



UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY WITH LONDON ENERGY



2026/2027
FACTSHEET

STUDYING WITH US

From business and finance to fashion, art, music, cinema and sport, London is where things happen! Studying at Westminster means that your classroom goes well beyond the walls of the university and everything that London has to offer is on your doorstep. London really will be your campus.

We have three campuses in the heart of London and one in the leafy borough of Harrow in North West London. Our excellent facilities include:

- 24-hour libraries
- State-of-the-art science laboratories
- Advanced IT services
- Online learning resources
- Art, design, film and TV studios
- World-class audio recording studios
- Galleries
- Sports and recreational facilities
- One of the few Bloomberg Financial Markets Suites in the UK
- Specialist workshops for wood, metal, moulding, casting, photography and ceramics
- A new cutting-edge digital Fabrication Laboratory that offers a suite of 3D printers and laser cutters



Support available to you:

- Detailed pre-arrival information and support before you leave home and a comprehensive welcome session when you arrive
- Assigned Academic Exchange Co-ordinator (AEC) who will provide support whilst you study with us
- Access to the University's extensive support services, which cover counselling and mental health services, disability learning support, student wellbeing and visa and immigration advice

With students from 169 nations, we have one of the most diverse student communities in the UK.

OUR PRIORITIES



WELLBEING

We believe that everyone has the right to feel fulfilled at work and study, connected to a community of colleagues and students who are passionate about making a positive impact on themselves, our workplaces, study spaces and those around us.

“Wellbeing, inclusion and sustainable development are our priorities and guide us in all we do”



INCLUSION

Westminster promotes a supportive and safe learning and working environment which is equitable, diverse and inclusive, is based on mutual respect and trust, and is a place where harassment and discrimination are not tolerated.

As a responsible institution, we strive to ensure and to champion equality. As a progressive institution, we take pride in our diversity. As a compassionate institution, we commit to an inclusive culture that allows students and colleagues to reach their full potential.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We take inspiration from the 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in how we drive our actions, activities and governance across the University, in line with our progressive, responsible and compassionate values.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

OUR CAMPUSES



Students can access the services across all of our campuses



[Click here to watch a short video of Regent Street campus](#)



HARROW



- Photography
- Digital Media
- Television & Film
- Media
- Journalism
- Art



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REGENT STREET



- Politics & International Relations
- Cultural Studies
- Criminology
- English
- History
- Linguistics
- Modern Languages & Cultures
- Sociology
- Law



OUR CAMPUSES



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You can [find out more about all our campuses here](#)



CAVENDISH



- Computer Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Psychology



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MARYLEBONE



- Architecture
- Economics
- Finance
- Accounting
- Business Information Management
- Marketing & Tourism
- Human Resources



MODULES

Which modules (classes) can I choose?

Firstly, check the exchange partnership that your home university has with the University of Westminster. This will tell you from which College/Schools/subject area you can choose.

You can find [a list of our Exchange Partners with this information here](#)

- You cannot mix modules from different schools. If you are nominated for Westminster Business School, for example, you must select modules from within that school
- You can find our [Module Catalogues here](#)
- You are allowed to take a maximum of 3 modules per semester, up to 60 UK credits
- A portfolio of work will likely be required for practical Arts, Media & Communication and Architecture modules. Have a look at our [Portfolio requirements page](#)

WORKLOAD	WESTMINSTER CREDITS	EQUIVALENT ECTS CREDITS
Academic year	120 credits (6 modules)	60 credits
One semester	60 credits (3 modules)	30 credits
One module	20 credits	10 ECTS credits

ACCOMMODATION

University Halls of Residence

- Available but is not guaranteed
- Apply for University accommodation in your Exchange application form
- If you are successful in your application for University accommodation, you must accept and pay deposit a before a given deadline (you will be contacted after the application deadline)
- More information about our [University accommodation \(including prices\) can be found here](#)



Private Rented Accommodation

- Many students choose to live in privately rented accommodation
- Support and advice is provided by our Student Accommodation Team to any students who have applied for University Halls of Residence and who have been unsuccessful
- More information on [private rented accommodation can be found here](#)



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PROOF OF ENGLISH

*Language of Instruction at the University of Westminster is **English**. If English is not your first language, you will need to provide evidence of your English language proficiency level.*

- For most undergraduate modules, you will need a minimum score of IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum 5.5 in each component, or equivalent. For most postgraduate modules, you will need a minimum score of IELTS 6.5 overall with a minimum 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.
- Some modules have higher English language requirements, such as many Arts, Media and Communication modules. Please refer to the [module catalogues](#) where any higher English language requirements will be specified.
- Exchange students are able to provide evidence of English language ability in the form of a formal letter of reference from their home university, outlining their language ability. Please discuss this with your home exchange/study abroad office as the University of Westminster template must be used

If you are not able to provide a formal letter of reference from your home university, proof of English must be in the form of a recent test (usually from within the last 2 years).

Some tests that we accept are:

IELTS Academic, IELTS for UKVI, TOEFL (iBT), Cambridge Assessment English, Bachillerato English Language, Diploma di Esame di Stato for English Language, Baccalauréat for English Language. A list of additional tests (and required scores) that we accept can be found [here](#) and also on the country pages of the University website [here](#).

Please note, we are not able to accept scores from across more than one test

ACADEMIC



You will need to submit an academic transcript as part of your application

Undergraduate

- If you are a student from a country using the Grade Point Average (GPA) system, you must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.
- If you are from a country with a different grading system*, you must have an average of a C grade, or good, or equivalent.

Postgraduate

- GPA as for undergraduate, but you must be a graduate and hold an undergraduate degree

*Please contact us if you have queries about your country-specific qualification and we can advise further

VISA INFORMATION

Will I need a visa?

Students who will be studying with us for **less than six months** will require a [Standard Visitor visa](#). Certain nationals must apply in advance.

Students who will be studying with us for **more than six months** will require a [Student visa](#).

Our team will contact these students to start the process of requesting their CAS shortly after acceptance letters have been sent out.

[Use the UK Government online visa check](#) to see whether you will need a visa.

Full, tailored information and guidance will be sent to applicants following acceptance onto the programme.

ETA

The UK Government has recently rolled out a new [Electronic Travel Authorisation](#) (ETA).

The ETA is a permission to travel for those who do not need to obtain a visa or do not have an immigration status.

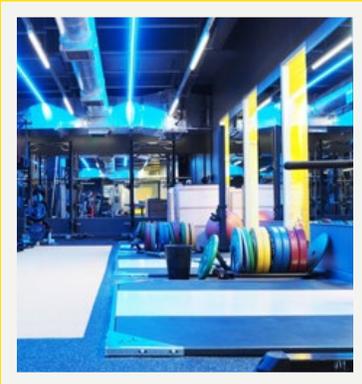
It will apply to all non-visa nationals seeking to come to the UK as visitors for up to 6 months (who haven't had to apply for a Standard Visitor visa in advance).

We will provide all accepted students with detailed guidance on visas and the ETA. After acceptance, students will also be able to contact our specialised Student Advice team who are trained in visa and immigration matters.

USEFUL INFORMATION

University of Westminster Student Union

From club nights to sports, networking and socials - there are plenty of events to get involved in. UWSU also offer advice and guidance on academic and pastoral matters



All students have completely **FREE** access to amazing **gym facilities**, **sports clubs** and **societies**

Follow them at:

 [@westminstersu](https://www.instagram.com/westminstersu)

Life in London

Cultural London - [read more about London as a place of culture and learning](#)



Insurance

We strongly advise that students obtain adequate insurance to cover accident, theft, travel, medical needs etc., before coming to the UK. We cover this topic in their acceptance information and pre-arrival.



Cost of living

Like all capital cities, London can be an expensive place to live. Our advice is to be prepared and take time to budget in advance. On average, students can spend around £475 per week on **rent and living costs** in London. There are many discounts available to students which we will share, plus additional saving tips, in our extensive pre-arrival material



Grade release

Semester 1 students: late February
Semester 2 and Full Year students: late June

Transcripts

Students will have access to secure, validated electronic transcripts. For students who do not hold any referrals/deferrals, transcripts are usually first released via the [University of Westminster Verification Service Portal](#) approximately 10 days after the grade release date



ACADEMIC DATES FOR EXCHANGE



HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1

You must first be nominated by your home university

Your home university should contact us with your name and information in line with our nomination deadlines

NOMINATION DEADLINES



Start date: September
Nomination deadline: 1 April

Start date: January
Nomination deadline: 30 September

We will contact all approved nominated students by email, inviting them to complete our online application form

You will select your housing and module (class) preferences as part of our application form

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Start date: September
Application deadline: 1 May

Start date: January
Application deadline: 15 October

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- Academic transcript (showing all years of study and grade average)
- Copy of passport (main photo page)
- Proof of English language ability (if required)
- Portfolio of work (if required)

OUTCOME

- **You will receive an official acceptance email once your online application has been processed and approved**

Accepted students will be provided with additional guidance and materials. Closer to the exchange start date they will be added to a Pre-Arrival mailing list and they will also be invited to join an online information session in which they can virtually meet a member of our team and ask any questions they may still have.

Full application information can be found on our [website](#)



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