

Student Link

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Students interested in China?

London Metropolitan University now has a strong series of academic partnerships in China and this year we are encouraging students to learn about China first-hand by studying for a short period, or even a whole semester, in China.

The main partner Universities are in: Shanghai, Hangzhou, Beijing, Qingdao, Chongqing and Guangzhou. If you know students who are interested in spending some time in China this summer, or are interested in spending a year teaching (English, mostly) as a paid foreign expert at one of our partner Universities after finishing their course, please ask them to send their CV to china@londonmet.ac.uk. Some of our partner Universities are looking for paid foreign teachers, some are offering short courses in Chinese language and culture, and some offer one-semester exchanges with teaching in English. Contact the London Met's International Office for further information.

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/international/>

Pilot Extension of Library opening hours

Following students request, Library Services will be operating a trial extension of library opening hours from 12/04/10 to 04/06/10, Monday to Friday for an 8 week period encompassing the pre-exam revision period and exam weeks. (Saturday and Sunday hours remain unchanged.)

Holloway Road Library will open 90 minutes earlier at 0730 and close 2 hours later at 2300.

Calcutta House Library will open 90 minutes earlier at 0730 and close 30 minutes later at 2130. The libraries will operate on a self service basis from 2100. Users will have access to the printers and e-resources, study and IT facilities.

During the extended periods there will be an enquiry services and library staff presence from 9am - 8.45pm only (Monday-Friday).

http://bit.ly/Library_Services_Trial_Opening_Times

Module choice for 2010/11

Undergraduate Certificate and Intermediate level, and other part-time, undergraduate students can now choose their modules for next year using a paper form which should be printed out and signed by their PAA or course administrator in TB2 or Central House. See your course leader's advice sheet at http://bit.ly/Students_Programme_Planning_Advice

Current Faculty of Computing StARs

A list of the current FoC StARs and their university email addresses is now on the Website:

http://bit.ly/Faculty_of_Computing_StARs

The Faculty is pleased to announce Claire Locke as the current representative for the Faculty StARs.

For more details on StARs visit: <http://bit.ly/StARs>

Student Enterprise Workshop



The 7th Student Enterprise Workshop (SEW) took place on 22nd April 2010 in collaboration with the FoC student initiative IMPACT.

The evening was opened by Professor Dominic Palmer-Brown (Dean of the Faculty of Computing). He thanked the speakers and encouraged students to engage with IMPACT.

This was followed by Jason King, (pictured) the programme administrator at IT4Communities. Jason introduced the iT4C mentoring programme, a pilot project funded by The

Nominet Trust. The project matches recent IT graduates to IT professionals as a mentor whilst they work on a volunteer charitable project. Jason welcomed our graduates and work placement students to join the iT4C mentoring programme.



Daniel Mitchell, (pictured) the founder and director of Lifeline IT Solutions Ltd was the last speaker of the evening. Daniel's unique presentation style fascinated the audience and drew out a highly interactive Q&A discussion. Many students felt his talk was "enlightening"! If you have any questions on the SEW series or want to contact the speakers, Please contact Dr Yanguo Jing at y.jing@londonmet.ac.uk

Master's projects this summer

MSc students doing a project this summer should now be finalising their proposal on Research Skills and Development and choosing a supervisor. During the summer, when your supervisor is on holiday, a panel of leading research staff will be available to offer weekly face-to-face advice sessions.

Good luck in your exams

Exams start on Monday 17th May. Look out for the exam timetable which will be published on May 7th at <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/examtrack/>

The Learning Development Unit offers special exam support sessions, see

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/college-of-london/ldu/> And don't forget, the Libraries are now open late, 11pm at North, 9.30 at City.

National Student Survey News

There's one week left for final year undergraduates to have their say and influence how the university is run in future years. The Faculty wishes to thank those students who have taken part. We are over the 50% needed to feature in the unistats web site. Thank you!

PhD Success

Mohamad Farhat successfully defended his PhD thesis entitled "Novel Narrowband Microstrip Filters for Wireless Communications Systems" on Monday 26th April 2010. Dr Mohamad Farhat completed his research in 3 years and his work involved the development of microstrip filters for the next generation of wireless communication systems. The quasi-elliptic function devices developed by Dr Farhat will enable an increase in system capacity, minimize electromagnetic interference over an ultra-broad bandwidth, and enable system miniaturisation. The external examiner Prof. L.A. Trinogga was impressed by the quality and novelty of his research work.

The internal examiner was Dr Saeed R Taghizadeh and his supervisors were Dr Bal Virdee (DoS), Dr Demetri Kalymnios, and Dr. Pancham Shukla.



Postgraduate tuition fee discounts for alumni

London Metropolitan University is pleased to announce a wide range of tuition fee discounts for our own students and alumni who go on to masters and PhD study with the University. From September 2010, any bachelors or masters graduate who goes on to study for a masters or PhD with the University, full-time or part-time, will qualify for a 10% reduction in tuition fees for that course. This applies both to those who have recently graduated, or are about to graduate this summer, as well as any person who has graduated from London Met or any of its predecessor institutions in the past. The reduction also applies, for masters and PhD studies, to anyone who has a Foundation Degree, HND or Postgraduate Diploma from the University. For information about postgraduate study at the University please go to: <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/postgraduate>

For information about full scholarship programmes at the University please go to:

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/scholarships>

London Met Career Development & Employment with ISS Facilities Services

ISS Facilities Services are looking for graduates to start on their scheme in Sept 2010 to become future leaders in their organisation. Their scheme has opportunities at junior management level and operational roles. ISS will give a presentation on Thurs 6th May 2010 1pm- 2pm, Moorgate G-117.

To attend, please sign up at:

http://bit.ly/Student_Services_Career_Events

Have a look at their Website at:

<http://www.issworld.com/>