Welcome to the University of West London

Thank you for taking the time to look at our postgraduate prospectus. Choosing the right university for your postgraduate studies is one of the most important decisions you will make. We hope this prospectus will help you make the best possible decision for you.

At the University of West London, we aim to inspire you to become a creative professional and connect you to an exciting and rewarding career. Based in the heart of one of the UK’s most successful business regions, we have highly qualified staff with a wealth of experience in their respective disciplines and strong connections with key industries.

The University has acquired a remarkable reputation for high-quality education closely linked to employment; with many of our graduates going on to achieve great success within their chosen disciplines and professions. We are proud of our students and are committed to supporting their development, not only through high quality academic provision, but also by providing opportunities through alumni, volunteering and paid work experience in and around west London.

If you would like to be part of our community, please come and visit us at one of our open days, uwl.ac.uk/visit

Professor Peter John
VICE-CHANCELLOR
Why study a postgraduate degree?

A postgraduate degree can enhance your career prospects, setting you apart in today’s highly competitive job market. If you are considering a new career path, it is an opportunity to enhance and build on your current qualifications, and learn new and essential skills. You may also want to explore your passion and commitment to a particular field of study.

Whatever your reasons, studying a postgraduate degree at the University of West London doesn’t mean you have to put your life on hold, or leave the workplace. We have a wide range of full and part-time study options that can fit around your current commitments. Studying a postgraduate degree will increase your network of contacts and help you gain valuable insights into industry, that you might not gain from the workplace alone.

Taught course or research degree?

Choosing which is the right option for you depends on the subject you wish to study and the career path you want to follow.

Taught courses are led by a tutor, and you attend weekly seminars and lectures. There is some independent learning, but not as much as a research degree. The two main types of taught courses are masters degrees and postgraduate diplomas. Like undergraduate degrees, these are divided into modules and usually take one year full-time or two years part-time to complete, with assessment by exam or dissertation.

Research degrees rely on independent study with a few hours support each week from an academic. The best known research degree is the PhD, which can last three to four years full-time, or six years part-time. Students are asked to present new knowledge in a research project or thesis, typically 40,000 words or more.

Students often tell me they value the networks they’ve become part of, which make them feel more empowered and connected.

MBA PT Programme Leader
Why choose the University of West London?

The University of West London (UWL) is a vibrant university in the heart of London, proud to provide high quality, specialist education that helps students become creative professionals, connecting them to varied and rewarding careers.

We give students of all ages and backgrounds access to teaching and academic experience of the highest standard from accessible, supportive and encouraging staff. UWL offers students excellent work placements, and has links with major organisations such as Apple, Hewlett Packard, Hilton Hotels, Oracle and Microsoft.

You can study many of our postgraduate courses part-time, giving you the flexibility to develop your education around other commitments. You can study for a postgraduate degree in a different discipline to your bachelor’s, without having to complete a full bachelor’s degree in the relevant subject area.

We’ve also been recognised for the quality of our courses in many subject areas, and we’re the only university to win the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for outstanding achievement and excellence in hospitality education. What’s more, the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) comprehensively praised our high academic quality and standards, the level of support and guidance we give students, and our success in meeting the requirements of professional bodies.

Our state-of-the-art teaching and learning centre, the Savoy Suite, is designed especially for postgraduate students.

London College of Hospitality and Tourism
The school is incredibly well equipped, a wonderful place to work, but I would say most importantly of all, it really does motivate the students.
Heston Blumenthal, Chef

London College of Music
My project led me to starting up my own company on leaving. I can highly recommend the courses and the campus production facilities are fantastic.
Ryan Wilkins, graduate

Ealing Law School
The quality of the course is very impressive, from the detailed feedback to the tutors’ unlimited patience. Although very difficult, the LPC has been the most rewarding experience I’ve ever had.
Sophie De Canson, Qualified Solicitor

College of Nursing, Midwifery and Healthcare
The MSc Advanced Practice is a fantastic course and enabled our staff in acute care to gain the academic and professional accreditation as an advanced practitioner.
Edwin Dela Cruz, Head of Faculty of Nursing, West Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust

School of Computing and Technology
Having worked in the IT industry for 10 years, I had experience, but lacked a formal background that could strengthen my career. The University of West London filled the gaps in the skills I needed and a clear vision of success was always present.
Graduate

London School of Film, Media and Design
The MA prepared me for professional work in many ways. The way I conduct myself and interact with people, how I professionally present my work and how to always seek to improve, alongside deep technical experience and knowledge.
Jon Gordon, graduate

The Claude Littner Business School
One of the things I valued most about doing my MBA was the diversity of our cohort and the opportunity to exchange rich experiences and views with people working in different sectors and industries.
Radovan Manko, Part-time MBA

School of Psychology, Social Work and Human Sciences
Guided by fantastic lecturers, I absorbed a great deal of knowledge and acquired many practical skills which I now use in my work for stop smoking services.
Weronika Suszynska, MSc Health Psychology

Why choose the University of West London?
At the University of West London, we understand that your postgraduate studies should enhance your career prospects and set you apart in today’s highly competitive job market.

Career connections

That’s why we have always focused on working closely with employers, driving innovation, enterprise and economic growth in west London. We have a strong record of postgraduate employment, an international reputation in the fields of healthcare, music and hospitality, and outstanding links with employers across various sectors.

Our teaching and learning strategy and the outcome of the QAA audit clearly show we are at the forefront of employer engagement and enterprise development in the UK. Many of our courses are professionally accredited – details can be found on our website.

Our partners
We have several partners across the UK and abroad.

UK Academic Partnerships
- Bolton College
- British & Irish Modern Music (BIMM) including Tech Music School
- Cardiff and Vale College
- Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC)
- Creative Academy
- Delamar Academy
- East Berkshire College
- Film Design International
- Hammersmith Medicines Research
- Interface Space Ltd
- Kingston College
- London College of Clinical Hypnosis
- London School of Science and Technology
- Met Film School
- Nexus Institute of Creative Arts
- North Warwickshire and Hinckley College
- Stanmore College
- Stratford Upon Avon College

Overseas Academic Partnerships
- American Education Centre Ltd (AEC) – Sri Lanka
- Cyprus Institute of Marketing – Cyprus
- Deutsche Pop Academy
- International Institute of Hotel Management – India
- Raffles Music College – Singapore
- Met Film School – Berlin
- Swiss Textile College – Switzerland

Further partnerships are currently under development. For the most up-to-date information, visit uwl.ac.uk/ourpartners

Business Connections
The University of West London is based in the heart of one of the UK’s most successful business regions. Our teaching staff are connected to their respective industries with many still working part-time, so they can pass on invaluable insights and specialist knowledge of their subjects.

We have strong, local connections with global organisations, such as:
- Savoy Educational Trust
- Academy of Culinary Arts
- BBC
- Sky
- River Island
- Middlesex Law Society
- Hewlett-Packard (HP) Ltd
- Siemens
- ARC Technology Ltd.

Many of these multinationals are based nearby, offering students great opportunities for work placements and part-time jobs.