

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES FUTURE CAREERS

Educational Studies at Goldsmiths: Some future career paths

The education sector is a challenging, rewarding and inspiring area in which to work. Many educators enjoy their work because of the great satisfaction that comes from being passionate about their subject - and transmitting that passion to others. Educators are usually very people-oriented and derive a lot of pleasure from seeing their students learn and develop.

A degree in Educational Studies from Goldsmiths prepares you for a career in teaching. However, it also opens up a wide range of other careers because of the skills that you develop during the programme of study. These include creative thinking, active listening, clarity of communication, planning ahead and effective organisation, to name a few. These are all attractive to employers.

The education sector can be divided into three main areas:

- school education
- further education (FE)
- higher education (HE)

Teaching is the main area of work. There are also teaching-related roles such as teaching assistants and educational psychologists, as well as positions in areas such as policy making, administration and technical support.

Many Educational Studies graduates also use their skills and knowledge in areas such as community arts/education, the police and probation services, youth/social work and charities.

What do Goldsmiths Educational Studies graduates do? ¹

The majority (78.4%) of Educational Studies graduates of 2014 were in full-time work six months after graduating.

These are some of the graduate-level careers that Goldsmiths Educational Studies graduates of 2014 entered:

- Programme Officer
- Special Educational Needs Support Worker
- Education Recruitment Consultant
- Speech and Language Therapy Assistant
- Communications Officer
- Private Tutor
- Artistic Director

Employers include:¹

- St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School
- Westminster Kingsway College
- The Heat Wave (musical collective)
- Birmingham Royal Ballet
- Young Vic Theatre

¹Source: *Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education*
This data is collected six months after graduation and shows where graduates start their careers

Which graduate employers might be interested in me?

Teaching posts are available in a wide variety of settings:

- primary and secondary schools, both state-run and private
- FE and HE colleges

- universities
- adult education institutes
- hospitals
- prisons and detention centres
- the armed forces
- training organisations
- museums and galleries

Some of these roles may require you to undertake further study or training.

You may also be attracted to other roles in an educational setting, but with less direct contact with children or young people. These include administration and support:

- management
- finance
- administration
- libraries
- careers and welfare advice
- IT and technical support

“Studying in the Department of Educational Studies you’re not only introduced to a huge and diverse range of subjects, you’re positioned right at the heart of a department that encourages you to get involved with all aspects of education and follow the areas of education that interest you.”

Throughout my three years on the Education, Culture and Society programme I experienced both a personal and intellectual journey. Starting with a foundation in the psychological and pedagogical aspects of education, my studies went on to explore critical education policy, global issues in education, and I also had the opportunity to do a module in art practice where our group put on a public art exhibition.

Having a degree in Education from Goldsmiths offers a wealth of opportunity. Since leaving I have been fortunate to join a Masters course in museum and gallery studies and I have also worked part-time as a project manager on one of the key events for the 2012 Cultural Olympiad.”

Tom, BA Education, Culture & Society graduate

Where can I find further information?

On the Prospects website, the ‘What can I do with my degree?’ section is a useful starting point.

Here you can access detailed information about careers relating to education:

www.prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm

Other useful websites

UCAS Teacher Training -
ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training

Get Into Teaching (Department of Education) -
education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching

Ofsted -
ofsted.gov.uk

Montessori Centre International -
mci.montessori.org.uk

Times Educational Supplement -
tes.co.uk

Times Higher Education -
timeshighereducation.com

CfBT Education Trust -
cfbt.com

Education Guardian -
guardian.co.uk/education/teaching

Teach First -
graduates.teachfirst.org.uk

jobs.ac.uk (jobs in higher education) -
jobs.ac.uk

Goldsmiths Careers Service

The Careers Service has a full programme of events - you can find out more at www.gold.ac.uk/careers

From the moment you arrive at Goldsmiths you can use us to help you plan your future - pop in and book an appointment with a careers consultant.

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