

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

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Geological Society of London you will need to meet certain conditions. In the case of MSci Geoscience this means that you must successfully complete an Independent field mapping project.

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

<b>Year 1</b>						
	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	62	88	60%	0	40%	15
Scientific and Geological Field Skills	122	28	0	0	100%	15
Introductory Palaeontology	42	108	60%	25%	15%	15
<b>Year 2</b>						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course unit name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
Stratigraphy and History of Life	60	90	60%	0	40%	15
Regional Geology	60	90	60%	0	40%	15

Igneous and Metamorphic Geology	30	120	60%	0	40%	15
Geochemistry	50	100	50%	30%	20%	15
Advanced Scientific and Geological Field Skills	162	138	0	20%	80%	30
<b>Year 3</b>						
	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	187	113	32.5%	32.5%	35%	30
Independent Geological Field Mapping	202	98	0	0	100%	30
<b>Year 4</b>						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course unit name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
Independent Geoscience Project	110-134	466-490	0	20%	80%	60
Formation and Evolution of the Continents	60	90	60%	40%	0	15
Evolution of the Modern Earth	180	90	60%	40%	0	15
Research Proposal and Critical Review	4	146	0	0	100%	15
Field and Research Skills	122	28	0	35%	65%	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	Year 4
Environmental Issues with Maths	Sedimentary Basin Analysis	Marine Geology	None
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 2018/19*	£9,250
Overseas tuition fee 2018/19**	£18,900
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.

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

Please note that this information is final at the time of publication (30/10/2017) and supersedes any previous information provided in publications or on Royal Holloway’s website.