

Lecturer in Sociology

Department:	Sociology
Grade/ Salary:	Lecturer A, Grade 7, £39,347 – £44,263 / Lecturer B, Grade 8, £46,974 – £54,395
Contract Type:	Fixed Term, January – July 2025
Hours:	21 per week (Part time)
Location:	New Cross, London

Goldsmiths

Goldsmiths, University of London is a world-leading centre of educational excellence where ground-breaking research meets innovative teaching and thinking. We're looking for inspiring and talented people to help build on our global reputation while also growing personally in a true learning organisation.

As a college we are working to tackle inequality in all its forms and are working to promote equality on grounds of race, disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, and caring responsibilities. We are keen to attract candidates from diverse backgrounds who share our commitment to creating an inclusive culture in which all students and staff can thrive.

Information for candidates with disabilities can be found on our [Disability & Individual needs](#) page. We are happy to supply information in alternative formats for disabled applicants. Please contact hr-recruitment@gold.ac.uk to make your request.



Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology has an outstanding reputation based upon our strong emphasis on theoretical sociology and the development of methodologically rigorous approaches to sociological issues. Our research and teaching are committed to making sociology matter within and outside the university. We do this through tackling issues of inequality, marginalisation and social, economic and political justice at both local and global scales.

We invent and experiment with new research methods and critical social and cultural theory. We work in pluri-disciplinary ways that cut across conventional boundaries between disciplines, theory and practice and inside and outside of the academy.

The Sociology Department at Goldsmiths was established over 50 years ago and our approach builds on our history. We are a dynamic department made up of undergraduate and postgraduate students on our different programmes, PhD, post-doctoral and early career researchers, academic and professional staff, and visiting fellows.

We are internationally recognised for our cutting-edge intellectual culture that combines critical, pluri-disciplinary and inventive approaches to research and teaching across the social sciences, arts and humanities.

Further information about Sociology is available on our webpage:

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/sociology/>

Job description

Reporting to: Head of Department

Summary:

We are seeking a highly motivated Sociologist with both a specialism in photography and proven teaching experience. This is for a fixed-term position. The successful candidate will combine their sociological expertise with visual methods, particularly photography, to contribute to research and teach undergraduate and/or postgraduate students. This role is ideal for someone passionate about exploring the intersection of photography and sociological inquiry while fostering student engagement through creative and interdisciplinary teaching methods.

Main duties:

- Teach postgraduate courses in sociology, with a focus on visual sociology, photography, and related topics.
- Deliver engaging lectures, seminars, and workshops, encouraging students to explore sociological concepts through photography.
- Supervise student projects with a visual or photographic component.
- Offer mentoring and academic support to students, fostering their development in both sociological theory and practical visual methods.
- You will be required to undertake any other duties as may reasonably be required
- Ensure that you are aware of and aligned with Goldsmiths' Regulations, Strategy, and Objectives to work together to proactively advance Equality and Diversity
- At all times to help maintain a safe working environment by participating in training as necessary and following the Goldsmiths' Health and Safety Codes of Practice and Policy

Person Specification

Detailed below are the types of qualifications, experience, skills, and knowledge which are required of the post holder. Selection will be made upon evidence of best fit with these criteria.

The Essential criteria sections show the minimum essential requirements for the post, therefore if you cannot demonstrate in your application, you meet the essential criteria categorised below, you will not be invited to interview.

The Desirable criteria sections show additional attributes which would enable the applicant to perform the role more effectively with little or no training.

The Category column indicates the method of assessment:

A = Application form

I = Interview

T = Test

C = Certificate

R = Reference

P = Presentation

	Category
Essential Criteria 1 - Qualifications	
- Ph.D. or Master's degree in Sociology, Visual Studies, Anthropology, or a related field, with a specialisation in visual sociology or photography.	A, C
Essential Criteria 2 - Experience	
Demonstrated experience in teaching sociology or related subjects at a higher education institution.	A, I, R
Essential Criteria 3 – Knowledge	
Expertise in photography, with a portfolio showcasing research-oriented photographic work.	A, I
Essential Criteria 4 - Skills	
Familiarity with digital photography tools and editing software (e.g., Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop).	A, I

Please also note that where qualifications are required, employment is conditional on the verification of them. Qualifications (must be original documents) will be checked on or before the first day of appointment.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a CV, cover letter, a teaching statement, and a portfolio of photographic work that demonstrates their sociological research and teaching experience.

This fixed-term role offers a unique opportunity for an academic looking to further both their photographic practice and teaching experience, making significant contributions to student development.

For more information about the role, please contact Alex Rhys-Taylor
a.rhystaylor@gold.ac.uk

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Summary of Benefits

If you choose to work with us, you'll become part of a learning organisation that is committed to professional and personal development, with comprehensive and innovative staff development and wellbeing programmes.

You'll also have access to frequent lunchtime and evening talks, seminars and performances, and annual performance and development reviews.

Our other benefits include:

- Competitive salary
- Working in Zone 2, with fantastic transport links and interest free travel to work loans
- Excellent annual leave entitlement plus additional closure days at Christmas and Easter
- Membership of USS or LPFA pension scheme, dependent upon grade
- Maternity, paternity, shared parental leave and adoption leave and pay
- Contractual sick pay provision
- Access to an Employee Assistance Programme, offering 24/7/365 confidential and free advice, support, and information service on a range of personal, family, or work-related matters.
- Free eye tests
- Cycle to work scheme
- Wellbeing initiatives including the Chaplaincy and Staff Choir
- On-site [dining facilities](#)
- Access to University of London facilities such as [Senate House Library](#)
- Membership of Staff Diversity Networks: (Dis)Ability, Goldsmiths Race Equality Group, LGBTQ+, Menopause, Parents and Carers, Women at Goldsmiths. (Staff are also encouraged to join networks as Allies should they wish to do so rather than as members)

Further information

For more information about Goldsmiths, please visit: www.gold.ac.uk/about

Thank you for your interest in working with us, we wish you all the best with your application.