

FIGHT MODULE CUTS AT QUEEN MARY!



WHAT'S GOING ON?

In 2024, Queen Mary engaged the Australian consultancy 'NOUS' to carry out a Portfolio Review of taught modules, degree programmes, joint degrees and university governance. NOUS has a track record of cutting programmes and shrinking universities.

Since the review started, teaching, research, admin staff and students have been kept in the dark and excluded from decisions about the future of our courses. In March 2026, we learned that, starting in September 2026, Queen Mary would cut at least **295 modules** across the School of the Arts.

When staff have challenged the process, or pointed out mistakes in the data used to justify these cuts, the university has admitted inaccuracies but said it would carry on regardless. Staff have found out overnight their modules have been cut - with no consultation.

WHAT HAS BEEN CUT?

Here are just a few of the modules and subjects being cut by Queen Mary (which claims to be a university that celebrates diversity and inclusion):

Race and Racism in Performance
Performing Illness and Disability
Performance and Visual Culture in South Asia
Queer Borderlands
Iraqi Literature in English / English Translation
Transgender Perspectives and Interventions
Refugee Writing
Indian Cinema
Slavery, Colonialism and Postcolonialism
Language and Ethnicity
Multilingualism and Bilingualism
Cinema and Disability
Intersectional Feminist Writing
Reading South Asia: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh

PLUS CUTS to:

Arabic, Bengali, Catalan, French, German, Japanese
Mandarin Chinese and Russian!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Talk with your tutors, lecturers and professors! Demand a stop to these violent actions and join upcoming school wide meeting which include staff and students.

Queen Mary has healthy finances, and there is no justification for this destruction of our modules. it will wipe out courses, programmes, shared knowledge, teaching and research excellence and a whole learning community, which has been decades in the making. We believe these cuts are happening so that jobs and whole subject areas can be cut next.

Look out for posters advertising upcoming open meetings, petitions and letters that you can get involved with. Staff and students are the university - together we can challenge this!

For more info: <https://qmucu.org/qmul-transformation/nous-portfolio-review/>