport to energy and finance, even the game industry and cyber security. We focus on cutting-edge deep learning algorithms and applications which are being applied everywhere.

One concern I have about studying in the UK is Brexit. I am a EU citizen. Will I have to pay the non-EU fee when/if Brexit goes through? And is there one answer for all Brexit options?

that’s understandable. The fees will remain unchanged for EU students for the 2019/20 academic year. We have a very useful page for students about Brexit: [https://www.city.ac.uk/eu-referendum/eu-referendum-information-for-students](https://www.city.ac.uk/eu-referendum/eu-referendum-information-for-students)

**EU referendum: information for students**

Information for new and current students at City, following the EU referendum in June 2016.

Hello, I can imagine there is a huge amount of interest in the course but a limited number of places. How many students do you aim to have on the AI MSc programme each year?
Hi, it will depend on demand obviously, but our target for the first year is around 30.

Currently I am surveying the AI masters of several universities in London. I feel a bit overwhelmed with the options, can you tell me what the advantage of studying at the city university would be over other options?

Excellent question. Typically, other universities in London offer programmes around a core topic (say, symbolic AI, Software Agents, etc) supported with a plethora of electives across different MSc programmes. In our case, the 8 modules are core and specific to the programme, which focuses on nature-inspired AI and Deep Learning.

Oh and maybe a follow up on Evans question: How many people usually apply?

We are starting next year, this is the first year we are recruiting and are receiving a healthy number of applications. If you are interested, I would strongly advice you to apply now :)

Thank you for the information. If you need to be selective on applications what would you be looking for to differentiate candidates?

Strong levels in maths/programming are useful, but we consider each application on its own, check the applicants background and their personal statements carefully. Everybody is different!

Hello, since I am graduating soon and expected to work in the NHS for 2 years and need time to learn to code to get my online certificates, is it possible for me to defer my application?

Hi, we can defer applications start by one year; that is, you would be able to apply this year for a start in September 2020, skipping the September 2019 intake. If you are required to work for the NHS for 2 years, you could apply next year, submitting your application around may 2020.

Thank you for all your help, I greatly appreciate it :)

You're welcome.

Ok! I think those were my main questions. Thank you very much for your help and have a nice evening!

Our pleasure, have a nice evening you too! cheers

Likewise I will not be in a position to apply for Sept '19 intake as its a medium-term plan so good to know deferred applications are possible. Thank you for the information and good luck with the programme. Its certainly the most interesting sounding one I have looked into.
Great talking to you! Best of luck with whatever you do in the coming year!

I have been working mostly in Embedded Electronics and has over 20 years of exp... working with companies like LG, Motorola, etc... am I eligible for some funding?

Hi, I'm afraid we don't provide funding. Your background is interesting, but we will need to check your CV and application to ascertain whether this is the right programme for you.

Thanks Eduardo

Kindly share your email ID I will forward that to you.

Sure, F.Alonso@city.ac.uk, for anyone who would like to follow up.

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Hi, please check out the Scholarships section in our course page:
https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/scholarships-and-funding/international-applicants-scholarships

If you send us an email, we can send you other links about funding PG study at City.

International Applicants Scholarships for Computer/Library and Information Science

Information on International Applicant Scholarships for Computer/Information Science at City, University of London

Thanks ... I will for sure
Thank you for attending this online session. If you are interested in visiting us in person to speak to the programme director and see our facilities, we will be holding a physical event at our Northampton Square campus on Tuesday 4th June from 5-7pm (BST). You can register for this event here: https://crm.dataharvesting.com/e/city/ps/city-
events/mcs2019-pg-events.

If you are interested in our MSc Data Science course, we will be holding an online event on Tuesday 23rd April from 4.30-5.30pm (BST). You can sign up for this event here: https://meetandengage.com/r/x0r6m4t.

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