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Case Study

Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT)

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A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY WITH LONDON ENERGY

- Founded in 1838 as the first Polytechnic Institution in London with a mission to educate the working people of London
- Our Mission today is to help students and colleagues from different backgrounds fulfil their potential and contribute to a more sustainable, equitable and healthier society
- Gained University status in 1992
- We support 22,000 students on our Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Professional courses
- Central London Location with campuses in Regent Street, Marylebone, Cavendish and Harrow
- Our University has a long and proud history of global engagement, international collaboration and educating international students.
- 30% of our undergraduate students and 70% of our postgraduate students are drawn from over 160 countries.

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OUR HISTORY AND PURPOSE

- Founded as a collaboration between the University of Westminster and the Foundation of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2002
- First international University in Uzbekistan
- Distinctive model of Transnational Education
- Developed from a capacity building project
- In 2022 we celebrated our 20th anniversary



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QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Staff locally employed by institution
- Estate owned and run by institution
- QA overseen by Westminster
- Partnership supported by dedicated Westminster staff:
 - Senior Academic Coordinator
 - Liaison Tutors
 - Dedicated Registry staff

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Student numbers have grown from a first cohort of 120 to over 5200
- Taught by local staff with significant international experience
- Medium of instruction English
- Validated programmes

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STUDY OPTIONS

Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) offers a wide range of programmes at Foundation, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Level in the following Subject Areas:

- Business
- Law
- Economics
- Finance
- Public Health
- Education

All degrees are validated and awarded by the University of Westminster.



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WHY UZBEKISTAN?

- 22 years ago the British Council circulated a call for UK institutions who would be interested in supporting building project in Uzbekistan
- The then Vice-Chancellor was keen for the University to be involved in an exciting opportunity to help develop the educational opportunities for the population of Uzbekistan
- The opportunity to be the first in the region was exciting
- There was a stringent application process and against competition from others we were successful
- Outcome: University of Westminster founded Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) in 2002.



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WHAT FORMS THE BASIS OF A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP?

- Commitment on both sides to making the partnership a success
- Both sides see it as a partnership – ‘teamwork’
- A wish from both sides to learn from each other
- Commitment on both sides at all levels to the success of the partnership
- Dedicated resource at the University of Westminster to supporting the partnership
- Opportunities to work together in a variety of areas: research; conferences; mobility etc



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- Student and Staff mobility
 - Student and staff exchange
 - Fieldtrips and reciprocal visits
- Research
 - Jointly funded research projects
 - Forum for Uzbek and Silk Road Studies
 - Westminster Development Policy Network
- Knowledge exchange
 - Short courses
 - Consultancy
- Policy Development
 - EME
 - Inclusive University Project
 - University Governance

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