



University of the Arts London (formerly The London Institute)
A Brief History

The Founding Colleges of the Institute		Now
1854	Saint Martins	Central Saint Martins (CSM)
1891	Chelsea	Chelsea College of Arts
1892	Printing	London College of Communication
1896	Central	Central Saint Martins
1898	Camberwell	Camberwell College of Arts
1921	Retail and Distributive Trades	London College of Communication
1967	Fashion	London College of Fashion (LCF)

Each college had predecessors, perhaps most noteworthy as it is the most recent, LCF was preceded by the Leather Trade School (established 1887) and Barrett Street Trade School (1915).

- To 1965** Individual Institutions named above were controlled by London County Council
- 1965– 1988** Controlled by Inner London Education Authority (ILEA)
- 1983** ILEA review of Further & Higher Education
- 1986** ILEA review led to establishment of the London Institute.
- 1986** John McKenzie appointed as first Rector.
- 1988** Education Reform Act – Institute incorporated as separate legal entity.
- 1989** First Court of Governors for Institute as a free-standing corporation
Central and Saint Martins merged as Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design.
- 1990** Printing and Distributive Trades merged as London College of Printing.
- 1992** Further & Higher Education Act unifies Higher Education sector.
- 1993** Institute’s Taught Degree Awarding Powers approved by Privy Council.
- 1996** Sir William Stubbs appointed as Rector on retirement of Professor McKenzie.
- 1998** Coat of Arms granted for the Institute.
- 1999** **Drama Centre London (DCL)** merged into CSM.
Will Wyatt CBE appointed as Chairman of Governors on retirement of Julian Markham.
- 2000** **Cordwainers College** merged into LCF.
First Chancellor of the Institute installed – Lord (Dennis) Stevenson.

- 2001** RAE rating 5 – ‘national excellence... significant...work of international standing’
Sir Michael Bichard appointed as Rector on retirement of Sir William Stubbs.
- 2002** Granted Research Degree Awarding Powers
- 2003** Granted University Status
Byam Shaw School of Art merged into CSM
- 2004** LCP renamed London College of Communication
Awarded title as University of the Arts London
- 2006** **Wimbledon School of Art** incorporated as a sixth college (**Wimbledon College of Arts**)
- 2007** Sir John Tusa appointed Chairman of Governors on retirement of Will Wyatt CBE.
- 2008** Nigel Carrington appointed as Rector on retirement of Sir Michael Bichard.
- 2011** Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE appointed as University Chancellor.
- 2012** Change of titles for senior managers at the University – the Rector becomes the Vice-Chancellor; Deputy Rectors become Deputy Vice-Chancellors; and the Heads of College become Pro Vice-Chancellors.
- 2013** Sir John Sorrell CBE appointed Chairman of Governors on retirement of Sir John Tusa.
- 2015** Grayson Perry CBE appointed as University Chancellor on retirement of Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE.
- 2018** David Isaac CBE appointed Chair of Governors on retirement of Sir John Sorrell CBE.