Open Day Guide

27th September 2014
10am to 3pm
We are delighted to welcome you to our September Open Day. City University London is a unique place to study: we are located in the heart of one of the most exciting cities in the world; we combine a commitment to academic excellence with a longstanding tradition of preparing graduates for top-flight careers in business and the professions, and we are one of the UK’s most international universities, with students and staff from over 150 countries.

City was recently ranked in the top five per cent of universities in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013/14). We have also been ranked in the top ten in the UK for graduate-level jobs (The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2014) and starting salaries (Which? University), and in the Top 10 in the UK for international students (The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide League Table 2014).

You are visiting the University at an exciting time. Between 2012 and 2016, we will be investing up to £165 million in our estate and infrastructure. For our current and future students, this investment will lead to a state-of-the-art sports centre (opening later this year), expanded online and print resources in our libraries, new spaces for studying and Information Technology resources to enrich life and learning.

City’s Open Day is a great opportunity for you to learn about courses that interest you, take a tour of our facilities and experience a glimpse of life as a City student. This guide will help you plan your day. Over the page, you will find some tips on making the most of your visit. The talks planner on pages 6 and 7 provides an overview of all of the day’s activity, while pages 10 to 19 contain more information on academic life at City, with details of course-specific talks run by City’s five Schools. At the back of the guide, you will find maps of our campus.

Throughout this guide the University’s buildings are colour coded to help you get around and on the day, staff and student ambassadors will be on hand to help, chat about life at City and answer your questions.

We’re looking forward to meeting you.
Planning your day at City

City’s Open Day is held at the University’s main campus, around Northampton Square. The talks planner on pages 6 and 7 and the maps at the back of this guide will help you organise your visit to City.

Travel information

City is located in central London and it has excellent transport links. Our nearest London Underground stations are Angel (Northern Line) and Farringdon (Circle Line; Hammersmith & City Lines; National Rail Services), both of which can be accessed from London Kings Cross Station and are approximately ten minutes’ walk from Northampton Square.

There are several bus routes which run by Northampton Square, including the following: 4, 19, 30, 38, 43, 55, 56, 73, 153, 205, 214, 243, 304, 341, 394, 476.

For further information on public transport in London, please visit [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk). Parking in central London is expensive and we recommend using public transport where possible. However, if you do plan to arrive at City by car, please visit [www.ncp.co.uk](http://www.ncp.co.uk) to find details of convenient car parks. City is unable to provide visitor parking on campus.

At the back of this guide you will find a map of our campus and the local area.

Arrival

When you arrive at City, please go to the main entrance of the University Building (B) to register: make sure you bring along your confirmation email with your bar code for fast-track registration.

There are Open Day helpdesks on the main walkway in the University Building (B) and on the first floor in the College Building (A). Staff and student ambassadors will be at these helpdesks, ready to help you plan your day, register for tours and find your way around.

Rooms A216 and A305 in the College Building (A) are available for prayer and quiet reflection during the day. Please ask at the Open Day helpdesk on the main walkway in the University Building (B) for more information.

Plan

Open Days are always very busy: at any point in the day, there are several talks taking place and tours departing. It is helpful to identify your “can’t miss” events. Among these will usually be any talk that relates to the subject or subjects you are interested in studying. General talks on admissions, student finance and accommodation are also really helpful as you plan for life at university. Finally, the Welcome to City talk led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Curran, at 10am and 12:30pm, provides an excellent overview of everything City has to offer. Note down times and locations on pages 6 and 7.

Explore

Campus tours, which run throughout the day, are a great way to get your bearings. But it can also be really helpful to wander around campus yourself or with parents or friends: if you get lost, a Student Ambassador will always be close at hand to help. Try to allow time to explore our neighbourhood as well: close to Angel you will find plenty of shops and cafes, while cultural activity and restaurants dominate around Farringdon and Barbican.

Ask questions

Student ambassadors will be around campus throughout the day to help answer your questions. As current students, they have first-hand experience of living and studying in London, and can help you find your way around. School-specific ambassadors from various courses will also be available at the School’s information stands. They will be able to give you a greater insight into the course you wish to study. Staff including admissions tutors, Student Centre advisors and academics will also be on hand and happy to chat.

Refuel

It can be tempting to pack as much as possible into your visit, but don’t forget to stop for lunch during the day. All of the catering outlets on campus are open for Open Days and there is free tea and coffee in the refectory, located in the University Building (B). If you would prefer to venture off campus, Exmouth Market, close to the College Building (A), is one of London’s foremost streets for restaurants and cafes.

Life beyond the lecture hall

There is a range of places to eat and meet friends at the University, including coffee shops, sandwich bars and the student refectory. Find some time to explore the University’s social areas to relax between talks and tours.

Making the most of your visit

Our friendly student ambassadors will be at the nearest train stations and situated around campus throughout the day: they can help you find your way and show you around the University on one of our tours.
When planning your day, make sure to allow some time for getting to know City’s buildings and facilities. A campus tour, run by a Student Ambassador, is an excellent place to start. Many of our departments also run tours of their own facilities: details of these additional tours are available on the pages that follow.

Campus and accommodation tours
Campus tours are led by student ambassadors and take up to 45 minutes. You will visit the Student Centre, the Careers, Student Development & Outreach area and the Library. At many of these locations, staff will be on hand to provide more information and answer your questions.

To book a place on a campus tour, visit the Open Day helpdesk on the main walkway in the University Building (B). Tours run every ten minutes between 10am and 2pm and they depart from outside Waterstone’s, next to the main entrance of the University Building (B).

Our separate accommodation tours will leave from outside the Students’ Union, next to the main entrance of the University Building (B). These tours will include a visit to Liberty Court, one of the University’s undergraduate halls-of-residence. Liberty Court is located in the historical Smithfield area of London, around ten minutes walk from Northampton Square.

The accommodation talks will be taking place at 11.30am and 1pm in the Great Hall, College Building (A) and members of the team will be available throughout the day in the Great Hall Foyer, College Building (A) to answer any queries.

Student Centre
The Student Centre, located in the University Building (B), can offer advice on financial support and accommodation. A member of the Learning Success team, which looks after disability, dyslexia and academic learning support matters, will also be available. Finally, the Student Centre can provide guidance for parents and international students.

Admissions
Members of our admissions team will be available throughout the day in the Student Centre, located in the University Building (B), to talk about your application to City. Feel free to drop in for a discussion about your qualifications, writing personal statements, or, any aspect of your application, or attend one of the Admissions talks taking place at 11am or 1.30pm in the Great Hall, College Building (A).

Careers, Student Development & Outreach
The Careers, Student Development & Outreach team offers guidance to City students from day one of their course. The Service also provides advice for pre-entry students offered a place to study at the University. The Careers, Student Development & Outreach team is located in the Drysdale Building (E).

Alongside information about career planning, you can find out more about opportunities for volunteering, mentoring and work as a Student Ambassador. You will also be able to meet some of our employer partners to find out how they work with the University to recruit City graduates and our Careers Consultants will be offering short one-to-one guidance meetings to give you a flavour for the career planning process.

Students’ Union
The Students’ Union exists to make sure you have a great time at university, both socially and academically. It represents students within the University, organises events and supports clubs and societies.

Sport & Leisure Service
CitySport, City’s new sports facility located on Goswell Road is scheduled to open this autumn. With over 3000m² of floor space, CitySport will provide outstanding facilities and equipment for students, staff and the local community. You can view an area of our new sports facility on the campus tour, and to find out more about opportunities to participate in sport at City, speak to one of our current students who will be dressed in their City kit, or, attend the Sport talk at 11.30am and 1.30pm in AG08, College Building (A).

Library
The University Library is located over five floors of the University Building (B). Library staff will be available during the day to answer your questions and show you the state-of-the-art facilities.

Library Services offer a huge range of resources to support your studies at City. Our printed collections are complemented by a vast portfolio of electronic resources (e-books, e-journals and specialist databases). Opening hours are extensive, including 24/7 around exam times, and help is available from our specialist staff in person and online.
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General talks

Alongside our course-specific talks, which are outlined on the pages that follow, we provide a range of general talks to give you an insight into what you can expect as a student at City University London. At the end of all general talks, you will have the chance to ask the speaker any questions.

Welcome to City
Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre, Tait Building (C)
Talk
10am, 12.30pm
30 minutes
City’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul Curran will discuss what makes City unique, our history and what City has to offer prospective students.

Accommodation
Great Hall, College Building (A)
Talk
11.30am, 1pm
30 minutes
City offers accommodation in halls of residence to all first year undergraduates who accept their place at the University within the accommodation deadline. This talk, led by Claire and Geoffrey from the Student Centre’s Accommodation Team, will provide advice on costs, how to apply, options in the private sector and living in London.

Sport
AG08, College Building (A)
Talk
11.30am, 1.30pm
30 minutes
City’s new sports facility, CitySport, is scheduled to open in autumn 2014. Head of Leisure Services, Bill Thompson, will lead this talk to provide information on the new sports facility, the importance of participating in sport at university and the sports teams we have at City.

Admissions
Great Hall, College Building (A)
Talk
11am, 1.30pm
30 minutes
This talk, led by Richard Broom and Dan Cox of City’s Admissions team, will cover the key stages in the annual university admissions process, including guidance on how and when to apply, the UCAS system and different types of offers.

Student experience
AG08, College Building (A)
Talk
12pm, 2pm
30 minutes
This talk, led by current second year student Dimitri Dolor, will provide you with a student’s perspective on studying at City. Dimitri will introduce you to life as a City student and share advice and experience from her first year.

Student finance
A130, College Building (A)
Talk
11.30am, 1.30pm
30 minutes
Members of staff from the Student Centre will provide an overview of student finance, a key factor in preparing for life at university. The talk will provide up-to-date information on areas including funding, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and money management tips. For more information on NHS Finance, please see the School of Health Sciences information on pages 18 and 19.
School of Arts & Social Sciences

The School of Arts & Social Sciences provides its students with a dynamic, academically rigorous environment for undergraduate study. We focus on four disciplines in the social sciences – Economics, International Politics, Psychology and Sociology – and on Journalism, Music and Culture and Creative Industries. In all subject areas, our students benefit from City’s central London location, our close links with the professions and the academic and personal support they need to succeed in their studies and prepare for their future.
Cass Business School delivers innovative and relevant education, research and consultancy. Located in the heart of one of the world's leading financial centres, Cass is the business school for the City of London. Our undergraduate, specialist Masters, MBA, executive education and research programmes have a reputation for excellence and attract students from around the world. Our undergraduate programme is ranked 2nd in London for Business and Management degrees by The Guardian University Guide 2015.
The School of Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering offers a comprehensive range of courses informed by research and aligned with the needs of industry. Our Mathematics graduates are prepared for careers in sectors including finance, education and research. Engineering students benefit from outstanding laboratory facilities, close links with industry and a long-standing reputation for excellence. In Computer Science, we offer a range of distinctive degrees, designed to prepare students for careers in IT, commerce, research and consultancy.
The City Law School is one of London’s major law schools, offering an impressive range of academic and professional courses. It was the first law school in London to educate students and practitioners at all stages of legal education. We offer courses suitable for everyone interested in following a career in law, including undergraduate and postgraduate law, specialist Masters and research degrees and professional legal qualifications.
City’s School of Health Sciences excels in the field of healthcare education and health policy while undertaking world class research. Our students learn in the heart of London and they undertake placements with London’s leading healthcare providers. We have state-of-the-art clinical skills suites and laboratories and academic staff, who are world leading health educators, practitioners and researchers. Owing to our reputation and direct engagement with the world of work, 93 per cent of our graduates find employment or continue to further study after graduation.
A short history of City University London

City’s tradition of providing high quality education relevant to business and the professions dates back 160 years. For many of our graduates, time spent at City laid the groundwork for careers that have changed the world we live in.

1852
The Inns of Court School of Law was founded. One of the earliest providers of legal education in London, it would become a part of The City Law School in 2001.

1876
Herbert Henry Asquith, British Prime Minister from 1908 to 1916, graduated from The Inns of Court School of Law. Asquith was the first of many global leaders, including Mohandas ‘Mahatma’ Gandhi, Clement Attlee, Jawaharlal Nehru, Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair, to pass through what is now The City Law School.

1877
St Bartholomew’s College of Nursing was founded, affiliated with London’s oldest hospital, St Bartholomew’s. The College of Nursing would later be incorporated into the School of Health Sciences at City University London.

1894
The Northampton Institute was founded. With the objective of promoting ‘the industrial skill, general knowledge, health and well-being of young men and women belonging to the poorer classes’, the first departments established in the Institute were Mechanical Engineering and Metal Trades, Artistic Crafts for Industry, Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering, Horology, Electro-chemistry and Domestic Economy.

1908
The University Great Hall played host to the boxing competition of the first London Olympic Games. Great Britain excelled in the competition, winning 14 of 15 medals awarded.

1909
The Northampton Institute introduced courses in Aeronautical Engineering, the first offered in the United Kingdom. In this year the Institute also presented its first candidates for University of London BSc degrees.

1914-1918
During the First World War, the engineering facilities of the Northampton Institute were used to produce munitions and telegraph sets, and members of academic staff helped to train munitions workers and service personnel. All departments also participated in schemes to retain and find employment for wounded ex-servicemen.

1927
With the founding of the Department of Optometry and Visual Sciences, the Northampton Institute became one of the first establishments in the world to educate optometrists. City University London remains the only institution in London to offer a BSc in Optometry.

1939-1945
The Northampton Institute once again played a key part in the war effort, providing training courses for members of the RAF, Army and Navy in skills ranging from optics manufacturing to wireless mechanics.

1946
The Institute began a period of expansion that would set the stage for its transition into City University London in 1966. Between 1946 and 1956 the number of courses grew, student numbers increased and academic research became more important.

1955
The Northampton Institute offered a summer school on the use of electronic digital computers and calculators in accountancy, costing and management, laying the groundwork for the foundation of The British Computer Society.

1957
The Northampton Institute became the Northampton College of Advanced Technology, with a mandate to increase student numbers and offer advanced degrees whilst retaining the former Institute’s close links with industry.

1963
The Northampton College began to construct its first hall of residence, close to the City of London.

1966
The University was created by Royal Charter. Dr James Tait was appointed as its first Vice-Chancellor and Oliver Thompson as its first Pro-Chancellor. Together they approached the Lord Mayor of London and they established a unique association between the City and University that continues today, in which the Lord Mayor in office is also the Chancellor of City University London.

1969
The Drysdale and Centenary Buildings were completed. The University Building would be opened a year later and the Tait Building in 1974.

1971
The astronaut of Apollo 15 visited City University London and presented Vice-Chancellor Tait with a piece of heat shield from the Apollo 15 command module.

1975
The first students of City University London’s new degree in Music began their studies. These students benefited from the close links between the University and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

1976
City offered a Diploma in Journalism, capitalising on its proximity to Fleet Street and its long experience of educating for the professions.

1977
The Centre for Legal Studies was established and the Graduate Diploma in Law was offered for the first time.

1988
The School of Engineering was formed under the guidance of Professor Ludwig Finkelstein, its first Dean.

1990
The School of Informatics was formed, bringing together the departments of Information Science, Business Computing and Computer Science. Undergraduate degrees in Law were offered for the first time.

1995
St Bartholomew’s School of Nursing and Midwifery was incorporated into the University. It would become part of the School of Health Sciences. In the same year, the Charterhouse College of Radiography was also incorporated into the University.

2001
Following a generous donation from the Sir John Cass Foundation towards the Business School’s new building project, the School was renamed the Sir John Cass Business School. The Foundation, one of London’s oldest and largest education charities, continues to support the Cass Business School. Her Majesty the Queen opened the new building two years later.

2003
The Inns of Court School of Law was integrated into The City Law School.

2004
The School of Arts was formed, bringing together the departments of Music, Journalism and Publishing, and Cultural Policy and Management.

2010
City University London was ranked in the top five percent of universities in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and in the top 30 higher education institutions in the UK by the Times Higher Education Table of Tables.
Campus map

Key
- Main entrance
- College Building Entrance
- College Building Accessible entrance
- Social Sciences Building Entrance
- Social Sciences Building Accessible entrance
- Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre
- The Great Hall
- Costa Coffee
- Saddlers bar
- Social Sciences Café
- The Refectory (student café)
- Drysdale Garden

Centenary Building (H)
Social Sciences Building (D)
College Building (A)

Drysdale Building (E)
University Building (B)

Northampton Square/Bandstand

1. Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre
2. The Great Hall
3. Costa Coffee
4. Saddlers bar
5. Social Sciences Café
6. The Refectory (student café)
7. Drysdale Garden
City University London is located in Islington in central London. City is close to the capital’s leading financial, legal, media and medical institutions and is a stone’s throw away from cultural centres such as the Barbican Centre, British Museum, and the Tate Modern. With great pubs, cafes and green spaces, nothing compares to studying in the heart of London.

For the third year running London has been ranked second in the QS Top Universities Best Student Cities in the World 2014.