

Employability Statement

The student body at Middlesex is diverse and as such has very differing employment needs, but as an institution we are committed to improving students' employability skills whatever the career choice they make. Middlesex supports students in planning and preparing for their academic, personal and career development. Areas of particular support include structured and timely careers advice; work place learning opportunities; voluntary and community work and personal development planning.

The Careers Service at Middlesex provides sessions on skills required for job seeking and career decision-making, online information on finding jobs, a jobs database, and one to one advice. Career Fairs are held every year and there are also other events with employers on campus. The Careers Service is Matrix accredited. Over recent years there has been substantial growth in the volunteering sector, and Middlesex has structured resources to ensure that students have maximum opportunity to be considered for such work.

All University programmes are intended to develop student's employability skills. At undergraduate level, there is a specific University skill set - the University Graduate Skills - which all undergraduate programmes incorporate within the curriculum. At postgraduate level, the curriculum supports the achievement of the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, as defined in the QAA benchmark for Masters Degree Characteristics. The relevant skills being developed are made explicit in student programme handbooks. A number of vocational programmes, particularly those linked to a professional body or those which confer a licence to practice, also include assessed periods of time in the workplace. Other programmes also include placement opportunities to gain relevant experience and students are supported in applying for them by staff in school placement offices.

All students also have the chance to spend a year studying abroad as part of their degree course. This can be for a single term, or a whole year. We believe a year at a foreign university broadens experience and builds confidence for the future.

Our Institute of Work Based Learning is recognised nationally as a centre for expertise in work-based learning. Individuals or companies can apply to have work-based learning credit rated, and use the credit towards formal work-based learning awards. We also have a work-based learning framework, with employers working with Middlesex to design a programme matching their needs within framework criteria.

We have a high percentage of students who graduate and become self-employed, particularly in the creative sector. The University has recently established an Incubator

centre and an Innovation Hub to help students develop their business ideas, and provide an advice/business planning forum.

Our alumni can access the careers services for two years after they graduate.

Information on the above is available on our website.