MSc Energy & Environmental Technology & Economics online chat

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MSc Energy & Environmental Technology & Economics 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 Energy & Environmental Technology & Economics 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 Matthew Read (Programme Director), Lucyna Piechnik (Course Officer) and Shanice Harrison (Recruitment Team).

Hello! I’m Matthew Read, the Programme Director for the MSc Environmental Technology and Economics. Just let me know if you have any questions about the course or studying here at City, University of London.

Hi, my name is Lucy. I am the Course Officer for MSc Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Hello, my name is Shanice and I work in the marketing team here at City. I look forward to answering your questions.

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

https://youtu.be/8UY5dK9zTml

HI GPA of 2.6 is equivalent to 2.2 UK degree. I am afraid our courses are only offered with a September start only.
Hello everyone. So I have a few queries about this course. What's the GPA requirements according to our country Pakistan. Secondly I wanted to ask whether January intakes are offered if yes then what are the deadlines for the January intakes.

And what are the deadlines for the September starts?

Applications are open until 31/08/2019. However, I would strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to meet conditions of an offer (if applicable).

Okay thanks a lot for the info.

If you may have questions later, you can get in touch with us on smcsepge@city.ac.uk

Hello I am interested in this course, I have a BSc in economics but main interest lies in sustainability. Is this quite a technical degree?

Hi. The course aims to be accessible to students from a range of backgrounds. In some modules (such as Water Management and Renewable Energy) we do go into some detail on technical aspects, but this is really focused on explaining and understanding the implications for the energy sector, and the challenges associated with improving efficiency and sustainability. I would say that it's important that you are interested in the technical aspects, but it is not essential to have a technical background. Hope that helps - just let me know if you have more questions.

The Optimised Microturbine Solar Power system (OMSoP) project

https://youtu.be/FRktKig6Do

Thank you Matthew. I am interested in the technical side but I don't have that background so I was having doubts I guess.

& does city have good careers links like helping to find internships in this and so on?
Hi, yes, our colleagues in the Professional Liaison Unit can assist with finding internships and work placement: [https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/placements-and-internships/about-professional-liaison-unit](https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/mathematics-computer-science-engineering/placements-and-internships/about-professional-liaison-unit)

**Professional Liaison Unit**

Professional Liaison Unit work with Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering students at City, University of London.

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**What are the main roles students go onto do?**

Hi, students go on to a wide range of roles, such as energy consultants, data analysts and directors of corporate sustainability working within organisations. There is a list of some of the organisations our graduates have gone on to work here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/energy-and-environmental-technology-and-economics](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/energy-and-environmental-technology-and-economics)

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Hello. I am have some queries about MSc energy environmental technology and Economics.
1. Is this program suitable for students with a background in Chemical Engineering?
2. What are the job prospects in UK after completing this MSc?
3. What are the opportunities for pursuing a PhD in the field of energy after completing this MSc?

Thank you.

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Hi, from the perspective of the course content, a chemical engineering background is suitable, as you will already have a good idea of concepts around power generation and energy use. The suitability of the programme depends to some degree on your motivation - the course aims to build a broader understanding of the energy sector, including energy management, renewable technologies, energy policy and economic aspects. I would say the focus is more on developing the professional skills and knowledge required in the energy sector. The being said, there's no reason that the MSc can't provide a good basis for further study such as a PhD - the dissertation project in particular will give you a good introduction to a research based project.
For part time study what are the taught hours per week?

MSc in Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics is delivered in the form of block teaching, which means that a module runs over 4 working days in one given week in every 1-2 weeks.

As a full-time student you would need to attend 4 core Modules and select 4 elective Modules making it 8 Modules, plus a Dissertation.

If you decided to study the course on a part-time basis, you could study between 3 and 6 Modules (between 45 and 90 credits) per academic year. For part-time students modules may be taken in any order, subject to certain restrictions, but we strongly advise to take the Introductory Module first. You would also need to take into account that there are two Examination Sessions, one in January and another in May/June. Re-sit exams are usually organised in August (if applicable). The course on a part-time basis takes 2 years. In 2 years you would be expected to complete 9 Modules inclusive of the Dissertation. 8 taught Modules carry 15 credits each and the dissertation Module has 60 credits.

In one academic year you would need to complete between 45 and 90 credits. So e.g. if you chose to do only 3 Modules (45 credits) in the first year, then in the second year you would be expected to complete the remaining 5 Modules inclusive of dissertation (5x15 credits=75 credits + dissertation 60 credits)

In terms of the electives, will any be added/changed for the sept 2019 cohort?

We do not anticipate any change in the choice of electives, but please note that we do require a minimum of 5 students to enrol on each Module.

Hello, here wanna ask that am from Pakistan can I join this chat?

Of course you can! :) Please feel free to ask any question you may have.

Thanks very much lucyna :slight_smile:

Thank you Matthew for your reply. Does this program offers any industry based projects for final thesis?
Each year we have a number of projects with involvement from businesses and industrial or academic partners. We are very happy to support this, and will announce any opportunities during the course, but these tend to vary year by year, so it is obviously not possible to guarantee that particular projects will be available.

'MSc in Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics is delivered in the form of block teaching, which means that a module runs over 4 working days in one given week in every 1-2 weeks.' - is there an email or someone I could call to explain this a little further. I'd ideally be working part time and this doesn't sound possible.

Hi [name], you can contact me on 0044 2070400286 from tomorrow (I am not in my office at the moment). However, please note that if you require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, you could study part-time but you would not be allowed to work.

Thank you Lucyna - I will give you a call. I am a British citizen so that won't be an issue. :)

Thank you all for your responses so far. Very helpful. Do the majority of students who do this course come from an engineering/computer science background?

Hi [name], I would say that generally the percentage of students with an engineering background is around 25% - we usually have a really good mix of students who have studied in economics, engineering, environmental studies, politics, geography, and others. This really helps with the aims of the course because the students are able to relate to and discuss topics from many different perspectives.

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