

UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE



TEF
2023

Overall: **Silver**
Student experience: **Silver**
Student outcomes: **Silver**

Teaching Excellence Framework





GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, LONDON ENERGY

Welcome to the University of Westminster.

Located in the heart of London, the University of Westminster offers an exceptional environment for international students to thrive academically, culturally, and socially.

With a rich history dating back to 1838 and a global outlook, Westminster is committed to empowering students from over 160 countries to achieve their ambitions.



**GLOBAL COMMUNITY
OF MORE THAN
200,000 ALUMNI IN
OVER 180 COUNTRIES**



**19,000
STUDENTS**



**CENTRAL LONDON
LOCATIONS**



**CUTTING-EDGE
FACILITIES**



**TOP 100 FOR
COMMUNICATION &
MEDIA STUDIES**
(QS WORLD UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2025)



**35+ PROFESSIONAL
AWARDS AND
ACCREDITATIONS**



**RANKED TOP 15
IN THE UK FOR
INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK**
(THE YOUNG UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS 2024)



TEF SILVER



**LONDON IS RANKED
AMONG THE TOP STUDENT
CITIES IN THE WORLD**
(QS BEST STUDENT CITIES
RANKINGS 2026)

OUR SUBJECTS

Bachelor's degrees normally take 3 years full-time to complete with many offering the opportunity to benefit from an additional study abroad or placement year. Taught Master's are completed over 12 months full-time. We also offer 2 year Master's with Professional Experience.

Explore our portfolio of programmes with many courses accredited by professional bodies. Learn from industry-leading academics and practitioners, with access to state-of-the-art facilities, including studios, labs, and libraries. Benefit from employability opportunities, mentoring schemes with our Careers Services supporting your aspirations every step of the way.

AREAS OF STUDY

Accounting and Finance
Architecture and Interiors
Art and Design
Biomedical Sciences
Biosciences
Business and Management
Business Information Systems
Computer Science, AI and Software Engineering
Creative and Games Computing
Criminology
Data Science and Informatics
Digital and Creative Media
Economics
English and Creative Writing
Fashion
Film and Television
History
Human Resource Management

Journalism, Public Relations and Communication
Languages
Law
Linguistics
Marketing
MBA
Music
Nutrition
Photography
Politics and International Relations
Property and Construction
Psychology
Sociology
Sports Management
Tourism, Hotel and Events Management
Transport and Logistics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We welcome applications from students with a range of qualifications. We always recommend that you check the entry requirements listed on the web page for the course you want to study. Some courses have additional requirements, such as a portfolio of work, or relevant experience. Visit our website for specific entry criteria based on your country.

Bachelor's: We accept A levels, International Foundation, IB and suitable national high school qualifications.

Master's: equivalent to a UK 2:2 to 2:1 degree.

English Requirements and accepted tests

We accept a range of English language tests and qualifications to demonstrate your English language skills are strong enough to follow your course. Visit our website for details. [westminster.ac.uk/study/english-language-requirements](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/english-language-requirements)

Our typical requirements are listed below but you should check the course specific criteria:

- **Bachelor's:** IELTS 6.0 with 5.5 in each component or equivalent test depending on the course.
- **Master's:** IELTS 6.5 with 5.5 / 6.0 in each component or equivalent test depending on the course.



STUDENT SUPPORT

The University of Westminster offers a comprehensive range of support services tailored for international students. These services are designed to create a supportive and inclusive environment, enabling international students at the University of Westminster to thrive academically and personally, key services include:

- **International Student Advice:** Specialist advisers provide guidance on visas, immigration, employment regulations, and general welfare concerns.
- **Academic Support:** Resources such as workshops, one-on-one tutoring and study skills sessions are available to help students adapt to the UK educational system and enhance their academic performance. Students will be allocated a personal tutor to support them throughout their academic journey.
- **English Language Support:** The university offers English language courses and workshops to improve language proficiency both before and during your studies.
- **Orientation:** Comprehensive induction events introduce international students to university life, campus facilities, and the local culture, fostering a sense of community from the outset.
- **Counselling and mental health service:** Professional Counsellors provide support for students' mental health and well-being, offering confidential advice and assistance.
- **Accommodation Assistance:** Guidance is provided to help international students find suitable housing, whether in university-managed residences or private accommodation.

- **Careers:** A comprehensive range of careers-related support and guidance is available. Using the University's CareerZONE portal you can find part-time employment, mentoring and placement opportunities as well as access to a wide range of activities. Zone29 is our new physical and digital space that connects you with the world of business and its local community.

Student Union and Student Societies

Upon enrolment, all students automatically become members of the University of Westminster Students' Union (UWSU), which offers a diverse range of sports clubs and societies, providing students with opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities, pursue personal interests, and connect with peers as well as organising a variety of events throughout the academic year to foster community engagement. Most clubs and societies and gym memberships are available free to students.



STUDENT LIFE

Student life in London, particularly at the University of Westminster, is vibrant and dynamic, offering a unique blend of academic, cultural, and social experiences. Here's an overview of what you can expect:

Cultural Exploration

Rich Cultural Scene: London is home to world-class museums, galleries, and theatres. You can explore iconic landmarks like the British Museum, the National Gallery, and the West End for theatre performances.

Diverse Activities: From art exhibitions to music festivals, there's always something happening in the city. You can enjoy a variety of cultural events that reflect London's diversity.

Social Life

Diverse Community: With students from over 160 nations, the University of Westminster has a multicultural environment. This diversity enriches social interactions and provides you with the opportunity to make friends from different backgrounds.

Nightlife and Dining: London boasts a vibrant nightlife with numerous bars, clubs, and restaurants. You can enjoy everything from casual dining to fine dining experiences, catering to all tastes and budgets. Food from all around the world is available in local shops and supermarkets if you want to enjoy home cooking with friends.

Academic Environment

Hands-On Learning: The university emphasizes practical learning, providing you with opportunities for internships and real-world projects. This approach enhances employability and prepares you for your future careers.

Transportation and Accessibility

Connected City: London's extensive public

transport system makes it easy for you to navigate the city. Buses, trains, and the Underground network provide convenient access to all areas of London and beyond.

Affordable Living

Budgeting Tips: While London can be expensive, you can take advantage of discounts and student offers. The university provides guidance on managing living costs, including accommodation options that suit different budgets.

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and Societies: The university has a wide range of student-led clubs and societies, from sports teams to cultural groups. This allows you to pursue interests outside of academics and build a sense of community.

Events and Networking: Regular events, workshops, and networking opportunities help you connect with peers and professionals, enhancing your university experience.

Living in London

Exciting Lifestyle: Living in London means being at the centre of one of the world's most exciting cities. You can enjoy a fast-paced lifestyle with endless opportunities for exploration and adventure.

Global Connections: The university's location in London provides you with access to a global network of professionals and alumni, which can be invaluable for future career opportunities.

For more detailed information about student life at the University of Westminster, you can visit the Student Life page on their website. Embracing the opportunities available in London can lead to a fulfilling and enriching university experience!



HELPING YOU GET THE CAREER YOU WANT

Being a student at Westminster gives you access to a range of personal and professional development initiatives. Whether you're looking to find a graduate role, dive into the world of start-ups, launch your own business or you're still unsure what you want to do – we have something for everyone. Here's just a taste...

Careers advice and guidance – personalised career advice and CV feedback

Careers fairs and events – regular opportunities to meet employers and industry leaders

CareerZONE portal – access to a wide range of jobs and opportunities, 1-2-1 appointments, events and careers resources

International experience – trips, studying or working abroad

Internships and placements – our dedicated work placement team can help you find opportunities to gain relevant work experience

Mentoring – one-to-one or group mentoring sessions with industry professionals

Networking – various events to expand your personal and professional networks

Polylang – learn a language for free while you study

Student Ambassador Scheme – work part-time representing the University

Talent Bank – On campus, paid, part-time roles that work around your studies

Virtual Skills Academy – a series of seminars and workshops delivered by our careers team and other guest speakers on a wide range of careers topics

Volunteering – we can help you find opportunities locally, nationally or overseas

WeNetwork – entrepreneurial network connecting students and graduates with industry to develop their skills, engage in self-employed work and create businesses

Westminster Awards – recognition and rewards for participating in career and personal development activities

Westminster Working Cultures – a chance to experience professional working environments both in the UK and overseas

Zone29 – our new and dedicated centre for student enterprise and career success

Stay in the UK after you graduate

The UK's Graduate route visa welcomes international students to apply to stay in the UK and work after graduation. International students who have successfully completed an undergraduate or Master's degree can apply to stay in the UK for up to 18 months after their studies.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students who want to take their next steps into employment in the UK.

[gov.uk/graduate-visa](https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa)
[study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/graduate-route](https://www.study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/graduate-route)



FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition Fees

Please check website and individual course pages for the latest tuition fees. Students can pay their fees in full at the start of their course. We also offer the option to pay by instalments. westminster.ac.uk/fees

Deposit Payments

International students are required to pay a £5,500 deposit to secure their place at the university and apply for their Confirmation of Acceptance of Study (CAS) needed to apply for a student visa.

Scholarships

The University of Westminster offers a number of scholarships for exceptionally well-qualified students.

The awards range between £2,500 and £5,000. Please check our website for details of the scholarships available, online application forms and deadlines to apply. To apply you

must hold an offer from the University for a full-time Bachelor's or Master's programme. westminster.ac.uk/scholarships

Affordable London

Budgeting is an important part of student life and a useful skill to develop, particularly when you're based in a large capital city.

On average students can spend around £400-£600 per week on rent and living costs in London.

There are many discounts that you can take advantage of while studying in London. These include 30% off travel from Transport for London with a Student Oyster Card, another 33% off rail travel with a Young Persons Railcard, discounts in hundreds of high street shops, restaurants, theatres, cinemas and other London attractions with a valid student ID card or a student discount card like TOTUM or UNiDAYS.



HOW TO APPLY



EDUCATION AGENTS

As an institution, the University of Westminster is committed to the UK Agent Quality Framework (AQF). We work closely with a network of education agents around the world, who are our official representatives. You can find a list by searching on the 'Your Country' webpages. Education agents can advise you on your eligibility for our programmes and support you throughout your application journey.

You can find the Student Guide to Choosing an Education Agent on the Study UK site. study-uk.britishcouncil.org



ACCOMMODATION

Whether you're joining the University of Westminster soon or studying here already, the Student Accommodation Team offers help and advice on finding a suitable place to live.

Our Halls

North Lodge (Unite Students)

All rooms at North Lodge are en-suite and available to new and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students on a course at one of our central London campuses (42 week tenancy).

Olympic Way (Unite Students)

All rooms at Wembley are en-suite and available to new and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students on a course at one of our central London campuses (42 or 51 week tenancy).

Harrow Hall

Different room types and sizes are available at Harrow Hall. Available to undergraduate and postgraduate students studying at Harrow (38-week tenancy. Postgraduate students have the option to extend throughout the summer).

Alexander Fleming Hall

Alexander Fleming Hall is open to new and continuing undergraduate students studying at one of our central London campuses.

Private accommodation

If you choose to live in private accommodation, you have plenty of options. There are a number of companies that provide student residences style accommodation exclusively for students. Many of these halls are based in the London area.

If you'd like to discuss more housing options in more detail, please contact the Student Accommodation Team.

westminster.ac.uk/accommodation



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I loved everything about UoW, including the diversity of culture on campus; thus, I never felt out of place, and the university was in the heart of London. I have been introduced to the world of the cyber industry, and I look forward to using what I have studied to keep the world's digital ecosystem safe. I had fun, attempted Karate, played Volleyball and attended fun networking events.

Mercilina Lamptey
Cyber Security and Forensics MSc



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My time spent at Westminster was sincerely the best three years of my life, and I couldn't be happier to have made this decision. I'm so grateful for everything - the memories made, the experiences I had, my awesome lecturers that taught me, the friends I made, and my path of self-growth.

Dennis Montagano
Spanish and English Language BA



Image credit: Daniele Cocciardi

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London offered the perfect backdrop for both work and leisure. I was fortunate enough to land a part-time job as a Recruiter at MMGY Global, one of the biggest PR agencies focusing on travel and hospitality. It was a perfect opportunity, not only to put into practice the academic theory from my Human Resource Management MA but also to gain exposure to an international working environment.

Huong Le
Human Resource Management MA



CONNECT WITH US

OPEN DAYS

Typically in October, November, December, March and June each year (on campus and online events).
westminster.ac.uk/open-days

CAMPUS TOURS

Can't attend an open day? Our campus tours give you the opportunity to see our great teaching spaces and facilities. Or watch our campus tour videos.
westminster.ac.uk/campus-tours



OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES

We work with education agents around the world that can support you through the application journey. Visit westminster.ac.uk/international/your-country

CHAT WITH OUR STUDENTS

Chat with our student ambassadors online to find out what it's like to study at the University of Westminster.
westminster.ac.uk/book-meeting

MEET OUR STAFF

Join us at an event in your country or book a one-to-one meeting with the International Office for advice and guidance on your application to the university.

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