

MSci Geoscience (F601)
September 2017 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)	Geological Society
Standard length of degree	Four Years

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						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course unit name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
Global Tectonics	55	95	80%	0	20%	15
Introductory Sedimentology	48	102	70%	0	30%	15
Igneous and Metamorphic Geology	60	90	60%	30%	10%	15
Physics and Chemistry of Earth	60	90	70%	0	30%	15
Earth Structures	61.5	88.5	60%	0	40%	15
Scientific and Geological Field Skills	122	28	0	0	100%	15
Introductory Palaeontology	60	90	60%	0	40%	15
Year 2						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course unit name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
Stratigraphy and History of Life	75	75	60%	0	40%	15
Regional Geology	60	90	60%	0	40%	15
Igneous and Metamorphic Geology	30	120	60%	0	40%	15
Geochemistry	49.5	100.5	50%	30%	20%	15

Structure Analysis and Remote Sensors	60	90	60%	0	40%	15
Advanced Scientific and Geological Field Skills	162	138	0	20%	80%	30
Year 3						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course unit name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
Advanced Concepts and Techniques in Geology	183	117	32.5%	32.5%	35%	30
Independent Geological Field Mapping	202	98	0	0	100%	30
Year 4						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course unit name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
Independent Geoscience Project	120	480	0	20%	80%	60
Formation and Evolution of the continents						15
Evolution of the modern Earth						15
Research Proposal and Critical Review						15
Field and research Skills						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 selection 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
Environmental Issues with Maths	Sedimentary Basin Analysis	Marine Geology
Petroleum Geology with Maths	Geohazards	Advance Topics in sedimentology
	Applied Geophysics	Aqueous Geology
	Computational Geology	Volcanology

	Structural Analysis and Remote Sensing	Planetary Geology and Geophysics
		Advanced Techniques in Tectonic and Structural Interpretation
		Mineral Resources
		Advanced Palaeontology

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 2017/18*	£9,250
Overseas tuition fee 2017/18**	£15,600
Other essential costs***	£100 for a set of essential field work equipment, for example a hard hat, compass. £150 per year contribution towards field trip costs.

*Tuition fees for UK and EU nationals starting a degree in the academic year 2017/18 will be £9,250 for that year. This amount is subject to the UK Parliament approving a change to fee and loan regulations that has been proposed by the UK Government. In the future, should the proposed changes to fee and loan regulations allow it, Royal Holloway reserves the right to increase tuition fees for UK and EU nationals annually. If relevant UK legislation continues to permit it, Royal Holloway will maintain parity between the tuition fees charged to UK and EU students for the duration of their degree studies.

** Royal Holloway reserves the right to increase tuition fees for overseas fee paying students annually. Tuition fees are unlikely to rise more than 5% each year.

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***These estimated costs relate to studying this particular degree programme at Royal Holloway. Costs, such as accommodation, food, books and other learning materials and printing etc., have not been included, and further information regarding these can be found on our website.

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 (22/03/2017) and supersedes any previous information provided in publications or on Royal Holloway's website.