



**Psychology (MSci) (C801)  
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.

In the event that significant changes are made to the programme during the validation process, the College will notify you and the information on this document will be updated. If you have any further questions, you can contact the College’s Admissions team by email at [study@royalholloway.ac.uk](mailto:study@royalholloway.ac.uk).

**Section 1 – degree programme structure**

Awarding institution	Royal Holloway University of London
Accreditation(s) (where applicable)	British Psychological Society (application currently under consideration)
Standard length of degree	Four years

Assuming the application is approved, in order to be eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society you must achieve a minimum of a lower second class honours degree and pass PS3201 Research Project.

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:

Year 1						
Course Unit Name	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			Credits
	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	
PS1010 Introduction to Psychological Research	100	200	50%		50%	30
PS1021 Learning and Memory	21	129	50%		50%	15
PS1030 Self and Society	21	129	50%		50%	15
PS1040 Lifespan Development	21	129	50%		50%	15
PS1060 Biological Foundations of Psychology	21	129	50%		50%	15
PS1061 Sensation and Perception	21	129			100%	15

PS1110 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	21	129	50%		50%	15
<b>Year 2</b>						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course Unit Name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
PS2010 Psychological Research Methods and Analysis	80	200	40%		60%	30
PS2021 Cognitive Psychology	21	129			100%	15
PS2030 Social Psychology	21	129	70%		30%	15
PS2040 Developmental Psychology	21	129	70%		30%	15
PS2050 Personality and Individual Differences	21	129	70%		30%	15
PS2061 Brain and Behaviour	21	129			100%	15
PS2080 Conceptual Issues in Psychology	21	129	70%		30%	15
<b>Year 3</b>						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course Unit Name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
PS3194 Micro Project	20	130		5%	95%	15
PS3193 Advanced Statistics	20	130		70%	30%	15
<b>Year 4</b>						
	Methods of teaching		Methods of assessment			
Course Unit Name	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Written exam	Practical	Coursework	Credits
PS4200 MSci Research Dissertation	20	580		10%	90%	60

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
None	None	PS3022 Language, Communication, and Thought	PS4201 Psychology in Applied Settings
		PS3031 Methods in Cognitive Neuroscience	PS4202 Intergroup and Interpersonal Processes
		PS3041 Advanced Developmental Psychology	PS4207 Neuroscience of Emotion and Decision Making
		PS3050 Health Psychology	PS4208 Applied Neuroscience
		PS3060 Consciousness and cognition	PS4301 Topics in Psychological Science
		PS3061 The Ageing Brain	PS4303 Cognitive, Social and Neuroscience Approaches to Forensic Investigations
		PS3090 Advanced & Applied Social Psychology	PS4306 Clinical Assessment and Treatment Approaches
		PS3110 Adult Psychological Problems	
		PS3121 Developmental Disorders	
		PS3131 Human Neuropsychology	
		PS3141 Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience	
		PS3151 Occupational and Organisational Psychology	
		PS3171 Human Performance: Work, Sport and Medicine	
		PS3181 Criminal and Forensic Psychology	
		PS3190 Educational Psychology	
		PS3191 The Social Brain	
		PS3192 Real World Quantitative Techniques	
		PS3210 Dissertation	

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***	None

\*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 (04/12/2017) and supersedes any previous information provided in publications or on Royal Holloway's website.