WELCOME 2020

THE KEY TO YOUR CITY

THE UNMISSABLE GUIDE TO GET THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT CITY

HELLO THERE! WE’RE CITY STUDENTS’ UNION AND WE ARE HERE TO MAKE YOUR TIME AT CITY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AMAZING.

CITYSTUDENTS.CO.UK/WELCOME
WHO ARE WE?

We’re run by students. A student-elected team of officers lead the full-time staff team to make your time at City so much better. We offer a host of activities for the good times and support for the bad, we’re here for you. We’re politically independent from the University and are here to represent your views. The students of City elected your current Sabbatical Officers and they work all year to make student life better at City.

Officers in the past have made some great changes, from new prayer rooms, to new common rooms, to creating change on campus. This is because students of City told us what was wrong and we worked with the University to fix it.
WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK

STUDENT WINS

STUDENT SPACES
We’ve improved the Courtyard Café to make it more student friendly by adding new furniture and a chalk board wall.

PROGRAMME REPRESENTATIVES
Multiple coursework deadlines in term 1 have been extended through the work of Programme Representatives to ensure their cohort can complete their work.

CITY OFFICERS
We have secured a new student space in Tait Building, which will be a social space during the day and will be bookable by societies in the evenings.

We want to shout about some of the many great things our team have achieved. We’re so proud about how much our Programme Reps, Officers, Staff, Societies and students have done. They’ve improved life at City, not only for their colleagues and coursemates, but for the whole university. Here’s our way of saying thank you to you all.
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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Hello! We’re City Students’ Union and we’re here to make your time at City amazing, help you create new communities and look after your wellbeing every step of the way. You’re now part of our family, and we’re here to help.

FOLLOW US ON ALL OUR SOCIAL CHANNELS

FACEBOOK @CITYUNISU
TWITTER @CITYUNISU
INSTAGRAM @CITYUNISU
LINKEDIN @CITYUNISU

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
CITYSTUDENTS.CO.UK

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WELCOME EVENTS

We’re behind the scenes making Welcome 2020, keep an eye on these pages and sign up for the latest updates.

citystudents.co.uk/welcome
GET INVOLVED

More than ever before, being part of something and finding your tribe is more important with lots of other elements of student life changing. That's why we've worked over the Summer to ensure our over 70 student groups can reach out to you and make accessible spaces online. Whether you want to hop into a discord gaming tournament, Netflix party, a musical, join a political debate or practice your faith with friends, our student groups have something for you. Our groups more than ever before will be virtual using social media, our website and the power of online connection so to find out more about each specific group, check out the City website citystudents.co.uk.

It’s never been easier to join a group, just head to the website: citystudents.co.uk to select any that take your fancy and you can a membership as cheap as £1. This gives you access to a range of their activities and community spaces, so you can find like-minded people or try out that new hobby.

We are putting safety at the forefront when it comes to supporting our groups to have created bespoke guidance on in-person activity, but we know that advice and protocol changes so rapidly. This means what you can expect from a society or media group, will look a lot different than before with less in-person, in a room activity and more join us online.
OUR SOCIETIES

OVER 70 TO CHOOSE FROM!
- Academic
- Faith and Spirituality
- Cultural and International

SPACES AND EQUIPMENT JUST FOR YOU
We’ve got a radio studio, a student hub, specialist equipment, and great training sessions. If you’d like to get extra experience, we’re the right people to talk to

CHOOSE HOW TO FUNDRAISE
We’ll help you start a group with your friends, get a project or campaign off the ground, and take part in some of the best events our students do.

FOR THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR
If you hear the word ‘RAG’, that means Raising and Giving – this can be money, time, material donations, or even just spreading the word about a cause that’s important to you.

WE’RE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS TO
- Run our radio station,
- Write for our independent student newspaper,
- Produce video content,
- Work with any kind of media,
- Form brand new societies.

WE’VE GOT FIVE TYPES OF SOCIETY.
Join one, and you’re going to find yourself in one of City’s best communities. We help societies organise their events in the Uni.

WELCOME 2020
LIST OF SOCIETIES

Afghan Society
Ahlulbayt Society
Albanian Society
Animal Law Society
Anime and Manga Society
Arab Society
Bar and Mooting Society
Belgian Society
Bengali Society
Bhangra Society
Bollywood Dance Society
Bulgarian Society
Business Management Society
Canadian & American Law Society
Carrot Magazine
Carrot Radio
Carrot TV
Catholic Society
Chinese Society
Christian Union Society
City Check Mate Society
City Friends of Palestine
City Takes on Cancer Society
Computer & Games Society
Conservative Society
Cyber Security Society
Data Science Society
Debating Society
Drama Society
Economics Society
Enactus Society
Entrepreneurs Society
Feminist Society
Film Society
French Society
Hellenic-Cypriot Society
Hindu Society
History Society
Indian Society
Indonesian Society
Islamic Society
Israeli Society
Jewish Society
K Pop and K Drama Society
Kharis on Campus
Korean Society
Krishna Consciousness Society
Kurdish Society
Law Society
Legal Awareness Society
LGBTQ+ Society
Madinah Society
Malaysian Society
Model United Nations
Motorsport Society
Mountaineering Club
Music Society
Nepalese Society
Optometry Society
Pakistan Society
Photography Society
Polish Society
Politics Society
Pro Bono Society
Programming Society
Punjabi Society
Robotics and Machine Intelligence Society
Shorinji Kempo
Sikh Society
Ski Society
Socialist Society
Society of Actuaries
Somali Society
Spanish Society
STAR Society
Tamil Society
Trading and Investment Society
Tunisian Society
Vietnamese Society
MAKE YOUR OWN GROUP

1. Read all the information at citystudents.co.uk/startasociety

2. Complete the form on the page with all the important information we should know about the society you want to start

3. Your application will be reviewed at the next Societies Board meeting

4. Your society will either be approved or rejected with recommendations on how to improve it

5. We will provide you with a bank account, email address, web page and full set of regulations and training materials in order for your society to be as great as possible
The Dream Team
How your Programme Reps, and our feedback system is a winning combination.

Who are our Programme Reps?
They’re students on your courses who represent you on academic issues, we’ve got over 739 of them across City.

Why you should like them
If there are any issues with a course, for example, no PowerPoint slides for lectures, a Rep can raise this and ask for this to be changed. Ultimately, Reps can make the whole University experience much better, which means you’ll be getting the most out of your course.

The winning system
We’ve got a distinct system to make sure anything City’s students say, gets heard.

Spotting and making use of our Reps
They’ll be a student (or a few) in your classes on your course. They might be wearing a Hoodie or Lanyard to help identify them as a Rep. Find them during lectures, and you can ask them what’s happened so far, tell them about something that needs fixing, or chat to them about any course concerns.

Start here!
Chat to your Programme Rep in class

City’s students

Programme Reps on your course

They expanded the use of lecture capture on all of their courses

Course meetings
Student experience meetings
Senior university committees

University meetings

The people who can implement it

High-level uni staff

and you’ll hear what happens!

They got the University’s catering company to display full dietary info on their food

Top peaks

They expanded the use of lecture capture on all of their courses

Programme Reps got in touch with our VP Education, and managed to overturn 210 students’ marks that had been incorrectly graded
YOU’RE WELL REPRESENTED

We make sure that everyone’s issues, thoughts, and causes they care about are heard by the right people in the University. You get heard, and get things changed for the better. So how are you represented? We’ve got a team of 17 part time officers, and 3 full time officers. All are students who’ve been voted in by other students, our part time officers represent you alongside their studies, and our full time officers take a sabbatical year to represent you.

Student Council

It exists to make sure the Officers are achieving what you want! They also create and pass policy to get the Students’ Union to work on different issues. The council meets 3 times a year, once in term 1 and twice in term 2.

Student Members’ Meeting

This is your chance to shape what we do! Whether it’s something you want to change about City, or a wider issue, you can come and make a difference here, as well as finding out about how we’ve helped you. This usually takes place in early February.

Part Time Officers
There are three types
- Liberation
- Special Interest
- School Representative

Full time officers
We have three of them in total
- President
- Vice President Community & Wellbeing
- Vice President Education

We elect all of our officers above in March as part of our Leadership Elections. If you’d like to become one, make sure you’re ready to stand in January!
Every year we hold elections so all of City’s students can stand, run, and vote for who they want to represent them. We’ve got a number throughout the year, so here are the basics.

OFFICERS WHO ARE ELECTED HERE START IMMEDIATELY!

AUTUMN ELECTIONS
October

REPUBLICAN ELECTIONS
Nominations
January
Voting Period
March

Officers who are voted in here start in their positions from the 1st of July. All the officers on the opposite page are elected in these elections.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION IN OCTOBER
CITYSTUDENTS.CO.UK/ELECTIONS
We provide free, confidential and impartial advice to all students at City. Our job is to advise you on issues that arise relating to your studies and academic policy, empowering you to make your own decisions for your case.

- **Extenuating circumstances**  For when you have issues that affect your assessments
- **Academic appeals**  When there’s a problem with your assessments
- **Academic misconduct**  If you’re accused of plagiarism, collusion, or any other type of academic misconduct, we can help
- **Complaints**  If you’re not happy about an aspect of your studies
- **Bullying & harassment**  If you want to talk to someone about bullying & harassment, or if you have been accused of this and want support
- **Fitness to Practise**  If you face a Fitness to Practise or Cause for Concern hearing

**How to get in touch**

Complete a Case Form at citystudents.co.uk/advice/accesstheservice

Web: citystudents.co.uk/advice
Email: unionadvice@city.ac.uk

**Responding to the pandemic**

We have been advising on issues arising from the pandemic that have affected studies. A number of policies and procedures have changed and we have been providing advice in these areas. This includes:

- The Safety Net
- Supporting Your Academic Success
- Online assessment issues and academic appeals
- Complaints relating to Covid-19 changes and requests for compensation

As things change, we are continually adapting our advice to meet your needs. We have also worked closely with the elected officers to represent your interests to City in these areas.
Money Advice
watch this space

In the new academic year we will be launching an all new Money Advice service. When the service launches we will be providing advice on budgeting skills, making sure you are getting money you are entitled to, and referring you to specialist services if you need more advice.

Over the coming years our aim is to grow this service so we can provide you with advice on debt and welfare benefits.

We’re also launching in September 2020 a short-term loan scheme. Students will be able to borrow up to £200 to keep them going when they really need it most.