
THE UNIVERSITY

At The University of West London, we want to provide a university education that expands your skills, realises your potential and increases your employment opportunities. And we'd like you to have a great time along the way.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We are committed to offering you excellent employment prospects with relevant, up-to-date education. All our courses are designed to improve your prospects on whichever career path you choose. Many courses are professionally related, providing an entry point into specific employment sectors. A very high proportion of our students achieve graduate-level jobs.



A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE THE
MOST OF YOURSELF



THE UNIVERSITY

OVER 150 YEARS OF LEARNING

We have been at the heart of education in and around West London for over 150 years.

1860

The story begins in 1860, when C.N. Atlee founded the Byron House School – educating 87 boys aged eight to 17 next to the site of the current Ealing campus.

1886

In 1886 the school was renamed Ealing Grammar School, and following a radical transformation of the site the Ealing Technical Institute of Art and Crafts opened in 1929.

1946

By 1946 there were 220 full-time students and this had grown to 450 full-time students, 700 part-time students and 7,000 evening students come 1956.

1961

In 1961 Ealing Technical College was formed and through the 60s the School of Art was expanded to include Fashion, Graphics, Industrial Design, Photography and Fine Art departments.

1977

In 1977 the college became Ealing College of Higher Education. By this time there were 1,800 full-time students and 3,400 part-time students.

1991

In 1991 Ealing College of Higher Education merged with Thames Valley College of Higher Education, the London College of Music and Queen Charlotte's College of Health Studies to become the Polytechnic of West London.

1992

In 1992 the Privy Council bestowed full university status on the institution and it became Thames Valley University.

2010

In August 2010 the Privy Council granted permission to officially change our name from Thames Valley University to The University of West London. This is now the University's legal title.



A NEW NAME FOR A NEW ERA

In 2010 we took a major step forward when we officially changed our name from Thames Valley University to The University of West London.

Our new name builds on our rich heritage of providing education in West London for over 150 years, and looks forward to an exciting new era for the University in the years ahead.

As our Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter John says: *“This is a natural progression for TVU which is now a very different institution to that which was granted university status in 1992. The name change is necessary in order to align our new direction of travel with our clear brand and geographical identity which now lies at the heart of west London focusing on our two sites in Ealing and Brentford.”*

OUR MISSION

Through the pursuit of excellence and the raising of aspiration, our mission is to be an employer-engaged, flexible learning university with a national and international reach, providing a personalised education that satisfies students, employers and stakeholders alike.

CREATIVITY

Facilitated by imagination, innovation and challenge.

QUALITY

Underpinned by excellent practical, professional and academic learning.

INCLUSIVENESS

Enabling and empowering all to access education that meets their needs.

DIVERSITY

Celebrated through a rich social and ethnic mix.

INTEGRITY

Fulfilled by honesty and openness, working for the public good.

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ASSURED QUALITY

Like all other UK universities, the quality of all our degree courses is monitored by outside examiners, the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). In its most recent report, the QAA comprehensively endorsed our academic quality and standards. In particular, the QAA highlighted our:

- quality of all academic courses and high academic standards
- effective support and guidance to students for their academic development
- mature and confident approach to establishing and maintaining academic standards
- robust approach to the validation of courses
- innovative approach to learning and teaching
- success in meeting the requirements of professional bodies.

ACCESSIBILITY

We seek to make studying at university widely accessible with incentives such as the Bursary. For up-to-date details of our Bursary package, please visit uwl.ac.uk/funding

DIVERSITY

We pride ourselves on our diversity and are fully committed to encouraging students from a great many educational and cultural backgrounds to continue their development with us.

We are continually seeking to enhance our capability to deliver courses in a variety of ways, to offer courses at different levels and facilitate student progression through those levels to suit their individual needs and ambitions. We are fully committed to widening participation, lifelong learning and providing opportunities for students to gain access to higher education through a variety of routes.



THE QUEEN'S
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES

FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION

2009



OUR PARTNERS

We have a number of partners across the UK and abroad.

UK collaborative partnerships

Abingdon and Witney College
 Aston University
 Bolton Community College
 Bury College
 Canterbury College
 City of Sunderland College
 Court Theatre Training Company
 Creative Academy
 East Berkshire College
 Hammersmith Medicines Research
 HCA Clinical Education Centre
 Kingston College
 London College of Clinical Hypnosis
 Metropolitan Film School

New College, Swindon
 Sandwell College
 Somerset College of Arts and Technology
 Stanmore College
 Stockport College
 Stratford Upon Avon College
 Tech Music Schools
 Tresham Institute
 West Thames College

Overseas collaborative partnerships

Ecole Hoteliere Du Perigord – France
 Informatics – Hong Kong
 INSCOL Academy – India
 RM Institute – India
 Singapore Raffles Music College – Singapore

IN 2009 WE WON THE QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY PRIZE

We were the only modern university in 2009 to receive the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education. The award recognises outstanding achievement and excellence in universities and colleges across the UK and we were one of just 21 institutions to be honoured this time round. We won the award in recognition of our London School of Hospitality and Tourism's excellence in hospitality education and employer engagement.

As Professor David Foskett, Head of the School, says: *"I am exceptionally proud of the London School of Hospitality and Tourism, particularly as this is the first time our University has been officially recognised in this way from such a high level."*