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Hasnai Benkacem

Graduated with an
International Business
BSc (Hons) in 2014

♥ Having come through Clearing what was your experience of this process?

I didn't get the grades for my

UCAS offers so my college careers advisor gave me a list of universities open for Clearing. I called London Met and the Clearing advisor explained the content of the various business courses. The international business course really appealed to me and I was fully supported throughout the application and enrolment processes.

♥ What did you enjoy the most about your course?

Even though the course was structured I had to take control of my own learning,

especially in the last year. I felt motivated and my tutors were always there for me and were really supportive. My goal was to prove that even though I didn't do well in my A levels that I could do well in my degree. I finished with a first so I definitely achieved it.

♥ How has London Met helped you with your career aspirations?

When I graduated I applied for a paid graduate internship with London Met. I was placed in a marketing role at the Guildhall Faculty of Business and Law. It really helped to bring out my creative side and made me certain that I wanted to stay in marketing and develop further skills in this industry. Since finishing the internship I now have a permanent job at London Met. It's really rewarding as I can give back to the uni I love.

♥ What facilities did you make use of?

The Bloomberg financial facilities were great. Most universities don't have access to the platform so it's a good thing to learn and it looks great on your CV. I loved chilling out in our student bar, The Rocket, and playing pool. We have a mock courtroom too, where we held debates as part of my law module – it felt like you were in a real courtroom.

♥ What advice do you have for students about to start their uni experience?

Start straight away with the right attitude. If you want to succeed then you will, but you have to be organised. Do all your reading and train yourself for the subsequent years. Try and get a part-time job even if it's not in the industry you want to go into. It will teach you so much about deadlines, and time and money management. It will help you to plan your life with more structure. Take everything in and enjoy yourself.



Quoc Luu Nguyen

Currently studying the Computer Games Modelling and Design BSc (Hons) – due to graduate in 2017

♥ Having come through Clearing what was your experience of this process?

I found Clearing to be easy. The advisors were really supportive. I spoke with the course leaders about the course content and it really appealed to me so when they made me an offer I accepted. London Met really stood out and shone. I knew it was for me once I found out about this course.

♥ What have you enjoyed the most about your time at London Met?

The course tutors are fantastic and they are so passionate about their work. They support you and if you have a particular goal then they will guide you in achieving it. I love that on my course I have the freedom to use my ideas in assignments and be really creative. I'm looking forward to showing off my work next year at our third-year showcase. Companies can come and view your work which looks really good on your CV. London Met gives you the opportunities to help you to succeed when you graduate.

♥ Are you a member of any societies?

I'm the Club Secretary for the Computer Games and Animation Society. We've grown the club to over 300 members in just a year. We do a lot of socialising together at events such as paintballing, Comic Con and movie nights. Joining a society has really enhanced my student experience and making friends with students on other courses has been great.

♥ What has your experience of being a success coach been like?

I've found it really enjoyable as you get to interact with the first-year students. I know what they are going through and it's great to talk through their issues and help them. Seeing them go on to achieve their goals is really satisfying.

I would recommend this role to students who are looking to build up their mentoring skills as it will be useful once you go out to work.

♥ Do you have any advice for the students who are about to start their uni experience?

For those on creative courses make sure you work on building up a portfolio while you're here. It will be held in high regard by an employer even if your grades aren't what you expected. You will stand out amongst competitors. Make friends with your coursemates and work on projects together as that will help to build connections and find opportunities.

There are many opportunities given to you by London Met so take advantage of them all.



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Nicole Mitchell

Graduated with a Social Policy and Youth Studies BSc (Hons) in 2014

♥ What did you enjoy the most about your course?

I liked how diverse the student and staff base was. As people were from different backgrounds it meant the conversation was really interesting and it was great exploring different cultures, talking about social policy and looking at issues from different angles. I learnt a lot of things that I wasn't aware of and that enhanced my desire to work with disadvantaged groups. My tutors were great and invested lots of time in us. I really enjoyed my course and focussed on getting a first, which I achieved.

♥ Have you been able to pursue any of your interests while at London Met?

I'm really passionate about helping young people and supporting those with difficulties. I had the opportunity to become a student ambassador and as part of that I joined the Upward Bound scheme. I was able to work with young people at GCSE age whose backgrounds may limit their chances of going to university. I worked directly with them and supported and

encouraged them. By the end of my time, their grades had gone up from Ds to As. It was so amazing being able to help people like that and I know now that my future lies in a career that involves helping people.

♥ What advice do you have for students who are about to start their uni experience?

Stay engaged and work really hard as your time at university will fly by. As soon as you get an assignment, allocate a period of time to do it and start it straight away – don't leave things to the last minute. You'll enjoy socialising so much more when you aren't in a panic about deadlines. Try and get involved in extra-curricular activities, go to university events and meet lots of people. Networking with people is so important and it will help you with your career when you graduate. Finally, believe in yourself. If you think you can get the best grades, believe that you will. With hard work and determination you'll achieve what you want.

♥ How has London Met helped you with your career aspirations?

I've learnt so much while being here and it's given me amazing opportunities. I was elected to become a sabbatical officer of the Students' Union in 2014 and have been able to use this position to improve students' lives. I've launched a women's forum and a disability forum which have had £1,500 invested in them. I work directly with students and represent them regarding their education issues. This experience has improved my negotiation and communication skills, and given me real insight into representing and helping others. This job has put me in a great position for my future career and it's all thanks to London Met.

David Haziz

Currently studying the Interior Design BA (Hons) – due to graduate in 2017

♥ What made you decide to move to the UK from Israel to study?

I came for a holiday in London and fell in love with the city. I was actually studying business and marketing in Israel but I felt that it wasn't for me as I always loved interior design and aesthetics. London seemed like the perfect place to study this. The process wasn't difficult as I was supported by London Met staff throughout the application and visa stage.

♥ Why did you decide to study at London Met over other universities?

I have friends who had studied here and they recommended the University to me. They only had good things to say about London Met. They now all have great jobs, which made me confident that this was a good place to come and study.

♥ What have you enjoyed the most about your London Met experience?

I love everything about London Met. The location of the University is great and I love being in the heart of London. This city is so inspiring and has helped me to make my design work better than I could have imagined. The facilities are excellent, the studios are large and fun to work in, and I feel comfortable here. The other students are great and we really support each other.

All of the tutors are excellent. I feel comfortable talking to any of the tutors, not just my own. If I have questions there is always someone around to answer them. Everyone who has contact with students makes us feel like a family.

♥ Does your course offer a work placement?

Most courses offer a work placement option with companies all around London. A lot of students end up getting a permanent job with their placement companies. I've just completed my first

professional, paid project which was for London Met. I was tasked with redesigning the restaurant in Calcutta House ready for when our campus moves there next year. The design is finished and over the summer I will be working on the actual makeover.

I feel very proud to have worked on this project and to have seen something grow from design to reality. It has given me a lot of confidence in my skills and I definitely know that this is the career path for me. Through my course I've learnt where my strengths are and I know that I want to go down the creative side of interior design.

♥ Do you have any advice for the students who are about to start their university experience?

They should follow their heart when it comes to their career dreams. University will give you the experience and skills that you need but you need to be passionate about your subject. Take up everything that university can offer as London Met offers a lot to students but you need to commit 100%.

