Studying BA Music, BA Journalism, BA English or BSc Media, Communications and Sociology courses at City

This Online Chat session is for prospective students interested in studying our BA Music, BA Journalism, BA English or BSc Media, Communications and Sociology courses. The session will be run by current students, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life 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 Online Chat session. This session is for applicants to City’s BA Music, BA Journalism, BA English or BSc Media, Communications and Sociology courses. This session runs from 15:00 - 16:00 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding to studying and life at City, University of London. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating 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!

Hi everybody! I am a third year journalism student at City. I am originally from Italy but I have been living in London for the past three years. What I like the most about my course is the variety of subjects we study. From broadcasting, writing, media law, history and politics, if you are not sure about your future, journalism is a broad degree which makes you explore different areas. Feel free to ask me any questions about this course! :) 

Hello! I am a second year student studying BSc Music Sound and Technology.

Hi! I study BSc Media, Communications and Sociology with Quantitative Methods.

Hello! I’m BMus Admissions Tutor from City’s Department of Music. I’m also an active performer and would be happy to chat about music-related matters at City.

City: London is your campus

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Could you brief me on your program?
Sure thing! It's a module offered by the Department of Sociology here and it's mainly a 50/50 course. So, 50/50 meaning that your modules in throughout the course will be 50% media-related and 50% sociology related. Our module covers the role of the media in societal situations/happenings (such as; protests, political elections and economic crises). For the sociological side of the module, we analyse actions within society relating to scholars/thinkers such as Marx and Durkheim to our analyses. Hope that helps!

Hello, I'm starting my alevels currently and I know it's quite early but I've been thinking about studying in London and I have done somebody research on this university. Could you please explain how far the building for the block on journalism is away from central London if possible? Thank you

Hi so City - and the journalism department - are located in the heart of London. We are about 8 minutes walk from Angel and Farringdon stations, while you can easily reach St Paul in a 15 minutes walk. Oxford Circus, Picadilly Circus, Covent Garden and the West End are all 30 minutes walking distance, but you can easily get buses and be there in 15 minutes.

Dermot Murnaghan (Journalism 1984) - City, University of London alumnus

https://youtu.be/xVvY3AcbBGg

City, University of London: School of Arts and Social Sciences tour

https://youtu.be/JU3nRtrcrK4Q

I'm sorry. Could you tell me about how you got to adjust to the new environment when moving from Italy to London?
Hi, thank you for your question. The beauty of London is that you can easily find part of your country/habits in it which makes my transaction from Italy to the UK quite straightforward. London offers many social opportunities, so if you are scared of not making friends, at university we have societies and social groups that you can join about your hobbies and meet students who share the same passions you have. Also, if you are feeling homesick at times, that’s completely normal! Flight prices are quite cheap from any London airports and we have LOTS of holiday that you can spend with your family. In terms of finance, I suggest to make a plan of how many spendings you roughly have per month and try to stick to it as much as you can. Remember though that university is quite flexible and you can easily find a part-time job (within the uni or not) to support your finance! Hope this helps :)

Oh that’s great then, thank you:) also I was wondering if you could possibly tell me how much practical work is there within the journalism course and is there more practicality rather than writing? I’m Loren comfortable with the writing sector rather than practicality. Sorry I’m not very researched on this but I’m very intrigued and I am also thinking of pursuing journalism. Thank you

So I would definitely say that journalism is a practical course. We do A LOT of journalistic writing though - that’s feature writing, newswriting, writing for radio, television, social media etc... so we kind of write a lot, but not academically. We do have ‘theoretic’ lectures, such as Politics, History of Journalism, Sociology and you can choose also more ‘academic’ electives (non-compulsory modules) such as English modules. But overall, we do a lot practical stuff such as radio and television, online and social media journalism, photography etc.

Hi i am interested in studying BA Journalism and I would like to know more about the course

Hi. So, journalism is a very practical course where you will explore all the aspects of this industry. You will have radio and television lectures, alongside writing lectures where you are taught how to write in different styles for different publications. You will have broadcasting modules throughout your three years and at the end of the degree you will have experience in how a newsroom works and tried different roles, including editing video and radio packages. You can find more information about the subjects, including electives, on this link:

https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/journalism

Journalism Undergraduate

City’s Journalism BA (Hons) degree provides highly relevant education and proficiency in print, broadcast and online journalism and relevant studies in humanities such as politics and the history of journalism.

Absolutely yes! We do broadcasting journalism in first, second and third year. In first year you learn how to edit packages on Premiere Pro and Audition while producing a mock ‘Question Time’ programme. In second year you will do ‘Newsdays’, these are 9-5 days where in groups you are asked to prepare a news television or radio programme with the news of the day. Third year is the same but more complex.
Thank you a lot for the insight! I was wondering if you could tell me more about the scholarships that are offered, mainly concerning students from abroad.

Yes sure! Have a look at this link https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries but in first year I applied to the Global Leader Scholarship which is open to EU and International students!

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

Thank you for your help. I have another question, are lectures recorded by any chance?

Some of them are, yes. Practical lectures however are not recorded as they are taken into the journalism department where there is no lecture capture service. However, everything we do it’s then posted on Moodle by our lecturer - our online platform - so you are constantly updated.

If you would like to chat with any of our student ambassadors, you can do so via our new peer-to-peer platform! Please visit www.city.ac.uk/ask-a-student to start chatting to our students now.

Ask a student
Speak with one of our current students and find out more about what it is like to study at City.

City, University of London Music Studios Tour

https://youtu.be/FjQJhORMFQ
What support do you get from lecturers?

You are allocated a personal tutor at the beginning of your first year and this is the person you have to meet at least once a term and supports you/looks after you/asks you if everything is okay and if you have any concerns. Also, lecturers from specific subjects are always really friendly and available to answer any questions or go through anything that you haven’t understood. There is also this new feedback format called ‘feeding forward’ where everything you have to submit as assignment receives formal feedback before submission to enhance your mark and give you the possibility to make corrections before the final submission.

Joonha, can I ask if you were studying sociology before university and if not can you explain if you find sociology similar to media and do you find it easy or difficult to learn the contents?

Hi, I did not study sociology before university but I felt that it was quite easy to grasp during the lectures. I was introduced to sociological thinkers during my IB (International Baccalaureate) History and Psychology lesson so I was somewhat familiar with the elements covered in the sociology lectures. I wouldn’t say that media is similar to sociology, but I would say that elements from both subject interlink with each other.

Another question for, sorry. How often are your lectures in a week and all the schedules for lectures regular?

So the lectures are quite spread out throughout the week, but it mostly depends on which modules you take! The lectures and tutorials are also regularly scheduled :)

There are 10 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.

City, University of London: Journalism Facilities

https://youtu.be/8rMO0PNYcTc

Right before joining this chat -- which will soon be closing -- I went to a fantastic student-organised recital of City pianists. Any musicians out there?

I see, Is there any practical in the course, for media particularly and if so, would it be to produce media contents?
So, there's not much practicality that goes along with the module, it's mostly written coursework based. However, you can choose elective modules from your second year that spans from Music to Journalism and have the chance to delve into more practical modules.

This session has now ended. Thank you so much for joining us today. If you have any further questions, please email onlineevents@city.ac.uk.