



Economics

Undergraduate Studies



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# Welcome



The Department of Economics has a diverse academic staff recruited from pre-eminent economics departments throughout the UK and internationally. Ranked in the top 10 for economics research in the UK (REF, 2014), this strength is reflected through real-world impact and the quality of our publications.

We have a unique and selective programme that ensures you receive personalised attention from our academics. Our research expertise is in the core areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, with a particular strength in labour economics, development economics, experimental economics and economic theory.

The best education is not just about learning standard materials and preparing for standard examinations. Students need to have a deeper understanding of the models and methods of economics, and about how to apply those models in the real world. This is where it matters!

We think Royal Holloway is the ideal place for you to prepare for a challenging and exciting future.

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# Economics at Royal Holloway

## Why choose Economics at Royal Holloway?

Economics is a rigorous and intellectually challenging subject. It is the subject of choice if you are seeking a career in business, financial institutions, and government. Managers need to know how markets work and how a business can prosper in its market environment. Policymakers need to consider the constraints imposed by economic factors, but also the limits to the market and the role of government intervention.

Our students are supported through their studies by an established network of academic and departmental staff. Our graduates leave university with excellent career prospects, as the market rewards the real knowledge and skills developed in a Royal Holloway economics degree.

## What distinguishes Royal Holloway?

- **Dual research and teaching focus.** Being part of a research-led department means you will learn from experts in their fields. With our staff being at the frontiers of their subjects, it guarantees high quality teaching, cutting edge material and a continuously evolving undergraduate programme.
- **Excellent careers prospects.** Our department has an excellent placement record. Realising that employers are interested in the skills you develop through student life as well as the academic knowledge you gain through your studies, we have introduced the new careers programme Economics@Work. This programme offers a series of employability workshops, events and guest speaker talks (including Royal Holloway alumni) who are able to provide you with advice, contacts and networking opportunities. We have also introduced short Employability modules to each year of study.
- **Campus environment.** At Royal Holloway we have a friendly community environment, where everyday interactions with students and staff from different departments and nationalities are the norm, adding to our cosmopolitan vibe. Having everything on your doorstep from your studies, friends, societies, sports and social life is one aspect that really sets us apart from other institutions of the University of London.



“They say the sky’s the limit, and the energy given off by the lecturers in the Economics department is constantly out of this world. Being a student who takes a strong interest in behavioural economics, I know the importance of surrounding myself with the right people, and being in an environment where I can thrive – Royal Holloway has provided both for me.”

**Rashaine**  
**BSc Economics & Mathematics**

# Choosing your degree

We offer three main single honours and four new integrated masters from 2021:

- BSc (Econ) Economics
- BSc (Econ) Economics and Econometrics
- BSc (Econ) Financial and Business Economics
- MSci Corporate Finance
- MSci Economics
- MSci Economics & Econometrics
- MSci Finance

These degrees provide an excellent background for starting a career or for further study. There is a common set of mandatory modules that provide training in theoretical and quantitative economic analysis. Financial and Business Economics students specialise in the areas of financial markets and industrial economics.

Our first year modules for our main courses include Principles of economics, Applied economics and policy and Data skills for economist. Courses become more specialised in the second and third years and you will have freedom to choose optional modules to suit your interests.

For details of current module options and our entry requirements, please see our website.



| DEGREES                                            | UCAS code | Year in Business option |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| <b>BSc (Econ) Economics</b>                        | L101      | ✓                       |
| <b>BSc (Econ) Financial and Business Economics</b> | L111      | ✓                       |
| <b>BSc (Econ) Economics and Econometrics</b>       | L140      | ✓                       |
| <b>MSci Corporate Finance*</b>                     | L114      |                         |
| <b>MSci Economics*</b>                             | L103      |                         |
| <b>MSci Economics and Econometrics*</b>            | L142      |                         |
| <b>MSci Finance*</b>                               | L113      |                         |

## JOINT DEGREES

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|------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|
| <b>BSc Economics &amp; Management</b>                      | LN12 | ✓ |
| <b>BSc Finance &amp; Mathematics</b>                       | NG31 | ✓ |
| <b>BSc Economics &amp; Mathematics</b>                     | LG11 | ✓ |
| <b>BSc Economics, Politics and International Relations</b> | LL12 | ✓ |
| <b>BA Politics, Philosophy &amp; Economics</b>             | LOVO |   |
| <b>MSci Law &amp; Economics*</b>                           | ML11 |   |

## MINOR DEGREES

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|---------------------------------------------|------|---|
| <b>BSc Economics with French</b>            | L1R1 |   |
| <b>BSc Economics with German</b>            | L1R2 |   |
| <b>BSc Economics with Italian</b>           | L1R3 |   |
| <b>BSc Economics with Spanish</b>           | L1R4 |   |
| <b>BSc Economics with Music</b>             | L1W1 |   |
| <b>BSc Economics with Political Studies</b> | L1L2 | ✓ |

\* New degree under development for 2021 entry.

# Studying here

## Departmental support

We provide additional tuition sessions for all the core modules, which are held in small groups and are arranged by demand. Studying here, you are also assigned a personal advisor from among our academics who will provide you with extra academic support and guidance throughout your studies. As students join us with varying mathematical backgrounds, we also run additional maths tutorials on a regular basis for the modules containing a quantitative element and a math boot camp at the beginning of your studies.

We use online tools and learning platforms such as Moodle, MyEconLab and MyMathLab. For your convenience, we also provide free eBooks for select modules.

## Facilities

To support students studying Economics we have a dedicated building where all our staff and facilities are located, including an experimental lab. Computers and library resources for students are conveniently located a couple of minutes away, and our students also have access to a Bloomberg Terminal. In addition, undergraduate students have exclusive use of the Economics Hub, which can be used as both a social and study space.

**CUTTING-EDGE RESOURCES  
INCLUDING EXPRESS LAB AND  
BLOOMBERG FINANCIAL DATABASE**



Our state-of-the-art library, housed in the Davison Building, close to the Department of Economics.

# Student life

## Getting involved

We seek to give you a number of opportunities to take part in activities outside of your studies.

- **Social events:** Throughout the year, we hold several events exclusively for Economics students, including the Autumn Ball, Spring Social and Summer BBQ. These events provide an excellent opportunity to socialise with your fellow students and academics in a relaxed environment.
- **RHUL Economics Society:** This student led society holds regular economics themed debates, talks and events such as movie nights and social outings.
- **RHUL Investment & Finance Society:** For students interested in pursuing a career in finance beyond graduation, this society regularly run workshops, talks and careers-based events for members.
- **Peer Guide scheme:** We participate in the college-wide Peer Guide scheme every year, a scheme where current 2nd and 3rd year Economics students act as mentors for new students. Peer Guides are there for non-academic issues, support and guidance, and for sharing experiences.
- **Student Ambassadors:** Our Student Ambassador scheme offers you the opportunity to become an ambassador during your time at university, an experience which can really boost employability and help you to build valuable skills. We keep our ambassadors very busy with all of our open days, campus tours and social events!



Founder's Reading Room

# Your future career

We focus on the real-world application of critical thinking so that you are prepared for the workplace on graduation. With 93% of our graduates in full-time employment or further study within six months of graduation, our employability programmes are engineered to get your career off to the best possible start.

## **Economics@Work**

Economics@Work is a series of employability workshops, events and guest speaker talks about jobs in economics with:

- Practitioner insights
- Case studies
- Careers advice
- Contacts and networking opportunities
- Q&A

## **Economics careers skills certificate**

The aim of this course is to enhance your employability skills by helping you understand how to:

- build an attractive CV during your studies
- secure and succeed in work experience and internships
- make successful applications
- perform well on interviews
- find a graduate job or further study programme that is right for you

EMPLOYABILITY LECTURES  
CV WRITING WORKSHOPS  
**ECONOMICS@WORK**  
CAREERS PROGRAMME

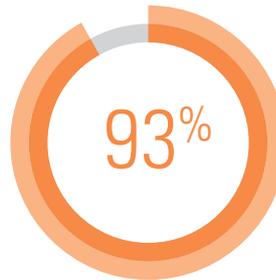
This module is delivered in each year of your degree helping you build upon the skills you develop. Each year that is successfully completed will be awarded with the respective year award and Passport Points to go towards the Royal Holloway Passport Award Scheme (an initiative to recognise student achievement beyond the classroom).

## **Year in Business option**

If you choose one of our Year in Business courses, you'll have the opportunity to spend your third year out on placement, before returning in your fourth year to complete your degree.

## **Recent graduates have been employed by...**

Citigroup, Barclays, Bloomberg, Deloitte, KPMG, Civil Service, Ministry of Defence, Accenture, PricewaterhouseCoopers and EY.



of our graduates are **employed or go on to further study** within six months of graduating.

*(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)*

This brochure was produced in Spring 2020 and information was correct at that time. Please make sure you check our website or contact us directly for the very latest information if you are considering an application.



## Royal Holloway, University of London

- Learn from world leading experts
- Highly ranked for student satisfaction
- Beautiful campus in a safe location
- Vibrant and active community
- Award-winning careers service

### Visit us to find out more

Our Open Days are a great way to get a feel for life at Royal Holloway. Look around the campus, meet our students and staff, and find out more about studying and living here.

Find out more and register to attend at [royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays](https://royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays)