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# SO, WHAT'S UNIVERSITY REALLY LIKE?

**2022/23 Taster Weeks**



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# Hello

Want to find out what life at university is really like?

City’s WP Outreach team run a wide range of programmes aimed at developing learners who are well informed, have realistic expectations about higher education, understand how to achieve their goals and have the grades, confidence and resilience to succeed.

Our dedicated and committed staff will work with you to deliver a range of exciting, engaging and creative activities to meet the needs of your students.

This guide outlines our subject-specific University Taster Weeks. These events offer you a fantastic opportunity to experience university life for an entire week by taking part in a range of exciting and engaging activities. These weeks are designed to give you a better understanding of what it is like to be a university student. The Taster Weeks balance academic lectures, seminars and workshops with social activities and provides you with an opportunity to meet current staff and students.

Take a look at what’s on offer. We look forward to seeing you at City soon.

# University Taster Week



## What is a University Taster Week?

Our University Taster Weeks give you the chance to take part in lectures, group discussions and practical work as if you were a university student. We offer a variety of Taster Week subjects. You can select your favourite on the application form. Our Taster Weeks give you a chance to see what university life is like and develop some key skills along the way.

The Taster Week programme runs throughout the academic year.

## So, it's like attending university for a few days. Will it be difficult?

The material we cover should stretch you; however, we know you are a bit younger than a typical university student so the activities are set at an appropriate level. You'll experience a different way of learning as well, since university is very different to being at school.

We also offer extra activities, including careers workshops, information sessions on financing university study and applying to university, social events and field trips.

## Who will lead the University Taster Weeks?

Your Taster Week at City will be delivered by academic staff at the University, students and external staff. Undergraduate students will act as ambassadors during the week and will guide you through the activities. This means that you will have a great opportunity to quiz them on their university experience and to find out first-hand what life is like at university.

All of the staff you will work with are trained in working with young people and they are DBS cleared.

## What do I have to pay?

Nothing – the programme is completely free. We provide refreshments and lunch free of charge each day and we will even reimburse you for your travel costs – just save your travel receipts. You will need to make your own way to and from the University each day.

## Do I have to apply to City, University of London if I attend a University Taster Week?

Not at all. Our team works to encourage students to think about higher education generally, not just higher education at City.

## Sign me up. How do I apply?

You can apply online by visiting [tinyurl.com/tasterweek2022](https://tinyurl.com/tasterweek2022).

Take your time completing the application form and make sure that a parent/carer is with you because they will need to complete part of the form too.

## When is the deadline for applications?

You need to have your completed application to us by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for the Year 9 and 10 University Taster Weeks. The deadline for our Year 12 University Taster Weeks is 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## What if I have to cancel?

If you realise that you are unable to attend the programme, please let us know as soon as possible. We ask that you do this at least 10 days prior to the event.



## Where can I find out more?

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# University Taster Week

## Where is City, University of London and how do I get there?

City's main campus is on Northampton Square in Islington. Our nearest London Underground stations are Angel (Northern Line) and Farringdon (Circle Line; Hammersmith & City Lines; National Rail Services). Both of these stations are a ten-minute walk from City.

There are also several bus routes that run by Northampton Square. Please check the Transport for London website ([www.tfl.gov](http://www.tfl.gov)) for routes and timetables.



## How long has City been around?

Quite a while. City was established in 1894 as the Northampton Institute, but our Law School and School of Health Sciences are even older, dating back to 1852 and 1877. Some of the earliest degrees City offered included Mechanical Engineering, Electro-Chemistry and Horology (the art and science of measuring time).

In 1908, when London hosted the Olympic Games for the first time, City's Great Hall played host to the boxing competition, in which Great Britain won 14 of the 15 medals awarded. When the First World War broke out a few years later, City's academics and students played their part, using their expertise to produce munitions and telegraph sets, and helping wounded ex-servicemen retrain and find employment.

After the Second World War, City began to expand, offering a wider range of courses (including Optometry and Computing) and welcoming more students and academic staff.

In 1966, City was granted a Royal Charter to become a University. The same year, the Lord Mayor of London was appointed as the Chancellor of the University. This relationship continues today and as the Lord Mayor of London changes every year, this makes City, University of London quite unique.

Some of the highlights in City's history over the last fifty years include a visit in 1971 from the Astronauts of Apollo 15, the establishment of the Department of Journalism in 1976 (City is now renowned as one of the leading UK centres for studying Journalism), and the establishment of Bayes Business School in 2001.

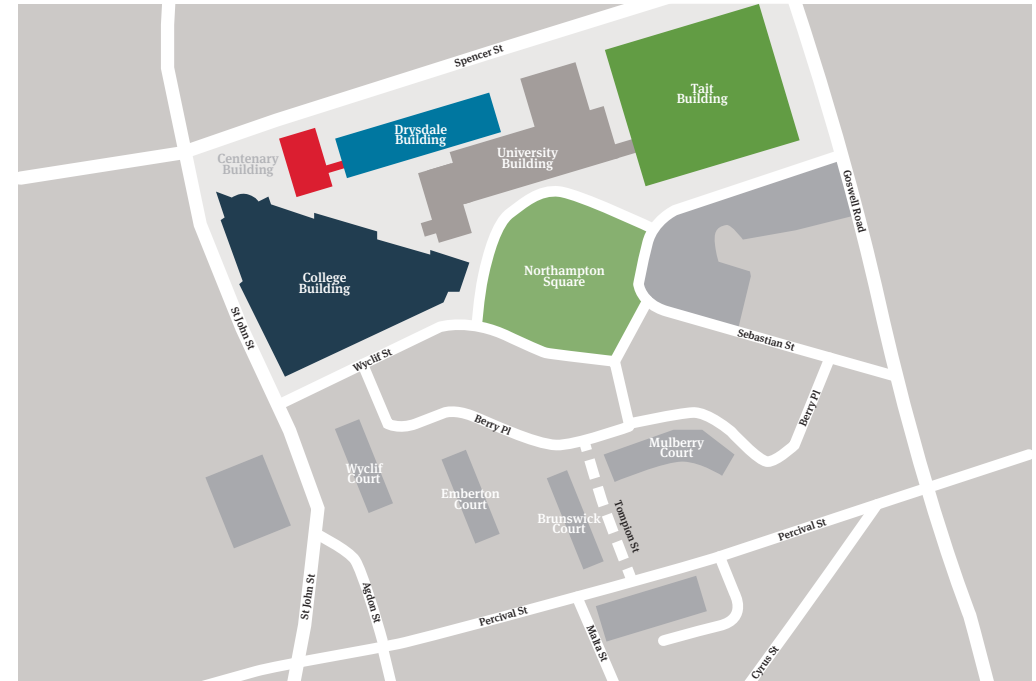
## What is the University like?

City, like many universities in London, is very diverse: students come to study here from all over the country and from all over the world. At last count, we had students from over 150 countries and academic staff from over 50 countries. One of the highlights of life at City for many of our students is the opportunity to meet people from different cultures and backgrounds.

From its beginnings as the Northampton Institute, City has been well known for its ability to prepare students for successful careers. We have close links with business and the professions, so many of our students spend a year of their degree working full time on a professional placement. Once they graduate, these students are more successful in securing employment. While studying for their degrees, students learn key skills that will help them succeed in their professional lives.

Research at City is also very important; many of our academics are undertaking research that is changing our world. For example, Professor Jo Wood of the School of Informatics is working with Transport for London to study how people use the city's Bicycle Hire Scheme. He has created a videographic to show the routes of over five million journeys in under two minutes. In the School of Health & Psychological Sciences, academic staff working in the field of food policy explore how we can make food production more sustainable and what we can do to curb childhood obesity.

The University's facilities include a state-of-the-art broadcasting studio, where our Journalism students develop their skills and prepare their final projects; a simulated nursing ward, where students from the School of Health & Psychological Sciences prepare for their clinical placements; and extensive Engineering laboratories. In 2015, we also opened a new Sports Centre close to our main campus.



# Privacy notice and GDPR

City, University of London delivers a wide range of widening participation outreach activities with young people from local schools and colleges. Our programmes aim to empower underrepresented learners to access and succeed in higher education and are part of City's vision to ensure our students gain the most from our investment in their success.

We are committed to providing sustained and personalised support empowering individual success from primary education right through to entry into business and the professions.

## How do we collect data?

We collect information on everyone who takes part in our activities and we use this data to help:

- Ensure we are reaching the right learners
- Plan future activities
- Evaluate the impact of our programmes both in the short term and longer term.

City's commitment to widening access is laid out in our Access and Participation Plan which is overseen by the Office for Students (previously this was the Access Agreement and the Office of Fair Access).

We collect this data under the legal basis 'Public Task' as set out in GDPR under article 6(1)e:

"Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller."



## What do we collect?

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Postcode
- Date of birth
- Contact details for parents/carers/young people
- School or college attended
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Disability and access information
- Looked after young people/care leavers
- First generation to attend HEI
- Free school meal/pupil premium data
- Evaluation data
- Current course of study
- Predicted and achieved attainment data (only for specific tutored subjects).

## How do we collect the data?

Data is collected from a number of sources depending on the nature of the activity or programme, methods of collection are:

- Direct from schools or colleges (group visits, school events, tutoring)
- Application forms direct from participants (aged 13 years and over)
- Direct from parents through application or monitoring forms
- Direct from participants on evaluation forms (aged 13 years and over).

## What do we do with the data we collect and how to we store it securely?

For the duration of the programme information on participants is stored in password-protected Excel spreadsheets accessible only by WP Outreach team members, the information is used to:

- Recruit and select learners for events
- Assess learners eligibility to attend WP Outreach events (in-line with WP targeting criteria).

City subscribe to the Higher Education access tracker where this information is recorded ([www.heat.ac.uk](http://www.heat.ac.uk)). HEAT is a secure online portal managed by the University of Kent. This data is used to analyse, evaluate and monitor the impact of WP outreach activities and to ensure we are reaching the target learners. Learner's progress is tracked to investigate longitudinal impact on attainment, progression and social mobility.

All personal information is removed and feedback is retained for evaluation purposes.

## Who to contact about your information and City?

Any questions regarding the data we hold on you can be directed to [heat@city.ac.uk](mailto:heat@city.ac.uk) or by calling the WP Outreach Team on **020 7040 4242**.

You have the right to access a copy of the data held on you by us and you also have the right to object to your data being retained. Contact [heat@city.ac.uk](mailto:heat@city.ac.uk) with your request or call **020 7040 4242** to discuss in more detail.

You can also contact City's Data Protection Officer directly at [dpo@city.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@city.ac.uk).



"I learnt how optical illusions affect our eyes and brain."

"I think the Psychology Taster Week was great and I really enjoyed my time here. It was educational and fun at the same time. I gained a lot of information about how human beings act the way they do. I learnt all about what psychology is about."

"In addition to learning more about the many types of engineering, I developed life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, listening and leadership."

"We found out a lot of interesting subjects about decoding, cryptology and its history."

## Year 10 Psychology University Taster Week

**Have you ever wondered why people behave the way they do?**

**During this week you will take part in interactive workshops and group challenges, learning about cognitive, abnormal and social psychology trying to work out why we all think differently.**

You will find out about famous psychology experiments, learn how to maximise your memory, find out more about psychological disorders and how to treat them, as well as studying optical illusions and what they tell us about the brain.

You will also have the chance to design your own experiments, work with clinical and occupational psychologists to find out more about the work they do and put theory into practice by analysing people's behaviour and creating patient treatment plans.



**Who is it for?** Year 10 students interested in finding out more about psychology.

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

**How many places are available?** 30

**How should I apply?** Turn to page 5 for details on how to apply.

## Year 10 Engineering University Taster Week

**Do you want to discover more about Engineering?**

**Come along to this Taster Week to get an overview of four key areas: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. You will be involved in group challenges, take part in workshops and classroom-based activities to really get you thinking. These will be led by academics from City, postgraduate students and industry experts.**

You will experience a flight simulator and formula one car with a chance to work in one of our labs to find out about a range of engineering sectors including aeronautical, automotive, mechanical, electrical and civil engineering. You will create your own games using coding, solve mathematics problems with our professors and explore the sciences.



**Who is it for?** Year 10 students interested in finding out more about how science and mathematics relate to engineering.

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

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"I loved the University Taster Week and it has encouraged me to take up business in my studies: it's my thing."

"I enjoyed meeting successful people from the industry."

"The tasks were really fun and gave me a chance to express myself freely."

"I always wanted to go to university but was unsure of what to expect. Now I am more determined to go."

## Year 10 Business and Enterprise University Taster Week

### Who wants to be the next Lord Sugar?

**This fast-paced course will give you a taste of what it is like to study business by taking part in group challenges and attending workshops delivered by academics and business experts.**

You will learn about stocks and shares and play an interactive trading game where you will take on the role of a stockbroker. In addition, you will visit a business where there will be the chance to interview employees about their roles. At the end of the week, you will put your entrepreneurial skills to the test by designing and pitching an innovative business idea to a panel of judges.



**Who is it for?** Year 10 students interested in finding out more about business.

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 20<sup>th</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

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## Year 9 Pathways to the Professions University Taster Weeks

### Not sure what your options are or where your interests lie?

**The Pathways to the Professions University Taster Weeks will give you a taste of what it is like to study a variety of different subjects at university. You will take part in interactive workshops full of group challenges including:**

- Finance: take part in an interactive trading game and learn about investment
- Law: think and act as lawyers making judgements on criminal cases in a mock trial scenario
- Business: use business strategies to turn your ideas into a profitable business
- Psychology: work with a clinical psychologist to figure out why clients are behaving in a particular way and learn more about how the brain processes optical illusions
- Engineering: build bridges to a specification, program traffic lights and create and race electric buggies
- Journalism: interview people to create your own newspaper article, blog or radio show.
- Activities will also be offered in computing and health.



**Who is it for?** Year 9 students who would like to experience lots of different university subjects.

**When is it happening?** 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

**How many places are available?** 30

**How should I apply?** Turn to page 5 for details on how to apply.

"I think the gamelan was interesting, as I learnt the music of another culture. I enjoyed playing the gong."

"The drumming workshop was great fun and those running it were brilliant. I also thought the music technology workshop at LSO was amazing and look forward to getting my CD."

"Attending the university was one of the best decisions I feel I've made and now know more than I ever did about university."

"I learnt how to interview someone without feeling nervous and how to be a TV presenter in the interactive studio."

## Year 10 Creative Industries Taster Week

**Interested in the music industry?**

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience studying creative and communication courses at City, University of London. This fun and fast paced course incorporates workshops delivered by university academics, and representatives from the creative industries, company representatives and musicians.

Workshops include creating your own music video, trying your hand at gamelan and African drumming. You will also be creating your own radio or television show in City's Journalism studios and there will be an opportunity to see a musical in the West End to see how music is used in large-scale theatrical productions.



**Who is it for?** Year 10 students who would like to find out more about music at university.

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

**How many places are available?** 30

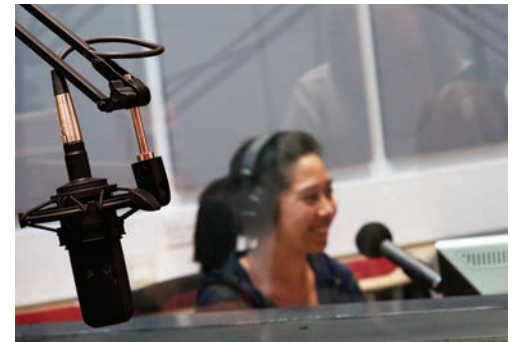
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## Year 10 Social Science University Taster Week

**Have you ever wondered how society functions?**

If you are interested in the social sciences and want to explore international politics, sociology, history, criminology or psychology, this is the taster week for you. Academic staff will deliver lectures and workshops to provide an overview of what these subject areas entail at university and in the world of work.

You will conduct research like real social scientists, explore how the mind works and you will have a chance to be a journalist, debate topical issues and use a variety of City's facilities.



**Who is it for?** Year 10 students interested in the social sciences.

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

**How many places are available?** 30

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“My favourite part was the legal debate and advocacy workshop as I have always been interested in debating and court cases that come with being a lawyer.”

“We were taught how to take fingerprints and were given the opportunity to dress in forensic clothing and were shown how to take evidence from a crime scene.”

“I think coming to the University Taster Week taught me more about nursing and what skills and qualifications you need to study it. I think after doing the presentations in front of my group it has boosted my confidence and helped me with my people skills.”

“The lectures that are similar to those that undergraduates will actually be attending provide very good insight. The practical was great.”

## Year 10 Law and Criminology University Taster Week

**Thinking about a career as a barrister or solicitor?**

**During this Taster Week, you will get a taste of what it is like to study law at degree level. You will take part in interactive workshops delivered by academics and experts from the law industry.**

Acting and thinking as lawyers, you will use legal terms, make judgements on criminal cases and take part in your own mock court trial. You will learn about the classifications of theft, murder and manslaughter and you will have the opportunity to take a tour of the Inns of Courts and practise interview questioning techniques. You will become scenes-of-crime officers and gather evidence from a mock crime scene. Once evidence is gathered you will conduct experiments and analysis to solve the crime.



**Who is it for?** Year 10 students who would like to find out more about law and criminology

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus, with some workshops taking place at The City Law School

**How many places are available?** 30

**How should I apply?** Turn to page 5 for details on how to apply.

## Year 12 Nursing and Midwifery University Taster Week

**Interested in the health sector?**

**At this Taster Week, you will take part in taster sessions focused on nursing, midwifery, applied biological science and other allied subjects such as psychology and speech and language therapy, covering both theory and practical learning.**

You will treat mock patients, do nutrition exercises in our labs, practise taking blood pressure as well as receiving extensive career advice including a one-to-one guidance interview, information about finding suitable work experience and a personal statement workshop. You will also work in groups on a research task, enabling you to develop some key skills which will help you at university.



**Who is it for?** Year 12 students who would like to find out more about nursing, midwifery and other allied subjects

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

**And where?** City's Northampton Square campus

**How many places are available?** 30

**How should I apply?** Turn to page 5 for details on how to apply.

“Thank you for organising and running the Health Professions University Taster Week, it was a wonderful and inspiring experience. It has helped me gather a better insight into optometry as well as radiography, which I may consider studying at university. Also, many, many thanks to the ambassadors who helped us all during the week and kept us motivated.”

# Year 12 Health Professions University Taster Week

## Thinking about a career in the health sector?

**This Taster Week will introduce you to the wide range of health subjects that can be studied at university. You'll experience taster sessions in radiography, optometry, speech and language therapy, psychology and biomedical engineering, covering both theory and practical.**

You will get to use university equipment such as x-ray machines, giving you great first-hand experience. There will also be extensive career advice including a 1:1 guidance interview, information about finding suitable work experience and a personal statement workshop. You will also work in groups on a research task enabling you to develop some key skills which will help you at university.

There will also be an opportunity to meet professionals from various health-based careers in a speed networking session.



**Who is it for?** Year 12 students who would like to find out more about degree subjects within the health sector

**When is it happening?** This is a five day programme which runs from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, from 10am to 3.30pm

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