

London Wine & Spirit School - Level 2 Professional Certificate in Spirits Online Distance Learning Course Synopsis

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| Entry requirements | It will be assumed that students have basic computer literacy and internet navigation skills. |
| Study Programme | The course is split into 5 blocks of study including regular feedback tests and full mock examination, as described below. |
| Method of Study | This course is taught through a programme of online activities with guidance and support from an allocated online tutor. There are no fixed times for the course, although students are advised to check in to the online classroom website on a daily basis. |
| Week 1: Production and Markets Sales and Service Responsible Drinking | Learn to taste and describe spirits like the professionals using the WSET Systematic Approach to Tasting. Discover how spirits are made and the influence of production methods on the style of spirit produced. Study the key companies and global brands. Learn about some of the common techniques used in making cocktails. Includes a guide to sensible drinking. |
| Week 2: Grain-based Spirits | Whiskies: Scotch, Irish, North American and Japanese Whiskies. Vodka: International, Eastern European and flavoured Vodka. |
| Week 3: Fruit-based Spirits Vegetable-based Spirits | Brandies: Cognac, Armagnac and Spanish Brandies. Other grape-based spirits: Grappa and Pisco. Other fruit-based spirits: Calvados and Eaux- de-Vie. Rum and Cachaça. Tequila and Mezcal. |
| Week 4: Flavoured Spirits Liqueurs | Gin and Genever. Anise and other Flavoured Spirits. Fruit, herb, kernel/seed/nut and cream liqueurs. |
| Week 5: Study Materials | Revision & Examination. Students will receive a Professional Certificate course study pack consisting of the course book, study guide and tasting card. |
| Duration of course | 5 weeks. |
| Recommended Private Study | A minimum of 28 hours private study is recommended for this course. Students are advised to schedule a minimum of 6 hours for their study each week. |
| Examination | 50 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 1 hour. A mark of 55% required to pass. |
| System Requirements | As this course is taught online, students will require access to a computer with the following minimum requirements: Internet Explorer 7, Firefox 3 or equivalent with Javascript support and pop-ups enabled Adobe Acrobat 7 or equivalent Adobe Flash 9 Internet access (broadband recommended) |
| Certification | All students who pass will be issued with a certificate suitable for framing and a lapel pin. |

* Students are advised to book at least 2 weeks ahead of the start date, to allow for materials to be delivered and pre-reading.