Is London right for me?

Your questions answered.
Your place at City awaits...

www.city.ac.uk
London is a great place to live, study and socialise. There’s something for everyone, from great shopping and nightlife to art, culture and music venues.

City University London and its halls of residence are just a stone’s throw from some of the coolest places in the capital.

This booklet is part of a series. If you have not received the full set you can download them at www.city.ac.uk/myoffer.
What is the area around the University like?

The University is in Islington, a vibrant and cosmopolitan area right in the heart of London. It’s based in a safe, residential location, surrounded by great transport links and a diverse range of shops, restaurants, bars and entertainment venues.

The campus is close to three Underground stations (Farringdon, Angel and Barbican), on good bus routes and within easy travelling distance of our halls of residence.

As a City student, you’ll be able to immerse yourself in London life and all it has to offer. As well as the essentials, like supermarkets and banks, you’ll find street markets, well-known high street chains, small boutiques and designer stores. The Barbican, The British Library and The Museum of London are all nearby and you’ll love the live music venues, like the O2 Academy Islington and the famous Fabric nightclub.

All of London is within easy reach on the Underground network and as London is at the heart of the UK’s transport system, it is easy to visit family and friends further afield.

What sort of social life can the main campus offer me?

The Students’ Union organises regular events and there are more than 70 clubs and societies, where you can develop new skills, socialise with people who share your interests or pursue your favourite hobby. We also run a volunteering programme for those keen to help the local community and meet new people.

We also have a range of on-site coffee shops and sandwich bars, a student refectory and Saddlers Bar, which is a good option for lunch or a night out.

If you want to know more about what you can expect from student life at City, please visit our website at www.city.ac.uk.
What about sport?

There are a number of ways to practise sport at City. Many of our sports teams compete in the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) and London University Sports League (LUSL) and play against teams from other universities.

We also have a full programme of fitness classes and wellbeing activities, where you can meet people and get fit. Classes range from Spinning, Zumba, power circuits and box fit to yoga and pilates.

In 2014 we will be opening our brand new sports centre; a high quality modern space including a gym, studios, and an Olympic quality sports hall.

What work opportunities are available?

There are endless opportunities in London for part-time jobs, work placements and internships.

Our internal temping agency, Unitemps, can help you secure part-time and temporary work while you study, giving you the opportunity to develop the transferable skills that are in demand from employers and the ability to articulate these when you are looking for your graduate position.
How safe is London?

Like all large cities, London has some areas that are considered safer than others. Our campus and halls of residence are in central, but relatively quiet, parts of London.

We have security staff on campus and staff who are on call 24 hours a day at our halls. Our advice to all our students is to be aware of their personal safety and take sensible precautions as they would in any large city.

What support is available if I have a problem or need information?

City is the only University in the UK to have our Student Centre recognised by The Institute of Customer Service and in 2011 it won a prestigious Times Higher Education award. The Centre can provide advice on a wide range of issues, including finance, health, accommodation, learning support and disabilities.
Will it be easy to practise my faith?

London is a multi-cultural society and the University welcomes students from many diverse religions. We realise that faith is very important to some students and we provide a Chaplaincy service, which includes an Imam, to help you find local places to worship and practise your faith.

What about local health services?

We recommend that all students register with a local NHS doctor (GP) and dentist as soon as they arrive, rather than waiting until they feel unwell. The University Student Health Service can provide information about local GP and dental practices. Overseas students can register for NHS care if they are on a full-time course lasting more than six months.
Where can I find out more about student life in London?

You will find a lot more information about student life on our main website www.city.ac.uk and on our Students’ Union website www.culsu.co.uk.

It is also worth looking at these websites:

Time Out produces a student guide that provides information on great clubs, cheap restaurants and things to do in London. It also give you tips about inexpensive and free activities to make your student budget stretch further. www.timeout.com.

There are lots of websites that provide information on what you can do in your spare time, including visiting some of London’s many free museums and outdoor events. They include:

www.daysoutguide.co.uk
www.visitlondon.com
www.lonelyplanet.com