University of Westminster- Postgraduate Admissions

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Personal details

Title	Mr
Gender	Male
First/given name(s)	Alexey
Surname/family name	Grigorev
Preferred First Name	
Date of birth	19/11/1989
Where is your postal address	EU/Overseas
Postal address	31-315 Radzikowskiego 65j m 17 Krakow
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Please tick the box if you want to receive this information by SMS	No
Please tick the box if you want to receive this information by email	Yes
Please tick the box if you do not want to receive this information by post.	Yes

Further details

Previous Surname at 16th birthday	
Country of birth	Russia
Is your permanent home in the UK?	No
Home address (if different from postal address)	
Date of first entry to live in UK (if not born in UK	10/12/2013
Indefinite leave to stay in UK	No
Nationality	Russian
Dual nationality	
Area of permanent residence	Russia

Residential category	Other
Ethnic origin (UK applicants only)	
National identity (UK applicants only)	
Dual national identity (UK applicants only)	
Occupational background (UK applicants only)	
Do you require a student visa?	Yes
Passport Number:	70 5097505
Issue Date:	01/02/2010
Expiry Date:	01/02/2015
Place Of Issue:	Russia FMS 79001

Course details

Institution	W50-University of Westminster
Course	P004361-Business Intelligence and Analytics
Preferred start month	9
Preferred start year	2013
Attendance/Qualification /Duration/Delivery	FT-MSc-12-Taught
Self/Family	No
Employer	No
Scholarship	Yes
Other	No
Please give details of Employer, Scholarship or Other funding including contact details if appropriate	I would like to apply to the Westminster International Scholarships
Criminal Convictions	No
Disability/special needs	No disability
Please give details of any disability or special needs	
How did you hear about this course?	Friends/Word of Mouth
Are you making this application through an agent/representative?	No

School/High School details

School/High School details	14th school, 3rd school, both in Birobidzhan
Start date	09/1995
Finish date	08/2006
Attendance	Full-time

School/High School Qualifications 1

I have no formal qualifications	Yes
Qualification title	
Date taken	
Awarding body	
Subject/Modules	
Grade/Result	
Result awaited?	No

University/College   1

Institution name	Far Eastern State University for Humanities and Social Studies
Department	Mathematics and Information Technolofies
Country of institution	Russia
Language of Instruction	Russian
Start date	09/2006
End date	11/2010
Attendance	Full-time
Award level	Bachelor
Award title	Bachelor of Information Technologies
Award subject	
Title of major dissertation or research	
Result/Classification	n/a
Result awaited	No

University/College   2

Institution name	Far Eastern State University for Humanities and Social Studies
Department	Foreign Languages
Country of institution	Russia
Language of Instruction	Russian
Start date	09/2006
End date	07/2011
Attendance	Part-time
Award level	Advanced training
Award title	English teacher
Award subject	
Title of major dissertation or research	
Result/Classification	n/a
Result awaited	No

English proficiency tests (if applicable)   1

Test centre	Poland, Krakow
Proficiency test title	IELTS
Candidate number	000579
Details	
Date taken/ will be taken	12/2012
Result	8.0

Result awaited?   No

Professional qualifications

Qualification title

Additional information

Language of instruction

Date taken/ will be taken

Result

Result awaited?

Work experience 1

Employer name	Luxoft
Telephone number	+4812 445 8800
Job description	Project details: A set of intermediate systems for gathering data (orders, executions, cleared trades, allocation instructions and bookings) from different markets and linking them together to form a complete picture of trading activity. Responsibilities: - implementing new features and proofs of concepts; - refactoring existent code; - writing and running tests (all set of tests, from unit tests to regression); Achievements: Improved matching statistics, which resulted in more accurate commission calculation. Sped up application GUI's start up time dramatically (from 30 to just a few minutes) by introducing lazy-loading.
Type of work	Full Time
Date started	June 2012
Date finished/ Finish date unknown?	Y
Voluntary	No
Where is the Employers address	EU / Overseas
Employer address	Krakow Poland
Country (EU/Overseas)	Poland

Supplementary Information

Please upload a copy of your degree transcript if you have it in an electronic format. If you do not have it in an electronic format then please make sure that you post it to the University of Westminster so that we can consider your application.	I wasn't able to upload the entire document since system didn't take it (some errors occurred). The weighted marks are following: Excellent (5), Good (4), Satisfactory (3) And there are binary marks - Passed and Not Passed
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Are you intending to apply for a University of Westminster scholarship? The deadline for our scholarships is 31st May for September entry and 1st November for January	Yes, I am intending to apply for a scholarship. Namely, for the Westminster International Scholarships

entry. Not applicable to
Research (MPhil/PhD)
applicants.

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Was your secondary level
education onwards
conducted in English? If it
was not, please upload a
copy of your English
language qualification
(e.g. IELTS or TOEFL)
and information on your
English language skills.

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From 4 July 2011, if you   No
are taking a second or
subsequent course of
study in the UK then we
must show it on your CAS
if you are applying for a
student visa. Have you
studied in the UK before?

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We are no longer able to   I am not applying to start in January 2013
issue a CAS (tier 4 visa)
for any new January 2013
overseas applicants,
therefore please select
one of the options

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Personal statement

Personal statement   My name is Alexey Grigorev, and I apply to the Business Intelligence and Analytics
                            Master's program for the fundamental study of Computer Science and related
                            aspects such as Advanced Databases, Data Mining and Web Mining. I also apply to
                            the Westminster International Scholarship, as I am fully qualified for the program, and
                            with my strong academic and professional background I am a good match for the
                            scholarship. Not only is the curriculum attractive for me, but the general idea of
                            studying in the University of Westminster is also appealing. Academic background In
                            2006 I entered Far Eastern State Academy for Humanities and Social Studies (now
                            Priamurian State University) in the city of Birobidzan, Russia, to study computer
                            science and in 2010 I graduated with honors and received bachelor's degree. The
                            courses I took were chiefly devoted to database design for enterprises. Apart from
                            studies, I was actively engaged in many extracurricular activities: I spoke at several
                            conferences, annually was a part of PSU's team in ACM ICPC, participated at
                            several mathematical contexts. My achievements in studying and extracurricular
                            activities did not go unnoticed and as a recognition I received a prestigious
                            governmental award for talented youth. Professional background Upon graduation I
                            decided to take a break from studying, and I moved to Nizhniy Novgorod where I
                            worked for several companies as a software developer. The first company was
                            developing a system for robotizing e-commerce warehouses, and in the second one
                            we were responsible for creating a system for selling ringback tones. Both companies
                            needed to process large volumes of data efficiently, quickly adapting to the needs of

customers, whether it be putting complimentary goods on the same rack or suggesting a tone which a customer is likely to buy. Now I am working for an investment bank, and I am able to see that financial institutions have to deal with large volume of information, every day processing billions and billions of trades. Therefore, data analysis is crucial, and now I realize that I want to concentrate further on this subject. I do my best not to be limited only by the scope of work, and I have actively contributed to open source, and my most significant contribution was playing a team lead role in ``jtalks.org'' project. Its main goal was to enhance the underlying engine for the web-site of Russian-speaking Java community, but the more people joined the project, the more ideas appeared, and I was delighted to be at the center of this development. Participation in open source is rewarding: it has given me connections, skills in building enterprise-level applications from scratch and experience in recruiting and mentoring. What is more, I understand the value of sharing knowledge and keep a professional blog where I post all my thoughts around IT, be it a review of a new technology, summary of a book or a technical article. It started as a place where I could keep notes just for myself, but eventually it evolved into a web site, every day visited by around a hundred of people. Sometimes I receive requests for help from my visitors, and for me it means that they have confidence in my experience and knowledge. Study objectives Trough my working experience I have gained a significant insight into the needs of business. From my point of view, in the not too distant future data scientists -- programmers with data mining and statistics skills -- will be in increasingly high demand. The main reason for this is that over the last decades enterprises have accumulated prodigious amounts of information, and each year the number of data doubles. Hence, such professionals will be needed desperately to put this data in order. I am particularly eager to become a data scientists, and in the future I would like to focus on the following areas: data mining, data warehousing and statistics. While I am constantly learning and self-improving, it is not enough, and I feel a certain lack of skills. For that reason, in order to be successful in these fields, a good university education is needed, and such a remarkable master program will definitely help me reach my goals. Therefore, I am highly motivated to take the courses the program provides, because the curriculum fits my educational objectives perfectly. Additionally, I am deeply interested in cultural exchange: traditions, art, and local cuisine really appeal to me, and with this program, I will be able to immerse myself in the English culture. Upon finishing the program I plan to pursue PhD and combine professional and teaching activities. The qualification obtained through the studies will allow me to easily enroll in any doctoral program, and I am specifically interested in researches conducted by the School for Information and Knowledge Systems in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. Teaching is also important for me, because besides building my career I am enthusiastic about sharing my experience and knowledge with others. To summarize, with my strong academic background, relevant working experience and a constant desire for acquiring knowledge, I am confident that I am qualified and able to perform well in this program. Thank you very much for considering my application. I am looking forward to your positive response.

Referee details / Reference (1)

Name of referee	Eyrikh Nadezhda
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Reference	To Whom It May Concern, I have known Alexey since 2006, when he entered our university. His major was Information System and Technologies. As a teacher, I first met him on additional Math classes for students interested in math on his first year, where we worked out difficult mathematical problems from contests and advanced textbooks. Besides, he attended "Laplace and Fourier transform" course where I was a lecturer, and he expressed a particular interest in the subject. Through learning Alexey showed himself as an active, serious and conscientious student. Being a high performer, he was among the upper 5% of his group, and he was studying with interest and awareness of necessity of solid knowledge. The regular curriculum problems were easy for him, and he was always willing to do extra. Alexey proved to have an inclination towards scientific and research work. Throughout studies, he represented the academy at 57th Scientific Collegiate Conference (Khabarovsk), and spoke at "Programmer - 2009" and "Programmer - 2010" collegiate conferences in the "scientific research works" section (Vladivostok). In the end of 2009 Alexey received a governmental award for his achievements in studying and extracurricular activities. Apart from studying and researching, Alexey constantly participated in collegiate contests. From 2007 to 2010 he annually was a part of the university's team in ACM ICPC and in international contest among students of PSU and Jiamusi State University (Jiamusi, China). In the last year of study he participated in a nation-wide programming contest where showed 4th result. Before graduating, he won "the best graduate" award. As a person, Alexey showed good communication skills. He understands the value of collaboration, listens actively, and always asks clarifying questions. Also, he provides a well-reasoned position, effectively conveys ideas in a structured way, actively joins discussions, and able to work out mutually agreeable solutions. He is open-minded, and that lets him easily get along with both students and teachers. Additionally, he demonstrated eagerness to propagate knowledge. When his classmate had problems to understand something, he willingly tried to explain difficult part from different angles. What is more, he with his friends tried to organize an algorithm study group for preparation to programming contests in our faculty. Alexey is open to multicultural exchange. While participating in the contests in China, he enthusiastically absorbed Chinese culture, visited all possible sights and tried to learn a little bit of Chinese. In 2009 and 2010 he participated in Work and Travel programme, and visited the USA to work and learn English there. On his return, he was full of impressions and eagerly shared all his experiences with his peers. Alexey was a student with great capabilities, with his attitude towards acquiring new knowledge, skills and competences. And I think he will amply fulfil all his potential if he participates in this programme. Sincerely, Eyrikh Nadezhda
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Referee details / **Reference (2)**

Name of referee	Jacqueline Liederman
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Reference   To Whom It May Concern, I met Alexey in 2010 in an unconventional way. My computer programmer quit abruptly when he was offered a full-time job in a major company. I had work that needed to be completed right away. I interviewed a few people but they were not qualified. Then I looked on CRAIG's LIST-in the section where people post their resumes and describe the job that they are seeking. Alexey stood out among the dozens of applicants as the best educated and most experienced programmer. He had excellent grades and awards and honors for his achievements at the University. He also knew the widest variety of programs from among the applicants. He also had experience programming at a simulation laboratory and provided me with letters of recommendation that commended his performance. The other reason that I hired Alexey is because he is so well-spoken (even in English), quick-witted, cooperative, and insightful. He asked many well-informed questions during the interview. I also gave him a task that I had given others to complete. He completed it without delay or error. Alexey worked as a programmer in our Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory in Boston University for the summer (i.e., from June to September) of 2010. The paradigms that we were trying to program had many layers of within-subjects factors and complex visual and auditory displays. Moreover, once he completed a section of the program we would pilot test it and decide to change some parameters. So he was constantly being made to redo or undo that which he had done correctly but we had found did not work for the experiment. He simultaneously worked on about five paradigms during his employment. When he realized that the experiments were in flux, he programmed in short cuts for making changes. Even after he left these short cuts enabled us to independently modify the programs further. He also set up databases for the results which allowed us to process the output data quickly and efficiently. Alexey's knowledge, wit, and steadfast attention and commitment to the task were obvious from the beginning and he quickly accommodated to the new environment and programming language. He successfully handled his duties and completed all programs in time. He patiently but quickly and carefully modified his programs according to our changed needs. Because of his diligence and responsibility he did his best to accomplish everything he worked on in time before leaving. Alexey came in early each morning and worked straight through the day. He is a very diligent person but has a wonderful sense of humor. I gave him some award-winning American novels to read and he was able to read them and enjoy them. His mother is a professor-he clearly is well-rounded and sophisticated in his interests and knowledge and very intellectual and curious. He works well in a team and is very respectful and smart. You will enjoy working with Alexey. I recommend Alexey without reservations. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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Fee Payments   1

Date of payment

Transaction reference no

UKPASS administration   £0.00
fee:

Institution course   £0.00
application fee:

Amount paid   £0.00