



About Birkbeck, University of London

Founded in 1823, Birkbeck is a world-class research and teaching institution, a vibrant centre of academic excellence and London's only specialist provider of evening, higher education.

Over 90% of Birkbeck academics are research-active – the highest rate for any multi-faculty institution in London and the fifth highest in the UK; and many of these academics are renowned experts in their fields. More than 80% of our research is rated as being of international importance. In 2006, Birkbeck was awarded a prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize for excellence in higher education research for research into brain and cognitive development. According to the 2008 RAE results, Birkbeck ranks in the top 25% of UK multi-faculty Higher Education Institutions.

Birkbeck is recognised for providing the highest quality teaching that is informed by outstanding research excellence. It is regularly rated number one in London in the National Student Survey, and students have awarded the College a 90% satisfaction score, making Birkbeck the top rated multi-faculty institution in the capital, and joint fourth nationally.

More than 19,000 students study at Birkbeck every year. They join a community that is as diverse and cosmopolitan as London's population. We encourage applications from students without traditional qualifications and we have a wide range of programmes to suit every entry level. Our academic reputation also attracts many traditional full-time postgraduate students.

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About the School of Arts

The School of Arts is located in the Georgian terrace where, a century ago, Virginia Woolf, Vanessa Bell, Lytton Strachey and other members of the Bloomsbury Group lived and worked. Today the School offers an invigorating educational experience built upon an international reputation for leading-edge research and an exciting range of arts and humanities courses. The facilities at Gordon Square include an award-winning state-of-the-art cinema, while collaborative courses with world-class cultural institutions such as the British Museum and the Globe Theatre give students access to the best that London can offer.

From contemporary, practice-based degrees in creative writing and theatre directing to historical studies in Renaissance art; from professional courses that equip students for a career in journalism, arts management and the creative industries, to linguistic and cultural courses in Japanese, Latin American, and modern European languages; studying the arts at Birkbeck is stimulating, eclectic and fun.

Over the last 20 years, the Department of English and Humanities has built one of the UK's largest and most successful concentrations of postgraduate study in literature and related areas, including currently eight MAs and a substantial PhD programme.

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