

Open Studio: Stained Glass Programme Closure FAQs

Why is the Stained Glass Studio closing?

The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) requires the Glass Studio space to accommodate new full-time undergraduate students and studio space for the GSA. Unfortunately, at this time there is no alternative space available on campus either for the glass studio or the expansion of student numbers.

Did the GSA explore alternative spaces to keep the programme running?

Yes. GSA considered all available options, but there is no suitable alternative space on campus that meets the requirements for running stained glass provision safely and effectively.

Why am I only finding out about this now?

We have been trying every possible way to secure an alternative space to retain the Stained Glass Studio provision and keep the course running. We are now at the point where in order to leave time for building works to progress over the summer in time for new student intake in September 2025, we must take the difficult decision to cancel the course.

Will the GSA offer any alternative stained-glass provision in the future?

At this stage, we are unable to confirm any alternative courses and there are no plans at this point in time to build a new glass studio provision elsewhere on the GSA Estate.

What is happening to staff from the programme?

We are working closely with affected staff to explore all possible options, including opportunities for redeployment within the GSA. We deeply value their expertise and contributions as artists and colleagues, and are committed to supporting them through this transition.

I have another course booked for 2025. Will it still run?

Unless otherwise notified all other courses will go ahead as planned and this planned change only impacts on the Stained Glass provision at the GSA. If there are any other changes, we will notify enrolled students immediately.

I have work/items in the studio.

We can make arrangements for you to collect any belongings that have been left in the studio. Please contact one of the Open Studio team open-studio@gsa.ac.uk.