



West Thames College

2022 / 2023

**HIGHER
EDUCATION
COURSES**



One of the
Top 3
Colleges in
London *

*Based on overall performance for students aged 16-18 across all levels in 2018-19.

Start here...

We offer high quality, great value for money courses, which will give you the skills you need and that employers want.

Our courses also enable you to 'top up' to a full university degree.

Students, staff and visitors comment on how friendly and welcoming we are.

In fact, West Thames College is the perfect place for you to meet lots of people of different ages, cultures and backgrounds - not just from London, but from all over the world.

The higher education qualifications that we offer:

Higher National Certificates and **Diplomas** are vocational qualifications, highly valued by employers in the UK and overseas. Generally an HNC is one

year and an HND takes two years. Both offer students a chance to study a subject to make sure they like it before taking it to degree level.

Foundation Degrees are combined academic and vocational qualifications focussing on specific jobs or professions, giving you a real advantage in the workplace.

'Top up' at university

On successful completion of most of the HE courses that we offer, you should be able to enrol onto a university 'top up' course to gain a full Bachelors degree, enabling you to apply for graduate schemes or graduate-level jobs.

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Kingston
University
London

our partner university



Please check our website
west-thames.ac.uk for the
latest information.

All information in this booklet is correct at the time
of printing (Nov 2020) but may be subject to change.

Tel. 020 8326 2020



Why West Thames?

21st century learning at its very best

You will have access to state-of-the-art specialist facilities, including TV and music recording studios, a professional theatre and dance studios, hair and beauty salons and makeup studios, IT suites, specialist art and design studios, science laboratories and much more.

Direct industry experience

Our students love the practical emphasis on our courses and our strong links with industry. Real-life briefs and projects, work placements, industry-sponsored competitions and field trips form an essential part of our courses. You may also visit trade shows, galleries, museums, exhibitions and relevant organisations in the UK, Europe and beyond.

In today's highly competitive jobs market, this vocational experience is key to your success, as you will gain the essential skills that employers are looking for – which looks great on your CV and helps you stand out from the crowd.

Small, but perfectly formed!

Our small class sizes mean you'll receive quality one-to-one time with your lecturer and have better access to our amazing facilities. This creates a friendly and supportive environment and increases your potential for success.

Careers advice

We will give you all the advice you need to plan your future career.

Personal tutor

You will have regular opportunities to discuss your progress with your personal tutor.

Learning support

You can access additional support to help with essays, assignments and course work. If you are dyslexic or have a learning difficulty or disability, you can receive one-to-one support to help you complete coursework.

Counselling and sexual health services

These services are free and confidential for anyone who needs information or advice.

Disability support

We believe that all students should have fair and equal access to their chosen learning programme and all aspects of college life. We will make reasonable adjustments to ensure college facilities are accessible to you and that all your learning and support needs are met.

If you have a physical, mental health or sensory impairment and/or learning disability, please let us know when you apply so that we can make arrangements for you.



ADVICE

Need advice on the application procedure?

Contact us for further information on 020 8326 2020 /
applications@west-thames.ac.uk / west-thames.ac.uk



Why West Thames?

Hair and beauty salon

Get pampered with a beauty treatment or new hairstyle and buy professional products for a fraction of the normal cost. See our website for the latest special offers or call the salon on 020 8326 2201.

Nursery

Our nursery offers full and part-time places for children aged 3 months to 5 years, providing a safe and stimulating learning environment for your child while you study. Nursery places are limited, so please apply for a place as soon as you apply for your course. For more information, contact the nursery on 020 8326 2318.

Student common room

You can watch music, sport or films on the plasma TV screens, go online, play pool, table tennis, table football and other games or just meet with friends. There is also a café area and you have exclusive use of the HE student lounge in Spring Grove House.

Sports

You can play football, badminton, netball, basketball, cricket, table tennis, volleyball, Zumba, boxing and much more in our sports hall and outdoor pitches. We take our sport seriously – our successful college teams play in competitive leagues and regularly win trophies.

Student activities

You can take part in tournaments, talent shows, trips, competitions and fundraising events, or get involved with cultural awareness events, such as Black History Month and World Aids Day. We also stage live performances in our Endeavour Theatre.

Gym

Our gym is equipped with treadmills, cycling and rowing machines, cross trainers, resistance machines and weights to keep you fit and toned.

Student Union

You will be a member of the Student Union and the NUS. Have your say and get involved with student governance.

Computing & ICT

From smartphones and Wi-Fi to hashtags and instant messaging, technology dramatically affects the way we communicate.

If you're interested in a career in computing, supporting people who use computers, understanding how digital information is spread, or solving problems with technology, then this course is for you.

You will learn in specialist ICT suites, take part in work experience and visit local businesses. West Thames College is a certified Cisco Academy, giving you the chance to gain additional qualifications which are in high demand in the industry.

You can get involved in live briefs and competitions. Our strong links with Kingston University mean you can progress to a 'top up' programme to gain a full honours degree.

University progression



Second year of
an honours degree

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to

£33,300

IT operations technicians

£48,400

IT business analysts, architects
and systems designers

£70k

IT & telecommunications
directors



Levels Four/Five Software & App Development

HNC 1 year / **HND** 2 years

*How to apply & Entry requirements -
please see page 24*

UCAS code HNC i300 / HND tba

Institution code W65



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Early Years

This course is ideal if you are currently working in an Early Years or educational setting and want to progress professionally. This innovative work-based learning course will allow you to ‘learn as you earn’.

You will study a broad range of knowledge, skills and strategies in relevant aspects of education and health and social care. You will also have the opportunity to draw on your practical experience whilst exploring current and critical issues in the sector(s).

A career in early years is highly rewarding: you will make a lasting, positive impact on the well-being of young children and play an essential role in their development. You will introduce them to new concepts and ideas, helping to build a good foundation for them to achieve their potential when they go to school.

You will need to have a genuine respect and fondness for children combined with excellent communication, listening and organisational skills. If you have creative skills in music, dance,

drama, or arts and crafts, you can put them to great use developing inspiring activities.

If you are currently working in an early years setting and want to gain a qualification that will help your professional progression, our Foundation Degree enables you to ‘learn as you earn’ by combining workplace learning with part-time study. You will need to be in either paid or voluntary employment for at least 16 hours a week in an appropriate early years setting and normally have two years’ experience.

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to

£25,500

Child & early years officers

£37,500

Social workers

£44k

Social services
managers & directors

Level Five

Early Years

Foundation Degree 2 years

Entry requirements The minimum entry requirement is a Level 3 qualification in early years, e.g. Diploma in Childcare and Education, NNEB, CACHE Level 3 Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent. You will need to be employed in an appropriate setting for a minimum of 16 hours and should normally have at least 2 years of experience post Level 3 qualification. Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning is offered for those who are unsure of the current value of their qualifications.

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UCAS code X110

Institution code K84



University progression



A top-up programme to gain an honours degree



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Science

There are great career opportunities available if you have an interest in science, especially in Biology or Chemistry.

You could work in the life sciences, such as biomedical, pharmaceuticals, immunology or biotech research, manufacturing: food production and development, monitoring various aspects of the environment or use of forensic science in the field of criminology. You could also work as a nutritionist or medical assistant in hospitals.

Our laboratories have specialist equipment including DNA isolation, PCR, gel electrophoresis, gram staining, chromatography and spectrophotometry. We have excellent links with universities like Kingston, Royal Holloway and Queen Mary University of London, and workplaces such as GlaxoSmithKline and local hospitals.

You will attend programmes such as the Rare Disease Day and Food Sciences exhibition, take part in National Science Week and sessions with guest speakers, and have work experience opportunities, educational trips and visits throughout the academic year.

University progression



Second or final year
of an honours degree

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to

£26,000

Laboratory
technicians

£38k

Natural & social science
professionals??



Level Four/Five Applied Biology

HNC 1 year / HND 2 years

How to apply & Entry requirements

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UCAS code CC11

Institution code W65



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Media

From TV and film to the internet and radio, media is everywhere, both entertaining and influencing us. Employers in this field look for people who are enthusiastic, versatile and able to build relationships within a team.

Job roles can involve working on content or behind the scenes as a technician, director, researcher or producer, or in front of the camera as a broadcaster or radio presenter.

When you study on our course you will use our TV studio with professional cameras and chroma key sound effects, sound recording studios with ProTools HD, Logic Pro and surround sound, digital video editing suites with Final Cut Pro, audio/MIDI music production suites and multimedia suite.

You will perform and engineer live gigs, work on live briefs, get involved in our Creative Arts Festival, and gain exciting work placements so that you will be prepared to find employment in leading media and production companies around London.

University progression



Second or final year
of an honours degree

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to

£18,200 > £32,800

£33,300

£71k

Graphic
designers

Web design &
development professionals

Advertising &
public relations



Level Four/Five

Creative Media Production (Film & TV)

HNC 1 year / **HND** 2 years

How to apply & Entry requirements

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UCAS code JP93

Institution code W65



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Dance



A career in dance is challenging but also highly rewarding. You can pursue roles in performance and choreography, as well as teaching, dance therapy or company management.

Combining skills can lead to a successful portfolio career. Many dance jobs are based in London, but there are also opportunities to work for regional dance companies or on touring productions.

To be successful you need to be tenacious and versatile, with the ability to move across a range of different genres, and on our courses you will study a range of contemporary techniques in our specialised dance studios and perform in the 140-seat Endeavour Theatre with professional sound and lighting rig.

Our teachers have exceptional industry experience and you will take part in workshops led by directors and industry professionals. Alumni have gone on to perform with professional dance companies and on ITV's *Britain's Got Talent*.

University progression



Second or final year
of an honours degree

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to

£35,900

Actors, entertainers
& presenters

£43,200

Arts officers,
producers & directors

£44k

Dancers &
choreographers



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Level Four/Five

Urban & Contemporary Dance Practice

HNC 1 year / **HND** 2 years

How to apply & Entry requirements

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UCAS code 005W

Institution code W65



Performing Arts

Careers in the world of performing arts require a dedicated range of professionals, both offstage and in the spotlight

An entire team is needed to make shows and recordings happen: not only actors and entertainers but directors, producers, set designers, choreographers, lighting technicians and talent scouts.

We have some of the best facilities in London with rehearsal studios and a 140-seat theatre with professional sound and lighting rig, and you will benefit from teachers with exceptional industry experience and contacts.

You will have work experience opportunities and go on visits to prestigious West End venues such as Sadler's Wells, the Donmar Warehouse and Lyric Theatre Hammersmith. We have a great record for success, with previous students starring in film, TV and theatre roles, or finding work behind the scenes as technicians or in costume and makeup departments.

University progression



Second or final year
of an honours degree

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to

£35,900

Actors, entertainers
& presenters

£43,200

Arts officers,
producers & directors

£44k

Dancers &
choreographers



Level Four/Five Performing Arts

HNC 1 year / **HND** 2 years

How to apply & Entry requirements

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UCAS code 034W

Institution code W65



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Specialist Makeup

Our professional specialist makeup courses have an outstanding reputation – our students have won the prestigious IMATS competition 5 times and the World Body Painting Championships twice.

We have exceptional success rates into employment within the industry. You'll work in our professional makeup studios and learn from professional, award-winning teachers with extensive industry experience. You will take part in competitions and also go on trips, visits and exhibitions that are relevant to your course. We have fantastic industry links with companies such as Illamasqua, MAC, Makeup Forever, L'Oreal and Nars.

Our alumni have gone on to work on music videos and TV ads, for magazines and the *Royal Ballet*, on theatre productions such as *The Book of Mormon* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Crown* on Netflix, HBO's *Game of Thrones*, and films including *Fantastic Beasts* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

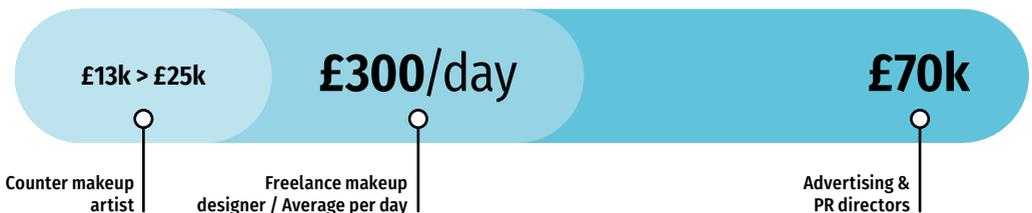
University progression



Second or final year
of an honours degree

Careers/Salary expectations**

**up to





Level Four/Five

Specialist Makeup

HNC 1 year / HND 2 years

How to apply & Entry requirements

Please see page 24.

You will need to bring a portfolio of your work to the interview.

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Institution code W65



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Fees, Financial Support & Accommodation

Home students do not usually have to pay fees up front. Your fees will be covered by a student loan and you will not start repaying this until after you have graduated and are earning a salary of over £26,575.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are advertised on the individual course information pages on our website. The fee is for one year of study and is subject to change each year. Fees vary from course to course depending on whether they are set by West Thames College or one of our partner universities. For further information on fees, please call 020 8326 2015.

International students

If you have not been settled in the UK or EU for the last 3 years you may have to pay international student fees. For further information call 020 8326 2020.

Student finances

To cover the cost of studying, you can apply for:

- A Tuition Fee Loan to cover your tuition fees in full
- A Maintenance Loan to help you with your living costs
- Extra financial support if you have a disability or children or adults who depend on you.

Full time students will not usually have to start repaying any loans until they have completed their course and are earning over £26,575 per year. (You do not have to pay back bursaries, grants or scholarships.)

Further information

For general questions about student loans and how to apply, call the college's Information Centre on 020 8326 2020. They will help directly or book an appointment for you with our careers team.

You can also call Student Finance England on 0300 100 0607 or visit gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance.

Contact information for our partner university:

Kingston University

For FdA Early Years
020 3308 9932

email admissionsops@kingston.ac.uk

web kingston.ac.uk

Kingston University
London



Accommodation

Living in London is exciting but it does come at a price. We recommend you start your search for accommodation early as most specialist providers book several months in advance.

Private accommodation providers:



CRM Students
crm-students.com



Fresh
freshstudentliving.co.uk



Host
host-students.com

FEES & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You may not have to pay tuition fees if:

- You are in receipt of state benefits and qualify for concession
- You are aged 19-23 and do not already have a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification

We offer support to pay for any course related expenses if you can demonstrate that you are in financial hardship.

Please see the ***Student Guide to Financial Support***, available from the Information Centre or on our website.

HOW TO PAY



ONLINE

Pay with your credit or debit card



BY PHONE

Call 020 326 2020 with your credit or debit card to hand

Your application

Applications should be made direct to UCAS via their website ucas.com. Alternatively, you can apply through the college website west-thames.ac.uk. We will then contact you and help you through the admissions process.

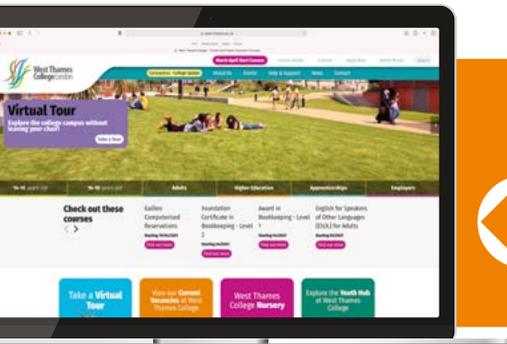
UCAS application

- The initial application deadline for entry via UCAS is 26 January 2022
- The late application deadline is 30 June 2022. If you apply after this date you will need to apply through Clearing. If you have questions about the application procedure or you have missed the UCAS deadline, please contact UCAS on **0371 468 0 468** or email **enquiries@west-thames.ac.uk**
- When we receive your application from UCAS, we will contact successful candidates to arrange an interview
- UCAS will contact you about the outcome of your interview. If you accept the offer, you will then need to complete the college enrolment process.

Entry requirements

- At least one relevant A Level pass or Level 3 qualification
- GCSE English and maths at grade 5 (C) or above are desirable, or functional skills English and maths at Level 2
- Mature students are encouraged to enter with a pass in an appropriate Access Certificate
- Relevant skills or work experience will be considered
- Additional course specific requirements are detailed on the course page and may include an audition or a portfolio.

Please refer to the course page on our website for specific entry requirements.



Other course guides

Adults

Evening and part time courses guide.

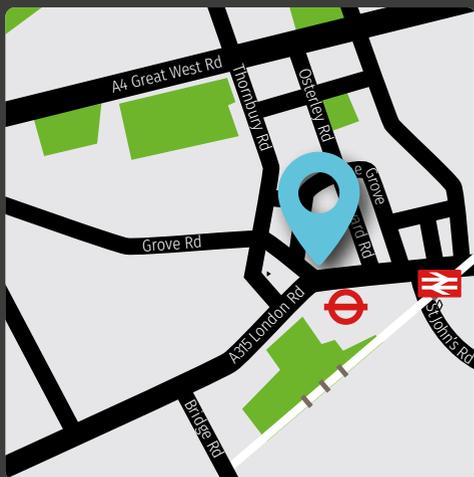


16-18 year olds

Full time courses guide.

Visit west-thames.ac.uk to download the prospectus of your choice or to request a printed copy.

Travel



London Road
Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 4HS

Rail Isleworth Station*

Tube Osterley*/Hounslow East**

Bus 117/235/237/E8/H37* & 81/
110/111/116/117/120/203/222/235
237/281/423/E8/H22/H28/H32/
H37/H98**

Car parking Part-time evening &
disabled students only

Please note In the very unlikely event that the course you have applied for does not run, we will help you to find an alternative course.

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