



COMMUNITY STUDIES

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Undergraduate
& Postgraduate

Goldsmiths
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INTRODUCTION

From community development to social work, and from art psychotherapy to counselling, the Department of Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies at Goldsmiths is connected. And it has human relationships at its heart.

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Why choose Community Studies at Goldsmiths?

As a youth or community worker you'll be making sure that people reach their potential. You'll help communities become more confident, learn new skills and cope with issues in their lives. You'll gain the skills to relate to people from all backgrounds.

You'll study critical ideas, professional practices and creative solutions in the face of changing funding regimes and the demand for more complex partnerships between local people and local authorities.

You'll learn by experience - our teaching is made up not only of tutorials and lectures but also small group activities and practice-based placements. Our **BA Applied Social Science, Community Development and Youth Work** and our **MA in Applied Anthropology and Community and Youth Work** are recognised by the National Youth Agency and the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers (both currently subject to revalidation), allowing you to become a professionally qualified youth worker in England.



OUR DEGREES

BA (Hons) Applied Social Science, Community Development & Youth Work

MA in Applied Anthropology & Community & Youth Work

MA in Applied Anthropology & Community Arts

MA in Applied Anthropology & Community Development

MPhil and PhD in Community & Youth Work, and MPhil and PhD in Religious Studies

BA (Hons) Applied Social Science, Community Development & Youth Work

3 years full-time
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This degree is professionally recognised by the National Youth Agency and the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers (both currently subject to revalidation).

You'll combine development of your practice skills and experience with theory in community development, and community and youth work.

In your coursework, you'll learn to critically analyse the relevant theory and social policies, then link them to practical situations and personal practice.

You'll examine contemporary social issues including race, gender, culture and social policy from a range of disciplines within the social sciences, and how these impact your professional role.

Fieldwork

You'll undertake supervised practical experience in a variety of community and youth work settings throughout your first, second and third year, completing at least one fieldwork assignment each year. You'll spend a specific period with groups from various cultural backgrounds, and at least one period with young people and one with adults. The material you bring from your fieldwork to your group work will be used in class discussion and to link practice to theory.

Residential

A three-day residential in the second term of Year 1 will provide you with experience of organising, planning and living in a residential learning setting. You'll come to know the other students and staff you'll be studying with. There is no extra cost for this residential.

TYPICAL MODULES

Year 1

Compulsory modules:

Introduction to Community and Youth Work 1
Introduction to Applied Research Methods 1
Fieldwork Practice 1
Race, Racism and Professional Practice
Introduction to Applied Social Science

Year 2

Compulsory modules:

Group Work in Theory
Group Work in Practice
Fieldwork Practice 2
Theory, Policy and Politics
Applied Research Methods 2
Plus one option from:
Youth Work in Context
Community Development in Context
Plus one module from a range of community studies options

Year 3

Compulsory modules:

Fieldwork Practice 3
Social Justice in Community Development and Youth Work
Management and Leadership
Critical Engagement with Social Policy
Dissertation
Plus one option from:
Faith-based Youth Work
Conflict Transformation
Enterprise in Communities



MA PATHWAYS FOR GRADUATES

These pathways allow you to explore and develop your passion for community development and youth work through a combination of practice with studies in anthropology. They offer a highly stimulating synthesis of theory and practice that reflects our commitment to interdisciplinary and critical teaching. The three pathways entail different placements but are taught together, providing opportunities for students to collaborate and exchange ideas.

MA in Applied Anthropology & Community & Youth Work

1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time
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MA in Applied Anthropology & Community Arts

1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time
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MA in Applied Anthropology & Community Development

1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time
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Validated by the National Youth Agency and the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers (both subject to revalidation). You'll undertake 87 days of fieldwork, which is divided between 10 days of observations and three fieldwork placements: 22 days, 25 days and 30 days. These placements will be assessed via your fieldwork reports.

At least 50% of your practice will be face-to-face with the 13-19 year age group.

This pathway is aimed at students who wish to work in community arts and have a community arts background.

You'll undertake 50 days of fieldwork, which is divided between 10 days of observations and two fieldwork placements of 20 days each.

This degree pathway is for both UK and international applicants who may not need a qualification with National Youth Agency validation, and for those who want to become specialists in community development.

You'll undertake 50 days of fieldwork, which is divided between 10 days of observations and two fieldwork placements of 20 days each.

Modules and practical experience:

- Contemporary Social Issues
- Anthropological Research Methods
- Fieldwork Report 1 Perspectives and Approaches
- Fieldwork Report 2 Critical Practice
- Fieldwork Report 3 Management, Enterprise and Development
- Dissertation

Further Anthropology modules may be available to audit

MPhil and PhD in Community and Youth Work, and MPhil and PhD in Religious Studies

3-4 years full-time

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gold.ac.uk/pg/mphil-phd-religious-studies

Goldsmiths is an exciting space for postgraduates, with numerous international speakers passing through, a huge range of interdisciplinary seminars and reading groups, and a very open and warm environment for the exchange of ideas.

We offer research programmes in the areas of community and youth work, community studies, and religious studies.

We have specialisms in youth participation, ethnic minority political activism, civil society and faith communities.

You'll receive training in research methods and a broad range of research enquiry skills appropriate to your subject-specific area.

The information in this booklet reflects the 2017-18 programme specifications and was correct at the time of print in June 2017. It is intended as a guide only and the information here is not intended to be binding. You can download the most up-to-date programme specifications from our degree pages by visiting gold.ac.uk/course-finder

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OUR STUDENTS



Natalie
BA Applied Social Science,
Community Development
& Youth Work

“Goldsmiths is notorious for nurturing creative thinkers who aspire to learn through pioneering and artistically applied approaches; transforming students into well practised professionals. I chose Goldsmiths because I wanted to be a part of that. I sought the best youth work programme in London to develop my skills as well as to receive a positive, fun, inclusive and diverse experience. The campus is a friendly and vibrant environment with year-round activities, exciting events and special occasions both within and outside of our faculty.

Every academic year out of the three is different. It's not like school or college, this course retrains you to be an independent thinker, to challenge, question and test everything you knew before... You are not simply on an educational journey, but more essentially you are on a journey to discover, undo and re-build yourself; to be your best self when supporting vulnerable members of the wider community. You consciously reflect on making judgments and assumptions of others: gender, race, culture and societal background, so to aid others in reaching self-actualisation and ultimately make positive contributions to society.

Having the opportunity to complete fieldwork practice each year on the programme propels students into the industry with a wealth of applied practical experience. The skills I have acquired are countless... the personal and professional relationships I have gained are immeasurable. I now practice youth work with an empathetic, specialised assertiveness thanks to my studies at Goldsmiths.”

Our graduates find work directly or indirectly related to community and youth work relatively quickly after graduating, or even while still studying.



Career journey

Ryan (MA in Applied Anthropology & Community & Youth Work, 2012), Professional Youth and Community Worker for Essex Youth Service

“Less than a month after graduating from the MA I was offered my dream job - a full-time professional youth and community worker position within a large integrated county youth service, on JNC terms and conditions. Studying at Masters level gave me the opportunity to network with a wide and diverse range of people, who all shared a common passion for youth and community work. This course literally changed my life!”

Watch Goldsmiths graduates talk about how their experiences at university have given them a real advantage in their career: vimeo.com/channels/career

Examples of recent graduate employment include:

- Health youth worker for a London Borough, leading on LGBTQ awareness and homophobic bullying
- Community centre based youth worker
- Mentoring and befriending coordinator at a civil society equalities organisation
- Community development worker in a social work team in Hong Kong

Some former students seek and gain work in a wide range of other settings, often shaped by the particular interests that they develop during their time with us, such as working with refugees or with disability groups. Others join social enterprises to bid for contracts, or join newly developing cooperatives or established NGOs in the UK and abroad.

YOUR FUTURE

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