



A message from the Director of Nations University



This brochure outlines more than 100 qualifications available for study in Guyana through the University of London External Programme. This programme is pursued by over 32,000 students in 180 countries throughout the world.

Nations University is delighted to be able to join with London University in bringing this programme to Guyana. One student commented on the External Programme: '*Studying through the External Programme is like receiving a golden key to my life's 'journey'*'

The brochure outlines many of the qualifications that are available through the London University External Programme. On the basis of the demand expressed Nations will then decide which of these courses to offer from September 2005.

We look forward to working with you on the exciting journey.

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Introduction

Through the External Programme of the University of London a wide range of degree and diploma courses are available to persons in Guyana. Students studying in London and those studying here in Guyana are all examined to the same standard and, on graduation, are awarded the same University of London qualification.

Statute 66 (2) of the University states:

'Candidates granted degrees and other awards shall have attained the same academic standard irrespective of mode or place of study or examination.'

The University of London: a centre of excellence

The University of London was established in 1836 and is one of the oldest and largest universities in the United Kingdom. It is a federation of 19 college and 9 Institutes. Some Colleges are specialized (e.g. the London School of Economics) while others are multi-faculty (e.g. Kings College). In 1858 the University established its External Programme specifically for students who cannot attend the University full time. The University of London has an excellent reputation in the UK and internationally. Its graduates fill influential positions throughout the world.

- Graduates of the University of London include Mahatma Gandhi, Desmond Tutu, and President John Kennedy.

Undergraduate Programme

If students intend to obtain the degree in the minimum time they need to devote over 20 hours per week on a regular basis to their studies. Nations University provides the students with tutorial support for these programmes. Classes will be offered after work, from 4:30 pm onwards and over the weekend. Students will apply directly to the University of London for acceptance and only once they are accepted will they then be enrolled on support programmes offered by Nations University.

Features of Undergraduate study

• Student to student network

Students are encouraged to join the 'Student to Student network.' This enables the students to be in touch, informally, with External students worldwide. Students are thus enabled to "chat" with fellow students from throughout the world.

The following is a brief introduction to some of the available courses:

BSc Business:

This degree has been developed to prepare students for the demanding and highly competitive world of business. The degree provides a solid understanding of the different functional areas of business and provides a good foundation for a career in management. The social science emphasis allows students to develop a thorough appreciation of business and management within a wider environment. They will also develop excellent analytical skills which are invaluable to the decision-making role of management, and also to further study.

BSc Development & Economics:

The degree combines the study of economics with the study of economic and social development in the North and the South. It provides a framework within which the key theories that underpin the development process—

• Study time

The External Programme allows for flexibility. Generally students have between three to eight years to complete a degree and one to five years for a Diploma. It is quite possible for you to be able to complete the degree in three years. For others, with family or work commitments, you may choose to take longer.

• Assessment

The majority of the assessment is through examinations held in May/June each year, with examinations administered locally by the University of London. The papers are sent to University of London for marking.

A short synopsis of all the courses on offer is available from www.londonexternal.ac.uk

economic, sociological and geographical—can be studied. The main focus is on the scale of the world's developing countries although students will have the opportunity to consider developmental issues at the sub-national level.

Diploma & BSc in Computing and Information Systems:

Since their introduction, computers have completely transformed the nature of business. It is now virtually impossible to conduct business without access to computer programmes, international databases and electronic mail. The BSc in Computing and Information Systems is designed to give students a thorough grounding in all aspects of computing in order to prepare them for business and make them aware of the enormous range of computer applications, from mathematics, statistics and theoretical computer science to business computing.

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Diploma & BSc Economics:

The aim of this degree is not only to cover the analysis of a certain set of topics but to teach an approach to a logical analysis of social and individual decision-making. It is centred around a core of economic theory and the tools it requires, but there are opportunities for specialization in particular applications in the 'optional units'.

BSc Economics and Management:

The degree enables students to combine an in-depth study of economics with management options. It will appeal to anyone wishing to obtain a general education in those disciplines which underlie the theory and practice of management and yet, at the same time, specialize in economics.

Diploma & BA in English:

The BA English degree seeks to develop a broad range of skills, including general communicative competence as well as more technical skills of literary-critical analysis. It also introduces students to a wide range of examples of writing as well as to a greater awareness of moral and social questions surrounding the techniques through which analysis and persuasion are achieved.

Diploma in Law & LLB:

The LLB degree is of international standing and, has provided the first step on a career route for many thousands of practicing lawyers around the world. Because the raw material of legal studies is human activity in all its diverse forms, a wide range of topics is covered by the London LLB. Not only is this variety an important foundation for those intending to practice law as solicitors and barristers, but it is also a great advantage to paralegal personal such as magistrates, court clerks, police and legal executives who are seeking further knowledge of the law and enhancement of their qualifications. Students seeking careers outside the legal profession, for example in

government, business and industry, or in any managerial or administrative field, will also find the LLB stimulating and varied.

Applicants who already have a full first (undergraduate) degree acceptable to the University may complete the LLB in two years.

If you intend to practice as a lawyer or solicitor, we strongly recommend that you check on the requirements of the professional body in the jurisdiction in which you wish to practice before committing yourself to the degree. The Diploma in Law must be studied at an institution that has been given 'permission to Teach'

BSc Management:

The degree in management has a strong emphasis on social science theory and practice. The aim of the range of subjects available is to look analytically and critically at management issues. This will enable students to pursue a range of career opportunities in commerce, industry and education. The degree may be suitable for students who are interested in general management, for either the public and private sectors, or who choose to pursue further training in management and corporate disciplines.

BSc Management with Law:

This combination of law and management will appeal to students who are seeking a degree which provides an opportunity for critical and theoretical study. It is intellectually demanding, as there are two disparate academic disciplines involved. This joint degree has been specially designed so that students taking certain law options will satisfy the academic stage of the legal training requirements of the Law Society and Bar of England and Wales. Alternatively, the combination of management and law will equip them to work in both public and private sectors where a demonstrated ability for logical reasoning is required.

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BSc Politics and International Relations:

Political science is about the study of power and the ideas that justify its use in society. How political power is distributed and organized within the state and between states is central to this degree. The degree focuses on the study of politics and analyses political relationships in their economic and social context, and it also takes into account historical influences on contemporary politics.

International relations is about the behaviour of states and their relations with each other. It considers some of the great issues of international society (e.g. the causes of war and the conditions of peace). The study of international relations involves an examination of formal institutions

and procedures of international society, which includes diplomacy, international institutions such as the United Nations and international law.

BSc Sociology:

Sociologists study patterns and regularities of action or behaviour of individuals and groups in societies. They try to explain how and why these differ over time and place. Sociologists study the institutions of society including the family, state, school, church, factory, hospital and prison. A sociology degree offers an intellectually rigorous and widely accepted preparation for many careers in public administration and social service, journalism, advertising and the media, marketing and management.

Diploma for Graduates

The Diploma for Graduates can be completed in a minimum of one year. It is aimed at students who: wish to acquire and demonstrate knowledge in a particular field; wish to undertake postgraduate work and whose first

degree is in an unrelated field; have a first degree which may not be readily acceptable as equivalent to a UK first degree, but want to undertake postgraduate work at a British university.



Postgraduate Programmes

At postgraduate level the range of material sent to students and the level of support given varies considerably from qualification to qualification.

For example the LLM students receive an introductory pack of study material and limited direct academic guidance. Students are required to purchase their own textbooks. However, for the majority of other postgraduate programmes students receive everything they need in order to complete their study either as a package or online.

The following is a brief introduction to some of the postgraduate courses:

Agribusiness for Development:

This programme will appeal to professionals working within the broad boundaries of this fast-changing sector who need to develop a critical understanding of the relationship between producers, manufacturers and consumers in the agribusiness sector.

Agricultural Economics:

This programme provides a study agenda for those students who have a strong background in economics and who wish to gain quantitative insights into the ways in which economic concepts can be employed in approaching agricultural sector issues.

Applied Educational Leadership and Management:

This MA and PG Diploma will consider strategies to improve educational organizations and reflect on the values that underpin them. The course will be taught using innovative computer conferencing within a purpose-designed Virtual Learning Environment.

Development Finance:

This MSc focuses on the principles and techniques needed at various levels by professionals working in institutions dealing with policy issues relating to financing economic development.

The package may include textbooks, study guides, readers and audio/video tapes as well as the Regulations and past examination papers. Academics from the Lead College set assignments and give individual guidance and feedback. Recently developed courses are making full use of the new Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and through it access to the University of London Online Library. Students are also encouraged to network with each other.

Drugs and Alcohol—Policy and intervention :

This programme is designed for people who are interested in, or already working with, problems of drug and alcohol misuse. This MSc and PG Diploma will be appropriate for people from a range of professions, disciplines, cultures and countries.

Economic Principles:

The PG Diploma in Economic Principles is designed for professionals who do not have previous formal training in economics. Its courses provide a thorough understanding of the economic principles of market economics and the basic quantitative techniques economists use for analyzing them. The PG Diploma in Economic Principles is a University of London diploma in its own right. It is also a valuable entry route to the MSc programmes that require previous training in economic principles. Obtaining the PG Diploma in Economic Principles with high enough grades is a basis for entering the MSc programmes in Development Finance, Financial Economics or Financial Economics or Financial Management.

Environmental Management:

This programme gives qualified professionals working in fields such as engineering, public health, agricultural development, and industry and education, the opportunity

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to develop their environmental management expertise in technical, social and economic aspects of the planning and implementation of projects and policies.

Epidemiology—Principles and Practice:

This MSc is aimed at both recent graduates who wish to pursue an advanced degree and at people who took their first training some time ago and wish to update their knowledge in this rapidly evolving field or who wish to change career direction. Units will be available in: study design; writing a grant application; statistical methods in epidemiology; epidemiology of communicable diseases; communicable disease surveillance and control; and epidemiology of non-communicable diseases. Students will also be required to present a project report.

Financial Management:

This MSc focuses on the principles and techniques needed at various levels of management in commercial banks, investment banks, fund management institutions or corporate treasury departments.

Health Systems Management:

This MSc and PG Diploma is aimed at professionals who are already involved in health management and who feel the need of further advanced study, but for a variety of reasons cannot take a year off to pursue a residential course. The programme consists of compulsory core units in: health management; health economics and financing; health systems and health policy; and health sciences.

Human Resource Management:

This programme will provide students with greater insight into the psychology and behaviour of people in organizations. They will be given frameworks to help them understand why people and organizations behave the way that they do.

International Primary Health Care:

Primary Health Care is a rapidly expanding academic discipline in both developed and developing countries alike, as more patients are cared for in the community. This MSc and PG Diploma is intended for health professionals and policy makers working in primary care worldwide, including general (family) practitioners, community nurses, community pharmacists, and health service managers. Both the World Bank (Health and Nutrition Programme) and the World Health Organisation have strongly supported the development of this programme.

LLM (Master of Laws):

The LLM degree enables students to develop their interests in some of the major areas of law to which they have been introduced at undergraduate level by providing opportunities for further study of important specialized areas of the law. The LLM is particularly attractive to law graduates who are pursuing or intend to pursue an academic career as a law teacher and to those who practice or intend to practice as lawyers in a relevant specialized field.

Managing Rural Development:

This programme is aimed primarily at professionals working, or hoping to work, in the broad arena of rural development. In particular, it is designed to appeal to those who have substantial experience of the public sector in developing countries, or who work with NGOs and who wish to deepen their understanding of the rural development process.

MBA:

This MBA has been designed for people who want to run their own business successfully, or to allow professionals to accelerate their career progress, achieve a higher salary or obtain more dynamic careers. Core courses are in managing people and organizations, managing processes and products, information systems management, economics

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for business, managing finance and accounts and managing markets and competition.

MBA in International Management:

This MBA and PG Diploma has been designed to equip students with the ability and skills to think globally and to meet the needs of modern business. Core courses in international marketing, accounting and finance, human resource management, business strategy and business economics are accompanied by professional and field electives, and a final research course and project.

Open, Distance and Flexible Learning:

This programme is designed for people interested in the field of distance education and who wish to enhance their career and professional skills. This programme offers students the opportunity to study open, distance and flexible learning whilst experiencing being a distance learner

themselves. The programme is supported by a Virtual Learning Environment which incorporates focused conferencing, informal discussion areas, online learner support and links to online resources.

Organizational Psychology:

This programme will provide students with greater insight into the psychology and behaviour of people in organizations. They will be given frameworks to help them understand why people and organizations behave the way they do.

Sustainable Development:

This programme provides students with the appropriate skills to address the globalization and sustainability challenges of this millennium. Students will gain practical research experience and ethical insights for ensuring sustainable development, especially long-term or inter-generational outcomes.

Summary of Postgraduate Studies

The range of Postgraduate studies offered by the University of London is therefore considerable. For courses at this level the University of London provides a complete package (including—computer software, audio tapes, texts, online library etc). The role of Nations University in

the Postgraduate courses will therefore be a minor supportive/tutorial role. As the level of contact and inputs from University of London is significantly greater than for the Undergraduate courses the fees for these programmes are more expensive.



Fees

The fees, which can be paid in installments, over the full period of study, are as follows:

- Undergraduate Degrees: £4,350
- Diploma for Graduates: £1,800
- Post graduate diplomas about £7,000
- Masters courses between £8,000 to £12,000 depending on the course

Study Time

The time required for each programme will vary according to the particular circumstances of each individual. The following are therefore approximations:

- Undergraduate Degree: three to eight years
- Diploma for Graduates: one to five years
- Postgraduate Diploma: one to five years
- Masters courses: two to five years



Nations University

Nations University takes inspiration from the following words of Baha'u'llah: *'Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.'*

The philosophy of Nations is that it is mankind's destiny to create a society in which justice is firmly established, the extremes of wealth and poverty are eliminated, racial, social and political prejudice cease to exist, the equality of men and women is a reality, science and religion are harmonized, the consciousness of the oneness of humanity pervades all mankind and the diverse nations of the world are fused into one commonwealth. Education then becomes a means of realizing our individual potential and one of the most powerful means of transforming society.

The facilities at Nations University include:

- up to date computer lab with DSL internet access
- well equipped library
- swimming pool
- excellent classroom facilities
- audio visual room

Nations offers a scholarship programme whereby students of exceptional ability and modest financial circumstances may apply for a reduction in fees.



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Teaching Staff

The teaching staff will comprise experienced persons from within Guyana. They will be supported by a cadre of persons from overseas who will visit Guyana for one or two weeks at a time to offer intensive courses.

Entry Criteria

The traditional entrance requirement for the University of London is two A Levels. University of London will examine each case on merit for those who are trying to enter the undergraduate programme but who do not have 2 A Levels, and where students are ineligible, the University will advise them on steps to take to become eligible.

In addition, University of London offers the 'Access Route' to undergraduate degrees in the field of Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences. This is for persons who do not have the traditional AL subjects required for entrance to a western university.

By this route prospective students would choose **two** units from the following list:

- Introduction to Economics
- Statistics
- Mathematics
- Human Geography
- Introduction to International Relations
- Principles of Sociology
- World history since 1917
- Economic history in the 20th century
- Democratic politics and the state

Prospective students would need to take two units and pass both to complete the Access route. This would normally take about 6 months to one year.



Further information

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