

Undergraduate degrees in computing and information systems

BSc (Hons) Business Computing Systems

BSc (Hons) Computer Science

BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Distributed Systems

BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Games Technology

BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Music Technology

BSc (Hons) Information Systems

BSc (Hons) Software Engineering

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Experience your career in IT with City University London

Ask yourself. Would you like . . .

- a head start in your career in the IT industry?
- to find out first-hand what role in the IT industry suits you best?
- to really put into practice what you learn in your degree?
- to learn valuable skills that employers demand?
- and to be paid for it?

City University London's placement scheme offers you this and more. Students gain marketable skills and frequently achieve higher marks in their degrees. Many students secure a job offer from their placement employer even before they graduate.

Placement experience at City University London offers an unrivalled opportunity to make you stand out in a competitive graduate job market. The Times Good University Guide 2008 **ranks us 5th in the UK for graduate employability**. Here are some reasons why:

Long-standing employer links

City University London has been delivering placements in the IT industry for over 15 years. We have developed an excellent reputation with a very wide range of companies, both large and small.

Unrivalled support

At City we take your industrial placement seriously. Our dedicated

placements team (Professional Liaison Unit) proactively seeks out placement possibilities for you and helps you to apply for these. Whilst on placement, you will receive regular visits from City's Work-based Learning Advisers who will provide full support in helping you maximise your achievements during your IT industry experience.

External recognition

The high standard of City placements is recognised through a professional development scheme approved by the British Computer Society. This gives you a framework for career development planning, which we help you with. Your validated record,

“The British Computer Society's Professional Development Scheme provides an excellent framework for the placement year of the degree.”

Paul Adams
Customer Support Manager
Reuters Group plc

demonstrating competence in a range of tasks, will provide you with evidence of experience you can use when applying for jobs.

On graduation, you are able to apply for professional British Computer Society membership. Professional Pathway



students may apply for professional chartered membership of the British Computer Society as soon as they graduate on the basis of the competencies acquired on placement.

Throughout your course you will be provided with opportunities for personal and professional development. Your achievements will be recorded on a Certificate of Graduate Professional Experience which shows employers that you have achieved nationally recognised standards of competence in applying IT in the workplace.

Two routes to success . . . Which is right for you?

As a computing student at City, we offer you an outstanding opportunity to gain practical experience alongside your studies. Our placement scheme gives you the chance to see for yourself how the up-to-the minute technologies you are learning about are being used every day in the workplace. A placement enables you to develop your technical skills and business knowledge, to really understand the IT industry, and to learn about the many different career paths open to you.

City University offers two types of placement: our highly-regarded one-year placement and our innovative Professional Pathway scheme, both of which enable you to combine placement employment and earnings with your studies.

One-Year Placement

One-year placements are taken after you have successfully completed the second year of study. You undertake twelve months' work between your second and final year at university. You then return to City to finish your degree after the placement. Each year, a number of students gain graduate employment directly from their placement employer.

Professional Pathway

As a Professional Pathway student you take the same course content and exams as full-time students, but over a longer period. You attend the University for one day per week, for 45 weeks of the year, while working four days a week. You generally attend lectures and most other

course components with full-time students.

“The Operations Research team has benefited tremendously from the high calibre and enthusiasm of the students on the placement scheme at City.”

Matt Fryer
Operations Research Analyst
Debenhams

There are three entry points for the scheme: after the first year of study; after the second year of study; after completing a one-year placement. The Professional Pathway takes four

years in total if you join at the end of the first year.

Frequently Asked Questions

These are the most common questions we're asked – please get in touch if you need more information:

Q Do I get paid?

Yes. How much depends on each employer. You would typically be paid between £15-22,000 per year while on placement and, in exceptional cases, substantially more.

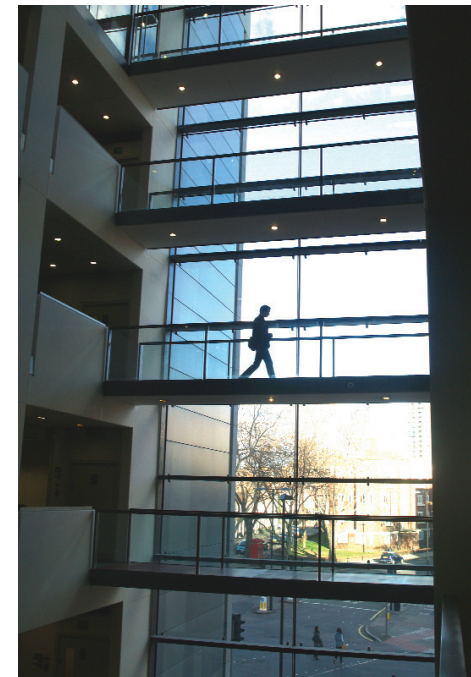
Q When do I need to decide?

One-year placements are finalised during the second year. We hold sessions to fully brief you on what you need to do and when.

Professional Pathway placements are finalised at the end of the year before the placement starts. You may also transfer to the Professional Pathway after a one-year placement if you wish to continue working for your current employer.

Q How do I find a placement?

City has extensive experience in enabling students to secure placement employment in the IT industry. We teach you effective communication skills, CV preparation,



“Industrial training opportunities and the Professional Pathway scheme were the strong points in deciding which central London university to spend four quality years at.”

Keshava Chandratheva
Application Support
Vanco Plc

“The Professional Pathway changes your life. It's challenging but very rewarding. I obtained a BSc degree and several year's worth of invaluable work experience.”

Manlin Thandi

and help you practise for interviews and psychometric tests. Later on, the Professional Liaison Unit informs you about placement opportunities and helps you with the application process.

Q What happens on placement?

Students undertake interesting work with a good level of responsibility that deepens their knowledge of the field and shows a high standard of achievement to future employers. You might choose to work in a large IT department with a project team, or in a small organisation alongside user staff. Placement students

“City University equipped me with the necessary skills to progress my career quickly. Within only my first year of employment I was able to contribute significantly to a number of major IT projects.”

Michael Anderson
Business Analyst
Capita

perform a range of tasks, for example, programming, user support, systems investigation, analysis and design, documentation, testing, development, data collection, or help-desk work. City ensures that you are provided with a planned sequence of learning opportunities, goals, and industrial training.

Q Can overseas students go on placements?

Yes. The Home Office allows overseas students to take placement employment on both the placement and Professional Pathway schemes without needing a work permit, and without jeopardising your student visa status.

“Having the opportunity to work on multi-million pound projects and play a significant team role was very exciting.”

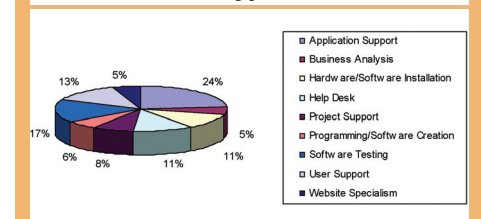
Yongqin Du
Support Analyst Programmer placement at
GlaxoSmithKline Research & Development



Our Placement Scheme

Our Placement Scheme is designed to compliment and build upon the taught modules our students have completed; therefore it is essential that our courses successfully prepare our students for employment. 89% of employers reported that our students' studies at City University London prepared them for the work they were required to do.

Breakdown of Typical Work Roles



This highlights the quality of our courses and our ability to effectively match our students with the placements our employers provide. Again feedback is key to our success so any suggested improvements are fed back through to the Course Directors and incorporated into our student Personal Development exercises.

Completion of our Personal Development Plan (PDP) is a prerequisite for our Placement Scheme. Our structured PDP encourages students to become more career focused ensuring that students have the necessary skills for work including communication, presentation, report writing and team working skills.