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'I choose the University of London for several reasons. Firstly, the reputation and "brand name" far exceeds that of other distance learning offerings. Secondly, the value for money is excellent, although this does come with the price of reduced tutor support. For me, this was not a problem, and I found the flexibility and lack of set deadlines to be exceedingly useful in balancing a full-time job with a part-time course

of study. Finally, the 12-course structure of the degree allows a large number of optional courses to be selected, which appealed to me far more than other providers working on a six-course structure.

On about half my exam papers, there was an exam question where I could synthesise the material I had learned with my current affairs knowledge to answer questions about current, real-world situations.

This practical application of knowledge was thoroughly enjoyable, and reminded me that the degree is relevant to the world today, rather than being an abstract achievement.

I developed a planning and management system over the years that stood me in good stead, aided by my natural self-discipline.

It's a tough course: you do need to be exceptionally self-motivated and self-

disciplined to be successful, but it is possible to not just graduate but to achieve a First or 2.1 through this method.'

Sara Wingham (pictured right) is currently studying for an MSc in International Relations at LSE. Watch Sara talk about her study experience on our YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/gwruo1>