

# STUDY ABROAD IN LONDON



**Goldsmiths**  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



# EXPLORING THE CITY

## Distance to places of interest

- 1.6 miles Cutty Sark/Greenwich Park
- 2 miles Peckham Rye
- 4 miles O2 Academy Brixton
- 4 miles Tate Modern
- 4.5 miles The London Eye
- 5 miles Shoreditch
- 5 miles Big Ben
- 6 miles Selfridges, Oxford Street
- 6 miles Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- 6.5 miles V&A Museum

## Travelling times to London airports

- 45 min London City Airport
- 60 min Gatwick
- 80 min Heathrow
- 90 min Stansted

*Times based on using public transport*

**FOUR  
EIGHT  
FOURTEEN  
SEVENTEEN  
TWENTY EIGHT  
THIRTY**

## Why London?

Choose this city for the culture, history, opportunities and access to Europe

## Why Goldsmiths?

Find out about our campus, subjects, location, people, and the support on offer

## Where will I live?

Take a room in supported halls on campus while you study with us

## What could I study?

Every subject is on offer to Study Abroad students

## English language courses

How we support you if English is not your first language

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The reason I chose London was because I really wanted to be in a metropolitan area where there is always something to do, and there is always something to explore. And it's really nice to have access to different museums because they're free. And also be able to walk around this city – there are always free things to do, to explore, to try.

Madison, USA

# WHY LONDON?

## CULTURE

You'll find an incredible amount of culture in London. You could see new bands, visit art galleries and go to a theatre show every day if you had the energy. And the cultural richness extends beyond the arts. London really is a global city, so while you are here you can experience cultures from around the world through their music, festivals and food. Take the opportunity to try an Ethiopian restaurant, Vietnamese street food or local favourite, jerk chicken.

## HISTORY

With 2,000 years of history, the streets of London are shaped by the past. And part of what makes the city so special is how the old and new exist alongside each other. So it's not unusual to see a skyscraper alongside an ornate Georgian pub or a medieval church. Living in London, you'll discover some of the fascinating stories of the city for yourself.

## THE OUTDOORS

Although Goldsmiths is in inner London, it's easy to get away from the bustle of urban life. There are about 3,000 open spaces in the city, so you can picnic overlooking the river in Greenwich, cycle through Hyde Park, or enjoy open-air swimming in Herne Hill. And with 34% green space, South London is one of the best parts of London if you love getting outside.



Why London?

## CENTRE OF OPPORTUNITY

A significant advantage of studying in London is the access it can give you to the centre of business and the creative industries in the UK and beyond. Whether you are interested in working in politics, the media, in business or the arts, living in the capital brings you closer to the large organisations that influence Britain and the rest of the world.

## ACCESS TO EUROPE

Although it's impossible to run out of things to do in London, the city is an excellent hub for exploring the rest of the continent. You can quickly and cheaply fly to other European countries (or take trains to Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam), so there are a lot more sights and experiences open to you while you are a Goldsmiths student.

## CHEAP THINGS TO DO

You don't have to spend a fortune to enjoy the best of the capital. There's a wealth of places to enjoy for free – including the two Tate galleries on the Thames and the world-famous museums in Kensington. London has one of the world's most iconic skylines, and you can view it for free at a few places, most notably the Sky Garden during the day, or Peckham Levels at night. Goldsmiths, like many other London universities, runs a host of free events including musical performances and expert talks. There are lots of low-cost nights out nearby, including a comedy show that attracts big-name acts, and bands performing at local pubs and the Students' Union. And if you'd like to experience a football match while in the UK but can't afford Premiership prices, why not watch local team Dulwich Hamlet for around the price of a pint of beer?



I think coming to London was such an incredible opportunity. I had never been to Europe so it was just the perfect mix of familiarity with the language and stepping out of my comfort zone.

**Zoey, USA**



# WHY GOLDSMITHS?

## → Campus highlights

- **The College Green**  
*The perfect place to hang out on a warm day*
- **Goldsmiths Centre for Contemporary Art**  
*Our own gallery featuring exhibitions from world-class artists - [goldsmithscca.art](http://goldsmithscca.art)*
- **ClubPulse**  
*A low-cost gym with 90 exercise stations, and classes all week*
- **Thirty Five**  
*A stylish and relaxed café*
- **Professor Stuart Hall Building first floor**  
*Take a seat, catch up with friends, and enjoy the view into the city*
- **Curzon Goldsmiths**  
*Our on-campus cinema*

## THE CAMPUS

We're lucky to be based on one site, which helps build a warm and inclusive community of students and staff. Study Abroad students usually live in a room on campus, so you'll soon get to know faces and places. You'll be learning in buildings that are a fascinating mix of the old and new, from Deptford Town Hall (with its marble staircase!) to the modern Ben Pimlott Building, which is topped by a giant metal sculpture!



I find the university to be very welcoming, with a uniquely diverse student body. It is precisely these elements that I find most inspiring about being here.

**Beulah**, United Kingdom

## DIVERSITY

At Goldsmiths we're proud to have a close-knit community of staff and students that really values diversity. So whatever country or background you come from, whatever gender you identify as, or whatever your sexuality, we'll welcome you to our campus and into the community.

## SUBJECTS

We offer modules from all academic departments to Study Abroad students – so whether you want to concentrate on your major, or try something completely new, we have an enormous range of classes on offer. Our courses span the arts, humanities, social sciences, computing and management. Goldsmiths academics often approach their areas of expertise from a new angle – so they will teach you the fundamentals, but also invite you to view things from a different perspective. And they want to hear from you and about your experiences and ideas. See pages 18-27 for more information on subjects we offer.

## A PACKED CALENDAR

Our campus is brimming with inspiring events, including film screenings, performances, exhibitions and lectures – most of which are completely free. Goldsmiths boasts 38 research centres and units, ranging from Asian music to investigative journalism, and they often invite fascinating and high-profile speakers. See for yourself on our online calendar: [gold.ac.uk/events](http://gold.ac.uk/events)



## OUR PEOPLE

With staff and students from all around the world, Goldsmiths is a meeting point for many of the brightest minds. This means, no matter what you are interested in – music, politics or psychology (or all three!) – you can find like-minded people and there will be opportunities to create something new together.

You'll be taught by leaders in their fields, but you'll also be encouraged to share your own thoughts and perspectives. We are very proud of our alumni and the work they have gone on to do, and many come back to share their real-world expertise with current students. Read more at [gold.ac.uk/our-people](http://gold.ac.uk/our-people)

### The collaborations

Many of our alumni say they love the way Goldsmiths encourages working together. Like music students Guy, Robin and Aviram, who went from collaborating on a final-year project to setting up the record label Squareglass together after they graduated. They said:

“There's something quite communal about the Goldsmiths experience. You get to know and work with people from different backgrounds and you become part of a small community that feels like a home-away-from-home.

## SUPPORT

We have a team in place to guide you throughout your Study Abroad journey. They'll help with paperwork and communications with your home college, settle you in with a week-long orientation programme, and be on hand if you need them once classes begin. You'll also have academic support from lecturers in your departments and from our Library Services team. The Wellbeing Team and Disability Service are here to help if you have a disability or need support with your physical or mental health. Go to [gold.ac.uk/study-abroad-support](http://gold.ac.uk/study-abroad-support) for a comprehensive list of support services. Go to page 15 to see the support on offer for those in halls.

## STUDENTS' UNION

Our Students' Union (SU) building is very close to the halls where most Study Abroad students live. Here you can join student-run societies to meet people with shared interests, or a range of sports teams, from tennis to ultimate frisbee. The SU organises evening events, or you can just hang out and enjoy a drink and a game of pool. Five liberation groups are supported by the SU, bringing together BAME (black and minority ethnic), women, LGBTQ+, and disabled students to build networks, and work on campaigns and plans. See more at [goldsmithssu.org](http://goldsmithssu.org)



The most significant experience was meeting my peers – people from all over the world – all carrying so much knowledge and positive energy. I enjoyed that the lecturers had all been outside in the 'real world', and they brought their experiences and knowledge into the academic sphere.

Ingerlise, Denmark





## Why Goldsmiths?



# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Goldsmiths has been part of the University of London (the third oldest in England) since 1904. All of our students have access to the Senate House Library, with millions of books, journals and digital resources, plus lots of study spaces in central London.

## LOCAL AREA

Goldsmiths is in New Cross, South-East London. It's the perfect place to have an authentic London experience, rather than see the city as a tourist does. It's close enough to access the bustling city thanks to great transport links, but with enough going on nearby to keep you entertained. New Cross has a diverse range of restaurants, with food from all over the world. There's also lots of local nightlife, including pubs and comedy nights.

## SURROUNDING AREAS

There are plenty of local gems in nearby areas to explore. Whether you take in Greenwich with its markets and centuries of history, or hang out in Peckham's many bars and low-cost cinema, there's loads to do just a short journey away. Find out more at [gold.ac.uk/area-guides](https://gold.ac.uk/area-guides)





“ In this area, where you are surrounded by students, it feels like this is more your home base than just a temporary vacation home. The places nearby are more affordable than other areas of London, which is great because they're the most convenient.

Emily, USA



### Our halls of residence

As a Study Abroad student you are guaranteed an offer of accommodation if you apply by the deadline. Those who are here for less than a year are offered housing in Loring Hall. Students have their own room with an en-suite bathroom, and share a kitchen. Loring Hall is right on campus, so you can walk to classes in a few minutes. As one of our larger accommodation sites it's a great space to integrate with a broad range of people as it's home to British, EU and international students.

If you are joining us for a full academic year, you'll have the choice of nine accommodation sites. We think it's a good idea for you to be living with other undergraduates to enable you gain a broader picture of British university life and to meet students from different degrees.

### Support in halls

You will have access to security, resident assistants and/or on-site staff who are available to help provide a safe and secure living environment. We also have a team of Campus Support Officers who are based on campus and work overnight seven days a week to provide out-of-hours pastoral care and support.

# WHERE WILL I LIVE?



Back home I study marketing, but here I wanted to take the opportunity to learn different things. So I have a History module (the 'History of Resistance in the Middle East'), I have one marketing class, which is 'Marketing Management', and then the 'London Theatre' class, which has been amazing.

Koy, USA

# WHAT COULD I STUDY?

Every academic department at Goldsmiths offers modules for Study Abroad students. And it's possible to choose modules from across the departments, giving you a great amount of flexibility to study different disciplines. Art and Design are exceptions as they can only be selected on their own.

We also offer modules that span the academic years, so it is possible for you to take a Year 1 module alongside an advanced class.

All the modules available to Study Abroad students are listed on our website at the address below. Please note that the modules you are interested in may be listed under different subject areas than you expect (eg 'Culture and the Construction of Identity' can be found under Educational Studies rather than Sociology).

Your modules will normally be confirmed before you arrive, with a period when changes can be requested in the first two weeks of term.

See our full list of courses at  
[explore.gold/SA-modules](https://explore.gold.ac.uk/SA-modules)

## | LIBERAL ARTS & HUMANITIES |

# ARTS MANAGEMENT ART HISTORY & CURATING CULTURAL STUDIES ENGLISH HISTORY MUSIC THEATRE & PERFORMANCE

For our full list of courses, go to [explore.gold/SA-modules](https://explore.gold.ac.uk/SA-modules)

The UK is known for excellence in the creative arts and the humanities. Goldsmiths has a global reputation for great teaching in these subjects, and we've been consistently voted by students as one of the most creative universities in the country\*. We are proud to have many world experts in these fields, as well as newly renovated, multimillion-pound facilities for theatre and performance and music.



“Every institution has a different kind of style and vibe, and I can happily say that Goldsmiths is very multinational/multicultural, vibrant, young and friendly. The lectures have given me another level of insight in terms of viewing the world connected to culture and arts. It has been exciting to see myself improving a lot through studying arts management.”

**Elaine**, South Korea



| BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY |

# COMPUTING ECONOMICS MANAGEMENT MARKETING

If you choose computing modules, such as 'Artificial Intelligence', 'Graphics' or 'Web Programming', they will help you develop your creative potential while learning solid computing skills. Our Institute of Management Studies, which teaches modules in management, economics and marketing, fuses Goldsmiths' creative culture with interactive group learning and core strengths in psychology.

For our full list of courses, go to [explore.gold/SA-modules](https://explore.gold.ac.uk/SA-modules)



“ At Goldsmiths I was able to learn new skills and techniques in a practical approach meaning that, rather than learning through text or lectures, it had a more hands-on and project-based approach, which helped me to develop the necessary skills in a short time.

**Freddie**, South Korea

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# ART DESIGN

For our full list of courses, go to [explore.gold/SA-modules](https://explore.gold.ac.uk/SA-modules)

Goldsmiths has an international reputation for excellence in teaching Art and Design, and it is an inspiring and dynamic place to develop your practice. These subjects can only be selected on their own, so you will take all the same classes as a full-time undergraduate art or design student. You will be fully embedded in your department, and have your own studio space while you study with us. Art is only available for the full academic year, while Design is available for a single term or a year. Please specify when you apply if you are choosing one of these subjects, and upload a portfolio with your application.



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Goldsmiths has very good facilities for art students, and the tutors I have give me a different understanding of life and ways of studying. Before I came, I was studying in China. Even though I developed my skills, there was not much time to express them. Goldsmiths provides me with the opportunity to do that.

Wai, China

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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

We offer modules specially designed for those who don't speak English as their first language. Courses such as 'Globalising Cultures' or 'Understanding Images' help familiarise you with British academic culture, while others are more focused on language and academic skills.

Depending on your level of English language it may be more suitable for you to join one of our Pre-sessional programmes before your Study Abroad modules start. These last for five, nine or 12 weeks over the summer. As well as boosting your English, the Pre-sessionals cover academic study skills, cultural background studies, and critical analysis. Find out more about these courses at [explore.gold/pre-sessionalEL](https://explore.gold/pre-sessionalEL)

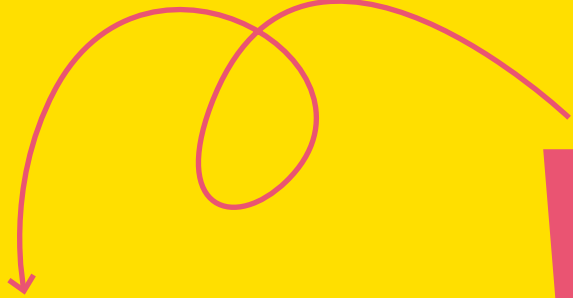
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“ Goldsmiths has helped my English language skills tremendously. If I'm able to articulate myself properly it's because I was slowly but surely taught these things and in a very non-intrusive way that was organic, so it felt that I was actually building on what I knew rather than having it spoon-fed to me.

Saif, Pakistan



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  2. Apply via our online form at [gold.ac.uk/studyabroad/apply](https://gold.ac.uk/studyabroad/apply)
  3. Accept your offer
  4. Look into visas and immigration (we can help you with this!)
  5. Apply for accommodation
  6. Finalise your module choices
  7. Book your travel!

# WHAT'S NEXT?



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