

**MA Politics of Development; (MA); (3104)  
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)	N/A
Standard length of degree	One year
Available part-time	Yes

The following table summarises the compulsory modules, which Royal Holloway refers to as mandatory course units, offered on this degree programme each year. The module titles, and methods of teaching and assessment are provided for indicative purposes only and are subject to change in line with the College’s validation process:

Course unit name	Credits	Mandatory	Optional
PR5952 Political Economy of Development: Why some countries ‘develop’ more than others and what the consequences are	20	Yes	No
PR5955 Fieldwork Methods	20	Yes	No
Dissertation	60	Yes	No
Students must also take at least one of the following courses: PR5913 China in the World (20 credits)  PR5957 Development Politics in Sub Saharan Africa (20 credits)  PR5954 The Political Economy of the Middle East (20 credits)  and up to a further 60 credits worth of optional courses.			

**Section 2 – degree programme costs**

H/EU tuition fee 2017/18*	£7,000
Overseas tuition fee 2017/18*	£14,500
Other essential costs	£40 being the estimated train fare costs for fieldwork trips to Central London

\*The tuition fees given above apply to students enrolled on a full-time basis. Students studying part-time are charged a pro-rata tuition fee and information is available from the Royal Holloway Student Fees Office on [Student-Fees@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Student-Fees@rhul.ac.uk). All 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](#).



\*\* 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. Masters programmes consist of a number of taught course units – some mandatory and some optional - plus a dissertation/ project to the value of 180 UK credits in total. On completion of a minimum of 120 UK credits a student may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma, while on completion of a minimum of 60 credits a student may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate. Some Masters programmes may have progression requirements (where they are offered over more than one year of study) or pass requirements for degree title if they are accredited by a professional body.

*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](mailto:study@royalholloway.ac.uk).

This information is final at the time of publication (1 September 2017) and supersedes any previous information provided in publications or on Royal Holloway's website.