

MSci Mathematics and Physics (GFC3) September 2016 intake

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide prospective students and applicants with further information about the nature of this degree, in order to help you decide if it is the right choice for you. Should you have any further questions, contact information is provided at the end of the flyer.

Section 1 – degree programme structure

Awarding institution	Royal Holloway University of London
Accreditation(s) (where applicable)	Institute of Physics (IOP)
Standard length of degree	Four Year

The following table summarises the compulsory modules, which Royal Holloway refers to as mandatory course units, offered on this degree programme each year:

Year 1						
Course unit name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Course-work	
Mathematics: Calculus	46.5	103.5	90	0	10	15
Mathematics: Functions Of Several Variables	43.5	106.5	90	0	10	15
Mathematics: Number Systems	43.5	106.5	90	0	10	15
Mathematics: Matrix Algebra	43.5	106.5	90	0	10	15
Physics :Scientific Skills 1	120	30	0	6	94	15
Physics: Classical Mechanics	34.5	115.5	80	0	20	15
Physics: Classical Matter	34.5	115.5	80	0	20	15
Physics: Physics of the Universe	34.5	115.5	80	0	20	15
Year 2						
Course unit name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Course-work	
Mathematics: Vector Analysis And Fluids	33	117	100%	0	0	15
Mathematics: Differential equation Fourier Analysis	33	117	100%	0	0	15
Physics: Scientific Computing Skills	82.5	67.5	0	0	100%	15
Physics: Quantum Mechanics	34.5	115.5	90%	0	10%	15
Physics: Classical and Statistical. Thermodynamic	40.5	109.5	60%	0	40%	15
Physics: The Solid State	52.5	97.5	70%	0	30%	15

Year 3						
Course unit name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Course-work	
Physics: Optics	48	102	70%	0	30%	15
Physics: Atomic and Nuclear Physics	48	102	70%	0	30%	15
Physics: Scientific Skills For MSci	88.5	61.5	0	15%	85%	15
Electromagnetic Theory	52.5	97.5	80%	0	20%	15
Year 4						
Course unit name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Course-work	
Physics: Research Review	13.5	136.5	0	20%	80%	15

In addition to these mandatory course units, there will be a number of optional course units available during the course of your degree. The following table lists a number of optional course units that are likely to be available. Please note that although the College will keep changes to a minimum, new units may be offered or existing units may be withdrawn, for example, in response to a change in staff. You will be informed if any significant changes need to be made.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
None	Mathematics: Further Linear Algebra and Mods	Mathematics: Further Linear Algebra and Modulus	Physics: Mathematical Biology
	Mathematics: Real Analysis	Mathematics: Topology	Physics: Elements of Statistical Learning
		Mathematics: Non-Linear Phenomena and Chaos	Mathematics: Computational Number Theory
			Mathematics: Complexity Theory

As part of your degree programme you may be required to complete a course to develop your study skills, for example a course in academic writing skills. Courses such as these often do not carry credit but passing the course may be a requirement to progress to the next year of study.

Section 2 – degree programme costs

H/EU tuition fee 2016/17*	£9,000
Overseas tuition fee 2016/17**	£15,200
Other essential costs	Physics- £55

*Royal Holloway reserves the right to increase UG HEU tuition fees in future years should this be permitted by the UK Government.

** Overseas tuition fees are likely to rise annually in line with inflation but no more than 5% per year. For further information please see Royal Holloway's [Terms & Conditions](#).



Section 3 – useful vocabulary

We understand some of the terminology used in this document may be new to you, and may differ from that used by other universities. To help with this, we have provided a brief description for some of the most important terminology:

Degree programme – Also referred to as 'degree course' or simply 'course', these terms refer to the qualification you will be awarded upon successful completion of your studies.

Course unit – Also referred to as 'module', this refers to the individual units you will study each year to complete your degree programme. Undergraduate degrees at Royal Holloway comprise four full units, or a combination of full and half units, to the value of 120 credits per year. Mandatory course units must be taken by every student on the relevant degree programme. Some of these mandatory course units must be passed for progression or a particular degree title. On some degree programmes a certain number of optional course units must be passed for a particular degree title.

H/EU – Different categories of students pay different levels of tuition fees. H/EU stands for students with Home or European Union fee status.

Overseas – Non-EU students are liable to pay the overseas rate of tuition fees, and are sometimes also referred to as international students.

Section 4 – contact information

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Admissions team by email at study@royalholloway.ac.uk.

Please note that this information is final at the time of publication 01/10/2015 and supersedes any previous information provided in publications or on Royal Holloway's website.