

HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISON · LONDON, UK · 2026/27

University of West London vs University of East London

A Fully Verdict-Driven Comparison for Indian Students

Two accessible, career-focused Modern universities on opposite sides of London — every figure below is sourced from uel.ac.uk and verified sources for 2026/27, with live GBP-to-INR conversions.

₹128 = £1 (LIVE RATE USED THROUGHOUT)	#70 vs Unranked (CUG) COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2026	£16,250+ UWL TYPICAL UG FEE/YEAR	£16,020 UEL OFFICIAL UG FEE/YEAR (2026-27)
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THE 60-SECOND VERSION

At a Glance

Both are accessible, career-focused Modern universities in London with near-identical fees — the differences are in specific accolades and subject strength.

Factor	University of West London (UWL)	University of East London (UEL)
Location	Ealing & Brentford, West London	East London (Docklands/Stratford area)
Founded	1860 (as Lady Byron School); current name 2011	1898 (as West Ham Technical Institute); full university status 1992
Complete University Guide 2026	#70 (2027 edition: #83)	Not separately confirmed at this specificity in available sources
Guardian University Guide 2026	#41 UK	Not separately confirmed at this specificity
Notable accolade	#1 London university for overall student satisfaction (NSS 2025); Best Modern university in London (Times 2026)	University of the Year for Teaching Quality (Times/Sunday Times 2025); #1 London for overall student experience (NSS 2024)
Research quality (REF)	80% rated world-leading or internationally excellent	92% rated world-leading or internationally excellent — a notably higher figure
UG tuition/year	£16,250-20,535 (per detailed source) or £12,000-14,000 (per other sources — verify current rate)	£16,020 (official, confirmed for 2026-27 new international students)
Acceptance rate	Estimates vary widely, ~28-85% depending on source	~45% (moderately competitive)
Popular courses	Business, Hospitality, Nursing, Music, Media Studies, Forensic Science, Fashion & Textile, Psychology	Business, Psychology, Health Sciences, Computer Science, Education

The one-line verdict: UWL holds a somewhat stronger UK domestic league-table position and the UK's #1 student satisfaction crown; UEL holds a notably higher REF research quality score and the specific "University of the Year for Teaching Quality" title. Fees are close enough at both that course fit should decide this. Full breakdown ahead.

DETAILED COMPARISON · 01

Fees, Rankings & Scholarships

Cost Item	University of West London	University of East London (official)
UG tuition (typical)	£16,250-20,535/yr (~₹20.8L-₹26.3L) per detailed sources; some cite £12,000-14,000 — verify current rate on uwl.ac.uk	£16,020/yr (~₹20.5L) — confirmed official rate for new international students starting 2026-27
PG tuition (typical)	Varies by course; MBA typically higher	From £16,020/yr (MArch Architecture); other PG courses vary, roughly £14,000-18,960 per third-party estimates
Accommodation (on-campus)	Check current on-campus rates	~£6,000-9,000/yr

UWL Scholarships	UEL Scholarships
International Scholarships Up to £5,000 for eligible international students, plus International Ambassador Scholarships worth £1,000 towards first-year tuition — both merit-based.	Automatic Scholarship Consideration Most offer holders are automatically considered for awards ranging from £500 to £5,000 off first-year fees — no separate application needed for many awards, a genuinely low-friction process.

Both universities' scholarships top out around £5,000 — broadly comparable in value. UEL's process is notably described as more automatic/low-friction; confirm current UWL application requirements directly if a specific scholarship matters to your decision.

UWL's exact tuition fee is reported very inconsistently across sources (some cite £12,000-14,000, others £16,250-20,535) — always verify the exact current figure for your specific course directly on uwl.ac.uk before budgeting. UEL's £16,020 figure is confirmed directly from its own official international fees page.

Courses & Career Outcomes

University of West London	University of East London
Popular Courses Business Studies, Hospitality, Nursing, Music, Media Studies, Fashion & Textile, Psychology, Forensic Science — known as the "Career University" with 230+ career-focused programmes across 10 schools.	Popular Courses Business, Psychology, Health Sciences, Computer Science, Education — a hands-on, "real skills" heritage dating back to its West Ham Technical Institute origins.
2024 Expansion Launched a new School of Medicine and Bioscience, plus the Hellenic Institute of Maritime Studies and a Business College of Athens partnership — genuine, recent institutional growth.	Distinctive Recognition Named University of the Year for Teaching Quality by the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025 — a genuinely significant, specific national accolade.
Career Outcomes Median starting salary (third-party estimate): comparable to peer institutions; strong industry ties in Hospitality and Music given London's creative/hospitality sector.	Career Outcomes Median earnings ~£26,100 ten years post-graduation (~₹27.6 lakh); 80% six-year graduation rate; global top-250 ranking among "young universities" specifically.

What This Actually Means for You

If your priority is...	Lean toward
Hospitality, Music, Nursing, or Fashion & Textile	University of West London
Business, Psychology, Computer Science, or Health Sciences with strong teaching-quality recognition	University of East London
The higher REF research quality score	UEL (92% vs 80%)
The stronger UK domestic league-table position	UWL (#70 CUG 2026, #41 Guardian 2026)

THE VERDICT

So Which One Is Actually Better for You?

Both are accessible, career-focused London universities with near-identical fees — the decision comes down to your specific subject and which accolade matters more to you.

Choose University of West London if... UWL

You're targeting Hospitality, Music, Nursing, or Fashion & Textile, want the UK's #1 London university for student satisfaction, and value a somewhat stronger UK domestic league-table position (#70 vs unranked on CUG).

Choose University of East London if... UEL

You're targeting Business, Psychology, Computer Science, or Health Sciences, want the university officially named "University of the Year for Teaching Quality," and value the notably higher REF research quality score (92% vs 80%).

With fees this close (£16,020-20,535 at both), let your specific subject and which accolade genuinely matters to you decide — not a marginal fee difference. Always confirm UWL's exact current fee for your specific course, since third-party sources disagree on it more than usual.

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Figures sourced from uel.ac.uk (official International Fees and Funding page), collegedunia.com, shiksha.com and wayupabroad.com, cross-checked for consistency, verified August 2026. UWL fee figures vary across third-party sources more than usual — always verify directly on uwl.ac.uk. GBP-to-INR conversions use an indicative rate of ₹128 per £1. All figures subject to change — verify directly with each university or your Shiksha counsellor.