Goldsmiths Open Day
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Over the past year our former students have won the Mercury Prize, Turner Prize and a Best Picture Oscar.

A close-knit community, a rich academic heritage, a thought-provoking place.
Welcome to our Open Day!

Goldsmiths has a distinct kind of energy. It’s one that stimulates. And it’s one that stirs.

We’re a small campus community with a global reach, bringing learning to life through powerful conversations and personal connections.

Proud to nurture the best and the brightest minds, we’re looking at the world through our own lens. Emerging scholars, great thinkers, ambitious students, dedicated staff – we’re all motivated by the same philosophy: to be a dynamic force for change.

Championing research-rich degrees that provoke thought, stretch the imagination and tap into tomorrow’s world, at Goldsmiths we’re asking the questions that matter now in subjects as diverse as the arts (including art, design, music, and theatre and performance), humanities, social sciences, cultural studies, computing, and entrepreneurial business and management. We are a community defined by its people: innovative in spirit, analytical in approach and open to all.

We hope you find your visit to Goldsmiths enjoyable and inspiring!

Find Out More
Watch our campus tour, and interviews with students and staff at vimeo.com/goldsmiths

Student satisfaction at Goldsmiths is at an all-time high
National Student Survey 2013
Why Goldsmiths?

As an academic and creative institution Goldsmiths stands out. We challenge. We question. We transform.

Every day we’re researching, teaching and discovering – but we can’t do this alone. Come with an inquisitive mind and an open heart and create the learning landscape you want to see. At Goldsmiths you’ll never be just a number.

**Academic reputation**
We blend academic rigour with creative insight. Founded in 1891, and part of the University of London since 1904, we’ve a rich academic history but we’re also known for our creative approach. From the moment you enrol you’ll be part of a powerful legacy of learning.

**Challenging course content and excellent teaching**
At Goldsmiths you’ll look at subjects differently. We take an interdisciplinary approach to all our degree courses, which means you won’t find our subjects prescriptive and you won’t find our teaching dull either. You’ll have personal contact with some of the leading academics in areas as diverse as infant recognition and the anthropology of gambling.

**We put your future first**
With 1,400 students currently accessing work placements, and degree programmes that reflect and respond to contemporary concerns and current practice, from the moment you join us we’ll be helping you shape your career.

**Small campus community**
We are small but mighty – a close-knit community that comes from every corner of the world, which makes for a diverse learning experience (and plenty of interesting conversation). We’re based on a single-site campus within London’s vibrant New Cross, but we’re also just minutes from East London and central London’s famous cultural landmarks including the National Theatre and Tate Modern.

RECENT GRADUATES NOW WORK FOR
Tate Modern
Penguin Books
British Film Institute
Channel 4
The Guardian
Mind
Dyson
Kids Company
IPC Media
National Theatre
and many others

FIND OUT MORE
See what our graduates have to say about us at vimeo.com/channels/career
No other university has had such an impact on popular culture. For over a century, Goldsmiths has nurtured minds that not only challenge the world, but change it.

Our alumni include artists such as Bridget Riley, Antony Gormley and Damien Hirst, filmmakers like Steve McQueen and Sam Taylor-Wood, fashion designers Mary Quant and Vivienne Westwood, pop music pioneers including John Cale and Kanya King, musicians Alex James and Graham Coxon (Blur), founder of Kids Company Camila Batmanghelidjh, poet Linton Kwesi Johnson and politician Dame Tessa Jowell.

Katy B, musician

Earlier this year Katy B – who studied Popular Music at Goldsmiths, and grew up in South London – landed her first number one album for Little Red, a follow up to her 2011 debut On A Mission, which was nominated for a Mercury Prize. Broken Record, a track from her first album, won an NME Award for Best Dancefloor Anthem in 2012.

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You can read more about our stellar students, alumni and staff who are making a difference and leading the way in the creative and cultural industries at www.gold.ac.uk/gold-stories

James Blake, musician

James Blake has received critical acclaim for his brand of electronic music, which in 2013 bagged him the prestigious Mercury Prize. He began producing and recording at Goldsmiths, and released several EPs while studying for a Popular Music degree.

Evie Wyld, one of Granta’s best young British novelists 2013

“Don’t aspire to be a writer – write because you love the writing. The moment you think of yourself as a writer or someone who is writing a book, you’re in danger of not seeing the work clearly.”

Laure Prouvost, artist

In 2013 Laure Prouvost became the seventh former Goldsmiths student to win the Turner Prize, the UK’s most prominent arts award. The prize panel described her winning film – which was commissioned by Tate and Grizedale Arts and – as “complex and courageous”. She was also awarded the Max Mara Art Prize for Women in 2011. Laure studied the MFA Fine Art course at Goldsmiths.

Steve McQueen, filmmaker & artist

Steve McQueen’s film 12 Years A Slave received the coveted Best Picture Oscar at this year’s Academy Awards, making him the first black director to win the award. The film had already received a BAFTA for Best Film, and a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture. Steve made his first films at Goldsmiths, while studying on the BA Fine Art course. He won the Turner Prize in 1999, before turning his hand to feature films including the critically acclaimed Hunger and Shame.
Meet your department

At Goldsmiths you’ll be taught by and will debate with the best in the field: the people who write the books that appear on reading lists across the country.

Speak to our academic staff to find out more about the course you’re interested in, and to ask any pressing questions you may have.

Our academic departments and centres:
- Anthropology
- Art
- Computing
- Design
- Educational Studies
- English & Comparative Literature
- History
- Institute for Creative & Cultural Entrepreneurship (ICCE)
- Institute of Management Studies (IMS)
- Media & Communications
- Music
- Politics
- Psychology
- Social, Therapeutic & Community Studies (STaCS)
- Sociology
- Theatre & Performance
- Visual Cultures
- Centre for Cultural Studies (CCS)
- Centre for English Language & Academic Writing (CELAWS)
- Confucius Institute

Find out about student life

As a student here you can be whoever you want to be. We nurture individual talent, providing a safe and supportive environment in which to grow academically and personally.

Find out about our Careers Service, your accommodation options, the Students’ Union, and all the other bits that make up the student experience at Goldsmiths.

Find out more about:
- Accommodation
- Admissions
- Careers Service
- Disability
- Fees
- Library Services
- Open Book
- Student Funding
- Student Services
- Students’ Union (see page 12)
Our Students’ Union

Come along to our stall to chat to Union staff and find out more about the ways you can get involved in student life.

Here at Goldsmiths we offer students a wide range of exciting and diverse activities. The Students’ Union has a long history of campaigning on local, national and international issues; we represent students from all backgrounds and reflect this in our culture of campaigning.

We have a large number of sports clubs that allow students to compete with other universities all year round, with an annual varsity with another local uni. Our societies are varied and wide-ranging – from political to cultural, and religious to social. These societies hold events for you to meet people of similar interests or beliefs.

The Union offers academic and social welfare services for students, which are complemented by part-time elected officers who also hold various events to promote any welfare matter that might affect student life.

There is so much to do here at Goldsmiths, from becoming a student political leader to volunteering in the local community, or from joining a society to creating one! Our Union organises regular nights, so whether you like a good quiz, a night of cheesy tunes, or prefer live music, we can accommodate and cater for all interests.

You can:

- Join one of our many sports clubs or societies
- Meet new people
- Enjoy our entertainment facilities
- Volunteer in the local community
- Gain valuable experience by contributing to our student media – Wired Radio, Smiths magazine and the Leopard newspaper
- Campaign with us
- Make the most of our welfare services
- Run for election and represent your fellow students

Find out more at www.gold.ac.uk/students-union.
New Cross and London

London is an amazing place to be a student, and has been voted one of the top student cities in the world.

We have world-famous galleries, museums, theatres, festivals, parks, nightlife and shopping for you to explore. Come to Goldsmiths and enjoy living the true London life.

Goldsmiths is based on a single-site campus within New Cross. South East London is a vibrant area with plenty to keep you occupied, but we’re also just minutes from the heart of this great global city, including the lively nightlife of East London (easily accessible on the London Overground).

There’s so much choice when it comes to things to see and do that the only problem you’ll have is knowing where to get started.

Visit www.gold.ac.uk/local for our top tips on making the most of being a student in London.

FIND OUT MORE
Visit some of the great places in the local area vimeo.com/goldsmiths/london

TOP 5 IN NEW CROSS

Chinwag
Quirky café on Lewisham Way where you can get burgers the size of your head!

New Cross House
Gastropub with a charming beer garden

Thailand
Great budget Thai restaurant
No. 178
Tasty food and lively events

Café Crema
Veggie fare
Goldsmiths is in New Cross, South East London. It's five miles from Central London, which is just 15 minutes away by train.
We continually invest in the buildings and resources available to our students, and over the past few years have spent £6 million improving our campus.

Recent developments include:

- The transformation of our flagship Richard Hoggart Building, including a new reception and a redesigned forecourt (left) that’s been landscaped into a social area with outdoor seating and performance space.
- A new Fairtrade coffee shop in the Library building.
- Improvements to the Assistive Technology Centre and Digital Media Suite (for video and audio editing work) in the Rutherford Building.
- A new recording studio, giving music students the chance to record with state-of-the-art equipment in a professional setting.

Plans for the future include creating an exciting new art gallery on campus, and transforming St James Hatcham – a 19th-century church building – into a space that will be used for teaching, exhibitions, performances and studios (top right). Find out more at www.gold.ac.uk/transforming.