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Business Studies Top-up

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Computer Science
(Network Technology) Top-up

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Quality Online British Education

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About WINC and The University of Lincoln

Western International College (WINC) is part of the KES Group of Institutions which owns and operates institutions of higher education across the globe.

WINC London has been set up to offer students based around the world including South Asia, the Middle East and Africa the opportunity to earn accredited qualifications offered by leading UK universities, without having to leave their home countries and at a fraction of the cost involved in travelling abroad to do so. The College uses the latest advances in technology to deliver degree programmes online which replicate the feel of a real lecture room.

Online Learning, WINC and University of Lincoln Relationship

Our flexible online learning programmes allow you to learn anywhere, anytime. The programmes are designed for students who wish to earn a high-quality degree, but are unable to enrol onto a traditional campus programme. This may include you, if you work long or unusual hours, travel extensively and live far from a good university or for other reasons need the flexibility of an online degree programme which allows you to tailor the time and place of your learning to fit your work schedule, commitments and lifestyle.

The online learning system has been established by virtue of the partnership between the University of Lincoln and Western International College. It seeks to bring together the best of each organisations strengths and abilities. The University of Lincoln is responsible for the academic quality of the programmes and it awards the degrees. The programmes are developed and quality assured by experienced faculty at the University of Lincoln's Lincoln International Business School and the School of Computer Science. As the University of Lincoln's exclusive worldwide e-learning partner, WINC makes the University's programmes available online, providing the e-learning environment and personal student support.

The programmes are delivered using a sophisticated audio and video conferencing technology which enables interactive teaching in synchronous mode. This alone, distinguishes it from the normal asynchronous mode - delivered programmes that are on offer by other institutions. Students attend live lectures and discuss with fellow students and faculty members just as they would in a traditional lecture setting.

Unlike most other online degree programmes, where interaction between lecturers and students occurs asynchronously, our delivery system allows regular contact in a synchronous mode between the student and lecturer. This happens during the weekly lecture and tutorial session for every module. These sessions are conducted at pre-scheduled times. Since all lectures are recorded, students unable to attend a timetabled session can retrieve these lectures at a time convenient to themselves. In addition, students can communicate with faculty members during their scheduled office hours.

Most programmes will combine assigned reading, online exercises, problems, or activities put together by the lecturer. There may also be interactive discussions on cases, situations or questions as well as assigned group or individual projects.

All programmes are additionally supported using Moodle, an integrated course management system.

Written assignments are submitted online through Moodle. Additional learning materials are available in the programme resource area. This includes items such as PowerPoint slides, lecture notes, case examples, demonstrations, practice exams, and relevant articles or papers. The links to recorded lectures can be accessed from here too.

Students have access to these resources throughout the semester and can download and print them as needed. In a normal week, you will be expected to complete the assigned reading, review the lecture notes provided and attend the live lectures and tutorials.

Required Technology and Skills

You will need a reliable internet connection with adequate speed to enable you to access audio and visuals, and an email account that supports attachments. All students will be required to go through a comprehensive induction programme that will enable you to become familiar and accustomed with the online mode of study. Technical help will be available online and by telephone during stipulated hours.

BA (Hons) Business Studies

Degree Programmes
BA (Hons) Business Studies Top-Up

About the Programme
This degree combines elements of key business areas and offers students the opportunity to develop critical thinking, problem solving and analytical skills needed to enter the competitive world of Business. The degree is designed to explore a variety of topics, drawn broadly from the areas of statistics, economics, marketing, operations and strategy. In addition the programme has an international perspective with the aim of preparing students for the global nature of modern business practice.

As a Top-Up programme it allows direct entry into the final year of the degree, by using previously achieved qualifications to gain exemptions from the first two years of study. A number of qualifications are recognised for entry including ATHE extended Level 5 Diploma in Management along with similar qualifications from Pearson, ABE and other awarding bodies.

How You Study
This programme is designed to help give you the edge in a competitive and fast-moving sector. You have the opportunity to study real examples from business and industry, enabling you to hone your creative and problem solving skills. At every stage you can learn how business concepts are applied in business scenarios. You can also benefit from the close links with industry enjoyed by the University of Lincoln, helping to make the programme relevant.

Duration
1 year full-time

Start Dates
September, January and June

Options
Specialist optional modules may be offered depending on demand.

What You Will Study
The following is an indicative list of modules:

Level 3 (HE6)
Strategic Management
Financial Management
Human Resource Management
Dissertation

Career and Professional Development
Alongside your specialised knowledge and understanding of business management and marketing, you can develop and enhance a range of transferable skills and attributes which are in great demand by employers for example, your intellectual and imaginative powers, your ability to be critical, and your independence and self-awareness.

BSc (Hons) Computer Science

Degree Programmes
BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Information Systems) Top-Up

About the Programme

The Computer Science (Information Systems) curriculum is informed by academic theory and provides a framework with which to analyse the potential and actual performance of business systems. This programme addresses the gap between the client's requirements and the design and construction of information systems and their use and management.

As a Top-Up programme it allows direct entry into the final year of the degree, by using previously achieved qualifications to gain exemptions from the first two years of study. A number of qualifications are recognised for entry including ATHE Level 5 Diploma in Computing along with similar qualifications from Pearson, ABE and other awarding bodies.

How You Study

You have the opportunity to develop a realistic perspective on issues in business and management, and your understanding of the capabilities of computing as a resource, and will be able to translate business needs into computing applications.

Career and Professional Development

Graduates may be ideally placed to follow a career as a hybrid manager of computer related information systems; they will be able to communicate in business language to business people and technological language to technologists.

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1 year full-time

Start dates

September, January and June

Options

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What You Will Study

The following is an indicative list of modules:

Level 3 (HE6)

Data Driven Technologies 1
Organisational Data Management
Social and Current Issues in Computing
Entrepreneurship
Data Driven Technologies 2
Distributed Computing
Project

Professional Accreditation

This programme is accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS), giving you access to professional membership.

BSc (Hons) Computer Science

Degree Programmes
BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Network Technology) Top-Up

About the Programme

This degree provides you with the opportunity to develop the experience, skills and knowledge to design and develop a variety of software and hardware computing solutions for real-world problems. The curriculum is informed by academic theory and provides a framework with which to analyse the potential and actual performance of contemporary networks and network systems.

As a Top-Up programme it allows direct entry into the final year of the degree, by using previously achieved qualifications to gain exemptions from the first two years of study. A number of qualifications are recognised for entry including ATHE Level 5 Diploma in Computing along with similar qualifications from Pearson, ABE and other awarding bodies.

How You Study

The programme aims to instil the knowledge to develop critical and intellectual abilities applicable to problem solving and solution finding, specific to technologically and socially diverse environments. The curriculum focuses on the study of computer networks as enabling technologies.

This programme is distinctive in that it addresses contemporary trends in distributed computing systems and offers theory and practice dictated by current industry standard processes and technologies. This programme aims to equip graduates to become practitioners able to make real contributions within a systems development context.

Career and Professional Development

Graduates may be well placed be able to enter the workplace as a network manager or data architect; they will be able to communicate in business language to business people and technological language to technologists.

Duration

1 year full-time

Start dates

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Options

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What You Will Study

The following is an indicative list of modules:

Level 3 (HE6)

Integrated Systems Technology 1
Data Protection
Social and Current Issues in Computing
Entrepreneurship
Integrated Systems Technology 2
Distributed Computing
Project

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who are the faculty teaching on the online programmes?

Online courses are developed and taught by qualified lecturers. All of the faculty members are approved by the University of Lincoln before teaching on the programme. Every faculty member holds at least a postgraduate degree or above in a field related to the subject they deliver. All lecturers have significant teaching experience and many have held positions in industry.

Are the University of Lincoln online degrees the same as those offered on campus?

Yes, the standards are equivalent. All are awards of the University of Lincoln, UK. The certificate makes no distinctions between an online and on campus student and both students degree certificates will be identical.

Are the programmes self-paced?

No, the online programmes are not self-paced. Each course begins on a fixed day at the start of a semester and ends on the last day of a semester. Most modules are spread over 15 weeks with 13 weeks of teaching, an exam study week and a final exams week. Students will have a course schedule with assignments due throughout the semester on specified dates. However, students do have flexibility each week in deciding when they access the online material. In addition there are live class sessions that meet at set times online.

Will I need to travel to the UK to complete my degree?

No. Students will not be required to leave their home countries. They can complete their degrees staying at home, with no need for a visa or extra funding arrangements for accommodation and flights etc.

What is it like to take an online class?

In a typical online programme, the lecturer will have an online syllabus that outlines the required tasks and activities on a weekly schedule. Most programmes will combine assigned reading, online exercises, problems or activities put together by the lecturer, interactive discussions on cases, situations, or questions posed by the lecturer, and assigned group or individual projects or papers. In a normal week, students will be expected to attend the live lectures and tutorials, complete the assigned reading from the text book and other resources and review the lecture notes provided. In certain weeks assignments may be due. These have to be submitted on time to avoid penalties.

How can there be discussions in an online environment?

Many students are initially sceptical about whether there can be meaningful online discussions of cases and issues. In fact, evidence shows that there is more, not less, discussion in online programmes than in traditional classroom settings. Discussions are held using synchronous audio "chat rooms." where students can talk and interact just as they would in a traditional setting, except that these are through their computers. Chat rooms require students to be online at the same time; however, a faculty member may schedule several different times for chats so that all students have an opportunity to participate.

Chat rooms can also be used by students working on group projects. Discussions online can also occur through asynchronous "threaded discussions," where students post comments or questions in response to the lecturer and other students. Students are able to read and post comments any time during the day. The lecturer will monitor class discussions and interact as these progress.

How can I ask the faculty questions?

Students can meet with faculty members and ask questions during assigned office hours through live interactive audio meetings. Students can also use email to communicate directly with the lecturers, who will usually respond within a day or so.

Will students be able to access the University library?

Students have access to the University of Lincoln's electronic library via the internet, including a large database of research engines and full-text materials. Students will receive an ID number that will allow access to these materials.

What computer hardware and software do I need?

Please refer to the information on the 'Required Technology and Skills' web page.

Where can I take the final exams?

A list of approved proctor sites will be made available to the students. Some of the proctor sites where exams can be taken include WINC's supported colleges and the British Council offices in approved locations.

What help is available to me during my study and how can I access it?

Each student will be assigned an Advisor, who will invariably be a faculty member teaching during the semester. The Advisor will be the first point of contact for the student for issues relating to a module or the programme as a whole. Students can also receive pastoral and non-academic counselling from a counsellor who is available on chat twice a week. The counsellor can also be approached via email on other days. Additionally, there is a help desk where the students can log their comments or seek assistance. Issues relating to exams, transcripts, timetables etc may be addressed to **support@wincedu.uk**

Enquiries requesting pastoral counselling support can be emailed to **support@wincedu.uk**

Enquiries relating to fees and other financial issues can be emailed to **support@wincedu.uk**

How can I get started?

Once you have decided on your programme of study, you can download the application form from **www.wincedu.uk**

Completed application forms must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Attested copies of the qualifying qualification
- At least one letter of reference
- Three passport size photos
- Passport copy, copies of work permit/ identification document

The forms along with the supporting documents should be sent to the WINC London office by email to **admissions@ wincedu.uk**

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