

From January 2022, Goldsmiths University of London will be indefinitely placed on a sanction list of boycotted institutions by the University and College Union (UCU). This sanction is known as 'greylisting' and is covered in the [UCU Censure and Academic Boycott Policy](#). The university has been placed on this list because its management has refused to revoke a redundancy plan that will cost 52 jobs: 20 academics in English & Creative Writing and History, and 32 professional services staff.

Among the specific types of academic contact to be considered as part of the boycott, we are proposing placing the following activities within the scope of the boycott:

- Speaking at or organising academic or other conferences and events (with Goldsmiths or involving Goldsmiths) which does not directly contribute to core teaching duties on accredited programs.
- Participating in new non-research based partnership enterprises with Goldsmiths
- Writing for any academic journal which is edited at or produced by the institution in question
- Accepting new contracts as external examiners for taught courses

As an escalation tactic, we are requesting that any event outside of core teaching duties scheduled to take place at Goldsmiths from January 2022 onward be relocated to another venue. We are also asking all external speakers invited to participate in such events at Goldsmiths to refuse to collaborate with this institution in solidarity with GUCU's fight to save jobs and defend the future of the university. We would also be grateful if event organisers and speakers could make a public statement in support of the academic boycott of Goldsmiths using the hashtag #BoycottGoldsmiths. If events are held online, we would ask organisers to take events off Goldsmiths events calendar, to seek other channels for promotion and to include support for the academic boycott in any promotional material that is used. If you are aware of events taking place at Goldsmiths you can use [this](#) email template to inform event organisers and speakers about the boycott. If you are concerned whether an event or activity breaches the boycott, please contact a union representative in the first instance.

Our intention is to use this academic boycott to draw attention to the grievances we have against our employer. Goldsmiths trades very heavily on its niche branding remit as an institution known for its 'critical' and 'radical' approach to mainstream disciplines. Our aim is to use the boycott to target this reputation and diminish the credibility of such claims and put pressure on management to concede to our demands. We will be organising a presence at events which breach the boycott to inform attendees of the greylisting.

The two major events/collaborations with Goldsmiths that we will be targeting:

- [Civic University Agreement 2021-24](#)
Partnership organisations: The Albany, The Horniman, Lewisham College, Lewisham Council, Lewisham & NHS Trust, Lewisham Homes, Lewisham Local, Migration Museum, Phoenix Community Housing, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and

Dance, 999 Club

- [Lewisham Borough of Culture](#) (Launches on 28 January 2022)