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‘Confusion is the first step  
towards understanding’ ...

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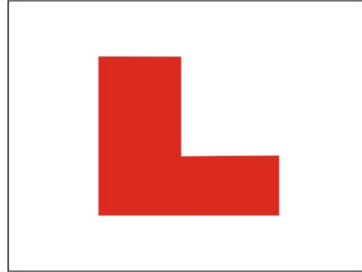
*“In a world of change,  
the unlearners shall inherit the earth,  
while the learned shall find  
themselves perfectly suited for a  
world that no longer exists.”*

**-Eric Hoffer**





Experience



Reflection

# London or elsewhere...

## FOR

- ü Lots going on – music, theatre, politics, culture
- ü Part-time work opportunities
- ü Ease of travel and public transport
- ü Widest possible choice of diverse ethnic mix, culturally and socially

## AGAINST

- q Lots of distractions
- q The work/study balance can get distorted
- q Transport and other costs can be high





# In a nutshell – why Goldsmiths?

- ü University of London college – international reputation, quality and tradition
- ü One campus – in an exciting, urban cosmopolitan area of the coolest capital city in the world
- ü Solid rankings as well as a cool brand
- ü Friendly and vibrant atmosphere
- ü Student focused
- ü UK & European experience
- ü Merit scholarships



*“The illiterate of the twenty-first century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.”*

**- Alvin Toffler**

# Time!





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# University of London

- Third oldest university in England – established in 1836
- Internationally recognised academic federation
- 120,000 students plus 50,000 on distance learning programmes
- 18 self-governing Colleges and 10 Research Institutes
- Colleges set their own entrance criteria
- Access to wide range of facilities and services

# Location

- Dynamic, urban and multicultural part of South East London
- Real experience of London life
- Close to the city's cultural centre (zone 2) – 5 minutes from London's South Bank
- Transport links
- Green spaces, art galleries, live music









# Departments

- Anthropology
- Art
- Computing
- Design
- Educational Studies
- English & Comparative Literature
- Institute for Creative & Cultural Entrepreneurship
- Institute of Management Studies
- History
- Media & Communications
- Music
- Politics
- Psychology
- Social, Therapeutic & Counselling Studies
- Sociology
- Theatre & Performance
- Visual Cultures

# Employability

- Problem-solving skills - critical & analytical skills, adaptability, flexibility, numeracy & literacy
- Business/entrepreneurial skills - commercial awareness, computer literacy, networking skills, initiative
- Interpersonal skills - teamwork, leadership skills, diplomacy, social skills, empathy
- Intrapersonal skills - planning & organisational skills, time management, reflection, self-motivation, insight
- Communication skills - articulacy, presentation skills, networking, self-marketing, persuasiveness, emotional intelligence

# Anthropology

- ‘Internationally excellent’ research outputs (RAE 2008)
- Teaching ranked best in UK by students (NSS 2011)
- Choose from eight masters programmes
- Multi-disciplinary department
- Links with research institutions

*“Anthropology here is very fast and very contemporary.”*



# Centre for Cultural Studies

- Choose from 5 Masters degrees
- Research partners include architects, planners, artists, activists, global NGOs, new media studios and museums
- Research outcomes are texts, technological art, software, architecture/planning interventions
- ESRC and AHRC funded projects

*“An exciting and unique research space for interrogating existing forms of knowledge.”*

# Computing

- Guaranteed internships for all Centre for Creative and Social Technologies (CAST) students
- Gain software engineering skills crucial to today's industries
- State-of-the-art labs in internationally-renowned research centres
- 2011 Masters in computer games had 100% employability within two months of graduation

*“You're not spending a lot of time on theory; you're really creating the software you want to create”*

# Educational Studies

- BA Hons degree with option to take a placement in Luxembourg or China
- Teaching and research is informed by a shared commitment to social justice and inclusion
- Research interests include: early childhood, gender, educational policy, arts education
- MA courses in Art and Writing Education

*“The Education Department at Goldsmiths feels like a really vibrant and forward-thinking place to study.”*

# English & Comparative Literature

- Top 20 in the UK by the QS World University Rankings
- MA Sociocultural Linguistics - the relationship between language, culture and society
- We read the literatures of yesterday and today, and write literature for tomorrow
- Opportunities to learn about film, theatre, and visual arts, in addition to studying literature and language.

*“Because Goldsmiths is a research college students benefit hugely from being in such a cutting-edge learning environment”*



# History

- The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise noted that ‘postgraduate activity was outstanding’
- Students who graduate from Goldsmiths with a History degree achieve the highest-paid jobs among all History graduates across the UK
- Teaching on BA programmes in the Department of History has a 91% satisfaction rate

*“We use innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to encourage the exploration of issues”*

# ICCE

- The Institute for Creative and Cultural Entrepreneurship
- Graduates go onto leading roles in arts administration, creative and social industries around the world
- Placements and internships on all programmes
- Entrepreneurial training for people who are developing businesses around a creative practice or area of expertise

*“One of the best decisions I made in my life; Goldsmiths basically tells you everything is possible”*

# Management studies

- Institute of Management Studies
- Specialisms include digital entrepreneurship, occupational psychology, and management of leadership and innovation
- Gain industry-accredited qualification and become an expert source of knowledge
- Strong industry links

*“We provide the knowledge, understanding and skills to help you get the job that will show others your leadership skills.”*

# Media & Communications

- Housed in the New Academic Building with its purpose-built television/film, radio and photography studio
- Undergraduate, postgraduate and research degree level in theory and practice
- Awarded an excellent mark (22/24) by a team from QAA
- Graduates running media industries around the world

*“The global perspective and skills learnt at Goldsmiths has not just broadened my viewpoints as a senior editor but also refreshed my understanding of the world.”*



# Music

- We have an international reputation for excellence with 70% of our publications described as ‘world leading’ (RAE 2008)
- Mercury Music Prize nominated alumni James Blake and Katy B
- Whole range of areas from classical and popular music studies, composition, and musicology, to sonic arts and music computing

*“To us, music is everything: an academic subject, a creative practice and a vocation.”*

# Politics

- Award-winning department
- Focus on conflicts, cultures and crossing boundaries
- Four unique Masters programmes
- Optional work placements
- Access Centre for Postcolonial Studies and major research units dedicated to Governance and Democracy and Politics and Ethics

*“We don't think that politics is simply what happens in the houses of parliament but also what happens in the street, the art gallery and the non-western world.”*

# Psychology

- Present your research to peers and staff
- Latest developments in clinical practice and research
- Visual Perception and Attention laboratory
- Dedicated centres and research units
- Support from skilled technical support staff

*“Recognised for cutting-edge research in areas including culture and cognition, psychopathology and cognitive neuroscience.”*

# Sociology

- Joint top department for sociology in the UK
- Access University of London research libraries, and gain reader's ticket to The British Library
- Research partners include UNICEF, BBC and Amnesty International

*“Students come to Goldsmiths' Sociology because they want to do things differently, they want to see the world, interpret the world and also act in relation to the world, differently.”*

# Theatre & Performance

- Recent graduates have won prestigious awards as playwrights, directors, creators of new work
- We tap into our relationship with professional companies, venues, organisations
- Confucius Institute with Beijing Dance Academy

*“I have used the knowledge I gained to find a job that is perfect for me– I doubt I would have applied for, let alone been lucky enough to get this role, if I had studied anywhere else*





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