Birkbeck, University of London

Birkbeck is a world-class research and teaching institution, a vibrant centre of academic excellence and London’s only specialist provider of evening higher education. We encourage applications from students without traditional qualifications and we have a wide range of programmes to suit every entry level. Our academic reputation also attracts many full-time postgraduate students.

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* National Student Surveys 2006–2012

In this programme there are opportunities to learn the practical and theoretical skills which are important in today’s job market. There is a wide range of topics, including programming, web authoring, e-business, cloud computing and information systems.

In the final year there is an opportunity to carry out a computing project in your area of interest.

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Aims

The programme aims to equip students with a comprehensive and up to date portfolio of skills in the theory and practice of information technology. It is intended to provide graduates with a range of transferable skills, applicable in the work environment, and with an awareness of the societal and organisational impact of information technology. All of the above is provided by part-time face-to-face evening study. Students who have obtained a Foundation Degree or an equivalent qualification such as an HND in an appropriate subject may enter year 3, and in this way have the opportunity to graduate with a BSc degree after only two years of part-time study.

Duration

Four or two years part-time.

Attendance

Three evenings a week part-time, October–July.

Special features

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Programme contents

The compulsory modules include:
- Computer Networking
- Database Management
- E-Business
- Information Security
- Introduction to Programming
- Introduction to Web Authoring using XHTML and CSS
- Social and Organisational Issues in Computing

The optional modules include:
- Cloud Computing Concepts
- JavaScript
- Enterprise Computing
- XML

Entry requirements

**Over 21:** admission tests include a test of English comprehension and a basic test of mathematical knowledge.

**Under 21:** normal university entry requirements.

You must be an EU citizen or otherwise have the right to work full-time in the UK in order to enrol in a part-time course.