



**BA (Hons) in COMMERCIAL LAW
UNDERGRADUATE PROSPECTUS
2025 – 2026**

Why choose Commercial Law?

The BA Commercial Law course at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) is the **only English Law course taught in Uzbekistan**, which blends English legal education with Uzbek law studies. Completing our Commercial Law programme opens pathways for graduates to work in legal practice in Uzbekistan as well as in the international legal market, particularly the UK. Many of our alumni continue their studies at highly ranked universities, including Oxford University, Stanford University, and London School of Economics and Political Science.

Our students benefit from the expertise of high profile academics and top industry professionals, gaining deep theoretical knowledge alongside practical application. Our use of creative and modern teaching approaches ensures that every class leaves a lasting impression. An active social life at the university brings joy and positive energy to students, helping them build lasting friendships.

For over 23 years, our Commercial Law programme has been a proven success. Join us and become part of a vibrant community where knowledge meets inspiration.



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LEVEL 4

The Commercial Law course consists of three levels (4, 5 and 6). Full-time Undergraduate students study 120 credits per year. Core modules are compulsory and must be undertaken by all students. Optional modules are modules that students can choose from a list of available options. Elective modules are free choice modules offered at other courses (Business Information Systems, Finance, Economics, Business Management, and Computer Science).

At Level 4, students will take six core modules, each worth 20 credits: Public Law, Contract Law, Legal Skills, Tort Law, Civil Law, Criminal Law. At Level 4, the study curriculum focuses on introducing students to **foundational legal concepts and basic practical skills**.

The Public Law module examines key contemporary issues in constitutional, administrative, and human rights law, including forms of government, constitutional doctrines, and constitutionalism.

About The Course

Key topics in Public Law include the structure and functions of major governmental institutions, the distribution of power between central and local authorities, the principle of parliamentary sovereignty, an introduction to administrative law, including judicial review, and the protection of human rights, along with recent reforms to the legal framework.

During the Contract Law module, students will explore how contracts are formed, including key concepts such as offer, acceptance, and consideration. Besides, students will examine the contents of contracts, focusing on understanding the different types of terms, such as conditions, warranties, and innominate terms.

Contract Law is important because this module is the foundation for many other modules in the second and third years of the Commercial Law programme.



Dr. Alisher Pulatov

Dean of the School of Law, Technology and Education

“Our Commercial Law programme is considered a distinctive course, selecting the best students.

The Commercial Law graduates are recognised as premium professionals in the country’s legal sector. The remarkable success of our alumni reinforces this reputation — 96% of our graduates secure employment within just three months of graduation.”



LEVEL 5

About The Course



At Level 5, students deepen their legal knowledge through a combination of core and optional modules.

Core modules offered to students will be Company Law and Governance, International Sales Law, Banking and Finance Law, and Professional Legal Skills, each worth 20 credits. Optional modules include Intellectual Property Law, Employment Law, Property Law, and Corporate and Financial Crime (20 credits for each optional module). Besides that, students will be able to choose one elective module from the WIUT module catalogue, which will help them earn 20 more credits.

One of the most challenging yet very interesting modules at Level 5 is International Sales Law. Students will gain exposure to English law (including the Sale of Goods Act 1979 and relevant case law) as well as key international instruments governing international sales, such as INCOTERMS 2020, the CISG 1980, UCP 600, and ICC documentation. Various types of contracts used in international commerce — such as sales contracts, bills of lading, insurance contracts, contracts of carriage, and documentary credits — are examined in detail.



WIUT LAW STUDENTS ACHIEVE HISTORIC SUCCESS AT JESSUP 2025

WIUT's Commercial Law student team made history by advancing to the Top 16 (Octofinals) of the world's most prestigious law moot court competition — the Philip C. Jessup — placing our university among the very best in international legal education.

Impressively, WIUT placed ahead of world-renowned institutions such as Harvard, Oxford, and Moscow State University (MGU), among many others. Karimaxon Xabibullaxo'ja, a Commercial Law student at WIUT, **was ranked among the Top 30 Oralists globally** at the 2025 Jessup Competition.



LEVEL 6



Level 6 students will be offered the following three core modules: Public International Law, International Trade Law and Regulation and International Investment Law. Students will choose three optional modules or two optional modules plus one elective module from the WIUT module catalogue. At Level 6, the following optional modules will be available to students: Dissertation in Law, EU Trade Relations, Technology Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Entertainment and Media Law and Work Placement.



About The Course



In their final year at WIUT, many students choose to undertake the Dissertation in Law module, which enhances their **research, analytical, and critical thinking skills**. This research experience strengthens students' profiles and improves their chances of success in the selection process for master's programmes abroad. Students themselves select a research topic for their dissertation. The dissertation writing process is supervised by lecturers from the WIUT's Law Department. Common dissertation topics include gender inequality, foreign investment disputes, subsidies in WTO, authorship of AI-generated works, and other topics. Law dissertation students have the opportunity to present their research findings at the **WIUT Research Society Student Conference and the New Academic Talent Competition**, both of which are held annually on the WIUT premises.

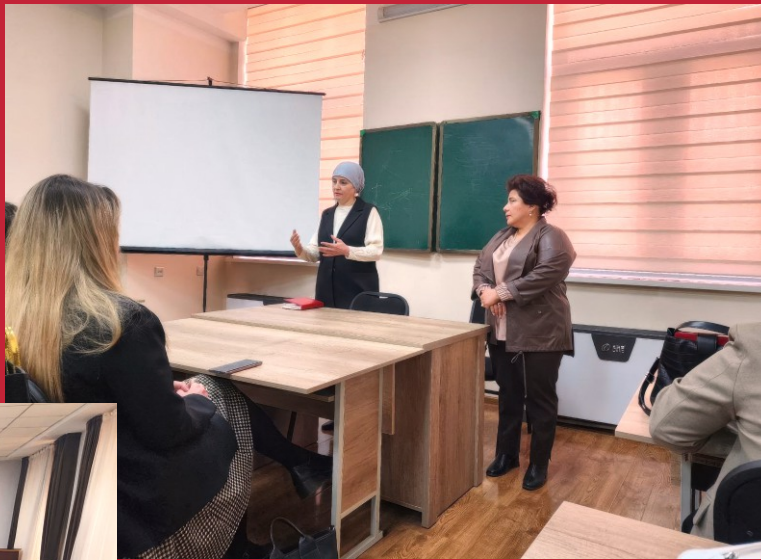
STUDENT EXCHANGES

The WIUT's Law Department is planning to offer its students an exciting opportunity **to study at a partner university abroad**. Destination countries will include the UK, France, Poland, Slovenia, Malaysia and Turkey.

This initiative will provide Commercial Law students with a unique chance to complete part of their bachelor's degree modules overseas, gain valuable international academic experience, and broaden their personal and professional horizons.



UZBEK LAW



Alongside English Law and International Law, all students of Commercial Law have the opportunity **to study Uzbek Law**, which is offered as an extracurricular module. Students engage with a broad spectrum of legal disciplines such as Uzbek Contract Law, Business Law, Criminal Law, and more — gaining deep insights into the legal foundations shaping modern Uzbekistan. Earning a certificate in Uzbek Law gives graduates a competitive edge when seeking employment in Uzbekistan's growing legal sector.

The teaching of Uzbek law is delivered by both seasoned legal practitioners and distinguished scholars in the field.

This year, we had the honour of hosting **experts from the Lawyers' Training Center under the Ministry of Justice of Uzbekistan** who shared their valuable expertise with our students. Students engaged in an in-depth study of major branches of Uzbek law, such as Constitutional, Administrative, Criminal, and Civil Law. Additionally, as part of their studies in Uzbek law, students participate in field visits to various state authorities, including local courts. During their **visits to local courts**, students observe real trials and engage in open dialogues with judges to enhance their understanding of the judicial process.



96% EMPLOYMENT RATE

Commercial Law graduates are in **exceptionally high demand** across the legal industry. Many of our students are recruited by international law firms in their final year at WIUT. Our graduates pursue careers not only in legal practice, but also across a wide range of fields, including education and research, logistics, banking, consulting and non-profit organizations such as embassies and UN agencies. Our graduates are highly valued for their strong legal knowledge combined with excellent English language skills.

Career Opportunities

EMPLOYMENT RATE OF COMMERCIAL LAW STUDENTS (2022-2023 academic year)

Category	Number of Commercial Law graduates	Breakdown by per cent (%)
Working full-time	87	64%
Working part-time	16	12%
On an internship/placement	3	2%
Own business	1	1%
Self-employed/freelance	5	5%
Further study (master's)	17	13%
Employment rate	129	96%

OUR GRADUATES EMPLOYED AT

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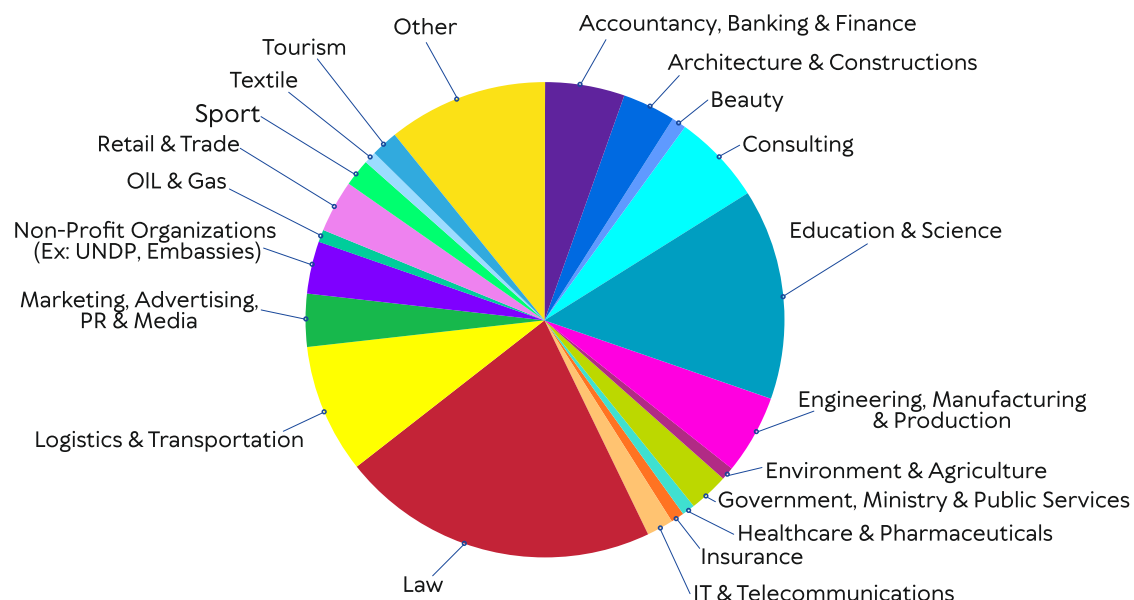
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR



LAW COMPETITIONS

Students of Commercial Law take part in high-profile legal competitions across the globe, demonstrating their advocacy and legal reasoning abilities. In a historic achievement, our talented student team **reached the Top 16 (Octofinals) of the renowned Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition** this year.

Successful teams from the national rounds compete in Washington, D.C.



(United States), where they argue their cases before esteemed judges and legal professionals.

The winning team of this year comprises Mariya Sattieva, Karimaxon Xabibullaxo'ja, Ruxshona O'ralova, Sevara Abdusaidova, and Jahongir Bahodirov. Mariya, Karimaxon, Ruxshona, and Sevara secured the top four oralist rankings, with Karimaxon receiving the Best Oralist award.

Another important law competition in which WIUT Commercial Law students traditionally participate is the **Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot)**.

Students from around the world are invited to Vienna (Austria) to practice international commercial sales law and arbitration.

Next year, WIUT Commercial Law students are planning to take part in the Oxford International Intellectual Property Law Moot 2026 and WIPO Moot Court Competition 2026.

Oxford International IP Law Moot is a prestigious international event with entries from all over the world. The final oral rounds are held

at the University of Oxford in March and are judged by an impressive panel of IP practitioners and judges. WIPO Moot Court Competition is an annual event that promotes the study of IP law and helps students build research, writing, and advocacy skills through national and international dispute simulations.



SUMMER SCHOOLS

Summer schools are organized at WIUT to equip Commercial Law students with the skills and knowledge needed to participate successfully in law competitions. In the summer break, students can participate in the **Jessup Summer School, WTO Summer School, and WIUT's Intellectual Property Law Summer School**, each designed to enhance their legal knowledge and practical skills. Upon completing the Commercial Law summer schools, students are awarded certificates recognizing their participation and achievement.

JEAN MONNET MODULES

The WIUT Commercial Law faculty has successfully secured a European Union grant to support the teaching of EU law to students.

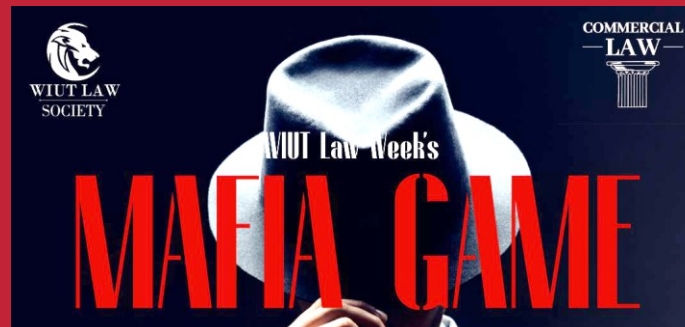
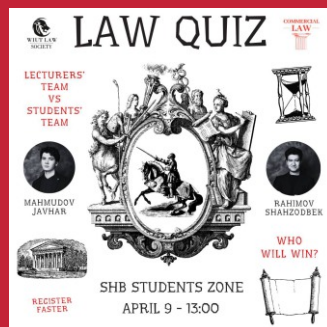
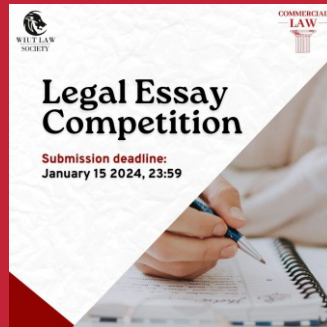
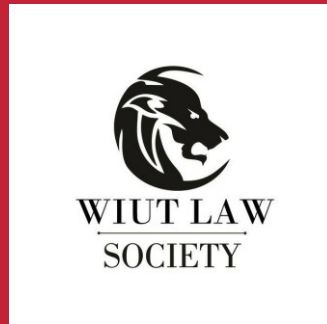
Commercial Law students have the opportunity **to study extra-curricular modules** such as EU Business Law, EU Competition Law, EU E-commerce Law, EU Intellectual Property Law, EU Alternative Dispute Resolution, EU Banking and Finance Law and many others. Our lecturers, together with invited experts, deliver the Jean Monnet modules to provide students with diverse perspectives on EU law. Upon completing each module, students are awarded EU Jean Monnet certificates in recognition of their achievement.



WIUT LAW SOCIETY

The WIUT Law Society is a student-run organisation committed to advancing legal awareness and fostering a vibrant extracurricular environment for students. The Society is aimed at enhancing the academic, professional, and social experience of students by helping students in their studies and sharing information about career and self-development opportunities. Membership in the Law Society is open to Commercial Law students.

The WIUT Law Society has been highly active in organising a diverse range of events, including legal debates, public speaking competitions, guest lectures, educational trips and visits to institutions such as the courts and the Parliament of Uzbekistan. **Additionally**, the Society hosts social activities like quiz nights, mafia games, and movie screenings, as well as academic support sessions such as revision lectures to help students prepare for exams.



ACADEMICS

One of **the greatest strengths** of Commercial Law is the perfect combination of academics with strong research backgrounds and top legal practitioners from the industry.

Commercial Law **has a diverse faculty**, with lecturers from Uzbekistan and abroad, including Germany and the Netherlands. Our teaching methods are grounded in the latest innovations and evidence-based practices in the field.



Dr. Davron Abdigapparov holds a PhD from Saarland University (Germany) and has been a valued member of WIUT's Law Department for over eleven years. He teaches a variety of modules, including Legal Skills, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and EU Trade Relations.

What sets Dr. Abdigapparov apart from other lecturers is his keen interest in psychology, which brings a unique interdisciplinary perspective to his

teaching and academic approach.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Abdigapparov has vocational training in psychology, having served as a psychologist at Uzbekistan's Republican Center for the Rehabilitation.

He has also participated in the professional development programme for public health officials, contributing to the strengthening of the leadership capacity in Uzbekistan's healthcare sector and highlighting his commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration.



Dildora Karimova holds a master's degree in law and economics from Bilkent University (Turkey) and has taught in WIUT's Law Department for over eleven years. She specialises in Public International Law and leads the Corporate Crime module. Dildora Karimova has long coached WIUT's team for the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, helping students develop strong advocacy skills. She is actively engaged in several European Union-funded projects (MOCCA, "Central Asian Law: Legal Cultures and Business Environments in Central Asia"). Her research focuses on international law, gender inequality and corruption.



Dr. Thomas Kruessmann holds a PhD in Law from the University of Hamburg (Germany) and specialises in criminal law, with a particular focus on anti-corruption. Since 2021, he has served as a Full Professor of Criminal Law at New Vision University in Tbilisi, Georgia.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Kruessmann has been engaged in legal practice. Since 2013, he has served as Senior Expert Counsel at LGP in Vienna, and since 2021, he has also held the position of Advisor at Urus Advisory Ltd. in London.



Dr. Tamilla Tagieva earned her PhD in Economic and Social Sciences from the University of Kassel (Germany), with a specialisation in banking. She has been teaching at WIUT's Law Department for seven years, delivering modules such as Banking Law, Dissertation in Law, and Legal Skills. Dr. Tagieva has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and innovation in teaching. She was awarded first place at WIUT's 2024 Teaching, Learning, and Research Symposium and received third place in 2025, reflecting her dedication to advancing pedagogical practice. Her research interests include development finance, Uzbek law, and international law and relations.



Dr. Khasan Sayfutdinov holds a PhD in International Law from Xiamen University (China), specialising in International Economic Law, including WTO law and Investment Law. He has taught in WIUT's Law Department for eight years. He has secured EU funding for multiple Jean Monnet projects, advancing EU legal studies at WIUT and in the Central Asian region. Dr. Sayfutdinov also serves as Director of the Forum for Uzbek and Silk Road Studies (FUSRS), a joint initiative with the University of Westminster promoting interdisciplinary research and international collaboration.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS



Anora Turakhujajeva (WIUT Commercial Law alumna) is a legal counsel at GRATA International, with seven years of experience in legal practice. Beyond her responsibilities as legal counsel at GRATA International (Uzbekistan), Anora is actively involved

in academia. She teaches Public Law and Contract Law at our university, drawing on her extensive legal experience to provide students with practical and theoretical insights. Anora has more than three years of teaching experience.



Sherzod Utkirkhodjaev is an alumnus of WIUT's Commercial Law programme and holds an LLM in Intellectual Property Law from the University of Glasgow (United Kingdom). He is a Founding Partner at Settle Law Firm in

Uzbekistan and brings over twelve years of professional experience in legal practice, with a strong focus on intellectual property and commercial law.

Since September 2024, Sherzod Utkirkhodjaev has been teaching Intellectual Property Law to Level 5 students, sharing his practical expertise and academic knowledge in the field.



Ravshan Nazarov is an alumnus of WIUT's Commercial Law programme and currently serves as the Director of ADVOCATE TEAM (Uzbekistan). He is also an arbitrator at a local arbitration centre in Uzbekistan, contributing to the resolution of commercial disputes and the development of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in the country. He has seven years of experience in legal practice. Within the Commercial Law programme, Ravshan delivers undergraduate modules such as Criminal Law, International Sales Law, Legal Profession and Legal Skills. He has accumulated three years of teaching experience to date.



Anna Snejkova (WIUT Commercial Law alumna) delivers seminars in Civil Law to level 4 students of Commercial Law and Legal Service and Legal Skills workshops to level 5 students. She previously worked as a counsel at Dentons (Uzbekistan). With seventeen years of experience in legal practice, Anna has developed advanced expertise across various areas of law, including Uzbek Law.

Currently, Anna serves as legal counsel at Chirchiq Technopark. With more than three years of teaching experience at WIUT, Anna brings a valuable combination of real-world legal practice and academic insight.



Dr. Akbar Ismanjanov
Head of Law Department

“Commercial Law is a programme that remains unique to our country and the Central Asian region. With its combination of English law, International law and Business law, it offers critical competencies required in the contemporary global corporate and international legal environment. Our dedicated faculty members will navigate through the complexities of law and help to master the law with skill and professionalism. Our lecturers have advanced legal degrees from leading international universities, which allows them to bring global perspectives to their teaching. As dedicated educators and active researchers, they contribute to academic scholarship, inform policy decisions and examine legal challenges on both national and international levels.”



Dr. Tamilla Tagieva

Course Leader for BA
in Commercial Law

BA in Commercial Law is a unique program that seeks to bring theory closer to practice. We strive to diversify our academic staff by engaging not only scholars with strong research backgrounds but also experienced legal practitioners from the industry. We prepare our students for their future careers through innovative teaching methods, including real-life examples and case studies, as well as by arranging internships at various organizations such as ministries, companies, law firms, and arbitration centers.

Lecturers at WIUT Commercial Law employ **diverse and innovative teaching methods** that create a dynamic learning environment and leave a lasting impact on our students. By integrating cutting-edge technologies, student-centred methods, and real-world problem-solving into our curriculum, we remain committed to academic excellence. We combine traditional teaching methods such as the Socratic method, case studies and class

discussions with innovative approaches including digital games, role play, simulations and vodcasting. Innovations are applied not only in the delivery of lectures and seminars but also in assessment tasks. Along with authentic assessment tasks (mooting, legal counseling, case scenarios and contract drafting), students are also asked to complete **creative assessment tasks**, such as online blogging and online legal counseling in the Internet Law module.



WIUT Commercial Law lecturers actively engage in **continuous professional development** to remain at the forefront of legal education.

They participate in international conferences, contribute to academic research, collaborate with legal professionals, and take part in both online and in-person training programmes. As part of ongoing academic collaboration with the University of Westminster in London, WIUT lecturers regularly visit the UK to share expertise and gain new insights. These activities ensure their teaching reflects the latest developments not only in law and legal practice but

also in modern pedagogical approaches.

At WIUT, **the Centre for Academic Development** plays a key role in supporting our lecturers in continuously enhancing their teaching skills through a variety of professional development activities, including workshops, courses, and conferences aimed at enhancing digital literacy and pedagogical effectiveness. We also benefit from our strong partnership with the University of Westminster in London. Its Centre for Education and Teaching Innovation regularly hosts events for WIUT faculty, enabling us to adopt and implement state-of-the-art teaching methods.



ALUMNI



“WIUT gave me all the tools necessary to excel – not only in legal work, but in life and further studies. At Westminster, I gained a solid foundation in legal knowledge, but more than that: I learned how to question, to contemplate, and to analyse – skills that have shaped the way I think and lead today. The mindset, built in the classrooms and debates of WIUT, carried me forward. After graduation, **I was accepted into the University of Oxford** for my Magister Juris degree, fully funded by the Chevening-Oxford-Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Scholarships. That experience deepened my global legal perspective and opened doors I once only imagined. Since then, I have led legal work on some of the largest international banking transactions in Uzbekistan and worked closely with international financial institutions on multi-million-dollar deals. I am proud to be a WIUT alumna. And I hope more students realise that what starts here can truly take you anywhere.”

Lamiya Khudoyarova

Oxford University Magister Juris 2023, WIUT BA

Commercial Law 2017, WIUT LLM Commercial Law 2020

“My time at WIUT was transformative. The Commercial Law programme didn’t just teach me theory, it taught me how to research, analyse, and solve problems that mattered. That academic training helped me start as a Research Assistant and later led to my current role as a Lead Researcher at **the Centre for Economic Research and Reforms**. Today, I contribute to national policy decisions, from youth employment to industrial development. WIUT gave me the skills and the mindset to pursue impact and for that, I’ll always be grateful.”

Amirkhon Khamidov

Lead Researcher at the Centre of Economic Research and Reforms under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (CERR)

WIUT MSc in Applied Economics 2025, WIUT Commercial Law 2023

“WIUT helped me develop my academic and professional skills. It taught me to think critically, communicate effectively, and tackle complex problems with a structured approach. More than a university, it was a place of personal growth where I gained confidence and shaped my ambitions. WIUT provided a strong academic foundation that made my studies at the **London School of Economics** possible.”



Akhror Saidov

Student at London School of Economics and Political Sciences (MSc Public Policy and Administration)

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