

Higher Education Courses at West Thames College

High quality and great value for money courses to give you the skills you need that employers want.



Computing & ICT



Software and App Development HNC or HND

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.

Estimated salary

£33,300
IT operations &
technicians

£48,400
IT Business analyst

£70,000
IT &
telecommunication
directors

Higher Education at a lower cost

We proudly offer several Higher National Certificates and Diplomas (HNC/HND). These are highly valued by employers in the UK and overseas. An HNC is one year and an HND takes two years, with both offering you a chance to study a subject to make sure you like it before taking it to the degree level.

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 are essential to 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.

Careers advice

Our Careers Team will give you all the advice you need to plan your future career.

While you study we take care of you

- ▶ **Gym:** Our gym is equipped with treadmills, cycling & rowing machines, cross trainers, resistance machines & weights to keep you fit and active.
- ▶ **Hair and beauty salon:** Get pampered with a beauty treatment or new hairstyle and buy professional products for a fraction of the normal cost.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 meet with friends.

Fees & 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.

Student finances

To cover the cost of studying if you can demonstrate that you are in financial hardship, 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.

You may not have to pay tuition fees if:

- ▶ You receive state benefits and qualify for a concession
- ▶ You are aged 19-23 and do not already have a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification.

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

Private accommodation providers

- ▶ crm-students.com
- ▶ host-students.com
- ▶ freshstudentliving.co.uk

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.

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 in 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 below on our website for more information:
west-thames.ac.uk/higher-education

Next steps

You can apply using the 'Your Application' information in this leaflet. Alternatively, you may want to speak to the subject expert in this area for a quick chat about our computing & ICT course. You can contact

Claudius Pascal on:

- ▶ **020 8326 6448**
- ▶ **Claudius.Pascal@west-thames.ac.uk**

Further information

For general questions about student loans and how to apply, call the college's Information Centre on 020 8326 2000. They will help directly or book an appointment for you with our Careers Team.

