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
Aims

This programme is targeted at those who are interested in pursuing management or technical careers or undertaking further study in the areas of information systems, IT and computing. It is designed to equip students with the practical and transferable skills required by today’s employers as well as the theoretical knowledge underpinning these skills.

Students who complete the programme successfully will be eligible for direct entry into the final two years of the associated honours programme, the BSc Computing. The programme is offered at both our Bloomsbury and Stratford campuses.

Duration

Two years and two terms part-time: Start in October (Bloomsbury only) or January (Bloomsbury or Stratford).

Attendance

- Two or three evenings per week.

Special features

This programme will enable students to develop a range of knowledge and technical skills essential for successful management or technical careers related to information systems, IT and computing. It will also help students to develop academic and transferable skills through the integration of Personal Development Planning into the syllabus. Students will undertake a work-related project in year three of the degree.

Programme contents

The programme comprises the following modules:

- Fundamentals of Information Technology
- Introduction to Web Authoring using XHTML and CSS
- Introduction to Database Technology
- Problem Solving for Programming
- Information Systems Concepts
- Mathematics for Computing
- Information Systems Management
- Software and Programming
- E-business
- Working in teams
- Work-related Project
- Understanding the Business World
- Introduction to Programming
- Option from a range of practical IT modules (e.g. Javascript, PHP).

Entry requirements

Students under 21 must have two ‘A’ levels (or equivalent). For students over 21, entry is by selection test. 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.