

## Course record information

<b>Name and level of final award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Arts with Honours - Politics and International Relations</li> <li>• Bachelor of Arts with Honours - Politics and International Relations with International Experience</li> <li>• Bachelor of Arts with Honours - Politics and International Relations with Professional Experience</li> </ul> <p>The award is Bologna FQ-EHEA first cycle degree or diploma compatible</p>
<b>Name and level of intermediate awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Politics and International Relations</li> <li>• Diploma of Higher Education (Dip HE) - Politics and International Relations</li> <li>• Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) - Politics and International Relations</li> </ul>
<b>Awarding body/institution</b>	University of Westminster
<b>Teaching institution</b>	University of Westminster
<b>Status of awarding body/institution</b>	Recognised Body
<b>Location of delivery</b>	Primary: Central London
<b>Language of delivery and assessment</b>	English
<b>QAA subject benchmarking group(s)</b>	<a href="#">Politics and International Relations</a>
<b>Professional statutory or regulatory body</b>	
<b>Westminster course title, mode of attendance and standard length</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA Politics and International Relations FT, Full-time, September start - 3 years standard length with an optional year abroad or placement</li> </ul>
<b>Valid for cohorts</b>	From 2026/7

## Admissions requirements

There are standard minimum entry requirements for all undergraduate courses. Students are advised to check the standard requirements for the most up-to-date information. For most courses a decision will be made on the basis of your application form alone. However, for some courses the selection process may include an interview to demonstrate your strengths in addition to any formal entry requirements. More information can be found here: <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/how-to-apply>

## Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants with prior certificated or experiential learning at the same level of the qualification for which they wish to apply are advised to visit the following page for further information:

<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/current-students/guides-and-policies/student-matters/recognition-of-prior-learning>

## Aims of the programme

On our BA Politics and International Relations, you will develop a rich and comprehensive understanding of political ideas, practices, and institutions, in all their complex forms and manifestations, global and local alike. The course is guided by our orientation towards political practice and the goal of producing critical citizens who effectively shape the world around them.

Politics encompasses theoretical, institutional, and issue-based questions relating to power and government. International Relations shares these interests but directs attention to interaction between polities, together with the regional and global levels of political activity. Its core concerns include patterns of conflict and cooperation between states, coordination through intergovernmental organisations, and the role of transnational non-state actors. The BA Politics and International Relations course introduces you to the study of international order and political decision-making in a rapidly changing world. You will explore the challenges facing states and citizens under global uncertainty, developing knowledge of processes of change and sources of crisis. From the outset, you will develop a critical understanding of how political power operates in practice. You will learn to recognize the different locations of political agency within and across societies, and how these are determined and limited by competing interests and historically inherited structures of power. You will study how key institutions work and how events are shaped by competing political ideas.

We have a longstanding tradition of innovative research and high-quality, research-led teaching, and this ethos underpins our BA Politics and International Relations programme. Diverse and wide-ranging, the programme offers strong expertise in critical and applied political thought; critical International Relations theory; security studies; democratic theory and practice; the politics of gender and sexuality; processes of policy-making; contested concepts and practices of ethics and sovereignty; post- and anti- colonial politics; regional studies of Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa; humanitarianism; climate and resource politics. The boundaries of Politics and International Relations are fluid and dynamic, and the programme reflects this through a systematic engagement with relevant interdisciplinary fields, especially Development Studies, but also Sociology, Cultural Studies, Philosophy, Geography, and Political Economy.

The first-year of the BA provides an introduction to the structures and practices shaping Politics and International Relations. You will study key political ideas, major modes of political practice, and different types of political institutions. You will also be introduced to the main theories and issues in International Relations and Development Studies, and engage with critical perspectives and questions concerning global hierarchies of power. There is a focus on developing your academic skills, creative and critical thinking as you apply your knowledge to themes such as the crisis of democracy, problems of global governance and the politics of gender, labour, and migration. You will be encouraged to reflect on the ways your new skills enhance your employability and will be supported to start considering the career paths available to graduates of the course.

In the second year, you will deepen and expand your understanding of key approaches to the discipline. You will learn to apply different perspectives within a wide range of option modules. You will study the dynamics of political inclusion and exclusion and the ways they have shaped contemporary politics. You will also engage with questions arising from postcolonial politics and the shift to a multipolar world. You will develop knowledge and understanding of the nature and distribution of power within and between different political systems, the contexts within which these operate, and the relationships between them. You will be introduced to research methods for academic and professional purposes and will develop your employability profile by undertaking 35 hours of work-based learning.

In the final year you will draw on the knowledge, analytical capacities, and research skills you have developed to pursue a dissertation project on a topic of your choosing. You will engage in depth with urgent ethical and moral questions concerning global justice and inequality. At the same time, you will study practical questions concerning policy development and implementation.

The Politics and International Relations programme at the University of Westminster incorporates a strong commitment to students' personal and professional development. We aim to create competent and confident graduates with a competitive advantage in today's employment market. Graduates in Politics and International Relations go on to develop careers in various sectors, including: the Civil Service; NGOs; international organisations such as the EU or UN; policy and research; teaching; and journalism.

In addition to the compulsory element of work-based learning at Level 5, you will have the opportunity to take a Professional Experience year between your second and final years. Throughout the programme, our in-built focus on skills development accompanies a rigorous academic approach to learning. Personal and professional skills are actively developed through: in-class training delivered by the learning and teaching teams and expert guests; a variety of innovative authentic assessments; departmental events and away-days; and field trips, where possible. Our central London location gives us access to sites of government, specialist resources, museums and places of interest, and we maintain excellent links to employers.

Our students join us from all over the world to explore the future opportunities as well as challenges of global politics. We offer well-established international exchanges, including studying abroad for a semester or a full year.

## Employment and further study opportunities

University of Westminster graduates will be able to demonstrate the following five Graduate Attributes:

- Critical and creative thinkers
- Literate and effective communicator
- Entrepreneurial
- Global in outlook and engaged in communities
- Social, ethically and environmentally aware

University of Westminster courses capitalise on the benefits that London as a global city and as a major creative, intellectual and technology hub has to offer for the learning environment and experience of our students.

The BA Politics and International Relations programme aims to create graduates who are leaders in professional life, globally engaged and lifelong learners. A focus on careers is built-in to each level of the BA Politics and International Relations, including into core modules. You will have the opportunity to further build your professional profile via a range of additional workshops, modules, and our optional Professional Experience year. We have strong ties with international partners and key employers, who provide placement opportunities and contribute to careers events.

Students who take the Professional Experience year will register for the “Politics and International Relations Professional Experience Year” module. Upon successful completion of the module you will be awarded 120 additional credits and qualify for your chosen degree “with Professional Experience”. The marks and credits of the year are not exchangeable with Westminster credits and do not count towards the final degree classification.

### **LEADERS IN PROFESSIONAL LIFE**

Graduates in Politics and International Relations will acquire knowledge, both as academic researchers and as individuals with an informed and global outlook. This knowledge encompasses a broad and diverse range of scholarly perspectives and actively engages with the contemporary agenda. Graduates leave with a commitment to the continuation of knowledge, appreciating its intrinsic value and as a tool within professional life.

### **GLOBALLY ENGAGED**

Studying in a diverse, creative and challenging environment, allows students to leave the University of Westminster with a critical outlook. By working alongside scholars who are leaders in the field of Politics and International relations the inclusive and dynamic research culture encourages a global outlook.

### **RESOURCEFUL AND ADAPTABLE**

Our graduates gain the attributes of ambitious and confident thinking, enabling innovation and achievements. Leadership qualities are evident in the diversity of pathways graduates take. Self-discipline allows graduates to attain professional standing and exercise their initiative. Graduates in Politics and International relations are adaptable and are able to respond to the new challenges faced within economic, social and global political life.

### **International Opportunities**

Graduates with international experience are particularly valued by employers. Students on this courses have the opportunity to spend one semester abroad in their second year or one year abroad in their third year. You may take a work or volunteering placement, both of which provide valuable opportunities to boost your employability and ground your studies in an experiential setting. You may also undertake a study placement at one of our international university partners (the exact list is subject to change). You can also undertake a combination of both study and work. A one-year period of residence abroad enhances your language skills and contributes experiences and contacts that can be valuable in your career. It also encourages intercultural awareness and capability, qualities of self-reliance and other generic skills which further enable you to become mobile and transnational citizens.

Students choosing to take the Year Abroad will register for the two “Global Politics Year Abroad” modules, one in Semester 1 and one in Semester 2. Upon successful completion of these modules you will be awarded 120 additional credits and qualify for your chosen degree “with International Experience”. The marks and credits of the year abroad are not exchangeable with Westminster credits and do not count towards the final degree classification.

## What will you be expected to achieve?

Learning outcomes are statements of what successful students have achieved as a result of learning. These are threshold statements of achievement the learning outcomes broadly fall into four categories:

- The overall knowledge and understanding you will gain from your course (KU)
- Graduate attributes are characteristics that you will have developed during the duration of your course (GA)
- Professional and personal practice learning outcomes are specific skills that you will be expected to have gained on successful completion of the course (PPP)
- Key transferable skills that you will be expected to have gained on successful completion of the course. (KTS)
- Cognitive Skills, are learning outcomes that help build a conceptual understanding that is necessary to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems and comment on research.

**Level 4 course learning outcomes:** upon completion of Level 4 you will be able to:

- L4.1 An ability to identify the primary characteristics of Politics and International Relations as scholarly disciplines, informed by key theories and political concepts, in the context of cognate disciplines ( KU )
- L4.2 Competence in identifying and distinguishing a variety of approaches to the study of Politics and International Relations, which may conflict with one another ( KU )
- L4.3 The ability to evaluate the role of historical, structural, cultural and ideational dimensions of domestic and international political processes, in theory and in practice ( KU )
- L4.4 An awareness of a relationship between political ideas and political action, both in domestic and international fora ( KU )
- L4.5 A good understanding of governance practices and the factors influencing the operation of key political institutions and processes ( KU )
- L4.6 Awareness of the importance of information literacy and library skills for studying and researching at university ( PPP )
- L4.7 An ability to take responsibility for your studies and professional development, especially as it relates to personal development planning (PDP) within a digitally networked world. ( PPP )
- L4.8 A successful transition to the demands and expectations of university-level study. ( PPP )
- L4.9 The ability to develop and sustain well-justified arguments through a range of media including writing, public speaking, and visual presentations. ( GA KTS )

**Level 5 course learning outcomes:** upon completion of Level 5 you will be able to:

- L5.1 A detailed understanding of the key contemporary issues in the study of politics and international relations in the context of cognate disciplines ( KU )
- L5.2 An ability to apply and analyse major theoretical traditions in Politics and International Relations, their elaboration by key theorists, and their contribution to the analysis of phenomena relating to Politics and International Relations ( KU )
- L5.3 A critical awareness of logics of inclusion and exclusion and the ways they are shaping contemporary political phenomena, processes and practices ( KU )
- L5.4 Knowledge and understanding of the implications of multipolarity and of different regional dynamics for international relations with a particular focus on the centrality of colonial legacies in shaping the world ( KU )
- L5.5 An understanding of the varieties of approaches to constructing and interpreting the international system, especially through concepts and theories derived from the social sciences ( KU )
- L5.6 An understanding of the role of social science methodologies and political research skills in the research process, including the ability to use communication and information technology for the retrieval and presentation of information ( GA KTS )
- L5.7 An awareness of the dynamic nature of politics and international relations, particularly as it relates to questions of violence, gender, race, nation, and statehood. ( KU )
- L5.8 An ability to locate, organise and successfully complete a form of work-based learning in an appropriate organisational setting. ( PPP )
- L5.9 Develop the skills to work collaboratively as well as individually in a learning and research environment. ( GA )

KTS )

**Additional Year course learning outcomes:** upon completion of Additional Year you will be able to:

- L5.10 An understanding of the demands and opportunities of working and/or studying in an international context. ( PPP )
- L5.11 The ability to apply theories, concepts and research skills related to the field to the cultural and political context(s) of the society within which the experience takes place. ( KU )
- L5.12 A good understanding of the qualities and skills needed for successful performance in the workplace. ( PPP )
- L5.13 A critical awareness and evaluation of the career pathways that your degree prepares you for. ( PPP )
- L5.14 The ability to work collaboratively and confidently in a professional context. ( GA KTS )

**Level 6 course learning outcomes:** upon completion of Level 6 you will be able to:

- L6.1 A mature, differentiated understanding of the nature and significance of politics as a human activity ( KU )
- L6.2 An advanced understanding of sources of injustice and the possibilities of political change within current governance structures. ( KU )
- L6.3 The ability to analyse critically a range of normative, ethical and behavioural issues in the study of Politics and International Relations in the context of cognate disciplines ( KU )
- L6.4 A detailed understanding of processes of policy development and implementation and the ability to research and evaluate a range of specific policy areas. ( KU )
- L6.5 An understanding of the responsibilities of global citizenship, especially as it relates to conceptions of sustainable development, civic responsibility, and global engagement through cross-cultural and cross-national perspectives. ( GA )
- L6.6 An appropriate range of analytical and professionally relevant skills to facilitate access to employment or further study and an awareness of the potential opportunities open to graduates of social science disciplines. ( KTS )
- L6.7 An ability to conduct and manage your own political research, whether qualitative or quantitative, informed by appropriate research methodologies and theoretical frameworks. ( KTS )
- L6.8 An ability to reflect on individual performance and respond to constructive criticism, evidenced by engagement with feedback and guidance as part of a resilient learning culture fostered throughout the degree. ( KTS )

## How will you learn?

### Learning methods

The BA Politics and International Relations programme is designed to place supported independent learning at the heart of the curriculum. Our learning environment is structured to enable you to address social, political and international issues in a way that is both relevant and creative. Our active learning sessions incorporate the transmission of 'facts' but are as much concerned with learning to critically evaluate political interactions in all their manifestations. We provide a learning environment that encourages you to reflect on key concepts, issues and problems beyond the formal classroom environment. We encourage our students to 'own' the classroom and this is reflected in the fact that we have adopted a model of learning which values student-enquiry as the primary focus on all our modules.

Students taking the BA Politics and International Relations programme will be encouraged to take responsibility for their academic and professional choices throughout their studies. Each undergraduate module will offer a different experience of learning, with academic staff designing the teaching activities to suit the particular learning outcomes of each subject rather than following a standardised formula. By the end of your course, you will be equipped to take responsibility for your lifelong learning and future professional development.

Each module on the undergraduate programme has its own characteristic teaching and learning features that are appropriate to the particular subject matter (e.g. small group work, problem-based tutorials, review sessions, workshops, symposia, debates, Q&A sessions, document analysis sessions, structured role-plays). The School of Social Sciences seeks to encourage both staff- and peer-led activities where students learn from one another within a co-operative and intellectually exciting atmosphere. Although many of our undergraduate modules include formal lectures (including many from scholars, partners and leaders from outside the University), the emphasis throughout is on learning through interactive group work in seminars, tutorials, workshops and symposiums. Many of our modules are designed to establish authentic learning tasks and we model many of our learning activities on 'real-

world' approaches.

## Teaching methods

Our approach to learning and teaching enables students to develop a series of key transferable skills that will benefit them in their future professional life. Our teaching philosophy is oriented to developing student capacity to work independently as well as in groups, to enable students to make use of a full range of resources and techniques in developing graduate level skills. Students are thus encouraged to evaluate their own development and performance in a supportive and constructive learning environment.

A number of environments and experiences are offered to students on the BA Politics and International Relations, including:

**Lectures:** *Lectures involve presentations by academic staff, policy-makers and/or external speakers. Many lectures involve an interactive and/or 'blended learning' element and we encourage students to participate fully in lectures, either by responding to questions or posing their own questions.*

**Seminars:** *Seminars are informal teaching/discussion sessions in smaller groups and involve greater interaction with the lecturer and with small peer groups.*

**Tutorials:** *In a tutorial students meet with their tutor either individually or as a part of a small group. Tutorials provide an opportunity to discuss problems and issues and make informal presentations.*

**Workshops:** *Many modules will offer interactive workshops that allow students to explore a topic, theme or subject through their own knowledge and informed analysis of a problem.*

**Symposiums:** *Allow students to present an authoritative position in relation to a topic, theme or subject. Students are asked to take an active lead in planning a symposium and key transferable skills are developed (e.g. communication, time management, planning).*

**Reading groups:** *Provide students with the opportunity to respond and interact with a set text or reading. These semi-structured discussions are an excellent opportunity for students to evaluate key ideas, texts and concepts.*

**Role-plays and political simulations:** *Offer students the opportunity to apply theory to practice. Students are encouraged to explore key ideas, themes, and concepts through games and simulations.*

**Fieldtrips:** *Students may undertake fieldwork or visit relevant international organisations or research establishments, where possible, as part of their studies.*

**International exchanges:** *Students will be able to take part in international exchanges through our study abroad programme.*

**Internships and work placements:** *With an internship or work placement students can gain credit by developing their professional experience.*

## Assessment methods

The BA Politics and International Relations programme offers a variety of assessment methods that develop graduates who are open to critical thinking, effective at communication, independent and reasoned in professional life, and ethical in their global outlook. We foster these attributes via a range of authentic assessments, which module real-world tasks. This strategy is strongly linked to policy tasks, research skills and the development 'job-ready' skills alongside traditional academic ones.

By varying assessment activities we motivate students with a diverse range of experiences, learning styles and competencies. We have adopted a mixture of assessment types in an attempt to reduce over-assessment and ensure that students develop a broader range of skills for professional success than would be transferred by traditional assessment methods alone.

Our external examiners frequently comment on how successful and innovative our portfolio of course assessments are. We have developed our assessment framework to ensure that learning outcomes are 'joined up' to reflect the importance of formative and summative approaches. Our assessment strategy aims at consolidating breadth in knowledge and depth of analytical understanding, as students progress through levels 4-6 of the programme.

As a result of our focus on authentic assessment and on tasks which encourages reflection on students' learning process, the course is well placed to respond to the challenges and opportunities posed by Artificial Intelligence, and especially Large Language Models (LLMs). Many of our assessments replicate the challenges of practical engagement and teamwork in the workplace, or else focus on the processes of research and analysis in ways which centre students' own reflections, experiences, and critical engagement with data and sources.

Our students would typically be exposed to the following forms of assessment:

- Policy Reports
- Individual Presentations
- Group Presentations
- Project Work
- Critical Reflections
- Journals and logbooks
- Dissertations
- Professional Reports
- Book and article reviews
- Posters
- Learning Portfolios
- Essays

We have made a conscious effort to standardise assessment within the programme and benchmarked our assessment strategy. As a result of this, each 20-credit module will contain similar assessment expectations and students are informed of the typical time and effort expectations for completing coursework.

Graduate Attribute	Evident in Course Outcomes
Critical and creative thinker	L4.1, L4.2, L4.3, L4.4, L4.5, L4.6, L5.1, L5.11, L5.2, L5.3, L5.4, L5.5, L5.7, L6.1, L6.2, L6.3, L6.4, L6.7, L6.8
Literate and effective communicator	L4.6, L4.9, L5.6
Entrepreneurial	L4.7, L4.8, L5.10, L5.12, L5.13, L5.14, L5.8, L5.9, L6.6, L6.8
Global in outlook and engaged in communities	L4.3, L4.5, L5.3, L5.4, L5.7, L6.2, L6.5
Socially, ethically and environmentally aware	L5.11, L6.2, L6.3, L6.5

## Course Structure

This section shows the core and option modules available as part of the course and their credit value. Full-time Undergraduate students study 120 credits per year. Course structures can be subject to change each academic year following feedback from a variety of sources.

Modules are described as:

- **Core** modules are compulsory and must be undertaken by all students on the course.
- **Option** modules give you a choice of modules and are normally related to your subject area.
- **Electives:** are modules from across the either the whole University or your College. Such modules allow you to broaden your academic experience. For example, where electives are indicated, you may choose to commence the study of a foreign language alongside your course modules (and take this through to the final year), thereby adding further value to your degree.
- Additional information may also be included above each level, for example, where you must choose one of two specific modules.

## Modules

### Level 4

Module Code	Module Title	Status	UK credit	ECTS
4PIRS022W	Doing Politics: Participation, Campaigning, and Change	Core	20	10
4PIRS003W	Introduction to Development: Understanding Global Inequalities	Core	20	10
4PIRS009W	Introduction to International Relations	Core	20	10
4PIRS011W	Sites and Spaces of International (dis)order	Core	20	10
4PIRS010W	Thinking Politics: Concepts, Ideas and Ideologies	Core	20	10
4PIRS020W	Democracy and Development in Asia and Africa	Option	20	10
4PIRS021W	Feminist Political Thought	Option	20	10
4PIRS023W	Governance and Institutions: From the Local to the Global	Option	20	10
4PIRS007W	Labour and Migration in the World Economy	Option	20	10
		Elective	20	10

### Level 5

Module Code	Module Title	Status	UK credit	ECTS
5PIRS041W	Mapping Global Change and Decolonial Futures	Core	20	10
5PIRS025W	Political Research and Practice	Core	20	10
5PIRS042W	The Politics of Inclusion / Exclusion	Core	20	10
5PIRS017W	Theorising Politics and International Relations	Core	20	10
5PIRS038W	British Politics: Crisis and Possibilities	Option	20	10
5PIRS039W	Gender, Sexuality and Global Politics	Option	20	10
5PIRS006W	Global Political Economy	Option	20	10
5PIRS007W	Global Security	Option	20	10
5PIRS008W	Governance in Europe	Option	20	10
5PIRS040W	Humanitarian Intervention and International Relations	Option	20	10
5PIRS011W	Rethinking Development and Sustainability	Option	20	10

Module Code	Module Title	Status	UK credit	ECTS
		Elective	20	10

## Additional Year

Optional Year Abroad available.

The modules below must both be passed to receive your award title "*with International Experience*"

- 5PIRS026W Global Politics Year Abroad 1
- 5PIRS027W Global Politics Year Abroad 2

The module below must be passed to receive the award title "*with Professional Experience*"

- 5PIRS029W Politics and International Relations Professional Experience Year

Module Code	Module Title	Status	UK credit	ECTS
5PIRS026W	Global Politics Year Abroad 1	Option	60	30
5PIRS027W	Global Politics Year Abroad 2	Option	60	30
5PIRS029W	Politics and International Relations Professional Experience Year	Option	120	60

## Level 6

Module Code	Module Title	Status	UK credit	ECTS
6PIRS022W	Dissertation	Core	40	20
6PIRS006W	Justice, Ethics, and World Order(s)	Core	20	10
6PIRS011W	Policy and Practice	Core	20	10
6PIRS002W	American Power in a Multi-Polar World	Option	20	10
6PIRS035W	Development Futures	Option	20	10
6PIRS008W	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy in a Changing World	Option	20	10
6PIRS036W	Governing Crisis	Option	20	10
6PIRS019W	Politics and Development in the Middle East	Option	20	10
6PIRS037W	Security, Secrecy and the State: The War on Terror and its Aftermath	Option	20	10
6PIRS003W	Sovereignty, Indigeneity, Resistance	Option	20	10
6PIRS017W	The Politics of Protest: Social and Political Movements Today	Option	20	10
		Elective	20	10

Please note: Not all option modules will necessarily be offered in any one year. In addition, timetabling and limited spaces may mean you cannot register for your first choice of option modules.

## Professional body accreditation or other external references

## Course management

Course Leader: Responsible for day to day running and overall management of the course and development of the curriculum;

Senior Tutor: Coordinates personalised support and provides additional academic support and referrals to other support services in the University (including the Counselling and Mental Health Service)

Head of School: Holds overall responsibility for all courses run by the School of Social Sciences

## Academic regulations

The current Handbook of Academic Regulations is available at [westminster.ac.uk/academic-regulations](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/academic-regulations).

Course specific regulations apply to some courses.

## Academic Support

Upon arrival, an induction programme will introduce you to the staff responsible for the course, the campus on which you will be studying, the Library and IT facilities and additional support available. You will be provided with a Course Handbook, which provides detailed information about the course. Each course has a course leader or equivalent. All students enrolled on a full-time course and part-time students registered for more than 60 credits a year have a personal tutor, who provides advice and guidance on academic matters. The University utilises a Virtual Learning Environment called Blackboard, where students access their course materials and can communicate and collaborate with staff and other students. Further information on Blackboard can be found at <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/current-students/studies/your-student-journey/when-you-arrive/blackboard>

The Academic Learning Development Centre supports students in developing the skills required for higher education. In addition to online resources in Blackboard, students can also attend Study Skills workshops and schedule one-to-one appointments. Further information on the Academic Learning Development Centre can be found at [westminster.ac.uk/academic-learning-development](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/academic-learning-development).

Learning support includes our libraries, each of which holds a collection of resources related to the subjects taught at that site. Students can search the entire library collection online through the Library Search service to find and reserve printed books, and access electronic resources (databases, e-journals, e-books). Students can choose to study in the libraries, which have areas for silent and group study, desktop computers, laptops for loan, photocopying and printing services.

## Support Services

The University of Westminster's Student and Academic Services department provides a range of advice and guidance. Further information on the advice available to students can be found at <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/student-advice>

The University of Westminster Students' Union also provides a range of facilities to support students during their time at the University. Further information on UWSU can be found at <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/students-union>

## How do we ensure the quality of our courses and continuous improvement?

The course was initially approved by a University Validation Panel. University Panels normally include internal peers from the University, academic(s) from another university, a representative from industry and a Student Advisor.

The course is also monitored annually by the College to ensure it is running effectively and that any issues that might affect the student experience have been appropriately addressed. Staff will consider evidence from various sources, including student surveys, student progression and achievement, and reports from external examiners, to evaluate the effectiveness of the course and make necessary changes.

Periodic reviews are also conducted to ensure that the curriculum remains up-to-date and that the skills acquired on the course continue to be relevant to employers. Representative students meet with a panel to provide feedback on their experiences. Student feedback from previous years is also part of the evidence used to assess the course's performance.

## How do we act on student feedback?

Student feedback is important to the University, and student views are taken seriously. Student feedback is collected in various ways.

- Through student engagement activities at the course and module level, students have the opportunity to express their voice in the running of their course. Course representatives are elected to expressly represent the views of their peers. The University and the Students' Union work together to provide a full induction to the role of the course representatives.
- There are also School Representatives appointed jointly by the University and the Students' Union who meet with senior School staff to discuss wider issues affecting student experience across the School. Student representatives are also represented on key College and University committees.;
- All students are invited to complete a questionnaire for each module. The feedback from this will inform the module leader on the effectiveness of the module and highlight areas that could be improved.
- Final-year undergraduate students will be asked to complete the National Student Survey, which helps inform the national university league tables. Postgraduate students will be asked to complete the Postgraduate Taught Survey (PTES).

This programme specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the course and the learning outcomes that a student may reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities provided. This specification is supplemented by the Course Handbook, Module proforma and Module Handbooks provided to students. Copyright in this document belongs to the University of Westminster. All rights are reserved. This document is for personal use only and may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the University of Westminster. All copies of this document must incorporate this Copyright Notice – 2025©