



# Information for incoming exchange students

School of Communication & Creativity and School of Policy & Global Affairs

Based in the heart of London, City, University of London is a leading international university with over 20,000 students from more than 150 countries and staff from over 75 countries.

## The Joint School

Exchange students can apply to the School of Policy and Global Affairs or the School of Communication and Creativity.

## School of Policy & Global Affairs

Situated in one of the world's greatest economic and political centres, the School engages with the key challenges and debates that are shaping policy formation in a rapidly changing world.

Subject areas: Economics, International Politics, History, Sociology, Criminology

[SPGA School homepage](#)

## School of Communication & Creativity

Housing our renowned Journalism and Media departments, the School is a socially engaged and politically conscious centre of educational excellence, nurturing the next generation of practitioners across the cultural, creative, and media sectors.

Subject areas: Journalism, Performing Arts, Media, Communications, English

[SCC School homepage](#)

## Nomination and Application

Exchange students must be nominated by one of our partner universities. Nominated students will receive application guidance shortly after the nomination deadline.

The school you apply to determines the modules you can take at City, so please choose the school that most closely aligns with your study interests.

## Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following as part of their exchange application:

- Passport
- Transcript of results
- Proof of English language proficiency or exemption
- Personal statement

We aim to communicate application outcomes within 4-6 weeks after the application deadline.

## English Language Requirements

All applicants must meet City's minimum English requirements for entry (IELTS 6.5 or equivalent, IELTS 7 for Journalism).

You do not need to prove your knowledge of English if you are a national of a majority English-speaking country or have previously completed a university degree in one. More information is available on City's [Entry Requirements](#) page.

## Deadlines 2024-5

### Autumn term and full year

Nomination: 22 March  
Application: 30 April

### Spring term

Nomination: 27 September  
Application: 31 October

Students receive application guidance 1-2 weeks after the nomination deadline.

## Term Dates 2024-5\*

### Autumn term

Orientation: 23 – 27 September  
Lectures: 30 September – 16 December  
Exams: 6 – 24 January

### Spring term

Orientation: 20 – 24 January  
Lectures: 27 January – 14 April  
Exams: 5 May – 2 June

*\*Term dates are subject to change. Please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#) for up-to-date information.*

### Visas

Students may need to apply for a visa depending on the length of their studies and nationality. For further information, see City's [visa page](#) or contact the [Visa Advice Team](#).

### Health Insurance

Students should obtain health insurance before coming to the UK.

### Accommodation

London has many private student accommodation options, all within easy reach of City. More information is available on City's Private Accommodation page.

Students studying at City for one term can apply for accommodation through the [Study Abroad office](#), though places are extremely limited. You can add yourself to the accommodation waitlist after you submit your application; you do not need to wait for an offer letter.

Students studying for a full year can apply for accommodation in one of City's halls of residence after receiving an offer of admission. Please contact the [Accommodation Service](#) after you receive an offer letter.

### Cost of living

Approximately £600 - £1,200 per month for accommodation (varies depending on area). Approximately £800 per month for other expenses.

### Incoming Exchange Student Info Hub

After the nomination deadline, we will provide all nominated students with access to the Incoming Exchange Student Information Hub Sharepoint. This website contains key resources and information to support you, from the application stage through to your last day at City. Topics include:

- Application guidance
- Preparing for exchange guide from pre-departure to arrival
- Module selection guidance and course catalogues
- Life at City: academic policies, support services, and more

### Welcome Week Sessions

We have a series of events and activities tailored to exchange students to help them transition to life at City. Attendance at Welcome Week sessions is mandatory.

### Student Life

Your student life at City is never boring. Enjoy the vibrant experience of London and our local area, as well as the wellbeing, social, religious, and volunteering activities available on campus. Learn more at City's [Student Life](#) page.

### Module Selection Process

Students provisionally select their modules before arrival. Incoming students will gain access to module selection guidance and course catalogues before their arrival. You can contact us with any module queries before then.

Your choice of modules depends on the School you applied to. For instance, if you are joining the School of Policy & Global Affairs, you can only register for modules from that School.

All exchange students can also opt to register for Cultural Modules. These modules provide insights into different aspects of British life and culture and often involve off-campus visits. You will receive more information on cultural modules before your arrival.

### Normal workload

Students should take 4 modules per term for a full course load. Each term-long class is worth 15 credits (7.5 ECTS).

### Assessment and Grading

Courses are assessed by coursework and examination. The minimum passing grade for a module is 40%.

### Grading System

A	(Pass with Distinction): ≥ 70%
B+	(Pass with Merit): 65-69%
B	(Pass with Merit): 60-64%
C+	(Pass): 55-59%
C	(Pass): 50-54%
D	(Pass): 40-49%
F	(Fail): 0-39%

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