

BSc Biology (C100)
September 2018 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)	Royal Society of Biology
Standard length of degree	Three years

Students must pass the BS3010 Individual Research Project in order to qualify for an Honours Degree in Biology; this is a requirement of the Royal Society of Biology for an accredited degree.

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	Coursework	
Becoming a Bioscientist	57	93		25%	75%	15
Cell Biology and Evolution	45	105	70%		30%	15
Genetics	35	115	70%		30%	15
Year 2						
Course Unit name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	
Plant Life: From Genes to Environment	42	108	70%	0	30%	15
Biological Data Analysis and Interpretation	42	108	25%	45%	30%	15
Evolution	28	122	80%	0	20%	15

Year 3						
Course Unit name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	
Individual Research Project	183	117	0	25%	75%	30
Climate Change: Plants and the Environment	25	125	80%	20%	0	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Please note that although the College will keep changes to a minimum, new units may be offered or existing units may be withdrawn, for example, in response to a change in staff.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
Chemistry of Life	Marine Biology	Special Study: Dissertation
Fundamental Biochemistry	Microbiology	Biology of Parasitic Diseases
Biology in a Changing World	Invertebrate Biology: Structure, Behaviour and Evolution	Conservation Biology
Vertebrate Evolution and Diversity	Cell Dynamics: Division and Movement	Entomology: Pure and Applied
Green World: Plant Evolution, Form and Function	Human Physiology in Health and Disease	Mediterranean Conservation and Ecology Field Course
Ecology and Conservation	Developmental Biology	Population and Community Ecology
Biomes and Ecosystems	Insects, Plants and Fungi: Ecology & Applications	Behavioural Ecology
Introductory Animal Physiology	Practical Field Ecology	Marine Ecology and Biodiversity
Pathophysiology	Animal Behaviour	Evolutionary Ecology of Vertebrates
Protein Biochemistry and Enzymology	Applications of Molecular Genetics in Biology	Extreme Animal Physiology
	Bioenergetics and Metabolism	Circadian Biology
	Protein Structure and Function	Industrial Biotechnology in a Changing World

	Molecular Biology	Medical Biochemistry
	Molecular and Cellular Immunology	Molecular and Medical Microbiology
	Neuronal and Cellular Signalling	Seed Biology: From Molecular and Conservation Biology to Industrial Applications
	Plant Biochemistry and Biosynthesis	Applications of Advanced Molecular Biology Methods
		Cell and Molecular Biology of Cancer
		Functional Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics
		Human Embryology and Endocrinology
		Cell and Molecular Neuroscience
		Molecular Basis of Inherited Disease

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 2018/19*	£9,250
Overseas tuition fee 2018/19**	£18,900
Other essential costs***	£413

*The fees shown are for the 2017/18 academic year and are for reference purposes only. Current information available (October 2017) means that we expect the tuition fee for UK and EU undergraduates starting their degrees in 2018 to be £9,250. The UK Government has also announced that EU students starting an undergraduate or postgraduate taught degree in 2018/19 will pay the same level of fee as a UK student for the duration of their degree.

** Fees for international students may increase year-on-year in line with the rate of inflation. Royal Holloway's policy is that any increases in fees will not exceed 5% for continuing students.

There is a different tuition fee for a year spent abroad or working in industry. For further information on tuition fees please see [Royal Holloway's Terms & Conditions](#).

***These estimated costs relate to studying this particular degree programme at Royal Holloway. General costs such as accommodation, food, books and other learning materials and printing etc., have not been included, but further information is available 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 (06/10/2017) and supersedes any previous information provided in publications or on Royal Holloway's website.