

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

Erasmus+ Institution Code: UKLONDON062

The University of Westminster

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<http://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges>

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Travel Information

Nearest Train Station	Regent / Cavendish Campus Oxford Circus	Marylebone Campus Baker Street	Harrow Campus Northwick Park
Nearest Airport	London Heathrow / London City / London Gatwick (more information on getting here will be sent to you via email).		
Travel Assistance	www.tfl.gov.uk (maps, journey planners, travel information for London) www.nationalrail.co.uk (national travel information for trains)		

University Accommodation Information

Type of Accommodation	Available to Exchange Students	Notes
University Halls of Residence	Yes - not guaranteed	Applied for by student in the exchange application form
Private Rented Accommodation	Yes	See Student Accommodation webpage (link below)

Students can apply for University Accommodation as part of their application to study with us. We cannot guarantee students a place in Halls of Residence, although priority will be given to exchange students staying for a whole academic year. <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges/accommodation>

Students coming for the second semester should be prepared to find private accommodation in London.

Nevertheless, it is worth applying and all exchange students who apply will be placed on a waiting list.

If your application is successful and you are offered a room, you will receive a set of instructions to secure your room. You are responsible for ensuring that the student accommodation team receives your acceptance and deposit before the deadline specified on your tenancy offer. You must pay for your room for the duration of the semester.

If your application is unsuccessful, you will receive notification from the Student Accommodation team, who will also send you information about finding alternative accommodation in London.

Many international students choose to live in privately rented accommodation. The University provides free help and advice once you have arrived.

For more information please see <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/accommodation/private-rented-accommodation>

The Student Union also offer advice: https://assets-cdn.sums.su/WM/important_docs/Housing_Guide.pdf

Studying at Westminster	
Language of Instruction	English
Modules	<p>Please find our Module Catalogue with further information on the modules available here: https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges/modules-and-credit/choosing-your-modules</p> <p>Please note that all exchange partnerships at Westminster are specific to a College/School/Subject Area.</p> <p>If you are unsure which College/School/Subject Area your students can choose modules from, please contact us at educationabroad@westminster.ac.uk so we can clarify.</p>

Nomination Process	
Nomination Deadline	<p>Students must be nominated by their Home University for an exchange at the University of Westminster.</p> <p>1st April - For September start (Semester 1 or Full Year) 1st September - For January start (Semester 2)</p> <p>Nominations must be sent to educationabroad@westminster.ac.uk</p>
Application Process	
Application Deadline	<p>Students must complete and submit their exchange application by:</p> <p>1st May - For September start (Semester 1 or Full Year) 15th October - For January start (Semester 2)</p> <p>Successfully nominated students will be emailed their individual link to our online application system and invited to submit their application through our online system.</p>
Application Process	<p>https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges/how-to-apply</p>
Entry Requirements	<p>Academic Requirements: https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges/how-to-apply/academic-requirements</p> <p>English Language Requirements: https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements</p>
Supporting Documents Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official Transcript - Copy of Passport (main photo page) - Proof of English Language ability - Portfolio of work (for students applying for practical modules in Architecture or Arts, Media and Communications) <p style="text-align: center;">Evidence of English Language:</p> <p>If English is not your first language, you will need to provide official proof of your English language ability. Proof of English must be in the form of a recent IELTS, Pearson, TOEFL or Cambridge English Language Examination score.</p> <p>Students who are applying from an Erasmus+ exchange partner, and hold an EU/EEA passport, 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.</p>

	<p><i>Please visit our webpage for the most up to date information.</i></p> <p>Any questions regarding evidence of English Language should be directed to educationabroad@westminster.ac.uk</p>
Grade release and Transcripts	<p>Results for each academic year will be published as indicated within the University Calendar.</p> <p>For semester 1 students this is usually late February. For Full Year and Semester 2 students this is usually late June.</p> <p>For students with referral/deferral opportunities, their final transcript will be released in early August.</p>
Acceptance Process	
Acceptance notification	Via Email to student cc Home Institution, and followed by a formal Acceptance Letter addressed to student, emailed to their Home Institution.

Dates for Academic Year	
https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/student-exchanges/semester-dates	

Visa Information	
Do students need a visa?	<p>The kind of visa you will need will depend on the length of your student exchange.</p> <p>Students studying a course less than six months will require a Standard Visitor Visa (£100 if required to apply for pre-entry clearance for this visa)</p> <p>Depending on your country of origin you may need to apply for your Standard Visitor Visa before coming to the UK, or you may be able to request this at the UK Border.</p> <p>https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/visas-and-advice/visas/standard-visitor-visa</p> <p>Students who have made frequent or successive visits to the UK on a Standard Visitor visa in the last 12 months should seek advice before applying for another visa to avoid a refusal. Please contact the Education Abroad Team in this instance.</p> <p>Students studying a course more than six months will require a Student Visa (£363, plus a £470 Health Surcharge which covers use of the NHS)</p> <p>https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/visas-and-advice/visas/student-visa</p> <p>Further tailored information will be sent to applicants following acceptance to the programme.</p>

<p>Where can I find more information about visas?</p>	<p>Visit the Government website which provides a step-by-step walkthrough to determine whether or not a visa is needed before departure to the UK and how to apply:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.gov.uk/uk-visa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please note, if the outcome says</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You will not need a visa to come to the UK</p> <p>this does not mean that you do <u>not</u> require a Visitor visa, but means you do not have to pre-apply before travel for entry clearance, you can obtain this visa at the UK border.</p>
Student support	
<p>Student Support</p>	<p>We offer many student services including Counselling, Faith and Spirituality and an Academic Learning Development Centre. Information on this is available upon arrival at orientation and on our website: https://www.westminster.ac.uk/current-students/support-and-services</p>
<p>Disability support</p>	<p>We have a team in place to support students who have additional support requirements. We ask students to highlight this in their application and we will then put you in touch with the team to help put the support in place., More information here: https://www.westminster.ac.uk/current-students/support-and-services/disability-learning-support</p>
<p>Student's Union</p>	<p>The university offers many different societies and sports you can get involved in from Anime to Yoga. Academic year clubs and societies as well as gym membership is currently free to all students. See all of our sports and societies here http://www.uwsu.com</p> <p>Details on how to join the teams and societies will also be advertised in orientation week.</p> <p>The Students' Union can also offer advice and guidance on academic and pastoral matters.</p>

London City Guide

City Context	
<p style="text-align: center;">About London</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Capital city of England & UK</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Population</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 million</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tourist information links</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">http://www.visitlondon.com/tag/tourist-information-centre</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Climate / Weather</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter: 2-11 degrees Celsius & Summer: 11-23 degrees Celsius (minimum night time temperature - maximum daytime temperature)</p>

Living Costs	
<p>Accommodation Costs</p>	<p>The average weekly spend on rent in London for a student is between £160-£230. Halls of Residence costs vary but estimated weekly rent is between £185.78-£290.</p> <p>All halls of residence include the costs of all utility bills, council tax and wireless internet connection and are self-catered.</p> <p>Privately rented accommodation will differ entirely depending on location and room/property type.</p>

<p>Transport options & Costs</p>	<p>A rough estimate of weekly travel costs when living in London will be between £28-£37.</p> <p>London Underground, overground, DLR, tram and bus: purchase an ‘Oyster Card’ (available at most stations) which can be topped up with credit for either pay-as-you-go travel or travelcards. If you are only using your oyster card for single journeys (instead of purchasing for the week/month) or even if you forget your oyster card, you can use the contactless function on a debit card or a mobile device to travel for the same price as on an oyster card. If your bank card shows the contactless payment symbol, you can use it to pay as you go straight away. You'll pay an adult rate fare (no student discount on this method) Many contactless cards issued outside the UK can be used to pay as you go for travel (overseas transaction fees may apply)</p> <p>Contactless/mobile devices: https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/how-to-pay-and-where-to-buy-tickets-and-oyster/pay-as-you-go/contactless-and-mobile-pay-as-you-go</p> <p>Travel fares can be found at - https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/fares</p> <p>Student travel information (including student discount on travel): https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/student-travel</p> <p>London also has a cycle hire scheme ‘Santander Cycle Hire’ which is one of the cheapest ways to travel in London if you like to cycle. The scheme consists of an access fee plus a charge for the time spent using the bike. For more information visit https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/santander-cycles</p>
<p>Taxes (Council tax)</p>	<p>If a student rents private accommodation then they may be required to pay Council Tax on top of their rental costs. Full-time students are exempt from paying council tax (the course must last for at least one academic year). However if someone other than a full-time student occupies the same property, a discount of 25% will be applied, but they will have full legal responsibility to pay the remaining 75% of the bill. If two or more occupants are not full-time students, the full bill will be obligatory for them to pay.</p> <p>The amount will vary depending on the valuation of the property and which ‘band’ it falls under (A-H).</p> <p>NB: If you move to England before your course has commenced, you will be liable to pay council tax up until the start-date, unless you live in student accommodation.</p>
<p>Food Costs</p>	<p>There is a wide range of quality supermarkets to choose from in London to suit most budgets. The cheaper stores are Asda and Tesco but all supermarkets have both budget and premium ranges to choose from.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to share food costs with their flat mates which will considerably reduce the expense. By doing this, you can expect to spend around £35.00 a week but realistically, it is safer to expect to spend a bit more than this.</p>
<p>Books and Study Equipment</p>	<p>The library is extensive and will stock the core text books which can be borrowed for a limited amount of time. In most occasions, it is very likely that most of your required books can be borrowed from the library rather than buying them. If your book is not available, the library staff can request them for you for a later date. The libraries are accessible 7 days a week. Opening times for the library counter will vary depending on the campus but all the libraries are open 24 hours a day during term time.</p> <p>Buying online, such as from Amazon, is also advisable where good quality secondhand options are also available.</p> <p>Study equipment can be purchased from a whole range of stores and can be reasonably priced. Look out for stores offering student discount, such as Ryman or Paperchase.</p>
<p>Entertainment</p>	<p>London is one of the most exciting cities in Europe offering a whole breadth of leisure activities.</p>

	<p>Check out the Time Out London guide online for up to date information of current events: http://www.timeout.com/london/</p> <p>There is something for everyone in the city of London and it is perfect for student life.</p> <p>With a whole host of landmarks, London can be enjoyed for free with a range of museums, exhibitions, music gigs and sight-seeing, all free of charge. Take a look at the free section on the Time Out website for some ideas: https://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/free-london</p> <p>The Londonist also has a constantly updated range of articles, ideas and lists of things to do for most days, weekends and holidays: http://londonist.com</p>
<p>Student Discounts Available</p>	<p>Travel: National railcards can be purchased for great discounts on rail fares. Example: the 16- 25 Young Persons' Railcard gives 1/3 off of most fares</p> <p>https://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/</p> <p>All valid student cards will allow students to benefit from student discount in most high street stores and even some bars and restaurants. The general discount is 10%, however, this will vary from store to store or during promotional periods.</p> <p>Westminster ID card is usually valid however some stores only accept the UNiDAYS App or NUS (TOTUM) card (this also works online on many sites e.g. Amazon). Students can apply for an NUS card here: https://www.totum.com/</p>
<p>Bursaries / Scholarships Available</p>	<p>Unfortunately, there are no University of Westminster scholarships available for exchange students. You maybe able to apply for a Butex scholarship. More information available here: https://www.butex.ac.uk/scholarships/</p> <p>Please also refer to this website for advice on Affordable London</p>
<p>Health Information and insurance</p>	<p>We strongly advise that students ensure adequate insurance to cover accident, theft, travel, medical needs etc, before coming to the UK.</p> <p>If you are on a course of less than 6 months duration, you are not entitled to primary medical care. However, any overseas visitor is entitled to emergency or immediately – required treatment.</p> <p>Students registered for courses in the UK of 6 months or more are entitled to primary medical care provided by the National Health Service (NHS) and also emergency or immediately-required treatment. This applies to Exchange students studying for a full academic year.</p> <p>Students will receive further information via our pre-arrivals emails, information on general health services in the UK (including emergencies) will be found in the exchange handbook you will receive upon arrival.</p>
<p><i>Please note: All information provided is correct as of February 2023, however this is an estimate of living costs only and should not be considered a complete and final list. There may be costs which are not mentioned here and you should be aware that a strict budget cannot always be followed when studying abroad.</i></p>	

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR EXCHANGE PARTNER STUDENTS

STUDENT EXCHANGES

Taking part in a student exchange is a once in a lifetime opportunity which enables you to live and experience a different culture and way of looking at the world first hand.

The University of Westminster's Student Exchange programme allows you to immerse yourself in a British University experience in the heart of London.

By choosing to go on an exchange you are embracing an enriching experience that will inform not only the rest of your academic life but also your career and beyond.

THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

If you are not eligible for a Student Exchange programme you can apply to our Study Abroad programme.

Full details of the Study Abroad programme including options and costs can be found on our website at [westminster.ac.uk/study-abroad](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study-abroad)

THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

- You must be nominated by your home institution to study at the University of Westminster and your nomination must be accepted before you can apply.
- Study up to three classes worth 60 UK credits for one semester or up to six classes worth 120 UK credits for one academic year at the undergraduate level in the School or Department that has the partnership with your home institution.
- Full pre-departure information before you leave home and an extensive orientation session upon arrival.
- Classes successfully completed carry transferable University credits.
- Housing in University accommodation may be available; information on securing non-University accommodation is also provided.
- Optional participation in the Education Abroad social programme.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

The University of Westminster lies at the heart of the city of London, not just in terms of its location, but also in the way that its history and mission has been shaped and is inextricably interlinked with the city.

University facilities and services for students include:

- state-of-the-art fitness and sports facilities
- library services based on each of our four teaching sites
- information technology services
- support and advice services
- University health services
- disability support
- Students' Union
- membership of International Student House

SUPPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY

During the application process the University provides support for you through its Education Abroad Team, while your Registry and Academic Exchange Co-ordinator (AEC) will provide support whilst you study with us. Your AEC is able to sign your learning agreement and provide academic advice, whilst your Registry will provide further pastoral support.

For contact information please visit our [website](https://www.westminster.ac.uk).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For student exchanges visit: [westminster.ac.uk/student-exchanges](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/student-exchanges)

For details of all our study abroad programmes visit: [westminster.ac.uk/study-abroad](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study-abroad)

To see what our current students are up to search [#LiveLearnLondon](https://www.instagram.com/educationabroadwestminster) on Instagram

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Your home institution must have a current exchange agreement with the University of Westminster.
- You must be nominated by your home institution for the exchange and your nomination must be accepted by the University of Westminster.

For full details of the entry requirements please visit our [website](https://www.westminster.ac.uk).

If you are not eligible for a Student Exchange programme you can apply to our Study Abroad programme. Full details of the programme including options and costs can be found on our website at: [westminster.ac.uk/study-abroad](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study-abroad)

MAKING AN APPLICATION

You can apply to the programme once you have been nominated by your home institution and your nomination has been accepted.

To get information on how you can be nominated to come on exchange, please speak to your international office or its equivalent at your home university.

If your nomination is accepted you will need to supply the following to make an application:

- an academic reference
- an official transcript
- a copy of the main photograph page from your passport
- a passport sized photograph
- a portfolio of work if applying for practical classes from Media, Arts and Design and some architecture classes
- confirmation of English language level.

When listing the classes you wish to study, you can refer to our list of classes on our [website](https://www.westminster.ac.uk).

