

Progression Agreement Goldsmiths, University of London and Mulberry UTC

Introduction

Mulberry UTC is located in the Bow East ward of Tower Hamlets local authority. The school draws students from a wide catchment area across more than 11 different local authority areas including London and Essex.

Many students at Mulberry UTC face multiple challenges, disadvantages and vulnerabilities in their lives outside of school. A key guiding principle for the school is a commitment to supporting young people to overcome the barriers that poverty and social exclusion create, to ensure all students can achieve their potential.

A key part of this commitment is ensuring all Mulberry UTC students are well prepared for their next steps. Early interventions are crucial for future career success. Mulberry makes a conscious effort to make connections and foster relationships with external partners in higher education, business, industry, the arts and the sciences.

Goldsmiths and Mulberry UTC have had a long standing partnership since the inception of Mulberry UTC. This memorandum of understanding outlines the proposal for a formal progression agreement between the two institutions. The aim of the Progression Agreement is to promote progression of Mulberry UTC students to higher education at Goldsmiths and to enable all students involved to take part in progression activities to support their next steps.

Goldsmiths' Undergraduate programmes and their respective admission benefits

This progression agreement demonstrates the relationship between Mulberry UTC and Goldsmiths. As part of the agreement, Goldsmiths will commit to the following admissions offerings to students who apply for an undergraduate degree programme at Goldsmiths for the academic year beginning in September 2024. The following Goldsmiths departments would be involved in the progression agreement: Media and Communication, Computing, Psychology and Politics. Mulberry students studying the

following subjects would be included in the agreement: Business (Technical), Digital Media (Technical), Performing & Production Arts (Technical), Psychology (A level) and Politics (A level).

Examples of progression offers are as follows, please note there may be some slight variation between programmes:

The typical Goldsmiths A level offer is BBB. (eg. A reduced offer for a degree in Politics would be CCC)

The typical Goldsmiths Technical Diploma offer is DDM. (A reduced offer might be DMM or lower)

1) Programmes offering a guaranteed offer as detailed above. *Please note foundation programmes will require an interview.*

- BSc Business Computing (all pathways) (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Computer Science (all pathways) (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Computer Science and Management (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Creative Computing (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Digital Arts Computing (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- Integrated degree with foundation (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BA Journalism (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BA Media and Communications
- BA Promotional Media
- Integrated degree with foundation
- BA International Relations
- BA Politics
- BA Politics and International Relations
- BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- BSc Psychology (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Psychology with Clinical Psychology (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- BSc Psychology with Forensic Psychology (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)
- Integrated degree with foundation (GCSE Marth's or equivalent will be required)

The above offerings are subject to an application being submitted via UCAS and a personal statement relevant to the subject applied for. Goldsmiths reserves the right to ask for a new personal statement where necessary.

Please contact the Admissions team (admissions@gold.ac.uk) for further information.

Support for Students and the School

The Goldsmiths Widening Participation team will be available to Mulberry UTC to provide information, advice, and guidance on the programmes offered at Goldsmiths, and this Progression Agreement. They will also:

- Provide a named contact within the Widening Participation team
- Offer an annual partnership meeting to consider and agree the best ways of supporting Mulberry students
- Provide an opportunity to bring a group of Level 3 students to visit the Goldsmiths campus
- Attend large-scale school events for Level 3 students at Mulberry UTC, such as Higher Education Fairs
- Offer talks or workshops delivered by a member of the Widening Participation team to Level 3 audiences (covering topics such as Student Finance, Choosing Your Course and Making a UCAS application)
- Offer personal statement support to Level 3 students
- Facilitate connections between Mulberry UTC and academic departments at Goldsmiths, including those departments mentioned below with a commitment to delivering activity for Mulberry UTC Students

We are also willing to consider more bespoke or specific requests for engagement. Please contact the Widening Participation team (discovergold@gold.ac.uk) for further information.

Academic department participation

The Departments of Computing, Media and Communications, Politics, and Psychology commit to working closely with Mulberry UTC staff to deliver activity for Mulberry UTC Students. A suitable programme of events will be agreed with Mulberry UTC staff.