Why is City the best choice for my child?

Your questions answered.

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Choosing the right university is very important. As a parent you will want to play a key role in your child’s decision. City University London provides a safe, secure study environment that enables its students to realise their academic potential, enjoy the student experience and develop the skills and knowledge that potential employers ask for. We also provide the support they need while they are away from home. This leaflet answers the key questions that parents ask and tells you where you can find out more.
Why should my child choose City?

City has been providing first class courses for more than 160 years. Our famous alumni include: prime ministers Tony Blair and Margaret Thatcher, broadcasters Dermot Murnaghan, Sophie Raworth and Kirsty Lang and the founders and chief executives of some of the world’s biggest businesses such as Coca-Cola.

Our courses are highly practical, yet academic. As well as advancing their education, your child will enhance their employment prospects by having such a credible and respected University on their cv. They will be taught by academics who are passionate about their subjects and practitioners who are still active in industry and have their fingers well and truly on the pulse. We also use state-of-the-art techniques and resources to provide an exciting and engaging learning experience.

City staff are also committed to providing students with a safe and supportive environment, both on our campus and in our halls of residence. This means that your child can focus on their studies knowing that help and guidance are freely available if they need them.

Our central London location, close to major transport links, means that it is easy for students to travel to the University from all over the UK and further afield.
What sort of employment support can my child expect?

City students have a strong track-record of finding graduate employment, which is due, in part, to the support and guidance they receive during their time here.

We are ranked among the top 10 in the country for both graduate employment (The Sunday Times University Guide 2013) and for graduate starting salaries (Which? University). Our website www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates/destinations-of-city-graduates provides detailed information on how many students are employed six months after graduating, broken down by course.

Our support includes an excellent Careers and Skills Development Service, an online employment vacancies board, careers fairs, regular visits from top companies and valuable work placements. Of course, being in the heart of London means that our Employment Liaison team has relationships with hundreds of employers to make sure that our graduates get the best start to their working life.

If your child decides to work part-time to boost their student budget we can help them find a suitable role through our in-house recruitment agency. Unitemps has student welfare at the heart of its ethos and offers jobs through reputable companies that we have built relationships with.

To find out more, see our employability leaflet Will studying at City help me get a job?
Where will my child live?

First-year students are guaranteed a place in our halls of residence, providing that they meet the criteria. All offer private, modern study bedrooms, internet access and communal living spaces, where they can socialise with other students. It’s a great opportunity for your child to meet people from different courses and backgrounds.

Accommodation ranges from self-contained studio flats to en-suite rooms in various flat sizes. You can find out more from our accommodation leaflet Where will I live? and our website. www.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/accommodation.

What if my child requires extra support?

Our award-winning Student Centre and our Students’ Union Support Service can provide help and support on a wide range of areas, such as finance, accommodation and academic issues. We also have an on-site health centre, sports and well-being services and special support for those with a disability or dyslexia.
How much will it cost for my child to study at City?

Tuition fees and loans vary by course and country of residence. Further details can be found on our website and at www.gov.uk/student-finance.

Most students do not need to pay any tuition fees up front, as they are eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan. There are also grants available to help with the cost of items such as books, food, transport and rent. See www.gov.uk to find out more.

Rent costs from £150 per week (private accommodation), and between £190 and £299 per week (halls) and needs to be paid in advance. Your child will also need to budget for food, travel and course materials.

Our Lord Mayor of London Scholarship is offered to all students from the UK and EU who achieve specified grades. Students can receive grants of up to £3,000 per year for the duration of their course. Unlike scholarships from some other universities which only cover tuition fees, these can also be used to help with living expenses.

You can find details at www.city.ac.uk/study-at-city/undergraduate/funding-and-financial-support.
What is the application process?

Now that your child has applied to City, we will invite them to visit us to find out more information. This happens between January and April.

The deadline for accepting a place is 8th May and they will need to apply for accommodation by 30th June.

If all goes well when they get their A level results on 15th August, they can register and start studying with us in September. If they don't get the grades they are expecting, they should call us to talk things through, a place may still be open to them.

You will find further information on key dates and the clearing process at: www.ucas.com.

How can I find out more about City University London?

Our website has a special section for parents (www.city.ac.uk/new-students/parents) together with advice on key issues like accommodation, finance and scholarships.