Welcome

Our diverse and vibrant community is dedicated to criminal and social justice. Our aims are intellectual discovery in law, criminology, sociology and forensic psychology, to making knowledge matter and helping students reach their highest potential.

The unique strength of our community in this department and the School of Law and Social Sciences is that it brings together so many exceptionally talented people of different backgrounds, experiences, interests, methodologies, and perspectives in a subject mix which is stimulating and special in legal and social science education.

The Department of Law and Criminology at Royal Holloway is built on strong traditions in the College in Criminology, Psychology and Sociology. Our qualifying law courses, and combined honours courses offer a mix of law and criminology opportunities. We have excellent links in the world of criminal justice and forensics, and a commitment to making a difference in society.

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Law, Criminology and Sociology at Royal Holloway

We provide research focused, intellectually stimulating degree courses for students wishing to undertake study in law, criminology, sociology and psychology.

Our internationally renowned academics are leaders in their fields and bring their research and practice into the lecture theatre, helping students gain current and relevant skills and knowledge.

We also have an internationally diverse and active student community allowing you to network with fellow students from all around the world.

During your time with us you will benefit from a dedicated support network, including a Personal Tutor and student Peer Guides.

92% of students agreed the course is intellectually stimulating

(National Student Survey, 2019)
Choosing your degree

Our degree courses reflect the very latest developments in law, criminology, psychology, sociology and social policy. You will examine real-life situations and have the opportunity to undertake one of our unique industry placements. As you progress through your modules, you will become equipped with the knowledge, skills and experiences essential to advance your future career.

Our courses are designed to give you a solid foundation of knowledge in your first year and to expand on this in subsequent years. By the time you reach your third year you will have an excellent basis of knowledge and will be given the opportunity to dig deeper into your own individual passions by choosing optional modules alongside your mandatory modules.

If you choose one of our Year in Industry options, you’ll have the option to spend your third year on a placement, before returning to complete your studies in your fourth year. We work closely with the Careers and Employability Service to help you secure a placement and support you while you are out on your placement year.

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

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* New degree under development for 2021 entry.

“Unlike at most other universities, the department is small and retains a personal feel. I know all the academics, and they know me. When I need help with the finer points of the doctrine of limited liability or the role of the European Commission, I don’t hesitate in seeking out the relevant person and equally, when the serious stuff is out of the way, I know that we can chat about the less serious stuff.”

Alex
LLB Law graduate
Studying here

Studying in the Department of Law and Criminology within the School of Law and Social Sciences means that you will benefit from an interdisciplinary environment. Our research interests include issues associated with law, criminal justice, youth, health, multiculturalism and identity.

Supportive learning
We have a strong culture of support for students. All students are allocated a Personal Tutor before arrival, who will provide academic advice and pastoral support throughout the entire degree programme.

Facilities
We are based close to the beautiful and historic Founder’s Building, which houses our Picture Gallery and chapel as well as a dining hall and accommodation for 500 students.

Directly across from the Founder’s Building is the Emily Wilding Davison Building, completed in 2017 and home to our state-of-the-art library. It is situated a few seconds walk away from the Arts Building, home of the Department of Law & Criminology.
Student life

Student societies
Whichever course you study you will find relevant student run clubs and societies to get involved with. Our department works closely with the Student Law Society and the Student Criminology Society to offer a wide range of social and skill-building events including talks from guest speakers, academics and law firms. We also support the Magna Carta Gazette, a student-run publication.

Extra-curricular activities
A number of extra-curricular activities including mooting, interviewing, negotiation voice training and experience in our mock court room are on offer. These activities are designed to increase employability whilst building on your own skills and confidence. We also offer involvement in the Talking Terror podcast, a range of trips and excursions including court visits, trips to prisons and the Houses of Parliament.

Volunteering
We offer several ways of gaining real-life work experience whilst studying. We work closely with the National Centre For Domestic Violence, the Citizens Advice Bureau and offer the Learning Together programme where students go into prisons and learn with the prisoners. Our new Legal Advice Centre, which provides free legal advice and information to the local community, also offers a great way of gaining real-life experience.

“In addition to offering a fascinating course, the department really helped me make the most of my university experience. With help from department staff, I was able to get involved in so many interesting opportunities, such as a prominent podcast and professional placement. They never hesitated to help with queries and always celebrated our achievements with us.”

Chloe
BSc Criminology & Psychology graduate
Your future career

Graduating from the department will equip you with a wide range of transferable skills which are highly sought after by employers. Throughout your studies you will learn how to carry out independent research, analyse data and present your findings as well as developing your written and oral communication, time management and research skills. Our graduates leave with skills and knowledge that not only make them attractive to employers in a broad spectrum of careers, but also prepare them for further advanced study.

We have excellent links with law firms, prisons, government bodies and charities. Recent graduates have gone on to pursue careers in a variety of fields including the Crown Prosecution Service, the police, the probation service, youth custody, the prison service and the National Crime Agency.

93% 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 Autumn 2019 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.
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