Why choose us?

Top 30 University in the UK
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2018)

Learn from world-leading experts:
in the top 25% of UK universities for research rated 4* and 3*.
(Research Excellence Framework (REF), 2014)

Individual education with emphasis on personal approach.

Award-winning careers service, 90% of students employed or in further study within six months, lots of opportunities to add to your CV.
(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE), 2017)

11th
In the UK
For International Outlook
(Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, 2017-18)
Vibrant and active community with strong student involvement: 150 clubs and societies plus quality music, media and performing arts opportunities.

Beautiful campus in a safe location with plenty to experience in the local area and easy access to central London.

(The 10 most beautiful universities in the UK ‘THE’, 2018)
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You are embarking on what may be one of the most important journeys of your life. When you invest in your future by deciding to study at university, you make choices that could help influence who you are, the friends you have and the person you become.

Royal Holloway is ranked highly in the UK for the quality of our research, and importantly, also that of our teaching – a powerful combination that directly benefits you. By choosing to study here, you become part of a close-knit community that’s all about inspiring you to succeed – academically, socially and culturally. We understand our purpose and are here to help you explore yours. Here, you can be the individual that you want to be, and advance on the path to finding your purpose, your ‘why’.

Students who come to Royal Holloway talk about how our campus supports a unique culture and a ‘feel’ that they love. Classes are taught by recognised, world-leading academics who will genuinely get to know you. Their open door policy makes it easy to access the support and guidance you need to succeed.

As one of the UK’s most international universities, ours is also a global community. Our academics come from all over the world, bringing diverse perspectives to your studies. The Royal Holloway community stretches beyond the UK, with over 80,000 alumni around the world, many of whom come back to campus and share their experiences.

Royal Holloway has a rich history and we’re proud to be a part of it. We continue to be inspired by the egalitarian and ambitious spirit of our founders, from our passion for the value that comes from education and knowledge, to putting our students at the heart of all we do.

I hope that you’ll want to join in the story too, and I look forward to welcoming you here.

Professor Paul Layzell
Principal
Royal Holloway, University of London
Our history

Royal Holloway and Bedford Colleges combine over 150 years of historic discoveries, notable alumni and academic innovation. Here are some of the milestones along the way.

1849
Bedford College is founded by Elizabeth Jesser Reid as the UK’s first higher education college for women
Early students include the novelist George Eliot, famed for Middlemarch, and the first woman doctor Dr Elizabeth Blackwell, who trained nurses in the American Civil War

1849
Sarah Parker Remond, the slavery abolitionist and early African American female physician, is a student

1886
Royal Holloway College is opened by HM Queen Victoria
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1887
The first 28 students begin their studies

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Students include the suffragette Emily Wilding Davison, who died at the Epsom Derby in 1913, the pioneering woman surgeon, Dr Louisa Martindale CBE, and her sister, Hilda Martindale CBE, who argued for equal pay and rights for women as a pioneering senior civil servant

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1900
Both Bedford and Royal Holloway Colleges are admitted as Schools of the University of London

1905
The novelist Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett DBE and Professor Helen Cam CBE, who will become the first female professor at Harvard, are students

1910
Countess Frances Lloyd George CBE, the wife and Private Secretary to Prime Minister David Lloyd George, graduates in Classics

1912
Margaret Benson becomes Professor of Botany at Royal Holloway College, the first female science professor in the country

1914
Richmal Crompton, the author of the Just William books, is a student as is Ethel Watts, the first woman to qualify as a chartered accountant

1922
Students include Dame Kathleen Lonsdale DBE FRS, one of the first two women elected to the Royal Society and Sylvia Scafford, co-founder of the Council for Civil Liberties, now known as Liberty

1939
Bedford College is evacuated to Cambridge during the Second World War

1942
Eunice Timberlake, Geography lecturer at Bedford College, develops new techniques in air navigation to aid air rescue after attacks on Atlantic convoys

1944
Sir William Hunter McCrea FRS becomes Head of Mathematics at Royal Holloway. His discovery that the sun is composed mainly of hydrogen leads to the development of the Big Bang Theory

1948
Dame Lillian Penson, Professor of Modern History at Bedford College (1930–62) becomes Vice-Chancellor of the University of London
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1958

Professor Euan Nisbet begins monitoring the rising levels of atmospheric methane, a highly potent but neglected greenhouse gas

1959

The South East Asia Research Group starts work on intrepid mapping of this remote rainforest-covered region

1965

Both colleges become fully co-educational

1965

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2015

Royal Holloway hosts The Great Charter Festival to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta

1980

Postgraduates include Janice Hadlow, the future Controller of BBC2

1980

Baroness Catherine Ashton, who will become the EU’s first ever foreign minister, graduates in Social Science

1977

1996

Professor Samuel Tolansky receives samples of moon dust from NASA, brought back by Apollo XI, for his diamond research at Royal Holloway

1969

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College opens following the merger of the two colleges. HM Queen Elizabeth II inaugurates the new College the following year

2012

We are the Olympic Village for Rowing. Our particle physicists contribute to the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle

1998

The Brit Award-winning singer KT Tunstall graduates in Music and Drama

2016

Royal Holloway wins the Times Higher Education Outstanding Contribution to Leadership Development award for its work closing the gender gap between male and female professors

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2011

The winner of eight Paralympic Gold Medals, Sophie Christiansen OBE graduates in Mathematics

2017

The Princess Royal visits to officially open our new Emily Wilding Davison Building, containing our Library and Student Services Centre

1960

Professor David Bellamy OBE, the renowned broadcaster and environmental activist, graduates with a PhD in Botany

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1995

Our Music department is awarded a prestigious Regius Professorship by HM The Queen to mark her Diamond Jubilee. Until now, only two had been created in the last century

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1957
Your life at Royal Holloway

“We want every student who comes to Royal Holloway to reach their full potential and we have a big focus on inclusivity. It’s all about supporting and empowering you to change the world around you. My advice is to get involved with as much as possible: join one of the amazing range of societies or sports clubs, take up volunteering, be part of something. One of the best things about coming to Royal Holloway is the amount of support on offer to help you get the most out of life as a student. Just don’t be afraid to ask, whether it’s the academic staff, the support networks or the Students’ Union. We’ll do everything in our power to help you achieve what you want.”

Natasha Barrett, Students’ Union President
Taking a picnic or a quiet stroll around the idyllic Virginia Water Lake is a great way to get a breath of fresh air away from your studies. And best of all is it’s within walking distance of campus. You can explore the lakes, Roman ruins, a decorative waterfall and a 100ft totem pole.

Egham is a small town a short walk from the main campus where you can stock up on essentials, pick up a bargain or test your knowledge at a pub quiz. Trains from Egham station will take you directly to London Waterloo. Englefield Green is a picturesque village, reportedly the site of the last duel in England. It has small shops and traditional pubs.

The sweeping parkland and woods of Windsor Great Park provide 2,020 hectares to explore and you can even spot deer. If you’re feeling active you can walk The Long Walk to the town of Windsor, where you’ll find a good selection of restaurants and shops and of course the famous Windsor Castle.
Staines-upon-Thames is the nearest big town to Royal Holloway and easily accessible by train, bus or bike. You can shop at a range of high street stores, watch the latest film at the cinema or grab a bite to eat at Nando’s, Wagamama or a wide selection of other restaurants. There are also plenty of water activities you can try out along the River Thames.

With London just 40 minutes away by train there’s a wealth of entertainment at your fingertips. You could visit an exhibition or concert on the South Bank, go shopping on Oxford Street or take a coach and dance the night away clubbing with friends. Royal Holloway students can also access the libraries of other University of London colleges.

One of the UK’s premier theme parks with thrill rides and rollercoasters is just down the road – you can even glimpse the park from some of the top floor rooms in the Founder’s Building. It’s also where some of our students work part-time.

The beautiful town of Richmond is a train ride away and offers river walks, parks and gardens as well as theatres, galleries and a good selection of chain and independent shops. Twickenham, the home of England rugby, is also on our doorstep.
Most teaching and social activity takes place on campus and this is where most undergraduates live in their first year, with the exception of Kingswood Halls (just a mile away).

Founder’s is one of the world’s most spectacular university buildings and is home to our beautiful chapel and our famous Picture Gallery, containing Thomas Holloway’s fine collection of Victorian paintings. It also provides a home for 500 of our students and houses Founder’s Dining Hall.

There are plenty of other places to eat on campus, from our newest venue, Café on the Square, in the Emily Wilding Davison Building, offering Starbucks coffee, sandwiches and snacks, to The Hub, which serves a wide selection of meals including gourmet burgers and cooked-to-order stir fries. Other places to eat include the Boilerhouse Café, serving artisan coffee, soups and sandwiches; Crosslands, offering coffees, pastries and snacks in the day and transforming into a stylish bar in the evenings; Tommy’s Kitchen, located in our Students’ Union and serving food at lunchtime, and Imagine, a colourful space with giant deckchairs and an outdoor area, serving snacks and bubble tea.

In addition, Kingswood Hall has KW’s, serving a range of meals and a café bar 8Bar9.

For more information visit our website.

royalholloway.ac.uk/location
Boilerhouse
Flexible lecture theatres, seminar rooms and space for new theatre practice as well as the Boilerhouse Café.

Handa Noh Theatre
Unique authentic Noh stage for movement work.

Students’ Union Building
Large function hall with 1,200 capacity.

Sports Centre
Home to 60-station gym and sports hall.

Nobles Sports Field
World-class, floodlit outdoor 3G pitches and courts.

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Social activities

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University is a place where you can develop the whole you, both at work and at play. And what a world of opportunity awaits you at Royal Holloway. With over 100 different societies to choose from on campus, you’ll be guaranteed to find something that floats your boat or fires your rockets (quite literally in one case) during your time with us.

Campus life away from your studies offers you the chance to be part of something bigger, where you can find your voice and your feet amongst like-minded individuals and fellow enthusiasts. Make friends for life through shared experiences, challenges, ambitions and ideals, not forgetting the regular socials and Students’ Union takeovers. Forging friendships is easy in halls, with lots of events and guidance for living independently, but even easier when you are amongst those you know share your passions and principles.

The campus is your stage – soak up the atmosphere and opportunity as much as you can – for here is a unique chance for you to discover hidden talents and develop career-enhancing abilities. Our societies and groups will stretch your skills and help you spread your wings as you explore the familiar and learn new things both here on campus and further afield. Ranging from the fun and frivolous, the creative to the career-specific, the practical to theoretical, all our societies require no previous experience, just a willingness to get stuck in and have fun. The question is now, which ones to choose?

Media, music and performing arts

As well as getting involved with societies, there are a range of other activities for you to enjoy. We’re well known for our music-making and boast the Choir of Royal Holloway, Symphony Orchestra as well as chamber and string orchestras, and a variety of other music groups who perform regularly on and off campus.

If media is your thing then you have the chance to try your hand at journalism, design or print production with The Orbital magazine, radio presenting, volunteering and production with Insanity Radio and even TV presenting and journalism with the SU’s online station Rhubarb TV. Our Media Arts department also regularly looks for volunteers for their film casts.

There are also plenty of opportunities to get involved with performing arts at Royal Holloway, on stage, behind the scenes or as an audience member. We regularly host visiting performers, including at our Centre for Japanese Noh Theatre, which opens the door to an art form rarely seen outside Asia.

Give It A Go sessions

Another way to try something new, meet new people or develop skills is with the SU’s Give It A Go sessions. With a year-round programme of activities it’s your best bet for new experiences. There is something for everything from puppy therapy to ‘crafternoons’ and self-defence lessons.

Societies

Here’s a selection of the different societies on offer at Royal Holloway. For a full list visit su.rhul.ac.uk/activities/societies

1. Absolute Harmony
2. Anime & Manga
3. Band Society
4. Blueprint Investment
5. Circus
6. Conservative
7. Diplomatic Society
8. Diving Society
9. Fashion Society
10. Film Society
11. History Society
12. Humans vs Zombies
13. Labour and Cooperative
14. Latin American
15. LGBT+
16. Liberal Arts
17. MTS: Musical Theatre Society
18. Photography
19. Travel Society
20. Writing

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“I co-founded the DJ Society because I felt there was a community with a taste for alternative music that wasn’t being represented. We started off with nights in Medicine, the smaller venue on campus, with about 500 people, and just a year later we are hosting events in the main SU hall, with 1,200 people. You can join whether you’ve got lots of experience or none and we run lessons to teach people how to DJ. Setting up and running a society has also helped me develop important negotiating skills.”

Luca,
BA Politics, Philosophy and International Relations
DJ Society President

“We set up the App Society to connect potential developers, entrepreneurs and designers. Being part of the society can help with time and energy management, leadership and resilience and you can build up skills to take into the real world. We also bring in successful entrepreneurs for talks where students can come and ask questions about setting up their own businesses.”

Lavena,
BSc Management with Entrepreneurship
App Society President

“I got involved when the society first started. It was a new sport and I quickly fell in love with it. It’s boosted my self-esteem and made me stronger and fitter. It’s an individual sport but you get a lot of support from the group – I’ve made my best friends through Pole Fitness. As President I’ve had to learn a lot of new skills in administration and finance and I’ve learnt a lot about what it takes to manage a society and organise activities.”

Marta,
BSc Biology
Pole Fitness President
Keeping active is easy at Royal Holloway with our on-campus sports centre and extensive range of clubs and recreational sport opportunities.

It’s well known that a healthy mind goes hand in hand with a healthy body, which is why here at Royal Holloway you’ll find an array of opportunities to keep you active, from the recreational to the competitive.

For those seeking a competitive sport we have 40 clubs to choose from, ranging from football and hockey to ninjutsu and cycling. Our clubs compete at the highest levels in local and national competitions and our teams compete in weekly British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) and London Universities Sports Leagues (LUSL), as well as one-off competitions and individual events. Joining these clubs not only gives you a chance to get active and to make friends but also to represent your university.

Sports clubs
1. American Football
2. Archery
3. Athletics
4. Badminton
5. Basketball
6. Cheerleading
7. Chess
8. Cricket
9. Cycling
10. Eton Fives
11. Fencing
12. Football (men’s)
13. Football (women’s)
14. Golf
15. Hockey
16. Judo
17. Karate
18. Lacrosse
19. Mixed Martial Arts
20. Motorsport
21. Mountaineering & Climbing
22. Netball
23. Ninjutsu
24. Polo
25. Riding
26. Rounders
27. Rowing
28. Rugby (men’s)
29. Rugby (women’s)
30. Snow
31. Squash
32. Surf
33. Swimming
34. Table Tennis
35. Tennis
36. Thai Boxing
37. Trampolining
38. Ultimate Frisbee
39. Volleyball
40. Waterski
“I didn’t get to play much basketball in school so I was really looking forward to joining when I came here. I love it. It’s a real team sport and I’ve made my best friends through basketball. We celebrate together when we win and support each other when we lose. We’ve got people who’ve played a lot and those who’ve never played before which is perfect for the team dynamic.”

Charlie, BA Film and Television Production, Basketball President

“I’ve always been active so being so close to the gym in my first year halls was great. There’s lots of different classes on offer which makes it easy to just go and try things out. Getting involved with the gym means you can also interact with the many teams here so even if you don’t want to play a sport you can still feel part of the active community at Royal Holloway.”

Emily, MA Consumption, Culture and Marketing, gym user and Sports Centre Duty Officer

Sports scholarships

For those of you who excel at sports there are sports scholarships available. Each year we offer a range of sports scholarships to students with varying levels of ability from County players to Olympic hopefuls. These scholarships provide levels of financial support up to £1,000 as well as a full support package involving professional coaching, osteopathy, sports massage, academic flexibility and a car parking permit to help you as you juggle sport with student commitments (see p.42).

Recreational sport

New to sport or short on time? We offer a recreational sports programme, Active, where you can drop in across a number of sports or join an on-campus social league.

If playing sport is just not for you, but you’d like to keep fit, strong and healthy in other ways whilst on campus then head for our 60-station gym. Here you’ll find the exercise classes and gym facilities you’d expect from any fitness chain or sports centre complete with a studio for spinning, cardio machines and weight-lifting platforms. To build up a healthy sweat there’s also a full timetable of classes to choose from ranging from legs, bums and tums, ab classes and Zumba to circuits and the popular Les Mills workouts. With one-off events also running throughout the year, there is lots to learn, do and get involved in.

Sports volunteering

If you want to take your passion for sports further, you can get involved in sports volunteering or attend coaching and officiating courses. You can also gain points towards the Royal Holloway Passport Award (see p.28).

During your time with us you might even find yourself on sports-related work placements within national governing bodies like the FA and county sports partnerships like Active Surrey.

40 SPORTS CLUBS
Volunteering

Learn new skills and get involved with your community by joining our award-winning volunteering programme.

Royal Holloway Volunteering

Looking for a challenge? Want to contribute to the community and make a difference? Our award-winning volunteering programme is ideal for those looking to learn new skills whilst making an active change to the world around them.

Not only does volunteering add value to your overall university experience, it also boosts your employment prospects. Making friends and helping the local community aside, volunteering is a great way to develop your skillset, experience real life teamwork and learn to lead projects, all attributes employers hold in high regard. For that reason, having voluntary work on your CV is becoming essential, no matter what industry you’re applying to. It can show employers an aspect of your wider personality and highlights that you have a proactive approach to what you care about most. All voluntary activity is recorded through various recognition schemes, such as the vinspired Awards, and celebrated at our annual Volunteer Awards.

There are plenty of ways to get involved with Royal Holloway Volunteering. You will be offered training and support before getting stuck in to projects with our Community Action partners such as environmental conservation, education and youth work. You can also join and lead a Social Action project such as tutoring young refugees, sing-alongs for the elderly and food recycling schemes.

Every year we host Volunteering Fairs, Get Involved Week, Volunteering Abroad Fair and a Christmas Volunteering initiative involving successful partnership projects – Santa’s Workshop and Love in a Box. We organise project days such as Make a Difference Day, The Great British Spring Clean and Volunteers’ Week, and are at the forefront on national initiatives such as Student Volunteering Week and the #iwill campaign. Closer to home, our student groups also support numerous one-off local community events, such as Community Fun Days and the Egham Christmas Fair. You can apply for different roles with room for progression. These include Response Team, Project Leaders, Team Members and Mentors.

By volunteering you will be joining an active group of students who received The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service in 2017.

Whether 60 minutes or 60 hours, whatever time you give will make a positive difference to everyone involved. Guaranteed.

“Volunteering meant I could give something back to the local community that was my home while I was completing my degree. As project leader for Love Your Community, I had a great opportunity to reach out to local residents and positively represent Royal Holloway. I encourage all students at Royal Holloway to give volunteering a try; there are multiple opportunities, a great team of staff working with you and it helps you discover how to use your education and skills to benefit others as well as yourself.”

Emilio, MSc Practising Sustainable Development
The Students’ Union (SU) exists to make student life better at Royal Holloway and boasts a packed events calendar, represents your views on campus and provides a full advice service.

Essentially the SU is all about providing you with a range of opportunities that make your life better and ensure you have the best time possible at Royal Holloway.

With more than 100 societies, 50 sports clubs, three leading media outlets – a TV station, radio station and student magazine, a superb 1,200 capacity venue for club nights, theatre performances and comedy shows, there’s loads for you to get stuck into.

SU HIGHLIGHTS

- Royal Holloway alumnus Example performing to a capacity crowd of 3,000 in the luxurious grounds of Founder’s Building
- Taking 1,200 students to Surrey to compete for the Varsity Cup
- Marching through central London for education reforms

AMPLIFYING YOUR VOICE

Royal Holloway SU and its five-strong elected sabbatical officer team play an important role on campus ensuring issues that matter to students are raised at the highest levels in the university and local community.

TOP CLASS SERVICES

The SU building is a constant hive of student activity throughout the day and night. Tommy’s Kitchen burger bar, weekly fresh fruit and veg markets and an independent advice centre are all located within the main building, which also doubles up as a nightclub. The Union also runs a large shop on campus and three bars – Medicine, Stumble Out and The Packhorse, so you always have plenty of choice.

GIVING YOU THE SKILLS TO SUCEED

With a job market that is more competitive than ever, employers are looking for more than just a good degree and the SU is the ideal place to gain great experience that will kick start your career.

From joining the Union’s staff team of over 300 where you can find employment in skills-based roles such as graphic design to leading a sports club to glory, the skills learnt here will translate into the real world.

Find out more at SU.RHUL.AC.UK
Our international community

With almost a third of our students joining us from outside the UK, Royal Holloway is a diverse and cosmopolitan community with a strong international spirit.

Ranked 11th in the UK and 35th in the world* for international outlook in the 2017/18 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, Royal Holloway’s position recognises our global research impact and partnerships as well as student and staff diversity.

With alumni in 160 countries working in industry, the arts, public sector and other areas around the world, Royal Holloway is truly international both in ethos and impact.

Of the 9,966 students enrolled at Royal Holloway, almost a third are from outside the UK. Over 130 nationalities are represented, making the Royal Holloway campus highly cosmopolitan. In addition, about a quarter of our on-campus societies and associations have an international flavour. We know a diverse community makes for a more creative and harder-working environment which benefits all our students, wherever they are from.

*compared to the 200 best institutions in the world

What we offer international students

Students from overseas can apply for all of our undergraduate degrees. We also offer a range of support specifically for international students, particularly through our Centre for the Development of Academic Skills. For example, Academic English courses for international students are provided for non-native speakers of English. These are designed to help you meet the challenges of academic work, including writing essays, following lectures, taking part in academic discussion and giving presentations. For more information about what’s on offer, see p.36.

We have a number of scholarships that are dedicated to international students to help with tuition fees for undergraduate degrees. You can find a list of our current scholarship opportunities on our website.

There is plenty of other support available if you’re joining us as an international student. Our experienced staff provide guidance on immigration, working in the UK while studying, bank accounts and US federal loans, as well as support with any welfare issues. When you arrive, you can take advantage of our free meet and greet service at Heathrow and get help to settle in with our orientation programme for new international students. You can also attend our Global Café where you can meet up with others. Please see our website for full details.

Students from the EU

Many of our students join us from countries within the EU and we are committed to supporting you. For the latest guidance for EU students visit our website.

Opportunities for overseas study

All of our undergraduate students are able to apply to study overseas for up to one year depending on the course requirement or personal choice. See p.37 for more information about Study Abroad options.

Studying at Royal Holloway for up to a year

International students wishing to study here for a semester or year as part of a Study Abroad experience can do so in one of three ways:

- As Erasmus+ students: eligible students from 50 EU institutions can spend up to a year at Royal Holloway (correct at Feb 2018, see our website for latest information about Erasmus+)
- As Study Abroad students: students join us either through arrangement with partner institutions or through individual application to Royal Holloway
- As International Exchange students: students join Royal Holloway for up to a year through approved agreements with partner institutions

As a visiting international student you can choose from a range of courses, covering the arts and humanities, social sciences and sciences. We also provide additional support if you’re an international student visiting for up to a year, including our Contemporary Britain courses, which introduce a range of issues relevant to contemporary British society.

International Foundation Year

International students who have completed their high school education but need further preparation before studying at undergraduate level can take advantage of our International Foundation Year. The programme will provide you with all the academic and English language skills you need to succeed if you choose to progress to a degree.

You can select one of three subject pathways: Arts and Social Sciences, Management and Economics or Sciences, which are all geared towards preparing you for your chosen degree.

During your foundation year you will study at the on-campus International Study Centre, and will be able to use all the university facilities. You can also apply for accommodation.

If you successfully complete the International Foundation Year, and meet the progression grades for your chosen degree, you will have the opportunity to continue into undergraduate study at Royal Holloway. For more information on how to apply and entry requirements, visit our website.

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“Everyone at Royal Holloway makes you feel supported, from your academic department to the Students’ Union. The academics hold student/staff social events, which you never get to do in school, where you get the chance to chat with your tutors. They’ve been fantastic and my professor was able to help me through the more difficult parts of my course by connecting me to PhD students. As an international student I was concerned I wouldn’t fit in but it’s been so easy to get involved. There are societies to accommodate everyone! I joined the Middle East Society, Amnesty, Media Arts Society and the Computing Society. I’ve been able to meet lots of other students; UK and EU as well as international. I’m away from my family in Jordan for three to four months at a time so I love the environment here which makes me feel comfortable and safe and has everything I need close by.”

Eleni Natalia, BA Digital Media Communications, International student from Jordan
Royal Holloway’s beautiful campus and the surrounding area are a great place to live. Whether you live in one of our halls or in private accommodation we’re on hand to help you find the right home.

**Halls**

In your first year, accommodation in halls is guaranteed for those undergraduate students who firmly accept an offer and apply for a place in halls by our accommodation deadline. See our website for more details on how to do this. Halls are mainly split between the north and south of our campus. They provide either single or shared accommodation, with en-suite or shared bathroom facilities. All shared rooms within our halls are single gender.

For around £30 per week you can choose to eat your meals in halls on a catered pay-as-you-go basis. Alternatively, you can choose self-catered accommodation where you have access to a fully-equipped kitchen. You’ll need to provide your own crockery, cutlery, glasses and cooking utensils, but to make life easier we have an on-campus shop and a weekly fruit and vegetable market in the Students’ Union.

Accommodation is offered for the full 38 weeks of the academic year (including the Christmas and Easter holidays) or for 30 weeks (this cost-effective option requires you to vacate your room completely during the holidays). See the table opposite for more details on which contracts are available at each of our halls.

Finally, a word about cars. Parking at Royal Holloway is limited so if you want to bring your car to your halls of residence, we advise you put Kingswood Halls as your top choice of accommodation; you won’t be able to bring one to the other halls.

**Private rental accommodation**

If you don’t get a place in halls, or if you decide you’d rather live in private accommodation, there are plenty of options close by in Englefield Green, Egham or Virginia Water, or a few miles away in Staines or Windsor. In the main, local accommodation is of a high standard and the cost of living compares favourably with other parts of South East England. It is certainly more affordable than central London and our students benefit from the higher London rate of maintenance loan.
Halls of residence at Royal Holloway are grouped together into bands. The table below gives you an overview of each of our halls of residence.

For more information about our accommodation visit [royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation)

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*Notes for halls of residence fees

1. 2018/19 rates are shown as a guide; these will increase in subsequent years to take account of rising costs. Adjustments may also be made to reflect the provision of additional services or facilities.

2. Cost of the bus service to and from campus is included for Kingswood residents.

3. Where a price range is shown, this indicates the cost difference between rooms with or without a sink.

4. Single gender accommodation is provided in Kingswood 1 and Founder’s.

Please note: information provided is correct for 2018/19 but is subject to change. This prospectus was published in February 2018 and the accommodation options listed were correct at that time.
We have a fantastic choice of accommodation. From our newest halls of residence, George Eliot, made up of stylish townhouses, and our popular self-catered flats Gowar, Wedderburn, Tuke, Butler and Williamson, to rooms in our Grade I-Listed Founder’s Building, all of our halls are on the main campus. Kingswood is just one mile away with a free regular shuttle service available.

**Founder’s**

“My mum came here 33 years ago so I’d visited quite a few times and always said if I was accepted then I would want to live in Founder’s. It is a community in itself. I leave my door open most of the time and always have a chat with everyone who goes past. There’s always something going on and it’s very easy to make friends. I live in a castle – you can’t beat that!”

Simon
Commuting from home

“I wanted my first year to be as stress-free as possible in terms of finances so that I could adjust to the academic requirements of university. I’m a member of several societies including being on the committees for the Writing Society and Teach First Society and commuting hasn’t stopped me being involved.”

Christos

Kingswood

“I really enjoy living in Kingswood as it has given me the unique opportunity to fully immerse myself in a community slightly separate to the hustle and bustle of the busy campus. It has an incredibly friendly atmosphere and is a really great place to live in. Its social spaces, like the common room and bar, are great for hanging out, and living in catered halls has been a blessing as the first year has been socially busy. I’ve made friends for life here.”

Rebecca

George Eliot Hall

“I moved here from Utah so I’m 5,000 miles away from home! I had a lot of stuff I wanted to bring and I was worried about it all fitting but I was surprised at how much space there is. George Eliot is in the perfect location. I love being so close to everything on campus, it’s literally all across the road. It’s also a good mix of privacy in my room, as well as shared social spaces throughout the house.”

Madeline
Personal support and wellbeing

We are a friendly and caring place, here to offer you all the support you need to get the best out of life at university.

University life is packed full of exciting opportunities and new adventures to be had, but it can also be quite daunting. After all, this is the first time many of you will have lived independently and away from established support networks. To enable you to make the most of your time here and to help prepare you for independent life, we have a variety of services and initiatives in place to assist you in making your new life just that little bit easier.

Disability & Dyslexia Services
We know that disabilities can create particular challenges and our Disability & Dyslexia Services team is dedicated to removing any barriers that may prevent you from achieving your academic potential or enjoying student life to the full. This team is your first port of call and can help you in a variety of ways.

Student finance and funding
Managing finances can also be a challenging part of being a student so we provide advice and guidance on a variety of financial matters ranging from student loans, banking and budgeting to a hardship fund. Get in touch with our Financial Support team for more information, via the webpage below.

Childcare
The children of students are given priority on available places at a nearby independent nursery. For further details about childcare in the local area visit surreycc.gov.uk

Health and wellbeing
Your days spent at university are likely to be some of the best in your life but there may be times when things don’t quite go to plan. You might need to talk with someone about a heavy workload or visit a doctor about a health issue. When life gets derailed we have several services on campus to help you get back on track. In the first instance, we encourage all our students to seek help and advice as soon as possible by contacting our Student Wellbeing team, who also act as a triage point to other support services.

All our students have free access to professionally-trained counsellors and further support is provided through the Chaplaincy and the many faith groups and societies on campus. If medical help is needed then the on-campus NHS Health Centre offers year-round routine medical support to all registered students, and can assist with matters such as sexual health, foreign travel advice and vaccinations, and referral to NHS specialist services.

Diversity and inclusivity
Royal Holloway is a close and supportive community and we are proud of our diversity and inclusivity. We have a zero tolerance approach to any form of bullying and harassment. We are also an NUS Alcohol Impact accredited institution and are committed to providing a range of inclusive activities.
“The Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) has been a fantastic support throughout my time here. I don’t know how I would have coped without them. I put on my UCAS form that I had a mental health condition and they arranged for me to have an assessment before I even came to university and spoke to me about the sort of help I’d need.

I’ve had lots of technical support, like a recorder to record my lectures, and I was able to come to an event two weeks before the first term to meet academic staff and other students supported by DDS. It made the transition to university a lot easier.

I’ve seen the same mentor since I started and he’s seen me grow as a person. Without the support I wouldn’t be as outgoing as I am. You don’t feel you always have to ask for help, they make the first move, which is a massive deal.”

Mel, BSc Psychology
Your future career

We know you’re already thinking about your future so we’re focused on helping you boost your employability alongside your studies.

In today’s competitive job market, it pays to plan ahead to give yourself the best chance possible to secure a graduate-level job after university. Whether you’re interested in internships, part-time jobs, graduate schemes, further study or another career opportunity, our Careers & Employability Service is here to help you discover and explore your options and navigate the recruitment process.

Award-winning careers service

Our award-winning Careers & Employability Service is part of The Careers Group, University of London – the largest and most comprehensive careers service in Europe. Located right in the heart of campus in our new Emily Wilding Davison Building, our friendly and experienced staff offer tailored support to help you boost your employability and prepare you for your career ahead. If you’re not on campus you can get advice from our team on the phone, via email, from one of our many online services or take advantage of one of our Facebook live chats.

Engage with employers

Hundreds of alumni and employers visit our campus every year to speak about student and graduate career opportunities, and to offer career coaching and top tips. With previous employers including PwC, the Civil Service, BBC, Deloitte and many others, these visits are an invaluable opportunity for you to network with potential future employers and get ahead of the crowd.

Through the Employer in Residence scheme, students can book a one-to-one with visiting employers to explore their options in different sectors and for advice on applications.

Work and learn

You may choose to boost your employability by combining your studies with work experience such as a part-time job, an internship or even a placement.

There are typically over 1,000 employment opportunities on campus every year. Perhaps you’re interested in applying for a role as student ambassador, a careers assistant or as one of our many catering staff? Whatever you do, you have the chance to earn money as well as develop a multitude of skills that you can add to your CV.

Alternatively, you may choose to work with one of Surrey’s 50,000 businesses – the campus is within 10 miles of blue-chip companies such as Toyota, Nestle, Samsung, Pfizer, BA, Unilever, Proctor & Gamble, amongst 300 others, and is a 40-minute train ride into London.

In many academic departments we also offer an award-winning micro-placements scheme which encourages students to experience a day-to-day professional working environment in their chosen area of interest. These placements, available for second year students, are unpaid and last between two and four weeks.

Royal Holloway Passport Award

At Royal Holloway, you not only gain skills and experience from your extra-curricular activities, you can also earn ‘Passport’ points. The Passport Award scheme is a skills award that officially recognises the achievements and contributions you make beyond your academic accomplishments. Involvement in Passport point-earning activities helps you develop vital workplace skills. There are over 250 activities, including positions within the Students’ Union, volunteering, part-time work and a range of skills and employability workshops. A key element of the award is a completion session where our staff help you to reflect on the skills you have developed and learn how to articulate them to potential employers. Every student is automatically enrolled in the scheme and you need 100 points to gain the award.

Unsurprisingly, Royal Holloway graduates are highly employable and we have earned a reputation as a place where capable, thoughtful and creative people blossom.

90% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
“The Careers & Employability Service has helped me in so many ways. They’ve given me confidence in interviews and helped me remain calm about my future by outlining all the wonderful possibilities ahead. The interview workshop I went to really helped me land a job here as Senior Student Ambassador as I went in feeling confident and prepared for what was an intense interview.

My course had a placement scheme so I had an amazing opportunity to get work experience in the classified department at Condé Nast. I was given lots of support for writing my CV and for the interview. It turned out to be such an incredible experience and I wouldn’t have had the chance to do it if it wasn’t for my placement officer who worked so hard to find me the perfect opportunity.

The careers support I’ve had at Royal Holloway has helped me realise the future isn’t something to fear, it’s something to be excited about and that it’s ok to have more than one plan. When I finished my undergraduate degree I was able to go on to a Masters by Research in Comparative Literature and Culture and hope to enter a graduate scheme in advertising or travel and tourism next.”

Sophia, BA Comparative Literature and Culture
Your study at Royal Holloway

“You get an intimate teaching experience at Royal Holloway. As a smaller university it’s much easier to be in contact with your lecturers and you benefit from one-to-one guidance. There’s also real flexibility on offer, and I’ve been able to concentrate on studying what really interests me. Lectures are a great chance to hear from experts at the top of their field and I love the fact they’re currently doing their own research, it’s so motivating. Seminars are much smaller so you have the chance to talk about things in much more depth and get answers immediately. There’s loads of support available, like introductory lectures in the first few weeks and you’re also assigned to a personal advisor. Mine was really friendly and made it clear I could go to them with anything, not just academic support.”

Emily, BA Modern History and Politics
Study styles

What to expect when you study at Royal Holloway as an undergraduate

Type of degrees on offer
Undergraduates can choose to study one of eight types of degree:
1. Bachelor of Arts (BA)
2. Bachelor of Science (BSc)
3. Bachelor of Science (Economics) (BSc (Econ))
4. Bachelor of Music (BMus)
5. Bachelor of Law (LLB)
6. Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)
7. Master of Science (MSci)
8. Master of Engineering (MEng)

Most degree programmes last for three years but some subjects require a fourth year which is spent studying overseas, for instance on Modern Languages degrees. Our Master of Science and Master of Engineering degrees are four year courses.

Some degrees offer a year in industry, adding on an extra year to your studies, or the chance to gain hands-on experience as part of our award-winning micro-placement schemes. Both are an excellent opportunity to gain relevant work experience and acquire skills that can only be fully picked up in a work environment. It also allows you to develop a better appreciation of how what you’ve learned relates to real-world problems and to put into practice the techniques that you will have been taught.

See next page for more information on the opportunities available to you.

Style of teaching
Creative student-centred learning is at the heart of our teaching style at Royal Holloway and as an undergraduate student you will have the chance to learn from and engage with experts in their field. You’ll be taught by a range of teaching staff – from Professors to Teaching Fellows and Post-doctoral researchers to PhD students. They draw on their knowledge and hands-on experience to deliver high-quality research-informed programmes.

Our teaching is delivered in a number of ways, including opportunities for peer-led and practice-based learning. This includes:

- lectures: where the teacher presents and analyses information in front of a large group of students
- seminars, classes and workshops: interactive sessions led by the teacher to a smaller group of people
- practicals: conducted in science-based subjects so students can gain hands-on experience of what’s being taught
- field/study trips: a chance to develop interests and knowledge off-campus by applying what has been learned in class.

Outside of the lecture room or laboratory you’ll need to conduct your own research during private study time as well as complete a range of coursework which will equip you with skills for the future, from essays, dissertations and lab reports to presentations, podcasts and blogs.

Help make a difference in the world

LEARN DIRECTLY FROM WORLD EXPERTS WITH OUR FOCUS ON RESEARCH-LED TEACHING
What you can expect from us

Our strategy for making sure you get the most from your degree

Your academic experience at Royal Holloway is underpinned by a clear set of principles that enable you to succeed in your degree, and benefit from our research and teaching expertise. They are born of our commitment to place our students at the heart of all we do, and to inspire you to succeed.

But these principles don’t just inform everything we put in place to teach your degree. They also mean we’ll make available to you, and every one of our students, other opportunities to get the maximum you can from your time with us, by enhancing your employability and life experience as a direct part of your studies. This might be through opting to take an extra year spent working in industry, enterprise or voluntary work – or a combination of all of these!

Or it might be choosing to study an extra course unit from another academic department or a specially-developed one that brings disciplines together on a theme, designed to broaden your outlook and discover even more, beyond the boundaries of your degree subject.

As well as our excellent personal support approach and package of career-enhancing opportunities, all this combines to deliver a powerful and purposeful Royal Holloway experience.
Study facilities

Our state-of-the-art facilities and friendly staff will help you get the most out of your studies.

With a large part of your academic life spent in self-directed study you will almost certainly be making firm friends with the university library, both on- and off-line.

The Emily Wilding Davison Building

Our new library is located within the flagship Emily Wilding Davison Building, which is at the heart of our campus and was opened in September 2017 by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal.

Everything about the library was created with your ambitions in mind. Available 24/7 nearly all year round, there is plenty of space to learn with more than 1,250 study seats and different zones to accommodate every type of study: silent, social, creative and collaborative. You can easily and quickly access all the current reading list materials and browse and borrow from our extensive book and journal collection. You can’t fail to feel inspired with study spaces offering views of the impressive Founder’s Building and the beautiful Surrey countryside.

Presented with such a vast array of books and research materials, available at the click of a mouse or the perusal of a thumb, you might, at first, feel a little overwhelmed. To help make things easier and to assist you with your essays, dissertation and project work, we offer library skills and IT training to develop your on- and off-line skills in basic searching right through to advanced research techniques.

As well as housing the library, the Emily Wilding Davison Building is also where you can immediately access all the non-academic support and guidance you need to succeed, including Student Services, Careers & Employability, a bank, shop, exhibition space and café. The building is named after one of Britain’s most famous suffragettes, and Royal Holloway alumna, Emily Wilding Davison. Around 1,000 students, staff and alumni helped to choose the name.

Other areas for study

The original and historic Victorian Reading Room in the Founder’s Building will continue to play an integral part of our library service providing further study spaces. Additionally, every Royal Holloway student has access to all the other libraries within the University of London, including Senate House Library, in central London. Within its walls, you’ll find Arts, Humanities and Social Science research collections and special collections giving you access to millions of books and journals.
The science building

Our new science building, due to open in late 2018, will be a high quality, technology-led building available for all students and staff. It will also be home to the Department of Electronic Engineering. Creative working is at the core of the design and as well as a state-of-the-art lecture theatre, seminar rooms and laboratories, dedicated teaching and research areas, there will also be collaborative working spaces throughout.

The creative learning suites will support the project-based learning process starting with a creative thinking space to come up with new ideas, an electronic laboratory to build circuits and a fabrication laboratory to create a prototype final product. See p.110.
We know you want to feel confident studying at university which is why we provide academic support from the day you arrive until you graduate.

The transition from sixth form to university is a big life-step. There are new people to befriend as well as a new way of living, working and studying, away from established support networks. All of this can be a challenge to take in at once. We offer a number of initiatives to ensure your first year of studying is successful. Our peer guidance scheme exists to help you adapt. During your first week with us, you will be introduced to your Peer Guide. A fellow student, specifically selected and trained for the role, a Peer Guide is there to offer informal, non-judgmental support and advice about being a Royal Holloway student. You will also be assigned to a Personal Tutor, a member of staff in your academic department, in case you should need someone to turn to for advice about personal and practical matters or your academic progress.

Reaching your potential
When it comes to queries of a purely academic nature, support comes in the form of the Centre for the Development of Academic Skills (CeDAS). CeDAS is there to help you reach your full academic potential, whether that's through a workshop that introduces you to a crucial academic skill, a session in your department that focuses on writing in your discipline, a course that develops your confidence and competence in academic English, or 1:1 advice from an expert to help you master a stats technique, guide you on a maths problem, or sharpen your academic writing skills. CeDAS also runs drop-ins as well as writing mentor schemes, where you can get friendly advice from student mentors who love to help.

International and EU students
For international or EU students, adapting to university life can be particularly challenging, especially if English is not your first language. If this applies to you, we offer pre-sessional English language programmes to help build your confidence in your use of English in an academic setting. The programmes run before the start of the academic year and last for either 12, eight or four weeks, depending on your proficiency in English and the level required for your degree course. Visit our website for more information on how to apply.

“Royal Holloway is a really friendly place and somewhere that has really pushed me to become a better student. There is so much support available. I’ve used the CeDAS service, which has really improved my work. I attended a series of workshops which really helped. I felt I was struggling with clarity as I can get a bit carried away when I’m writing but the support I’ve received has really given my writing structure and given me more confidence. I’ve been able to organise my thoughts more clearly. Everyone has been really helpful and I’ve taken a lot from the support I’ve been given.”

Olivia, BA English
Studying abroad is an excellent opportunity to promote a better understanding of your degree and it’s a great way to discover the world and your personal potential. Best of all, it’s available to all our undergraduate students for either one summer or a full academic year.

Students can choose from a number of worldwide partner institutions under our International Exchange programme. For the full list visit royalholloway.ac.uk/studyabroadandexchanges

There are many benefits to international study, including:
- increased independence and self-confidence
- widened network of friends and contacts
- better overall knowledge and understanding of your subject
- experience of another culture
- potential to improve language skills

There is a competitive selection process. Exchange students act as ambassadors for Royal Holloway and we look for students who are academically able and culturally adaptable – people who will derive maximum benefit from a year abroad.

Degree programmes with a year abroad as a formal requirement

Some degrees have a year abroad as a formal requirement, making your course a four-year degree programme. We offer a range of courses with a formal year abroad. Check out the individual department pages later in the prospectus for more information on these programmes.

European student exchange with Erasmus+

Royal Holloway students can spend a year at one of our partner European universities as part of the Erasmus+ programme. Your time abroad is an integral part of your studies and counts towards your degree. You may be able to receive a grant to help with the costs.

Students of the following departments can take advantage of the Erasmus+ programme:
- Classics: The Netherlands, Greece, Austria, France
- Computer Science: Italy
- Drama & Theatre: Ireland
- Economics: Italy
- European Studies: France, Italy
- History: France, Germany, Norway, Hungary
- Liberal Arts: Denmark
- Management: France, Sweden
- Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures: Belgium, France, Austria, Germany, Spain, Italy
- Music: Ireland, The Netherlands
- Physics: Denmark

*List correct at January 2018. Following the UK’s decision to leave the European Union, students from UK universities will be able to participate in Erasmus+ until the end of 2020. See our website for future updates on the programme.

Overseas summer school

If you can’t commit to spending a year abroad, a summer school in Mexico, China or Korea can provide a good taster of what it’s like to study overseas.
What you need to know
Managing your finances

Budgeting is vital to any student and you’ll need to think about tuition fees, living costs and available financial support ahead of going to university.

Before you start your degree it’s important you understand the costs involved in living and studying as a student of the university. How much should you budget for social life, food, books, transport and accommodation? Also, what assistance is there available to help you cover these costs? The following information is designed to offer you guidance but how much you choose to spend, tuition fees aside, is ultimately down to your needs and lifestyle.

Let’s start with tuition fees. Each year you will be charged an annual tuition fee. The tuition fee for 2018/19 will be £9,250. If you’re a student from the EU, the UK Government has confirmed that if you start your undergraduate degree in 2018 you will pay the same as UK students for the duration of your degree. At the time of writing, it is not yet known what tuition fees will be for 2019 entry, so we advise you to visit our website for the latest information.

If you spend a year studying abroad or working in industry then this will carry a different fee. Fees for international students also vary depending on your chosen degree. Further details on fees can be found on our website.

In terms of living costs (that’s accommodation, food, personal expenses, study-related costs like books and some travel expenditure) we estimate a single person will likely spend between £7,000-£10,000 over the academic year. See below for the breakdown in more detail. International students will also need to take into account various settling-in expenses such as travel to and within the UK, travel and health insurance and visas.

Financial support

The good news is that there is a range of financial support on offer to help you cover the costs. Tuition fee loans for UK students mean that you don’t have to pay for your degree upfront and they are currently only repaid once you have graduated and are earning over £21,000 a year. This is due to increase to £25,000 from April 2018. Eligibility for tuition fee loans for EU students will be dependent on Government policy.

Maintenance loans, for UK students only, can help with living costs such as food, accommodation and travel. Students with a disability, those with dependants, those in receipt of certain means-tested benefits and care leavers may also benefit from additional help. For further details visit gov.uk/student-finance

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

- **60%** Accommodation
  38 weeks in a hall of residence costs on average £3,500–£6,600 a year.

- **16%** Food
  Expect to spend around £40–£60 a week on basics.

- **5%** Transport
  If you live locally to campus, with the occasional trip to London, this could cost you around £20 a week/£600 a year, more if you live further afield.

- **16%** Social Life
  You’ll probably spend £50 a week on average, depending on what you like doing.

- **3%** Books
  Anything from £300–£450 a year, depending on your field and type of study. Try buying second-hand and using the libraries to save cash.

*All figures shown on this page are estimates, please refer to our website*
“Before I came to university it was really daunting to think about how I’d manage money. I just thought ‘I’m going to get a lump sum and I’ve somehow got to work out how to make that last.’ I work out what things I need to spend money on every day and check my bank balance weekly to make sure I’m not overspending and keep a close track on what I spend. I’ve also found it’s really easy to walk everywhere, you don’t have to get taxis. It’s important to make sure you’re spending money only on essentials.

But it is important to treat yourself every now and again and if you’re efficient on everything else you will have a little bit left. Living in self-catering isn’t as terrifying as I thought it might be although I’ve discovered that cheese is surprisingly expensive. It’s easy to be tempted to get takeaways but you just have to be strict with yourself. The reduced section in Tesco is a life-saver!”

Alistair, MSci Physics
Scholarships

We offer a generous package of scholarships and bursaries to help with the costs of university.

Our range of scholarships and bursaries can provide financial support such as tuition fee waivers or a contribution to living costs. Our bursaries are awarded to students from lower income backgrounds or care leavers while our scholarships are either merit-based or awarded automatically, depending on your chosen degree. We review and update our scholarships each year but an overview of what is usually available is provided below. For details on our current selection of scholarships and bursaries, as well as how to apply, please see our website.

**Academic success scholarships**

If you’re a high-flying student you should consider applying for one of our merit-based scholarships. Scholarships in 2018 included our Future Leaders and Reed Innovation scholarships.

**Scholarships for international students**

We offer a range of scholarships to students joining us from outside the UK or the European Union. In 2018, these included the International Excellence Scholarship and our Global Scholarships Programme.

**Department scholarships**

Some of our academic departments offer specific scholarships based on academic success, including Computer Science and Electronic Engineering. Visit our website for details.

**Music scholarships**

If you play a musical instrument or sing, we offer choral, organ, instrumental or music scholarships. You do not need to be studying music to apply for one of these scholarships.

**Sports scholarships**

For those who excel on the sports field and who show international potential we offer four types of sports scholarships (World Class, Elite, Performance and International).

**Bursaries**

Our bursaries provide financial support to students from lower income backgrounds and care leavers, so that the cost of university is less of a barrier to education.

“I was elated to receive the scholarship. I feel much more relaxed when it comes to the financial requirements of living and studying in the UK and it means I can devote more focus on my studies, ensuring I am able to excel and fulfil my ambitions. There was also a lot of relief and reassurance that I would be able to survive in a university environment, since I’d been able to compete with others to win the scholarship. I’d advise future students to go for it, let your own flair show in your statement.”

**Xian, BA History**

**International Excellence Scholarship**
Choosing your degree

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“Through studying Classics at Royal Holloway, I have had the incredible opportunity to work with one of my lecturers at archaeological excavations in Sardis, Turkey, examining food remains that can reveal what people were eating in the city thousands of years ago.”

Charlotte
BA Classical Studies

Classics at Royal Holloway
The Department of Classics at Royal Holloway will expose you to new ideas, as you question a wide range of evidence in its ancient context. Linguists, historians and archaeologists work side by side, united by a fascination with the ancient world.

- 98% of our research is world-leading, internationally excellent or internationally recognised (REF, 2014).
- Be part of a department where you are known by name. We pride ourselves on offering a genuinely personal and individual approach.
- As well as on-campus collections, you will have access to the Senate House library in central London and to the world-renowned Institute of Classical Studies library.

93% OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION (NSS, 2017)

3rd IN THE UK FOR SATISFACTION WITH TEACHING (Guardian University Guide, 2018)

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Your future career

• All our degrees comprise a combination of subject areas, giving you valuable experience and skills in a range of particular disciplines, which make you especially versatile and attractive to employers.

• Many of our programmes give you the opportunity to enhance your experience with overseas field study or even a year at an overseas university.

• We have a skills course embedded into our first-year curriculum, designed to enhance academic and personal transferable skills.

• In your second year you can compete for a selection of short-term work placements in a broad range of fields, in the first such scheme in a UK Classics department.

• Recent graduates have gone into roles such as Corporate Account Manager and Publishing Assistant for companies such as KPMG and Wiley Publishing, as well as into further study and teaching roles.

89% of our graduates are employed or go onto further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
Example modules

• Studying classical antiquity
• Beginners' Greek
• Ovid (in translation)
• Perspectives on Roman Britain
• Augustus

Key features

• Optional language modules in Greek or Latin.
• Analyse the cultural, social and political contexts of the ancient world.
• Many joint honours options with other subjects including Drama or English.
• Projects could involve artefactual reconstructions.
• Opportunities to study abroad, including Greece or Italy.

BA Ancient History

V110

Ancient History offers the opportunity to study the history of Greece and Rome in the classical period (600 BC to AD 700). Over three years you will delve into the politics, events and developments underpinning our understanding of many aspects of historical societies and, indeed, our own culture.

Example modules

• Greek history and the city state
• Rome and its empire from Augustus to Commodus
• Greek History to 322 BC
• Gender in classical antiquity
• Cinema and classics

Key features

• Explore key themes and problems such as the rise, decline and fall of Empires.
• Opportunities to study archaeology, literature, philosophy and language.
• Develop your research and reasoning skills.
• Choose to specialise in Greek or Roman history, or both.
• Assessment by written exams and coursework.

BA Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

VV41

Study the politics, events and developments of ancient Greece and Rome in the classical period (600 BC to AD 700), with an emphasis on the art, relics and everyday items that the ancients left behind.

Example modules

• Greek history to 322 BC
• Introduction to Roman archaeology
• The built environment in classical antiquity
• City of Athens
• Architecture of ancient Italy and Sicily

Key features

• Focus on major sites such as Athens and Rome.
• Combine study of two major disciplines: history and archaeology.
• Gain experience of interpreting literary, material and visual sources.
• An introduction to the languages, Greek and Latin.
• Excellent skills for a career in heritage or archaeology.
BA Latin
Q600
With half your time devoted to studying and reading original texts, this course is designed to develop Latin language skills beyond your already advanced level. You will become a specialist in the language of the ancient Romans, with options to explore Roman politics, economics or gender issues.

Example modules
• Latin language and reading
• Latin on the edge
• Virgil (in translation)
• Tacitus on being Roman
• Ovid’s Metamorphoses – art and power in Augustan Rome

Key features
• Add depth to your studies with modules in ancient philosophy, history and archaeology.
• Studying Latin gives you a rich and varied vocabulary, useful for all careers.
• Develop analytical and verbal reasoning skills.
• Study original artefacts as well as literature.
• Opportunity to add Greek into your skillset too.

BA Greek
Q700
Learning classical Greek provides insights not only into ancient culture, but also into the workings of language in general. You will develop your linguistic skills by focusing on the study of Greek texts and artefacts, alongside modules in ancient philosophy and history.

Example modules
• Greek literature
• Homer (in translation)
• Aspects of modern Greek language and culture
• Greek law and lawcourts
• Greek erotic poetry (in Greek)

Key features
• Become a specialist in both the language and literature of the ancient Greeks.
• Half of your course focuses solely on developing your language skills.
• Study texts’ social, cultural and historical contexts.
• Gain analytical, communication and reasoning skills.
• Enhance your language skills by learning Latin too.

“I have always enjoyed the refreshing diversity of Classics as a discipline: from the literary production, languages, and philosophy to the material culture and history of the Greek and Roman world over a period of several centuries; one never stops learning. I have always found it exciting that we can look to the Classical past in order to understand the present: theatre, politics, democracy, logic, the art and practice of public speaking, all trace their origins to Classical Greece and give us profound insights into the 21st century societies we live in.

For my current research project I have been examining strategies of rhetorical deception in speeches from the law courts of Classical Athens. Speakers often caution against the deception that their opponents are going to engage in, but occasionally it becomes clear that it is the speakers themselves who are trying to pull a fast one. So, what I am trying to identify is how speakers manipulated stories, facts, and logical arguments in order to win their cases.

As my research feeds into my teaching, I believe that it helps students become more critical listeners, more aware of the art of rhetoric, more able to formulate persuasive arguments. My hope is that they will also become more critical, responsible, engaged democratic citizens.

My why is to better understand the classical past in order to inform the present and inspire the future.”

Dr Christos Kremmydas
Reader in Greek History

Find your why...
Drama, Theatre and Dance at Royal Holloway

With world experts covering a wide range of approaches to performing arts, a degree in Drama or Dance at Royal Holloway offers far more than actor or dancer-training; it is a broad and intensive education in arts and culture.

- You have the best of both worlds. Be part of an exceptionally creative campus with a vibrant cultural scene and easy access to London, one of the most vibrant theatre cities of the world, allowing key contemporary theatre makers to contribute to your learning.
- The Student Workshop, our own drama society, performs up to nine productions a year, as well as presenting workshops with leading UK theatre companies and hosting popular socials.
- Perform and learn in the Caryl Churchill Theatre, a fully-equipped 178-seat studio theatre; the Boilerhouse, an atmospheric ‘found’ space which was Royal Holloway’s 19th-century boiler-room; and our Handa Noh Theatre, Europe’s only permanently-standing Japanese Noh stage.

“...that attracted me to Royal Holloway. It’s fantastic to be able to perform in a space like the Caryl Churchill Theatre, and the studios provide us with plenty of room for productive and creative rehearsals.”

Jess
BA Drama and Theatre Studies
49 of our graduates are employed or go onto further study within six months of graduating.* *(DLHE, 2017)

Your future career

- We’re committed to helping you enhance your employability and prepare for the choices ahead.
- We offer a number of work placements each year, and organise specialist training workshops for you. Recent workshops have included CV writing for industry, and acting for TV.
- We host an annual Hobnob Night, a student-organised networking event and a fantastic chance to meet and quiz a group of around 20 alumni who have gone on to great success in their careers.
- A degree in Drama and Theatre not only gives you the directly relevant knowledge to enter the creative sector, but also a range of valuable transferable skills, lending itself to roles in a diverse range of careers.
- Our graduates are now working as producers, directors, arts officers and advertising and marketing executives. Many of our alumni also start up their own companies or develop freelance careers as teachers or actors.
- Recent graduate destinations range from Events and Marketing Assistant for Poet in the City to Office Runner working on BBC’s Eastenders.

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BA Drama and Theatre Studies
W440
By studying Drama and Theatre Studies, you will find your place as an informed theatre-maker – creating performances, analysing and critiquing texts. You will focus on how practice and theory complement and inform each other, shedding light on how storytelling and meaning-making vary over time and across cultures.

Example modules
• Theatre and performance-making
• Theatre and culture
• Theatre directing
• The idea of the musical
• Love, gender and sexuality on stage and screen

Key features
• Gain insight into the theatre industry as well as theory.
• Consider contemporary British theatre, international and intercultural performance.
• Learn about theatre history and politics.
• Go beyond drama with dance, physical theatre, and contemporary performance practices.
• Links with organisations such as the National Theatre, Royal Court and Tate Modern.

Drama & Creative Writing
WW48
By combining Creative Writing and Drama, you’ll gain a deeper understanding of how theatre performance and creative writing interact, ideal for those choosing the Creative Writing Playwriting specialism. You will enhance your performance skills, considering how wider contexts shape theatre and find your voice as a writer.

Example modules
• Creative writing special focus
• Creative writing: playwriting
• Theatre and performance-making
• Contemporary British theatre
• Ideas of gender and sexuality

Key features
• Complementary disciplines for the aspiring playwright.
• Explore creative skills including dance or puppetry.
• Assessment through performance and coursework.
• Specialise in different literary forms: poetry, playwriting or fiction.
• Build a portfolio, creating, critiquing and shaping your own artistic work.

BA Drama & Dance
WW45
Studying Drama and Dance will give you the skills to master your physical performance. You will gain increased awareness of your body through dance, allowing you to add depth to character as you consider qualities such as posture and gait, while your acting skills will help you create believable characters through dance.

Example modules
• Theatre and performance-making
• Dance technique and composition
• Physical theatre
• Dance repertory and repertoires
• Devising

Key features
• Practical dance and drama skills grounded in a strong theoretical basis.
• Reflect critically on your own performances.
• Work with specialists across both disciplines.
• Gain valuable analytical, research and project management skills.
• Be close to London’s theatres and practitioners.

BA Drama with Film
W4W6
By studying film alongside drama, you will gain performance skills as well as a grounding in movie and theatre theory, developing your ability to critique texts, performances and ideas. Working with professionals, you will gain a solid knowledge of the theatre and film industries and develop your own interests.

Example modules
• Film, television and digital histories
• Acting for the camera
• Film theory – Hitchcock and point of view
• Love, gender and sexuality on stage and screen
• Adapting Shakespeare on film

Key features
• Film studies makes up a quarter of your course.
• Study a range of practices, from physical theatre to contemporary British theatre.
• Be part of two complementary departments with a creative focus on interdisciplinarity.
• Reflect critically on performance and write film reviews.
• Contrast performance techniques for stage and screen.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year.
Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Drama, Theatre and Dance.
Picking up the threads of forgotten performers

“Through my current research I’m looking at unrecognised, marginalised or lost dancers who do not really feature in the pages of dance history as celebrity dancers – I am picking up threads that do not necessarily feature in the centrepiece of a tapestry of history but rather appear at the frayed edges of that tapestry.

During the high tide of the British Empire, certain ‘native’ or ‘exotic’ bodies were transported from the Indian sub-continent into Britain and placed as live human exhibits in the Empire’s exhibitions. I’m interested in the ways in which these ‘native’ bodies were used, appropriated and displayed for the interest of a western colonial imagination. Some of those displayed were street performers, and some were even prisoners or inmates of jails. Indian dance and Indian culture was reimagined by a British audience through these racially suppressed bodies.

But these seemingly unimportant figures that the archives have chosen to forget, or dancers who have been pushed aside because they were nobodies, actually help to ask and answer really important questions about the ways in which culture was produced and consumed during the British Empire.

My why is to look at dance and choreography as a means through which we can have a more nuanced view of history and our place within it.”

Dr Prarthana Purkayastha
Senior Lecturer in Dance

Drama with Philosophy
W4V5

Drama is the major element of this degree, alongside Philosophy. In Drama, you will improve your performance skills, experiment with a range of practices and consider how theatre varies across cultures – while the addition of Philosophy will add to your skillset, teaching you how to critique ideas and form arguments.

Example modules
• Theatre and culture
• Mind and consciousness
• Ideas of knowledge and the body
• Aesthetics of anxiety
• Practical ethics

Key features
• Philosophy makes up one quarter of your degree.
• A choice of Drama modules, including some that encompass film and dance.
• A variety of Philosophy modules, from ‘Aesthetics and morals’ to ‘The self and others.’
• Assessment by coursework, performance and written exams.
• Explore how both mind and body work together.
English at Royal Holloway

Whether you have a passion for English, American or ‘world’ literature, you can choose from a diverse and extensive range of courses covering literatures across time and space at Royal Holloway; you can debate cutting-edge ideas in the field, and even, if you wish, pursue your own creative writing.

• Sample a range of genres and periods in your first year, including contemporary ‘world’ literatures, Shakespeare and medieval poetry. Build on this strong foundation in your second and final years, following your own interests and choosing from a huge range of options.

• You will be taught by nationally and internationally known scholars, who talk and write in national media, or advise organisations such as the Globe Theatre, as well as prize-winning authors.

• Our teaching is informed by the latest developments in the discipline, advanced by our own academics’ research projects, giving them a global reputation for excellence.

“I love studying English at Royal Holloway. The course provides innovative ways of approaching both traditional and contemporary literature. The staff are really supportive and available too, whether for essay feedback or just a chat about interesting ideas.”

Lydia
BA English

English

7th IN THE UK FOR CREATIVE WRITING
(Times Good University Guide, 2018)

7th HIGHEST EARNING ENGLISH GRADUATES
(Longitudinal Education Outcomes, 2017 median earnings after five years, Great Britain)

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Your future career

- We place great emphasis on helping you unlock the skills with which your studies and experiences are equipping you for your future. We run an award-winning work placement scheme for students in their second year and have placed students with the Daily Telegraph, Press Association, literary agencies, publishers and media companies in London. You will also get training in interview technique and producing a good CV.
- Alumni of the English department have gone on to work in sectors such as law, journalism, business analysis, publishing, teaching, investment banking and website development. Many graduates also go on to further study or pursue a career in creative writing.
- Recent graduates have started their careers at employers ranging from Midas Public Relations, Whitbread and the Natural History Museum.

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Required subject: English at A-level, Higher level IB or equivalent.

* ✓ denotes an optional year abroad. ✓✓ denotes an integrated year abroad. See p.37 for more details.
** Required Higher level grades with a minimum of 32 points overall.

For Joint programmes, other requirements may apply, see other department’s page for full details.
We welcome applications from students taking additional school or college qualifications, including the EPQ. See p.134.
For advice for applicants from a diverse and/or non-traditional background, see p.135.
For A-level qualification equivalencies for each course, including BTEC, please refer to our website.

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BA English Q300

From Beowulf to the Booker Prize, choose course options crossing time periods and continents. Whether you are into the contemporary, historical or even quirky, follow your interests under the guidance of leading experts in all three years. Deepen your knowledge of classic writers, discover new authors or develop your own creative writing as part of this flexible programme.

Example modules
- Reorienting the novel
- Special author project – the Brontës
- Children’s literature
- Creative writing – structure and style
- Rewriting mythologies in 20th-century literature

Key features
- Study the whole range of English literature.
- Develop your skills in analysis, research, argument and writing.
- Opportunity for placements at, for example, Penguin, Press Association and BBC.
- Flexible, with no core modules and over 40 modules in years two and three.
- Graduate destinations include publishing, law, teaching, PR and journalism.

BA English & Drama QW34

With English and Drama, you will study literature from many historical periods in the context of cutting-edge ideas, develop performance skills and critically engage with texts from both disciplines. A wide array of modules means that you could study everything from Shakespeare to Stanislavski or science fiction to Japanese Noh Theatre.

Example modules
- Shakespeare from page to stage
- Theatre and performance-making
- British drama from Shaw to Priestly
- The birth of experimental theatre
- Early modern bodies

Key features
- Unique, integrated joint degree.
- Consider contemporary British theatre, physical theatre and theatre history.
- Work experience links, from publishers to arts agencies.
- Assessment by coursework, performance and presentations.
- English & Drama students taught together for dedicated link courses.

BA English & Creative Writing QW38

Leading international writers and critics will help you to become an informed and critical reader and a confident and expressive writer. Studying English will allow you to place your creative writing within a wider cultural context of literature, acquiring understanding of significant periods, writers and genres, which will in turn shape your own creative work.

Example modules
- Why write? The history and theory of creative writing
- Drama and witchcraft, 1576 to 1642
- Creative writing: fiction, poetry or playwriting
- Special author project – Oscar Wilde
- Creative writing: writing for children/young adults

Key features
- Writing practice at the heart of your learning experience.
- Taught by high-profile, award-winning writers.
- Create and shape artistic work – ideal skills for a career in media or publishing.
- Choose one of three distinct pathways: fiction, poetry, or playwriting.
- Access to a thriving culture of creative writing.

BA English & History QV31

From the Victorians to modern Britain, Chaucer to Dickens, studying English and History allows you to reflect upon the relationship between literature and its historical contexts. You will be taught by staff at the forefront of both subjects, with international reputations as scholars and critics.

Example modules
- Love, honour, obey: literature 1525–1670
- Tolkien’s roots
- Public history
- Rome to Renaissance – an introduction to the Middle Ages
- The history and historiography of the Holocaust

Key features
- Over 40 options across all areas of literature in your second and third years.
- Study the ancient, medieval and modern worlds. Follow your passions – no compulsory modules in your third year.
- Choice of modules that incorporate visual art and cinema.
- Opportunities for placement at, for example, The Telegraph or BBC.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in English.
Literature across the Atlantic

“At the moment, I’m doing a research project about the publication of American literature in Britain in the mid-19th century, so I am really interested in the intersections between the development of a distinct national tradition of American writing and a cross-cultural exchange between Britain and America.

One of the things I really like about doing my research as part of the Royal Holloway academic community is that I get to have conversations across the national divide. A lot of my colleagues in the English department work on British Victorian literature so it’s really useful to talk to them about what I’m thinking about American literature and how it applies to their work.

The fact that we teach British and American literature alongside one another means I’m always thinking about these transatlantic differences, similarities and exchanges.

The idea of the national culture as something that emerges through cross-cultural transactions is something that’s particularly important at this moment in time when politically and culturally a lot of people are re-evaluating what it means to belong to a national community politically and culturally.

My why is to encourage people to look again at the idea of national culture. We need to acknowledge, and not be afraid of, the fact that people, nations and cultures have been globally interconnected for a long time.”

Dr Katie McGettigan
Lecturer in American Literature

BA English & American Literature QT37

Explore the distinct but interrelated literary traditions of two nations and cultures spanning five centuries, from the early 1600s to the present day. You’ll be exposed to a wide variety of English and American Literature, from poetry to satire.

Example modules

- Introducing America, 1600 to 1900
- Dark reform: scandal and satire in American arts
- Debates in literary and critical theory
- The great American novella
- American gothic

Key features

- Gain a grounding in two distinct literary cultures.
- Specific American literature centred core modules.
- Take American history and film modules outside of English.
- Teachers include prize-winning American novelists, Ben Markovits and Douglas Cowie.
- The opportunity to study in the USA for one year.

BA American Literature & Creative Writing Q324

By combining your interest in American literature with your passion for writing, your own creative work will benefit from your understanding of a distinctively American literary style and tradition.

Example modules

- The American century: literature 1900 to 2000.
- Introduction to creative writing
- American gothic
- Creative writing: fiction, poetry or playwriting
- Literatures of Chicago

Key features

- Critique texts considering literary devices such as form, genre and periodisation.
- A range of literature modules from poetry to novels.
- You can specialise as a poet, playwright or author of fiction.
- Be taught by world-renowned American authors.
- The chance to spend a year at a university in the USA.
History at Royal Holloway

- Our academic staff are leading experts in their fields, enjoying an international reputation and a high media profile. You will work with them from your very first term, and your teaching will be informed by their top-rated and excellent research.

- Although we are one of the largest History departments in the country, you will be treated as an individual and become part of a friendly and supportive community. We are proud to have the highest student satisfaction score of all History departments in the prestigious University of London (NSS, 2017).

- From our remarkably broad range of compelling courses, you will have the maximum flexibility to pursue your own interests, including the option to take intercollegiate History courses at other University of London Colleges such as UCL or King’s.

- We help you to construct a coherent degree programme that provides a sense of the development of societies and institutions over time.

“The lecturers here are so friendly and the course has allowed me to explore such a wide range of new topics. I love using the university archives to help me find unique sources for academic work, as well as for my own personal interest in Royal Holloway’s history.”

Elena
BA History

Elena in the College Archives, housed on campus
Your future career

• As well as a great love of the subject, History students also develop essential skills of analysis, argument and communication – all highly valued in today’s increasingly globalised and competitive employment market.

• By training you to understand and respect other values and cultures, you will be ideally placed to develop insights and make decisions based on multi-layered understandings of how international systems and domestic social, economic and cultural factors operate and interconnect.

• History alumni are working in careers as varied as the law, journalism, business analysis, publishing, marketing and public relations, finance, teaching, museums and archives, media and government.

• Recent graduates have secured a wide variety of positions including Reporter at Jewish Chronicle, Civil Service Fast Stream, Data Analyst at Ernst & Young and General Assistant at English Heritage.

93% of our graduates are employed or go onto further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
Example modules
- Rome to Renaissance: an introduction to the Middle Ages
- History of the British Empire, 1763 to 1900
- Dragon ladies? Society, politics and gender in modern China
- History and historiography of the Holocaust

Key features
- Learn in small teaching groups from the start.
- Develop analytical and communication skills.
- Assessed through coursework and written exams.
- Become involved in our world-leading research centres, such as the Holocaust Research Institute.
- Graduate destinations include museum curators, law and marketing.

Example modules
- Greek history and the city state
- Introduction to ancient philosophy
- London urban society, 1400 to 1600
- The origins and impact of the Second Crusade
- Alexander the Great

Key features
- Assessed by a combination of coursework and exams.
- Develop analytical, research and communication skills.
- Choose a combination of ancient and medieval topics to suit your interests.
- Explore the emergence of democracy and the rise, decline and fall of empires.
- Opportunities to study abroad as part of your degree.

Example modules
- Public history
- The Victorians: British history, 1837–1901
- Modern Delhi: from Mughals to megacity
- Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement
- The Vietnam War

Key features
- Develop research, communication and analytical skills.
- Contribute to the field through your own research projects.
- Become involved in our leading research centres.
- Knowledge of modern history and policy is valued by the civil service, government, think-tanks and lobbyists.
- Opportunities to study abroad as part of your degree.

Example modules
- Introduction to politics and government
- New worlds, lost worlds: the Tudor monarchy 1485 to 1603
- The politics of post-war Europe, 1945-2000
- War and security in world politics
- Malcolm X and African-American Islam

Key features
- Develop research, communication and analytical skills.
- Gain expertise in medieval and modern history.
- Study democratisation, foreign policy-making, human migration or human rights.
- Work with academics in leading research centres, such as the Centre for South Asian Studies
- Pursue your interests with a wide choice of modules.
BA Modern Languages & History
RV91

Learning a language complements studying history beautifully, enabling you to interrogate a wide variety of historical sources. This four-year programme will satisfy your curiosity of the past, enhance your understanding of specific periods and give you the opportunity to gain fluency in French, German, Italian or Spanish.

**Example modules**
- History and meanings
- Introduction to translation – professional skills
- French history through film
- Union and emancipation: the American Civil War
- Narrative and identity – the German novel

**Key features**
- You’ll be taught your language by native speakers.
- Combine linguistic proficiency with historical perspectives.
- Immerse yourself in the culture of your chosen language during your year abroad.
- Explore historical topics, from the ancient through to the modern.
- Take optional modules in film, theatre and visual arts.

BA History & Philosophy
VV51

By studying History and Philosophy together, you’ll gain a broad understanding of historical periods from the ancient world right up to more contemporary events and issues. You’ll think critically about some of life’s biggest questions and consider how we understand our relationship to our past and future.

**Example modules**
- Introduction to ancient philosophy
- Spain in conflict, 1930 to 1953
- Philosophy of language
- Sex, society and identity in Britain, 1660 to 1815
- Social justice

**Key features**
- An interdisciplinary and collaborative programme.
- Develop your understanding of key philosophical texts.
- Learn about differing assumptions which inform central philosophical traditions.
- Exploring what people have thought and done in the past expands your self-awareness.
- A wide selection of history modules to suit your own interests.

My why is to make sure queer voices are never silenced.

“I want other people to be as energised and inspired by queer voices as I am. I want to make sure the voices of the past are still heard and go on to be heard in future generations.

Through the research that I do, I think I have fairly big aims and objectives. These are to inspire people about the study of the queer past and also to inspire people about the study of real people who have lived through moments of extreme change. People who have maintained their private lives, their private loves and their private triumphs against backdrops of sometimes unimaginable upheaval and struggle.

The history of these people matters. It matters to me, I hope it matters to students and I hope it matters to anybody who is interested in history.

Working at Royal Holloway, with its history as a women’s college, has been inspirational to me. Just walking around the grounds thinking about the women who trod these paths before me has been very motivating.”

Dr Amy Tooth Murphy
Lecturer in Oral History

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Media Arts at Royal Holloway
Enter an intellectually and culturally rich environment, where you are actively encouraged to pursue your own interests, activities and passions. Study the moving image and sound in all their forms, across film, television and digital media platforms: from cinema to handheld; gallery installation to billboard and television to tablet.

• Our flexible degree structures enable you to graduate with not only a broad range of skills, but also a defined specialism that makes you stand out from the crowd.
• Work with world-leading scholars and practitioners, reaping the benefits of close supervision from internationally-renowned staff who are leaders in film, television and digital media research and production.
• Excellent facilities including a purpose-built TV studio and production control room, sound studio, two media labs and equipment hire room, as well as Final Cut X and Premier Pro editing suites with 24-hour access.

“Media Arts at Royal Holloway gives you opportunities that you couldn’t hope to get anywhere else. We are constantly offered extra courses and projects to take part in. Recently I have taken part in extra post-production masterclasses as well as a screenwriting competition.”

Barney
BA Film, Television and Digital Production

Barney working with green screen in our purpose-built TV studio

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Your future career

- We run a competitive work placement scheme with leading UK production companies, including ITV’s Coronation Street as well as a micro-placement scheme that has enabled students to work at places such as ITV, Dogwoof pictures and the Raindance Film Festival.
- Take advantage of our mentoring, masterclass and on-site training partnership with Whisper Films.
- In an industry built on networks, you can tap into the impressive connections that our academics, practitioners and alumni have built within the sector.
- Your degree will equip you with both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to enter an extremely competitive job market, and a range of valuable transferable skills, suiting you to roles in a diverse range of industries, both directly and indirectly related.

- Recent graduates have secured positions including Digital Marketing Executive at Sky UK, Assistant Producer at talkSPORT and Sound Engineer at Bourne Leisure, as well as setting themselves up as highly successful freelancers.

92% of our graduates are employed or go onto further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
### BA Film, Television and Digital Production
**W625**
Film, Television and Digital Production balances theory and practice. You'll learn how to analyse cinematic, televisial and digital media forms and create them in modules from screenwriting to sound design.

#### Example modules
- Introduction to media practice
- Critical theory and textual analysis
- Beyond Bollywood
- Producing film and television
- Screen documentary – video

#### Key features
- Understand how aesthetics, economics and power structures inform media production.
- TV and sound studios, post-production and media labs 24-7.
- Tuition from world leaders in media history, theory and practice.
- Access to our professional location filming equipment.
- Regular visits from industry professionals.

### BA Digital Media Culture and Technology
**P300**
This degree is ideal for a career in digital or social media. You will gain skills to excel in production and an appreciation of the technologies that make it work.

#### Example modules
- Introduction to digital media
- Interactive storytelling
- Digital aesthetics
- Advanced digital media communications
- Creative sound design

#### Key features
- Emphasis on project-based learning.
- Alternative BSc (P304) pathway available taught in collaboration with Computer Science.
- Study how social media works on both aesthetic and technical levels.
- Industry involvement from our outstanding networks.
- Use our 24-7 media arts facilities.

### BA Film Studies
**W620**
Our unique 360° approach to cinema allows you to understand film from every angle, from stars to directors, to the global cultures that shape production, reception and film form itself. You’ll learn how to critique key concepts and ideas, as you study a range of film from Hollywood to more experimental non-narrative forms.

#### Example modules
- Film, television and digital histories
- Modernism and avant-garde film
- Contemporary British cinema
- Chinese cinema
- Documentary

#### Key features
- Learn the history and theory of moving image media.
- Watch and analyse films from around the world.
- Study European cinema in the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures.
- Work with world-leading and award-winning practitioners from across the media industry.
- Explore film’s artistic, social and political traditions.

### BA English & Film Studies
**QW36**
This degree allows you to consider the cultural and creative impact of both English literature and film. In both the Department of English and Department of Media Arts you will gain a solid knowledge of these different media from their beginnings to its latest developments, as well as skills in critical and textual analysis.

#### Example modules
- Shakespeare – page to screen
- Re-orienting the novel
- Film, television and digital histories
- English: sex, death and celebrity
- Film, television and the Holocaust

#### Key features
- Study key periods in English literature and choose from a wide range of options.
- Analyse the interplay between literature and film.
- Understand film from every angle with our unique 360° approach to cinema.
- Gain highly transferable critical analysis skills.
- Unique English/Film module: Shakespeare – page to screen.
BA Film Studies with Philosophy
W6V5
Bring a different approach to the study of cinema by combining Film Studies with Philosophy. After a grounding in key theory and historical aspects of film, explore the topics that intrigue you. Study Hollywood, European TV and film and Bollywood alongside more experimental forms.

Example modules
• International film – contexts and practices
• Mind and consciousness
• Post-classical Hollywood
• Cinema and aesthetics
• Modern French philosophy

Key features
• World-leading experts in Hollywood, Bollywood, European and world cinema.
• Go beyond the norm, looking at experimental, non-narrative media.
• Learn to question concepts and critically analyse media.
• Gain a grounding in contemporary philosophy.
• Fully optional third year lets you follow your interests.

BA Video Games Art and Design*
W1V1
An exciting new programme for 2019, building on the creative strengths of the Department of Media Arts. A unique focus on the art and design of video games, with an emphasis on developing your creative and critical skills in story form.

Example modules
• Creative media design
• Game play and story
• Game art and design
• Interactive narrative: form and style
• Advanced game art and design

Key features
• Explore new areas of gaming, including social and immersive.
• Gain key business skills to forge a successful career.
• Go beyond games to explore digital media production.
• Work alongside Electronic Engineering students for your major third year project.
• Understand how hardware, art, design, software and narrative interact.

“Sound studies is a fairly new area and there’s an awful lot to be explored. Many academics in the field of sound studies don’t have a practical understanding of sound and how it works, but with my background in professional sound design, I like to think that I am somebody who understands, from a practical viewpoint, what sound can achieve, giving me unique insight and critical reflection.

Currently I’m working on a hands-on-history research project in collaboration with the Tate about Duncan Grant’s Abstract Kinetic Collage Painting with Sound (1914). What interested me in the project was the title of the piece itself – the ‘with sound’ at the end of the title. It led me to think what sound meant in 1914.

I call my course Creative Sound Design and that’s for a reason. Creativity. This whole department is all about enabling creativity. In order that you can take full advantage of the skills you develop here when you go out into the workplace, both the critical tools and the practical tools.

My why is teaching. To pass on the skills I’ve learnt to a new generation.”

Dr Rhys Davies
Senior lecturer in Creative Sound Design and Post Production

* Programme under development
Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Royal Holloway

Modern Languages and Translation Studies degrees at Royal Holloway give you fluency in major foreign languages as well as excellent communication, analytical and research skills. Develop an acute understanding of different cultures that will give you a competitive edge in an increasingly globalised world.

• We teach French, German, Italian and Spanish at native speaker, advanced and beginners’ levels. Even if you have not studied a language before, you can start one from scratch.
• We have excellence in research, together with a commitment to communicative language teaching and to the development of interdisciplinary cultural courses.
• Take advantage of a year abroad – invaluable in developing practical language skills, intellectual maturity and cultural sensitivity.

“Royal Holloway has great links with universities around the world. I’ve always loved the idea of living abroad, so having an option to do it as part of my degree definitely gave me more reason to study here.”

Rhys
BA Spanish & Music

Rhys at Salar de Uyuni on his year abroad in Bolivia

95% OF STUDENTS AGREED STAFF ARE GOOD AT EXPLAINING THINGS (NSS, 2017)

NUMBER 1 FOR STUDENT TO STAFF RATIO (Guardian University League Table, 2018)

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You can also study French, German, Italian or Spanish as a minor option with Mathematics (p.117), Music (p.73) or Economics (p.85), or as part of a European and International Studies degree in the Department of Politics and International Relations (p.81).

Required subject: at least one essay based subject at A-level, International Baccalaureate or equivalent.

For degrees including Translation Studies or the Modern Languages advanced level language pathway at least B at A-level, 5 at Higher level IB or equivalent in the appropriate language(s). For the beginners’ (ab initio) pathway there is no language requirement but only one language may be studied at beginners’ level.

* ✓✓ denotes an integrated year abroad.

** Required Higher level grades with a minimum of 32 points overall.

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BA Modern Languages
R900

Our flexible, rewarding programme allows you to gain fluency in one, two or three modern languages and a competitive edge in a globalised world. You will combine language study with translation and cultural courses in a ratio which suits you and your ambitions, and immerse yourself in another culture on a year abroad.

Example modules
• Intensive French for beginners
• Translation and transcultural communication
• Rebels, revolution and rebellion in Latin America
• Art and Literature in Renaissance Florence
• Gender and clothing in 20th-century literature and culture

Key features
• Choose beginners’, advanced or native-speaker level French, German, Spanish or Italian.
• Spend a year abroad working, studying or teaching.
• Specialise in translation, visual culture or literature.
• Core language skills alongside cultural options.
• Gain skills in writing, reading, speaking and listening.

BA Translation Studies
Q910

If you want to focus on gaining practical skills in translation alongside fluency in one or two languages, this specially designed three-year degree programme is for you. You will be able to combine language and translation skills with cultural perspectives, giving you an impressive skillset for a range of careers.

Example modules
• Pratique du Français
• Translation and transcultural communication
• Advanced translation – professional practice
• Italian crime fiction
• Culture and identity in Latin America

Key features
• Build on your existing ability in a modern language.
• Choose from French, German, Italian or Spanish.
• Critical skills in professional translation with a focus on translating into English.
• You’ll be taught your language(s) by native speakers.
• Programme also available with a year abroad (Q911).

Your future career

• A Modern Languages or Translation Studies degree develops an acute awareness and understanding of different cultures that will give you a valuable competitive edge in an increasingly globalised world, alongside demonstrable language skills.
• One of the most exciting elements of the majority of our degree programmes is a year spent overseas in one or more countries. We are one of a select number of Modern Languages departments in the UK to let you choose to study at a university, apply to work as an English Language Assistant or organise your own work placement. This horizon-expanding year is invaluable in intellectual, career and personal development. It offers a period of intense immersion during which you will develop the impressive language proficiency, intellectual maturity, resilience and self-reliance that will set you apart from other UK graduates.

• We have alumni working in a huge range of fields from teaching and local government to marketing, publishing, journalism and international travel. Recent Modern Languages graduates have gone into roles such as Translation Production Assistant at Net-a-Porter and solicitor training sponsored by corporate law firm Travers Smith LLP.

Your future career

• 90% of our graduates are employed or go onto further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
BA Modern Languages with International Film  
**R9P3**

Study one or two modern languages with an emphasis on international film. Engage with films from different periods and cultural contexts while exploring key genres, filmmakers and a range of national cinemas.

**Example modules**
- The birth of film
- Constructing identity in contemporary Spanish film
- International film: readings and representations
- Murder, suicide and genocide in literature and film
- National Socialism and the Third Reich in German film

**Key features**
- Choose beginners’, advanced or native-speaker level French, German, Spanish or Italian.
- Spend a year abroad working, studying or teaching.
- Think critically and creatively about international film.
- Learn to write and analyse in your chosen language with ease and accuracy.
- Consider how language and culture influence filmmaking.

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**BA Modern Languages and History of Art and Visual Culture**  
**RW96**

This programme will enable you to engage critically with images, media and artefacts of past and contemporary visual cultures across Europe and the Americas while you develop fluency in a language of your choice.

**Example modules**
- Visual arts 1 – artists and their materials
- Visual arts 2 – genres and movements
- Italian fashion and design
- Blindness and vision in French culture
- From aestheticism to the avant-garde

**Key features**
- Choose beginners’, advanced or native-speaker level French, German, Spanish or Italian.
- Spend a year abroad working, studying or teaching.
- Think critically and creatively about international film.
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Understanding language by appreciating disability

“As a disabled person, I live in a society that still doesn’t understand or appreciate disability, and this has been the driving force for my recent research which explores how creative audio descriptions can make films and galleries more accessible for blind and partially blind people.

Usually audio descriptions involve a headset through which you’re fed information, but this means you’re isolated from the rest of the audience and are experiencing things separately. When we played the audio description out loud, however, a more immersive experience was created for everyone, with sighted people also reporting that they were able to appreciate the images in a new way.

This research also links nicely to my work on language, as audio transcriptions can be thought of as a form of translation. It was great working with my students to audio-describe the pictures, as it challenged them to look at the images in a different way, highlighting that words have values attached which can shape how we see and think about the world.

My why is to radically change the lives of disabled people.”

**Dr Hannah Thompson**  
*Reader in French*  

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Comparative Literature and Culture at Royal Holloway

Comparative Literature and Culture looks at a fascinating breadth of material with a focus on contexts to explore how cultural shifts transform how we see, represent and make sense of our changing world. An intellectually stimulating degree combining the study of foreign literature and culture into a single discipline, a rare and exciting approach to these subjects in the UK.

• Everything is taught in English by world-class experts who win prizes for their research and teaching.
• You will have your own Personal Advisor who guides you in tailoring your course to your strengths, interests and career plans.
• Recent graduates have launched careers in such diverse roles as content writing, photographic editorial, journalism, sales and marketing, teaching, publishing, film and retail buying.

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Required subject: at least one essay-based subject at A-level or equivalent.

* ✓ denotes an optional year abroad. ✓✓ denotes an integral year abroad. See p.37 for more details.
** Required Higher level grades with a minimum of 32 points overall.

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BA Comparative Literature and Culture  
Q200

Explore literature, and discover film, art and philosophy, across centuries, continents and media, all in English. Develop cross-cultural awareness, new passions and highly-valued critical and creative skills.

Example modules
• Reading texts – criticism for comparative literature
• Image, identity, consumer culture: fiction and film
• Visualising Cuba
• Writing romance and desire
• From aestheticism to the avant-garde

Key features
• Gain global cultural awareness and an internationally prestigious degree.
• Available as a joint honours degree with a wide variety of subjects.
• Become a creative, flexible and critical thinker.
• Shape your programme according to your own interests.
• Consider a year abroad or studying a language.

BA Modern Languages & Comparative Literature and Culture  
RQ92

Develop critical skills and new passions. Study literature across centuries and continents plus film, art and philosophy, all in English, along with a language (beginners’ or advanced) in its cultural context.

Example modules
• Critical analysis for linguists
• Tales of the city: introduction to thematic analysis
• The birth of film
• The gothic mode in Spanish and English fiction
• Gender and clothing in 20th-century literature and culture

Key features
• Gain global awareness and excellent communication, research and critical skills.
• Enjoy an immersive year abroad perfecting your language while you study, work or teach.
• Choose from literature, film, art and philosophy.
• Get a critical edge whilst developing your passions.
• Situate your language studies into a global context.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Comparative Literature and Culture.

“My research specialisms are in contemporary literature, cinema and critical theory. I’m particularly interested in the effects of consumer culture and globalisation on the way that we make sense of the world by telling ourselves stories through novels and films. As well as exploring representations of consumption (especially food and drink – the very fuel of life!), I harness critical approaches to explore how fiction and cinema can challenge the ways in which we think of the world.

I love the ways in which my research interests feed into our unique Comparative Literature and Culture programmes. Comparative Literature has historically been a very prestigious degree programme in North America and is now popular in the UK, not least because it’s a fantastic way of honing critical skills and discovering a world of literature and culture. Here at Royal Holloway, we’ve added opportunities to study film, visual arts and critical theory to our programme, so together with students we explore geographies and genres comparatively gaining really valuable cross-cultural awareness.

Working with students on the areas I research means that we’re all generating great ideas through discussion. This kind of dialogue impacts at once on my own work and infuses students’ learning, so we are all engaged in thinking independently and critically in exciting and really sophisticated ways.

My why is the thrill of exploring cross-cultural critical potential.”

Dr Ruth Cruickshank  
Senior Lecturer in French  
Programme Director –  
Comparative Literature and Culture
## Liberal Arts

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### Liberal Arts at Royal Holloway

Liberal Arts is an internationally-recognised approach to study that will prepare you for life in our rapidly changing world. With an emphasis on teamwork alongside individual development, our programme will equip you with skills of critical thinking, creativity and adaptability, through your study of a wider range of areas than is usually possible in a single or joint honours degree. Royal Holloway is one of the first universities in this country to offer this highly-prized yet rarely available degree, ideal for students who are creative and inquisitive with a wide range of interests.

You will work with your personal tutor to design your own programme that is tailored to your own interests as your degree progresses.

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### Core Courses Designed Specifically for Liberal Arts Students

Based in the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

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"I’m a linguist, I work in French, across literature and visual arts and I’m particularly interested in the historical avant-garde of the early 20th century – Dada and surrealism.

I recently ran a workshop at Tate Exchange in London where we invited students from the university, school students and members of the public to participate in making their own collages and chance poems – it was a really great day to get people involved in creative practice.

Liberal Arts is a programme that allows students to pursue lots of different interests. Students aren’t confined to certain disciplines, they’re encouraged to think across boundaries, think across disciplines and make connections.

I use my own research in my teaching as much as I can and also learn from my students. I’m very keen on students giving presentations and doing their own research. It’s definitely a dialogue and we have a lot of fun in classes making discoveries together. For me it’s not a question of delivering content, it’s much more about critical thinking, having discussions and debates and not feeling that one has to be bound, but being able to think about big questions.

My why is to work creatively across disciplines.”

Ruth Hemus
Senior Lecturer in French and Visual Arts
Programme Director – Liberal Arts
Music at Royal Holloway

We are one of the largest university Music departments in the UK, with an enviable reputation for the quality of our research as well as a fantastic student experience.

- We are the only Music department in the country to hold a prestigious Regius Professorship, awarded in 2012 by HRH The Queen.
- We have many choral, orchestral, music and organ scholarships available.
- We have performance ensembles including the Royal Holloway Symphony Orchestra and the Choir of Royal Holloway, as well as a wide range of other ensembles covering all music styles from jazz and popular music, to Baroque and Andean music.
- Our impressive performance spaces include the Windsor Building Auditorium, Boilerhouse and the inspiring Picture Gallery and Chapel.

“Studying at Royal Holloway has broadened my musical experience in performing, conducting and composing as well as being academically challenging. I feel so honoured to have had all of the fantastic opportunities that I’ve been given here.”

Nicole
BMus Music

Music


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royalholloway.ac.uk/music
Your future career

• Take advantage of the experience of our staff in concert management.
• Our students develop into extremely employable graduates, with 100% of them in the most recent government survey going straight into a job or enhancing their skills with further study*.
• Music is not just a vocational degree, however; music graduates have highly desirable transferable skills that are valued by employers, and they work in a wide range of careers.
• Alumni from the Department of Music are working in roles in the media, arts management, publishing, marketing and public relations, software design and teaching at all levels. A large number of our graduates also set themselves up as successful independent performers.

• Recent graduates have started their careers in roles ranging from Marketing Intern at Askonas Holts arts management, Communications Officer at the Catholic Trust for England and Wales, and Second Assistant Organist at Wells Cathedral.

Your future employment prospects

100% of our graduates are employed or go onto further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
Example modules
• Creative ensemble performance
• Theatre and performance-making
• Music and gender
• Race relations in theatre, film and television
• Silent film performance

Key features
• Join a music ensemble and Student Workshop, the Drama department’s own student society.
• Increase your confidence as a performer.
• Understand the wider history, sociology, ethnology, and philosophy of both disciplines.
• Get involved as a performer, conductor or director in music and theatre productions.
• Choral, organ, orchestral and music scholarships.

BA Music with Political Studies
W3L2
This programme allows you to satisfy your passion for music and learn more about the political world. Spending three quarters of your time on Music, you will have a wide choice of modules on our flexible curriculum, while gaining a good grounding in political theory and practice.

Example modules
• Introduction to politics and government
• Contemporary debates in music
• Comparative democracy and elections
• Music in the city
• Practical performance

Key features
• Pursue performance and composition or explore other elements of music.
• Experts with a wide range of political and musical expertise.
• Increasingly flexible syllabus as you progress.
• The opportunity to join our many ensembles.
• Choral, organ, orchestral and music scholarships.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Music.
Study in silence

“My current research focuses on the sounds and music that accompanied the screening of silent film in the early years of the cinema. I want to understand how and why these early audio-visual practices developed; practices that were to form the foundations of today’s movies, television and video games.

It turns out that the popular image of a pianist improvising along to a silent film was by no means the norm. My work has uncovered a vast and fascinating range of musical practices; everything from live sound effects behind screens, or a lecturer explaining the film, to mood music based on pre-existing classical or light music. Not until quite late – mainly in the 1920s – did composers start putting these materials together in special scores. Writing an original score from scratch for a film was very rare until the talkies went global in the 1930s.

Through this research, I’m really hoping to illuminate the history of music with moving pictures. Contemporary culture is saturated with audio-visual material which includes music. We sit at our computers, we watch televisions, we watch films, we play video games and this has a history. What I’m doing is digging up the pre-history of these practices that now seem so familiar.

My why is to understand the history of the most powerful audio-visual media of today.”

Professor Julie Brown
Professor of Music
Philosophy at Royal Holloway

Philosophy at Royal Holloway uniquely looks beyond the narrow confines of work within the Anglo–American analytic or European traditions alone, and connects philosophy to related disciplines across the arts, humanities and social sciences. The Department of Philosophy is housed within the School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy, giving us the advantage of having our own distinct identity, but also gaining from being part of a wider, established community.

- You will be taught in small groups by staff who are internationally recognised and published authorities in their fields.
- You can study Philosophy with us even if you have no previous experience of the subject. All you need is a desire to think rigorously and in detail about how we understand the world.

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Your future career

Choosing philosophy at Royal Holloway not only prepares you well for postgraduate study, it also equips you with the skills and qualities that employers are looking for. Philosophy degrees are well-regarded by employers because they give you the capacity to think through issues and problems in a logical and consistent way and to develop critical and transferable skills which can be applied in almost any area of employment from computing to the arts.

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*(DLHE, 2017 – includes all graduates from the School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy)
## BA Philosophy
**V500**
Philosophy at Royal Holloway looks beyond the narrow confines of the Anglo-American analytic or the European tradition of philosophy to focus on both traditions and the relationship between them. We encourage you to question perceptively and hone your skills in philosophical argument.

### Example modules
- Introduction to modern philosophy
- Mind and consciousness
- Varieties of scepticism – hope, desire and tragedy
- Modern European philosophy – Husserl to Heidegger
- Philosophy of language

### Key features
- Be part of the growing Department of Philosophy.
- A historical range from ancient to contemporary analytic philosophy.
- Can be combined with another subject in a wide range of joint honours programmes.
- Develop critical skills for your career or further study.
- Weekly small tutorial groups.

## BA Politics and International Relations & Philosophy
**LV25**
You will look at political ideas and processes, as well as global issues such as security, diplomacy and development, while considering the relationship and connections between different philosophical traditions.

### Example modules
- Introduction to ancient philosophy
- Introduction to research methods in PIR
- War and security in world politics
- The critique of idealism
- The British in India – a social & political history

### Key features
- Explore Anglo-American analytic philosophy and the European tradition.
- Specialise in topics that most interest you.
- Understand how philosophy informs modern policy-making.
- Reflect on the wider implications of political decisions.
- Research placement opportunities with staff and outside organisations.

## BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)
**L0V0**
PPE allows you to study three disciplines, giving an understanding of the dynamics of today’s world. You will focus on the particulars of each of the disciplines, while identifying links across the three.

### Example modules
- Quantitative methods of economics
- Introduction to European philosophy – from Kant to Hegel
- Economic philosophy
- Practical ethics
- The politics of Russia and Eastern Europe

### Key features
- Flexibility to graduate with a BA or BSc in PPE.
- Three departments with their own specialisms.
- Excellent preparation for a variety of careers.
- Strong focus on analytical methods of economics.
- Learn to tackle economic problems through political and philosophical enquiry.

## BA English & Philosophy
**QV35**
This programme will expose you to a wide range of English literature and philosophical writing. You will study the full historical range of English literature, from the medieval to the contemporary, while Philosophy will encourage you to explore how ideas such as consciousness, aesthetics and morals, have changed over time.

### Example modules
- Re-orienting the novel
- Introduction to aesthetics and morals
- Creative writing – structure and style
- Philosophy of language
- Odysseus’ Scar – time in modern literature and film

### Key features
- Philosophical approach spanning Anglo-American and European traditions.
- A truly interdisciplinary and collaborative philosophy programme.
- Unique literature courses include visual arts and cinema.
- The opportunity to pursue creative writing modules.
- A wide range of options in both subjects.

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Living like a Stoic

“The area of philosophy that I’ve worked on mainly is the ancient philosophical school of Stoicism and I have just finished writing a book on Hellenistic philosophy. This is the philosophy from about 330 BC to around 30 BC dominated by three philosophical traditions: Stoicism, Epicureanism, and various forms of Scepticism.

One of the things I’m particularly interested in is the way in which these philosophers are concerned not only with theoretical questions in ethics and metaphysics, for example, but also with the way in which their philosophies can inform how people live their lives.

Recently I’ve also been involved in a project trying to bring Stoic ideas to the wider public. This involves an experiment that we called ‘Stoic Week’ where participants follow Stoic life guidance for a week.

We’ve noticed that there is an improvement in people’s subjective sense of wellbeing after following Stoic Week, after engaging with these ideas. It has been very satisfying to see the way in which these ancient ideas can help people think about how they live their lives today.

My why is to introduce people to the rich range of resources that the ancient philosophy of Stoicism has that can help them to live rich and fulfilled, happy lives.”

Dr John Sellars
Lecturer in Philosophy
Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway

• The Department of Politics and International Relations embraces both traditional preoccupations and new areas of academic inquiry while our research skills spine will give you qualitative and quantitative skills that are highly attractive to future employers.

• You will work with internationally recognised experts in our highly regarded research centres, covering areas such as European politics, elections, Asian and African studies, political theory, communications and international public policy.

• The department is home to a very diverse and dynamic student community. There are several politics-related societies on campus, including the Philosophy Society and the Diplomatic Society. The PIR Society is student-run and organises visits from high profile speakers, as well as opportunities for socialising and meeting fellow students. Since 2006 they have also sent teams to the annual National Model UN Conference at the UN headquarters in New York.

“National Model United Nations exemplifies the best of the Royal Holloway experience for me. I have engaged in current affairs, met people from around the world and taken on leadership roles. It has really complemented what I’ve learnt in class.”
Jack
BA History & International Relations

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Jack, Head Delegate, (back row) with the Royal Holloway delegation at the 2017 NMUN in New York
Your future career

- Studying politics and international relations will provide you with a wide range of important transferable skills, enabling you to approach problems in a rigorous, analytical and critical way, and to communicate clearly and concisely in both speech and writing. Your skills and knowledge not only make you attractive to employers in a broad spectrum of careers, but prepare you for further advanced research in many areas of study.

- We offer an internship unit in the final year, Politics in Action, which allows you to gain experience working in NGOs, charities, think tanks and other political organisations.

- PIR alumni work in a wide variety of careers including law, journalism, marketing and PR, accountancy, public affairs and for range of political organisations.

- Recent graduates have moved into exciting roles, from Campaign Officer at the Labour Party and Parliamentary Assistant to a member of the House of Lords, to Trade & Investments Support Officer at a British embassy.
Example modules

- Introduction to international relations
- International relations theory
- Empire and decolonisation
- US foreign policy
- Comparative democracy and elections

Key features

- Study with leading experts on Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.
- Study key issues in conflict and security, humanitarian crises and development.
- Be a Model UN delegate or visit an embassy with our student societies.
- The flexibility to specialise in what interests you.
- Work placement opportunities.

Example modules

- Introduction to politics and government
- International relations theory
- Empire and decolonisation
- US foreign policy
- Comparative democracy and elections

Key features

- Learn how to approach problems in a rigorous and analytical way.
- Gain a solid foundation in politics, the history of international relations and IR theory.
- Our graduates pursue roles in many sectors including the civil service, public affairs and law.
- Consider contemporary challenges, such as terrorism, climate change and refugees.
- Work placement opportunities at MPs’ offices, NGOs and local government.

Example modules

- Democracy in Britain
- Political behaviour
- Modern political thought
- Young people’s politics
- The politics of modern Germany

Key features

- Examine governments, party politics and political behaviour throughout the world.
- Work with experts who have advised governments and international organisations.
- Active student societies that field Model UN teams, visit London embassies, and bring ambassadors, NGO officials, and others to the university to speak.
- The flexibility to specialise in what interests you.
- Research placement opportunities with political parties and organisations.

Example modules

- Quantitative methods of economics
- Global energy policy
- Macroeconomics
- International political economy
- Comparative foreign policy

Key features

- Cover political ideas and processes in countries throughout the world.
- Strong focus on analytical methods of economics.
- Study with subject leaders in two exceptional departments.
- Flexibility to specialise in areas such as financial crises or new media in politics.
- Excellent prospects for careers in policy.

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I don’t know what’s happened over these past couple of years but British politics is the most exciting politics in Western Europe at the moment, you’d be insane not to want to study it.

“One of the things I have been looking at is how well MPs represent their constituents. If you’ve got a constituency that’s really in favour of leaving the European Union, do the MPs from those areas tend to be more Eurosceptic?

That’s really important because in the referendum campaign, we saw this big disconnect between what MPs wanted and what constituencies wanted. Roughly three quarters of MPs wanted to remain but if you look at the referendum result constituency by constituency, it was almost the other way round. So there was a big disconnect which emerged during the referendum and my research looks at the consequences of that difference of opinion between constituents and MPs.

My why is giving people the tools that they need to check some of the claims that people make about our society.”

Professor Chris Hanretty
Professor of Politics
Economics at Royal Holloway

- The Department of Economics is ranked in the top 10 for research impact.*
- Overall satisfaction in the National Student Survey of 90% or more for the last four years.
- Our flexible, intellectually stimulating and diverse programme of study is designed for students who like to question the status quo.
- You will study and learn with our international experts through our research-led teaching.
- Year in Business gives students the opportunity to see Economics in action and benefit from work experience.

* (THE REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

91% OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION 2017 (NSS, 2017)

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“Studying Economics at Royal Holloway has been really insightful. A highlight in my second year so far has been the Financial Markets module as it breaks down the economic perspective on financial institutions.”

Olaoluwa
BSc (Econ) Economics
Your future career

- Economics graduates are highly sought-after as the degree equips you with transferable skills such as numeracy, problem-solving, computing and analytical skills.
- Communication skills – both written and oral skills will be developed with practice in how to present complex theory and/or data analysis.
- The department regularly runs events where you have the opportunity to meet employers and alumni, and develop professional networks through these interactions.
- The Year in Business opportunity is a proven route to enhance employability and we support students in both gaining and completing a placement.
- Graduates from our programmes find employment as financial analysts, business analysts and consultants in a variety of sectors.
BSc (Econ) Financial and Business Economics
L111
Through this course you will develop an in-depth understanding of economics at all levels – from the company to the state. You will focus on the quantitative and economic analysis within the financial markets; develop skills in mathematics and statistics and learn to tackle economic problems.

Example modules
• Industrial economics
• Quantitative methods of economics
• Financial markets and institutions
• Understanding financial crises
• Financial econometrics

Key features
• Explore relationships between economics and finance.
• Look at the implications of crypto currencies.
• Recession, inflation, interest rates – learn how they impact each other and the outside world.
• Ideal for those who want to work in the financial sector.

BSc Economics and Management (with a Year in Business)
LN12
This intellectually stimulating and diverse course combines two highly complementary subjects and covers the core programme of the Economics degree with that of the Management degree. A Year in Business will enable you to integrate theory and practice whilst gaining real business experience.

Example modules
• Labour economics
• Industrial organisation
• Marketing strategy in context
• Strategic management
• Integrating management – leadership and innovation

Key features
• Develop an understanding of the formal economic, political and legal institutions, as well as cultural, religious and linguistic differences.
• See how the disciplines of economics and management complement and challenge each other.
• Utilise your course knowledge in a placement environment while gaining valuable work experience.

BSc (Econ) Economics
L101
Economics is one of the most influential and liveliest disciplines in today’s world, affecting all of us. This course offers a complete education in the theories and methods of economics, with a strong focus on analytical methods. You will develop an in-depth understanding of economics at all levels, from individual behaviours, to firms and state decisions.

Example modules
• Post-crisis economics
• Experimental economics
• Macro-economics
• Topics in game theory
• Economics of inequality

Key features
• In depth understanding of most recent economic theories.
• Economics is everywhere from business to beauty.
• Understand game theory and how decisions are made.
• Opportunity to undertake a year business.

BSc Finance and Mathematics
NG31
You will develop an in-depth understanding of financial economics at all levels. You will focus on the quantitative and economic analysis within the financial markets; develop skills in mathematics and statistics and learn to tackle economic problems; gain important quantitative and computing skills that are widely applicable as well as skills in logical reasoning.

Example modules
• Mathematics: principles of statistics
• Mathematics: matrix algebra
• Principles of economics
• Financial econometrics
• Quantitative methods in economics

Key features
• Understand the notion of probability theory methods of statistics.
• Examine the use of computational techniques of matrix theory.
• Apply theory and practice within our mock trading environment and gain knowledge that will enhance your CV.

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Professor Chevalier discusses how since becoming a dad, he has been interested in how the economy impacts family decisions. His recent project investigates if economic uncertainty influences children’s life outcomes.

“Do children conceived when economic conditions are very uncertain exhibit different life outcomes, and what could be the reasons? To answer this question, I and Professor Olivier Marie (Erasmus University) study the children born just after the unexpected fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. This event led to a high level of economic uncertainty and a massive drop in birth. Compared to their peers conceived just before the end of communism in East Germany, these ‘Children of the Wall’ perform much worse at school from an early age, and are over-represented among low achievers. Consistent with negative parental characteristics, women who gave birth during uncertain economic times were on average younger, less educated, and were much less likely to be in stable relationships. Importantly, despite not being substantially poorer, they provided less educational input to their children. The children themselves rate their emotional relationship with their mothers very poorly, as do their older siblings, although they were born in the relatively certain times of East German Communism. We thus conclude that the negative outcomes observed for this cohort stem from the lower average parenting skills of women who did not adapt their fertility decision to a very uncertain economic environment.”

Professor Arnaud Chevalier
Head, Department of Economics
Law at Royal Holloway

- The School of Law has earned a strong reputation for excellence in research and teaching, with national and international recognition of our expertise in issues associated with law, criminal justice, youth, health, multiculturalism and identity.
- The school has a strong culture of support for students. All students are allocated a personal advisor before they arrive who will work with them during the course of their studies to provide academic and pastoral support.
- We have excellent links with law firms, prisons, government bodies and charities. Recent graduates from the School have gone on to pursue careers as solicitors and barristers, in The Crown Prosecution Service, the police, the probation service, youth custody and in the prison services.
Your future career

- Graduates from the School of Law are equipped with a wide range of transferable skills which are highly sought-after by employers.
- Throughout your studies you will learn how to carry out independent research as well as developing your written and oral communication, time management and teamwork skills.
- All of our undergraduate programmes are available with a year in industry. Students on these programmes will spend the third year of their degrees on a work placement gaining valuable experience and connections.
- You are actively encouraged to participate in the Student Law Society or the Criminology, Sociology and Psychology Society giving you a chance to meet students from different programmes and years. Networking is a powerful tool to enhance your employability.
- The School of Law offers a wide range of extra-curricular activity including mooting, negotiation workshops, voice training courses, interviewing competitions as well as a range of trips to prisons, The Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court.

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*(DLHE, 2016)
BSc Criminology and Sociology

The study of Criminology and Sociology is approached from an interdisciplinary social science perspective. On this course you will explore issues of criminal behaviour, punishment and rehabilitation strategies while also examining the social forces that affect individuals and impact on their behaviour.

Example modules
- Social problems and social policy
- Risk, insecurity and terrorism
- Prisons
- Youth in society
- Crime and the law

Key features
- Develop a sound and extensive knowledge base in criminology and sociology.
- Trained in research techniques.
- Understand complex social problems.
- Explore and evaluate policing practices and development.
- Develop critical and independent thinking.

BSc Criminology & Psychology

This BPS accredited degree is jointly delivered by the School of Law and the Department of Psychology. You will gain an understanding of crime, criminality and the criminal justice system and the biological, social, clinical and cognitive factors that influence behaviour.

Example modules
- Developmental psychology
- Conceptual issues in psychology
- Gender, sexuality and crime
- Interpersonal violence and harm
- Victims and witnesses

Key features
- BPS accredited degree allowing you to apply for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership.
- Develop a sound and extensive knowledge base in criminology and psychology.
- Enables a scientific understanding of the mind, brain and behaviour.
- Develop a range of key research skills and techniques.

LLB Law

The study of this qualifying law degree will allow you to explore the fundamental principles of justice, equity and equality within the framework of English and European law. This degree is suitable for students who are looking to work towards becoming a solicitor or barrister.

Example modules
- Criminal law
- Land law
- Public international law
- Company law
- International and comparative human rights law

Key features
- Qualifying Law Degree, as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board.
- Understand the key features of English and European law.
- Develop an understanding of doctrines and principles underpinning common law.
- Develop skills to evaluate legal developments, analyse legal texts and develop independent thinking.
- Develop key legal research and communication skills.

LLB Law with Criminology with a Year in Industry

This degree explores the fundamental principles of justice, equity and equality within the framework of English and European law, and introduces the discipline of criminology. You will undertake a placement year which will boost your CV and employability.

Example modules
- Key perspectives and debates in criminology
- Drugs, crime and society
- Medical law
- Family law
- Law of evidence

Key features
- Qualifying Law Degree, as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board.
- Understand the key features and principles of English and European law.
- Develop skills to evaluate legal developments, analyse legal texts and develop independent thinking.
- Develop a sound and extensive knowledge base in Criminology.

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LLB Law with Sociology

ML23

This degree explores the fundamental principles of justice, equity and equality within the framework of English and European law, and be introduced to the discipline of sociology. Sociology allows you to interpret law from another perspective.

Example modules
- Sociology of contemporary society
- Lost in music
- Company law
- Jurisprudence
- European union law

Key features
- Qualifying Law Degree, as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board.
- Understand the key features and principles of English and European Law.
- Develop key legal research and communication skills.
- Develop a sound and extensive knowledge base in Sociology.
- Develop skills to evaluate legal developments, analyse legal texts and develop independent thinking.

LLB Law (Senior Status)

M101

This graduate entry, two-year LLB programme is for students looking for a qualifying law degree. This degree explores the fundamental principles of justice, equity and equality within the framework of English and European law.

Example modules
- The law of contract
- Criminal law
- Land law
- European union law
- Law of torts

Key features
- Develop an understanding of how the law regulates agreements between individuals, and individuals and the state.
- Acquire invaluable legal skills in research and oral presentation.
- Have the opportunity to choose from a range of subjects such as family law, medical law, company law and public international law.

“One of the most incredible things about ‘Learning Together’ is that it challenges students on both sides of the prison walls to think differently...it motivates and inspires learners of all ages, living both inside and outside of prison, to challenge their perceptions of themselves.”

Dr Serena Wright
Lecturer in Criminology, School of Law

“Building on a long history of prison-university partnerships, the international network of ‘Learning Together’ courses bring together people in criminal justice and higher education institutions to study alongside each other in inclusive and transformative learning communities. Partnerships provide higher education opportunities for people to study together, and learn with and from each other through dialogue focused on academic content and the sharing of relevant experiences. We have so far run two successful courses – one with young men at HMYOI Feltham (on ‘Thinking Criminologically’), and one with women at HMP/YOI Bronzefield (on ‘Pioneering Women’). Our students have also had the opportunity to volunteer as an ‘offender mentor’ with the Kent, Surrey and Sussex CRC (Community Rehabilitation Company), who work with low-risk individuals in the community – often following release from prison, but also as part of community sentences – to support them on their pathways out of offending. We are currently liaising with HMP Highpoint, one of our partner prisons, regarding similar volunteering and mentoring opportunities, specifically supporting men being released from prison. We continue to support students who volunteer on the National Centre for Domestic Violence Helpline.
Management at Royal Holloway

• The School of Management is a friendly department committed to the highest-quality research and education.
• We actively encourage placement and internship opportunities for all our students to enrich both your studies and future career.
• Our large community of academics are engaged in cutting-edge research which informs the content of our teaching, giving you direct insight into current and emerging challenges.
• Attracting students from over 80 countries, we offer you the opportunity to join a diverse and inclusive community. Our academic staff come from around the globe, ensuring teaching with a truly international outlook.

“I really enjoy the amount of responsibility I am given and that I am treated as if I am a full time employee... I did my research, and had an interview and fell in love with the company.”

Gemma
BSc Management with Marketing (Year in Business with Valspar)

“RANKED 1ST IN THE WORLD FOR OTHER ACCOUNTING RESEARCH”
(BYU Accounting Rankings, 2016)

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(Complete University Guide, 2018)

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Your future career

- A School of Management degree from Royal Holloway, University of London can lead on to many different career paths and we take the employability of our graduates very seriously. Management studies give students a skill-set that can be utilised across all sectors.
- Throughout the year events take place on campus to help you improve your employability skills, build your networks and identify potential employers.
- You can also attend our high-profile public lecture series, where we invite leading experts in a range of topics, including management, to speak. We frequently welcome alumni from a range of sectors onto campus to speak at careers events and on course modules.
- If you enrol on a Year in Business course you can gain invaluable insight and experience into the world of employment via your placement. Companies where students have previously found placements include Microsoft, GSK, The Walt Disney Company and IBM.

89% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DHLE, 2016)
BSc Accounting and Finance
NN34
You will study the core areas of financial accounting, management accounting and finance, obtaining a thorough knowledge of both theory and practice. The valuable knowledge and understanding this degree will give you, combined with interpersonal and transferable skills, will strengthen your career prospects.

Example modules
- Financial accounting
- Introduction to management accounting
- Introduction to finance
- Quantitative methods
- International business

Key features
- Understand the basic components of financial statements.
- Examine the principles of financial decision-making.
- Understand the theory and techniques for appraising financing and investment decisions.
- Understand quantitative studies and how they are utilised.
- Understand information systems and the role they play in contemporary business.

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BSc Business and Management
N200
As well as studying key areas of modern management, this course will allow you to develop a creative approach to problem-solving that produces effective management results. You’ll also learn how to provide direction, assess progress, and adapt your approach to changing circumstances – a necessary skill in an ever-changing world.

Example modules
- Interpreting management
- International business
- Organisation studies
- Accounting
- Strategic management

Key features
- Understand the key concepts of corporate and business strategy.
- Hear from industry speakers from across different sectors.
- Examine core managerial activities and leadership models.
- Understand the significance of human resource management in business.
- Learn about internships and part-time employment.

BSc Management with Marketing (Year in Business)
G100
On this course you will explore the key aspects of marketing, including marketing management, consumer behaviour, marketing research and e-commerce. By elective to spend a year in business you will also have ample opportunities to integrate theory with practice, gaining valuable real business experience.

Example modules
- Quantitative methods
- Interpreting management
- Marketing strategy in context
- Markets and consumption
- Digital marketing

Key features
- Understand key management concepts, theories and practices.
- Understand marketing strategies used by organisations.
- Assess the business practice of marketing.
- Examine how digital technologies are being used in marketing programmes.

BSc Management with Entrepreneurship
NN23
Explore core areas of entrepreneurship, such as new venture creation, opportunity recognition, creativity and problem-solving. You will learn about the key frameworks that underlie entrepreneurship such as how businesses are started, how resources are acquired and how business growth is managed.

Example modules
- Markets and consumption
- Foundations in digital enterprise
- New venture creation
- Fundamentals of entrepreneurship
- Marketing strategy in context

Key features
- Examine the nature of business planning and evaluating opportunities.
- Explore the application of entrepreneurship across different domains.
- Understand how to start and grow a new venture.
- Understand different marketing strategies.

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BSc Management with Human Resources
N2N6
This course will explore the unique blend of hard and soft skills needed for success in human resources. You will study key areas of management, to include strategy, international business, marketing and consumption.

Example modules
• Interpreting management
• Organisation studies
• Human resource management
• Motivation and performance
• Managing organisational change

Key features
• Learn about the shifting of key management paradigms.
• Examine organisational forms and modern management techniques.
• Understand the significance of human resource management.
• Understand why people work and the importance of motivation.
• Explore the discipline of change management.

BSc Management with Corporate Responsibility
ND24
This course will explore the key aspects of sustainability in business, including sustainability reporting, environmentally sustainable management and environmental economics. You will also learn about the role of business in society, examining areas such as corporate social responsibility and business ethics.

Example modules
• Organisation studies
• Interpreting management
• Business in society
• Management and environmental sustainability
• Responsible entrepreneurship

Key features
• Learn how management knowledge can be considered a social construct.
• Understand the role of business within a moral and social context.
• Examine environmental issues and how they affect business.
• Understand the concepts of social and sustainable entrepreneurship.

“Find your why...”

“My why as Head of the School of Management here at Royal Holloway is to allow every student to achieve their full potential and realise all their ambitions. Our strong research focus informs our teaching, ensuring a cutting-edge learning experience for our students.”

Professor Gloria Agyemang
Head of School, School of Management

“Find your why...”

“There’s a real sense of community in the Management department which creates a friendly, encouraging vibe. Being a student ambassador for the department too has enabled me to grow and develop – it’s an experience I’ll never forget!”

Dariush
BSc Business and Management
“Bioscience degrees at Royal Holloway are extremely flexible, and I have really enjoyed being able to tailor my degree to my interests and passions within Biology, both inside and outside of the laboratory.”

Ben
BSc Molecular Biology

Biological Sciences at Royal Holloway

- Our degree programmes are informed by world-class research that is addressing global challenges, from plant molecular and biomedical sciences, to cardiovascular research and the emerging field of conservation physiology. As a student you’ll become part of this research during your third year research project.
- A flexible degree structure allows you to keep your options open and follow your study interests within a coherent and developmental framework.
- Join a close-knit and supportive learning community with a high staff-to-student ratio and continuous investment in state-of-the-art equipment.
- Learn on a biodiverse campus in reach of sites of special scientific interest including Windsor Great Park and Chobham Common.
- Graduate with a degree that is fully accredited by the Royal Society of Biology.

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76% RESEARCH RATED 4* OR 3* WORLD LEADING OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT (REF, 2014)
Your future career

- Our commitment to enhancing our students’ future has been recognised by the Royal Society of Biology accreditation for all of our degree programmes.
- Through a flexible combination of lab, field and desk-based learning, culminating in rewarding independent research, you’ll gain invaluable transferable skills to take into the workplace, including lab experience, numerical skills and communication skills.
- Our graduates work in diverse areas including forensic medicine, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, clinical trials coordination, medical research, environmental monitoring and practical conservation, and from Abbott Laboratories and GSK to the Born Free Foundation and ZSL London Zoo and many other organisations.
- A number of our Biomedical Sciences graduates go on to graduate entry medicine and we have an alliance with the American University of Antigua offering this option.
- A close-knit graduate network means you’ll benefit from the knowledge and connections of Royal Holloway alumni, who regularly visit to share their experiences with current students. We will also help prepare you for finding a job through workshops, summer placements and careers fairs.

of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)

Second year students on fieldwork at FSC Millport on the west coast of Scotland
BSc Biology
C100
Study a diverse range of biology modules, from molecular biology to ecology in this flexible degree. You can choose to follow either a broad-based degree or concentrate on areas which are predominantly ecological, physiological, organismal or molecular in nature.

Example modules
• Plant life – from genes to environment
• Practical field ecology
• Animal behaviour
• Marine biology
• Human physiology in health and disease

Key features
• Tailor your studies to suit your specific interests in your second and third years.
• Learn on a biodiverse campus in reach of sites of special scientific interest.
• Develop an understanding of how to design and analyse ecological experiments.
• Examine the major theories that seek to explain animal behaviour.
• Equip yourself with the skills needed to work in a wide range of sectors.

BSc Zoology
C300
Zoology explores how each and every creature has a role to play in the ecology of our planet. You’ll acquire training in organismal, ecological and physiological aspects of biology and study animal diversity, evolution, adaptations to life styles and habitats, how animals function and their behaviour.

Example modules
• Vertebrate evolution and diversity
• Invertebrate biology – structure, behaviour and evolution
• Biological data analysis and interpretation
• Animal behaviour
• Behavioural ecology

Key features
• Field courses in marine biology, practical field ecology, and Mediterranean conservation and ecology.
• Flexible programme structure with a range of courses to personalise your learning.
• Learn how ecologists investigate the behaviour of animals, and recent advances in behavioural ecology research.
• Enhance your skills in scientific illustration, microscope use, identification and animal handling.
• Learn how to organise data in a logical, presentable and persuasive way.

BSc Ecology and Conservation
C150
Explore how plants and animals interact with their environments, covering ecology of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, conservation and behavioural ecology. You’ll acquire skills in biological data analysis and practical field ecology. Our biodiverse campus is near sites of special scientific interest and we have marine and freshwater aquaria facilities.

Example modules
• Biology in a changing world
• Plant life – from genes to environment
• Conservation biology
• Population and community ecology
• Climate change – plants and the environment

Key features
• Understand how ecological principles can be used to tackle conservation challenges.
• Learn the principles of how plants and animals interact with each other and the wider environment.
• Take part in an overseas field course that examines Mediterranean conservation and ecology.

BSc Molecular Biology
C701
Discover the essence of the molecular mechanisms that control life processes and the molecular tools used to study and alter biological function. You’ll learn the fundamentals of molecular biology, cell biology and biochemistry with options such as microbiology, evolution, animal physiology and plant form and function.

Example modules
• Fundamental biochemistry
• Molecular biology
• Applications of molecular genetics in biology
• Cell and molecular biology of cancer
• Evolution

Key features
• Develop practical laboratory and data handling skills.
• Examine the life cycle of flowering plants, their evolution, developmental and functional biology.
• Learn how biological and ecological principles can help develop sustainable solutions to 21st-century problems.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Biological Sciences.
BSc Biomedical Sciences
B990
This degree develops your understanding of the biological basis of human disease and is ideal if you’re considering a career in biomedical research. You’ll learn essential elements of biochemistry, physiology, cell biology, molecular biology and genetics, centred around human function and disease.

Example modules
• Fundamental biochemistry
• Pathophysiology
• Human physiology in health and disease
• Pharmacology and toxicology
• Molecular basis of inherited disease

Key features
• Explore the function and integration of selected human physiological systems in normal physiology and disease.
• Become familiar with molecular biology techniques.
• Develop an understanding of the theory, technology, and clinical practice of human molecular genetics.
• Carry out an individual laboratory or theoretical investigation under supervision.

BSc Biochemistry/
BSc Medical Biochemistry
C700/C741
Whether your interest lies in the principles of medically-orientated biochemistry and biochemistry in plants, to industrial applications of biochemistry (C700), or biochemistry in medicine, in relation to understanding the molecular basis of human disease and the development of novel therapies (C741), you will be able to develop your interests in these areas on these degree programmes.

Example modules
• Genetics
• Chemistry of life
• Bioenergetics and metabolism
• Cell biology and evolution
• Medical biochemistry

Key features
• Gain laboratory experience across all three years.
• Learn how to make clinical diagnoses of diseases from health professionals from local hospitals (C741).
• Understand plant life and evolution, form and function (C700).
• Develop an understanding of key scientific concepts and effective science communication.
• Examine ethical issues surrounding research and intervention.

Bee decline is a global problem and every research contribution makes a difference to the bigger picture.

“My research group uses bees as a model system to understand how learning and memory evolve, and discover how animal cognitive abilities are shaped by the ecological challenges that they face. Bees need sophisticated cognition to work effectively. They are essential pollinators of crops and it would be terrible without them – we would have to change the way that we do things. My why is exploring the effects on foraging and fighting the challenges of emerging parasites and pesticides to understand how these influence how well bees do in life.

The fundamental question is why does intelligence evolve – and what ecological problems does it solve? Through a unique study we are looking at how stresses affect cognition and how bees use their brains – how important this is on their learning abilities and how well they forage and contribute to the wellbeing of the colony.

It's important to understand how humans are affecting bees and bee cognition, and to learn more about how cognition evolves – and if we change cognitive abilities what happens? If pesticides influence cognitive ability, why should we care? Student who join in the studies are curious about the answers to these questions.”

Dr Elli Leadbeater
Reader, School of Biological Sciences

Find your why...
Computer Science at Royal Holloway

- Our degrees are designed to stimulate your creativity and allow you to innovate by using the power of computing to solve real-world problems in a variety of application domains.
- You will receive a strong grounding in basic computer-science theory and engage in modern methodologies and state-of-the-art tooling.
- You will be taught by world-leading academics and have the opportunity to participate in research projects led by them through our UROP bursary scheme.
- We offer individual support during your studies, and a hands-on approach to learning involving extensive lab or project work in each year, much of which is done in teams.
- Our award-winning student-led Computing Society organises multiple events throughout the year, from hackathons to coding workshops, and supports programming at local schools.

“Royal Holloway has given me the chance to go beyond working for my degree and to start working towards my future. The department here gives you every opportunity to participate in the industry that exists beyond the walls of the lecture theatres.”

Freya
MSc in Computer Science
(Information Security)
## Your future career

- All our single-honours degrees are accredited by the BCS (British Computer Society), the chartered institute for the global IT profession, and EQANIE, its equivalent at European level.
- Our Industrial Advisory Board provides feedback on our degree programmes and ensure that they remain industry-relevant.
- Our academic staff includes professionals with extensive industrial experience. They know what is current in industry and what technical skills are in demand.
- The Year in Industry degree pathways give you the opportunity to apply your learning and gain experience and skills that can only be fully picked up in a work environment.
- Our software development company, Code Groovers, gives you the opportunity to work in real-world projects and acquire important transferable skills.
- Our graduates go on to work for well-known companies and organisations such as Amazon, Apple, Capita, Centrica, CGI–Logica, Goldman Sachs, IBM, JP Morgan, Microsoft, Sky, Symantec, among many others; or they join or create start-ups.

### 94% of our graduates are employed or in further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
BSc/MSci Computer Science
G400/G403

Our Computer Science degrees will equip you with the deep understanding of computing as a science, as well as the problem-solving skills, group working and the practical skills to succeed in a variety of roles as an IT professional.

Example modules
• Algorithms and complexity
• Bioinformatics
• Databases
• Digital audio and applications
• Functional programming and applications

Key features
• A flexible degree structure allows you to keep your options open and follow your study interests and career ambitions.
• You will acquire problem modelling and analysis techniques, as well as knowledge of and practical experience in modern software-develop development methodologies and techniques.
• You will develop extensive team-work skills, excellent coding skills, good communication skills, and a strong professional ethos.
• You will have access to a very wide range of optional modules, including those highlighted in the specialist pathways.

Flexible learning
You will have the opportunity to change pathways at certain stages, and to opt for an MSci or the Year in Industry depending on your academic performance.
You will have a wide range of topics from which to choose your individual project, which you can do in collaboration with a company, or you can propose your own topic.
Visit our website for more details and updated information on core and elective modules for our degrees.

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Megan, Hugh, Dulcie, Awen, and Shaurya from our department were the winners of the Cisco University Challenge 2017.
Artificial intelligence is a uniquely powerful and transformative technology that can change lives

“My why is Artificial Intelligence (AI), with interests in designing and building intelligent and autonomous agents through automated decision-making techniques. I came to AI after studying Computer Science and Engineering and I had an early opportunity to work with NASA Ames Research Center (USA) on autonomous planning agents for space mission operations, contributing to the development of the reasoning capabilities of two rovers sent to Mars – Spirit and Opportunity. I’ve continued my collaboration with NASA developing technology for search and tracking drones that can support search and rescue, and disaster responses.

My research covers AI task planning, specialising in autonomous surveillance technology, both in aerial and underwater vehicles. Used for reconnaissance and spotting threats, this technology could help with the safe passage of ships. I have also worked as part of a team on autonomous and intelligent agents for children on the autistic spectrum to create an ‘intelligent companion’ supporting the development of social skills.

AI can have a impact not only to further the progress of the wealthy countries but also to foster the advancement of developing nations. For example, AI can teach people new skills and support lifelong learning. At the same time, AI raises ethical and societal challenges for AI experts and policy-makers, who share the responsibility to deploy an AI technology that is safe, reliable and fair.”

Dr Sara Bernardini
Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science
Earth Sciences

“‘The sense of camaraderie between staff and students is infectious, with the work being both challenging yet rewarding. It has been a joy to study Earth Sciences at Royal Holloway and I have made lasting friends and memories here.’

Robert
BSc Geology

Earth Sciences at Royal Holloway

• World-class research informs our curriculum, ensuring our degree programmes are up-to-date with the latest developments and are taught by leading experts in geoscience. 94% of our research was rated 4* or 3* world-leading or internationally excellent in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

• We have an extensive range of facilities, with world-class laboratories for geochemical analysis, sedimentology and palaeontology, and specialist modelling laboratories for recreating earth structures.

• Our courses are complemented by a high quality fieldwork programme bringing the syllabus to life, taking you to some of the best geological locations in the UK and Europe.

• We are a friendly department with a community feel. Our ‘open-door’ personal tutor system and individual supervision of projects mean we really get to know our students.

97% OVERALL SATISFACTION FROM OUR STUDENTS
(NSS, 2017)

RANKED 6th IN THE UK
(Times Good University Guide 2018)

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Robert on geological fieldwork on the 3rd year Cyprus trip
Your future career

- The applied and practical nature of our courses, and the industrial experience which students can elect to undertake mean that over 65% of our graduates follow geological careers, providing answers to global problems like climate change and waste disposal, or playing an important role in global exploration for the raw materials we need – water, minerals, oil and gas.
- The resources sector and environmental organisations are the most significant employment destinations of our graduates. Many others go on to study for a PhD degree and become research scientists following an academic career.
- We support students with their job search and hold regular networking opportunities with companies recruiting for geological jobs through our numerous industry connections. Some of our best students undertake internships which helps prepare them to move into the career of their choice after graduation.
- The department awards a number of annual ‘Lyell Scholarships’ for students who wish to gain work experience or research experience over the summer break at the end of the second (BSc) or third (MSci) year of study. Strong links with international petroleum industries, environmental agencies and engineers, and local authorities can help you find such opportunities.
- Our student-led Lyell Geoscience Society organises social and networking events and a programme of stimulating guest lectures by well-known experts from academia and industry.
**BSc Geology**  
F600
A degree that gives a thorough grounding in all aspects of modern Earth Sciences, through research–led teaching bringing graduates to the limits of current knowledge to comprehend the past, present and future of our planet.

**Example modules**
- Introductory sedimentology
- Earth structures
- Marine geology
- Volcanology
- Planetary geology and geophysics

**Key features**
- Combine disciplines including chemistry, physics, maths and geography.
- Choose from a broad range of optional courses to tailor your learning to your own interests.
- Benefit from a pioneering research culture.
- Enjoy fieldwork opportunities in the UK and overseas.
- An ideal preparation for a wide range of employment both inside and outside the subject area.

**BSc Petroleum Geology**  
F620
This degree is designed to provide a clear and distinctive pathway leading to a set of skills and knowledge appropriate to the petroleum industry. It is ideal preparation for a career in the extractive hydrocarbon industries and combines theory and practice with extensive field work.

**Example modules**
- Igneous and metamorphic geology
- Regional geology
- The geology of petroleum
- Geohazards
- Mineral resources

**Key features**
- Excellent preparation for a career in the extractive hydrocarbon industries.
- Tailor your learning to your own interests and ambitions.
- Be inspired by a leading research culture that informs all of our teaching.
- Combines theory and practice with extensive fieldwork to prepare you for a rewarding career.
- Petroleum Geology will also prepare you to progress to postgraduate study should you so wish.

**BSc Digital Geosciences**  
F640
Digital Geosciences is an innovative new programme designed to equip students for the increasingly digital-centric scope of geological work. You’ll gain experience in computation and data analysis, a skill-set highly sought-after in a range of industries.

**Example modules**
- Global tectonics
- Scientific and geological field skills
- Computational earth sciences
- Structural analysis and remote sensing
- Modern climate change

**Key features**
- Specialise in the digital aspects of geological work.
- Taught by academics involved with cutting-edge research.
- You’ll learn how to harness the most sophisticated tools at our disposal.
- Develop skills and analysis abilities that are highly sought-after in a range of industries.

**BSc Environmental Geology**  
F630
Environmental Geology is a highly practical subject with a strong focus on problem solving. You will acquire the knowledge and skills to help shape society’s response to the impacts of natural hazards and of its exploitation of natural resources on the environment.

**Example modules**
- Physics and chemistry of earth
- Methods of environmental investigation
- Geological field skills for environmental students
- Aqueous geology
- Mineral resources

**Key features**
- Gain a thorough understanding of environmental geoscience.
- Contribute to our leading research working alongside our expert academics.
- Optional modules to tailor your degree around your interests.
- Participate in extensive fieldwork opportunities.
- Graduate with practical and research skills needed for a rewarding career.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Earth Sciences.
Our research signals rising atmospheric methane is a cause for concern.

Earth Sciences at Royal Holloway has one of the world’s longest running greenhouse gas records, and monitors methane isotopes from many stations worldwide, from Antarctica to Spitsbergen.

Our researchers participate in the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) work on ‘negative emissions’, exploring how to remove methane directly from the atmosphere. They hope to find a way to deal with hard-to-eliminate methane emissions from widely distributed sources such as livestock or gas pipelines.

The Greenhouse Gas Research Group, a research team led by Professor Euan Nisbet, (including Dr Rebecca Fisher, pictured) leads the UK’s ‘Project MOYA’ investigation into the Global Methane Budget. MOYA is a ‘Highlight’ programme of the NERC, with 14 partner institutions.

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) reported that the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere reached a record high in 2016, with a mysterious rise in the levels of methane, which were also higher than the 10-year average.

The fact that methane is rising rapidly, for unknown reasons linked to processes in the tropics and sub-tropics, is among the most serious challenges to the UN Paris Agreement.

Professor Nisbet told BBC News this was not expected in the Paris Agreement, “We do not understand why methane is rising ... It is very worrying.” Research continues and there is a fear of a vicious cycle, where methane drives up temperatures which in turn releases more methane from natural sources.
Electronic Engineering at Royal Holloway

- As Royal Holloway’s youngest department, we offer a great balance between practical industry knowledge and innovative teaching, delivered in a well-equipped, state-of-the-art building.
- We place an emphasis on the creative side of engineering applications in a project-led curriculum taught by staff who are experts in their fields.
- We connect research and teaching in unique areas of communications, music and media technology, power systems, nanotechnology, systems computing and signal processing.
- Our equality ethos means that the department attracts a greater than UK average proportion of women students, within an inclusive environment that is right at the heart of a friendly campus.
- We are currently developing a range of exciting new degree programmes combining interests in science, engineering and the arts.

“The most enjoyable thing for me has been the experiments and projects we’ve been doing right from the start of the course. We’ve worked in groups designing, building and pitching prototypes similar to how it is done in industry.”

Tilly
MEng Electronic Engineering

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Your future career

- There are an abundance of well-paid opportunities for graduates in Electronic Engineering, a profession that currently struggles to recruit staff in sufficient numbers to meet demand. Employers are looking for graduates with up-to-date knowledge, group working skills and fresh innovative ideas.
- Placements and year in industry options are available on all our degree programmes to develop real-world skills and experience. These will also give you a taste for what professional life is like in your field of interest.
- Through our connections with our Industrial Advisory Board we ensure that the skills and knowledge gained by our students are industrially relevant and match demand.
- As a graduate you will take with you the theoretical and creative practical skills that tomorrow’s electronic engineers need to embark on a fulfilling career creating solutions in a technological world. These skills will be underpinned with confident, practiced verbal and written communication abilities that are key to successful industrial team working.

- Our location within the South East regional hub of electronics businesses facilitates links with the majority of leading UK based electronics companies who can offer potential placements and graduate employment.

20,000
ANNUAL SHORTFALL OF ENGINEERING GRADUATES
(Engineering UK Report, 2017)
BEng Electronic Engineering
HH61

Project-led activities are at the heart of our BEng teaching to encourage entrepreneurship and group working in all stages of the taught programme. Coupled with this is the underpinning mathematics and science needed to enable electronic solutions to be created to address real-world needs and problems.

**Example modules**
- Electronic circuits and components
- Software engineering for electronics
- Electronic materials and devices
- Digital coding and data networking
- Signal processing

**Key features**
- Enjoy varied, practical project-led learning.
- Learn in a new building that is purpose-built to support engineering processes.
- A degree programme structured to develop ingenuity, invention and product development skills.
- Develop your interests through a number of optional course units in your final year.
- Graduate with high employability prospects in a thriving industry.

BEng Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry
H661

Study Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry at Royal Holloway and develop the skills you need to become a part of this exciting sector. You’ll gain real industry experience, making invaluable contacts you can take into your future career.

**Example modules**
- Communications engineering
- Energy generation, conversion and distribution
- Software engineering for electronics
- Control engineering
- Electronic circuits and components

**Key features**
- A degree programme structured to develop ingenuity, invention and product development skills.
- Enjoy a blend of practical and theoretical study, working in groups and individually with one-to-one support from your own Personal Tutor.
- On your third year placement you will develop your skills and gain an insight into industry.
- Develop your interests through a number of optional course units in your final year.
- Gain commercial experience and increase your career prospects.

A fantastic £20 million purpose-designed building has been constructed on campus to provide a home for the Department of Electronic Engineering.

The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) contributed a £5 million grant to develop the new science building in order to encourage more female engineers, to address the national shortage.

The building includes state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, ‘help yourself’ collaboration spaces open to all, research and teaching spaces, staff offices and project fabrication, computing and electronics laboratories.

The roof is designed as a field laboratory equipped with solar panels and wind turbine, to allow you to explore the efficiency of energy generation devices under different weather conditions.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Electronic Engineering.
We all have a voice but few know much about how it works; it’s a fascinating subject!

“The evolution of human voice production alongside human hearing is hugely intriguing and there are many questions to explore and answer. My why is exploring human voice production in the context of both speech and singing, bringing in what is known about human hearing as appropriate.

As humans we need to communicate with each other all the time. Speech and singing are part of a core communication channel for us and the ability to communicate complex ideas, thoughts and emotions is basic to human existence. Losing your voice either temporally or permanently is hugely debilitating. Voice research supports medical work in speech therapy and voice rehabilitation, in human-machine vocal communication and in recreating the sound of the past.

One novel way of exploring voice is via my Vocal Tract Organ, a new musical instrument that I’ve designed using magnetic resonance images (MRI) of the human throat/mouth for different vowels that are excited acoustically with a larynx-like ‘buzz’ via a loudspeaker. This is enhancing our understanding of voice production, and has even had new musical compositions created for it!

I am currently looking at synthesising the vocal sounds of a 3,000 year old Egyptian Mummy based on MRI of his throat and mouth on the Vocal Tract Organ.”

Professor David M Howard FREng
Head of the Department of Electronic Engineering

MEng Electronic Engineering H61H
Our Masters degree in Electronic Engineering provides the knowledge and experience you’ll need to make your mark in an exciting, fast-growing sector. Graduates, with up-to-date knowledge, practical skills and fresh ideas are heavily in demand.

Example modules
• Principles of sustainable engineering
• Digital coding and data networking
• Smart transportation
• Voice and music technologies
• Personal communications technology

Key features
• Structured to develop ingenuity, invention and product development skills.
• Join a research-led teaching environment where academics encourage creative thought.
• Enjoy practical project-led learning where you can realise and develop your ideas.
• Choose from a range of optional courses.
• A Masters in Electronic Engineering will make you an attractive candidate for employers in a variety of fields.

MEng Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry H61H1
The MEng Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry will equip you with advanced knowledge and practical skills developed in a research-led environment, as well as real world experience of industrial team working. The additional year in industry will provide extra insight and experience to embark on a fulfilling career.

Example modules
• Electronic materials and devices
• Signal processing
• Engineering leadership
• Imaging systems for medicine and industry
• App programming

Key features
• Structured to develop ingenuity, invention and product development skills.
• Join a research-led teaching environment where academics encourage creative thought.
• Enjoy varied, practical project-led learning where you can realise and develop your ideas.
• Choose from a range of optional courses.
• A Masters in Electronic Engineering will make you an attractive candidate for employers in a variety of fields.

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Geography at Royal Holloway

• As a leading centre for geographical research and teaching, we have earned international recognition for advancing understanding of the challenges facing contemporary culture, the economy and the environment.
• We have achieved high scores in every National Student Survey since 2011, reflecting our excellent degree courses and friendly, supportive learning environment.
• We promote a first-hand encounter with geographical issues through a dynamic programme of field training, including locations in Spain, Sicily, Malawi, London, New York and Cyprus. The shared experiences and friendships developed during fieldwork also strengthen our department’s community feel.
• Outstanding state-of-the-art facilities support the development of key geographical skills, including the use of GIS and remote sensing, analysis of soils, sediments and water with a focus on environmental reconstruction, environmental management and pollution studies.

“The Spain fieldtrip was a fantastic opportunity to get to know the people on my course and many of the lecturers. Conducting fieldwork in beautiful landscapes was a real highlight, and my research skills have greatly improved.”

Yousef
BA Geography
DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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* Required Higher Level grades with a minimum of 32 points overall.

Our single honours degrees are accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers).

We welcome applications from students taking additional school or college qualifications, including the EPQ. See p.134. For advice for applicants from a diverse and/or non-traditional background, see p.135. For A-level qualification equivalencies for each course, including BTEC, please refer to our website.

Your future career

- Geography makes important links with many other academic disciplines, and its diversity enhances the learning experiences and transferable skills of our students.
- We will help you develop a whole range of employability skills including numeracy, teamwork through regular field trips, analytical skills in the lab, and a technical expertise using specialist computing applications.
- We also run an annual ‘Careers Bootcamp’ in the Summer term for students of all years with careers advice sessions, alumni talks, interactive employability tasks and sessions to brush up on your presentation and computing skills.
- Placement-linked dissertations allow students to formally undertake their independent research in alliance with a charity or company who share an interest in geographical concerns.
- Geography graduates from Royal Holloway are highly sought-after by a wide range of employers, from environmental conservation and NGOs to media relations and the Civil Service.

94% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.*

* (DLHE, 2017)
BSc Geography
F800

Study the fascinating interactions between humans and our physical world, from our responses to climate change, natural disasters, and environmental degradation, to the management and defence of the natural environment, and sustainable development.

Example modules
• Atmosphere, oceans and the geosphere
• Biogeography, ecology and scales of change
• Earth surface processes and hazards
• Volcanoes
• Environmental systems

Key features
• Learn about oceanic and atmospheric processes, plate tectonics, hydrology and coastal processes, glaciation, and arid environments.
• Examine how and why ecosystems vary spatially and the impact of human activity, such as deforestation and agriculture, on the physical environment.
• This flexible programme lets you tailor your learning in years 2 and 3, offering optional modules to choose from.
• You’ll be part of a supportive learning environment, with small group seminars and tutorials encouraging development and cooperation.
• Take part in a wide range of fieldwork opportunities in the UK and abroad.

BA Geography
L700

Examine many of the key issues and challenges facing communities and societies around the world, including climate change and environmental management, globalisation, geopolitics, social development, and urban change.

Example modules
• Biogeography, ecology and scales of change
• Cultures, economies, histories
• Politics, society, development and environments
• Perspectives on development
• Geopolitics of media and communications

Key features
• Examine the social, political and economic aspects of geography as well as environmental and landscape issues.
• Develop an understanding of the complexity of the relationship between people and environment.
• This flexible programme lets you tailor your degree in years 2 and 3, with an extensive range of optional modules to choose from.
• You’ll be part of a supportive learning environment, with small group seminars and tutorials encouraging development and cooperation.
• Take part in a wide range of fieldwork opportunities in the UK and abroad.

Studying overseas
Our students can choose to further enrich their degree by taking up the opportunity to study abroad as an additional year after two years of study and then return to Royal Holloway for their fourth and final year. This is recognised in the final degree title of Geography with an International Year.

Student Exchange links exist with universities throughout the world and Geography students have recently spent years abroad in the USA and Canada. Further details can be found on our website.

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When environmental disasters and human conflict collide

“My why is global insecurity and how communities are further put to the test by a more erratic climate and large-scale natural disasters against this backdrop. My research is about climatic disasters and their interaction with politics, security and development in countries in the Global South. I do fieldwork in local communities to understand how people living amidst conflict and insecurity are affected by, and cope with the experience of environmental disasters. I am also interested in understanding how disasters provide opportunities for new forms of development interventions and transformations. Currently my research is focused on typhoons and armed conflict in the Philippines. There I am working with a social enterprise to record stories, drawings, photographs and other images, made by people whose lives were seriously affected by a deadly typhoon in 2012.

Prior to this, I have been fortunate enough to work in Pakistan, Tajikistan, Vietnam, Morocco, Bolivia and Peru on similar issues. My expertise in this field is used in my Year 3 course ‘Challenging development? Disasters, conflict and human (in)security’, where students explore the challenges to people-centred development, such as disasters and climate change, conflict and military intervention. Focusing on a human security approach to development in my research and teaching, I design class exercises, group presentations and assessments and screen films that inspire my students to think about different ways to address real-world challenges.”

Dr Ayesha Siddiqi
Lecturer in Human Geography
Mathematics at Royal Holloway

• We offer a flexible approach to study within a developmental structure, so that you can follow your strengths and interests and achieve your full potential.

• A strong research culture informs our teaching by academic staff whose research is making an impressive impact in the world, including algorithms that underpin the security of mobile phones and secure transmissions by emergency services all over the world.

• Our strong ties with industry mean we understand the needs of employers and can equip our graduates with the knowledge and skills to take mathematics to the highest levels, in research, science or industry.

• The academic quality and supportive learning community is consistently highly ranked by our students, in the National Student Survey.

• Our staff support problem-solving sessions, small group tutorials, and are always ready to give help and advice, with a personal adviser system, and generous office hours.

“...The mathematics department has provided me with the tools, support, and encouragement to push myself and achieve my utmost potential. The combination of friendly staff and enthusiastic peer guides means student support systems are never far away.”

James
BSc Mathematics

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98%
OVERALL SATISFACTION
FROM OUR STUDENTS
(NSS, 2017)

2
IN THE UK
FOR RESEARCH IMPACT
(THE REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)
of our graduates go on to work or further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)
BSc Mathematics with Statistics
G1G3
This programme will give you a solid grounding in all the key methods and concepts of mathematics, as well as allowing you to explore the fascinating and rapidly evolving field of statistics. Statistics lies at the heart of economics, accounting, banking, management, communications, astronomy and the physical and social sciences.

Example modules
• Principles of statistics
• Time series analysis
• Linear algebra and a group project
• Applied probability
• Cipher systems

Key features
• Link fundamental concepts of probability theory and pure mathematics to the application of a diverse array of statistical techniques.
• Learn from renowned mathematicians and statisticians who are experts in their fields.
• Tailor your degree to suit your own interests.
• Develop a widely applicable skill set that is in demand from employers.

BSc/MSci Mathematics
G100/G103
Our flagship BSc and MSci programmes bring the beauty and breadth of mathematics to life, inviting you to delve deep into the world of abstract structures and ideas, whilst also equipping you with the practical skills and experience to prepare you for your future career. Guided by experts in the field, you will gain a thorough knowledge of the key methods and concepts that underpin the subject.

Example modules
• Functions of several variables
• Computational number theory
• Groups and group actions
• Cipher systems
• Quantum theory

Key features
• Enjoy a varied and flexible curriculum, inspired by our world-class research.
• Tailor your degree to your own interests.
• Develop analytical skills and data handling powers.
• Advance your logical thinking and creative problem solving abilities.
• Acquire an invaluable portfolio of skills that will set you apart in your future career.

Mathematics and Information Security
As part of Royal Holloway's School of Mathematics and Information Security, the department is aligned with the world-renowned Information Security Group (ISG), an Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research. ISG has exceptional research facilities, including the Smart Card Centre and an EPSRC funded Centre for Doctoral Training in cybersecurity.

It is one of the largest academic groups of its kind in the world, dedicated to education and research, much of which is underpinned by mathematics. The field of Information Security has grown up very rapidly in recent years and the subject embraces a wide range of issues, including security management, digital forensics, cyber crime and security testing.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up to date information on these and all other degree programmes in Mathematics.
My why is intrinsic beauty – both in pure mathematics and in its application to the world

“Without mathematics, modern technology would not exist. Nevertheless, for many mathematicians, me included, the real importance of mathematics lies in its intrinsic beauty. The abstract edifice of mathematics is one of the greatest and most beautiful achievements of the human spirit. But most of the beauty of mathematics reveals itself only to those who study it. Mathematics is hard but, just as in solving a puzzle, when it finally clicks, when you finally see how to find the solution after having been stuck for a long time, there is a great sense of pride and satisfaction. That’s why a large part of learning happens outside lectures: working through weekly problem sheets, discussing maths with other students, exploring ideas in depth during tutorials.

During your studies you will be able to choose in which area or areas to specialise. We offer courses in the following broad areas: Pure mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics and finance, and cryptography and communications. But beyond these subjects, you will learn invaluable things: how to tackle difficult problems, how to reason methodically, how to construct a mathematical argument, and much more.

Last but not least, you will develop an appreciation of the beauty of mathematics.”

Professor Rüdiger Schack
Head of Mathematics

BSc Mathematical Studies
G150
Mathematical Studies covers the key concepts and techniques of mathematics, from the abstract to the practical. It also allows you to pursue studies in related fields and to build a skillset that is unique to your personal interests, with an option in years 2 and 3 to choose up to a quarter of your courses from other departments, such as Computer Science, Physics or Management.

Example modules
- Numbers and functions
- Linear algebra and group project
- Mathematics of financial markets
- Public key cryptography
- Channels

Key features
- Develop a deep understanding of mathematical methods and concepts.
- Combine mathematical skills with studies in related fields.
- Choose your areas of study from a flexible, modular structure.
- Learn to apply mathematics to the challenges of the world we all live in.
- Opportunities for summer work placements or internships.

BA Mathematics & Music
GW13
Mathematics and Music have a natural synergy, with both disciplines influencing and informing the other. This programme allows you to spend half of your time on each subject, gaining a thorough grounding in mathematical methods and concepts while having a wide choice of modules in music on our flexible curriculum.

Example modules
- Matrix algebra
- Contemporary debates in music
- Vector analysis and fluids
- Music in the city
- Practical performance

Key features
- Pursue performance and composition or explore other elements of music.
- Study statistics, probability, pure and applied mathematics.
- Increasingly flexible syllabus as you progress.
- The opportunity to join our many ensembles.
- Choral, organ, orchestral and music scholarships.

Find your why...

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Physics at Royal Holloway

- We are a highly-respected centre for Physics teaching and research; our world-class research positively influences our teaching and makes our degrees intellectually stimulating.
- Our students carry out an individual final-year project embedded in our research groups: Quantum, Nano-, Theoretical, Particle, Astroparticle and Accelerator Physics. Our research is carried out in our department as well as major UK and international laboratories such as CERN, National Physical Laboratory, ISIS Neutron source and Diamond light source.
- We place an emphasis on small group teaching within a friendly environment enabled by an excellent staff-to-student ratio. Staff have an open-door policy giving students access to individual support.
- The department holds ‘Juno Champion’ status from the Institute of Physics and the Athena SWAN Silver Award, highlighting our efforts in promoting women in Physics.

“Having access to amazing facilities like the telescope has helped me to develop many skills and gives a real insight into what we learned in lectures. All the academics are inspiring and do really cool and interesting research and you get a lot of support from them.”

Alanis
BSc Astrophysics

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### Your future career

- As a physicist, you will be highly-regarded by potential employers. Studying physics is a training in fundamental science allowing you to apply the scientific method, have the ability to solve complex problems and develop a deep conceptual understanding of nature.
- A degree in physics can lead to many different career paths where skills in complex data analysis, logical and critical thought and effective communication are essential.
- Our physics graduates go on to find employment in diverse areas from engineering, computer science, civil service and government, to finance, management and medicine. Many also choose to pursue a higher degree or enter research.
- Students benefit from our links with international research laboratories, partner universities and companies, especially through a strong programme of summer internships.
- We provide opportunities for you to develop transferable skills and prepare yourself effectively for graduate jobs. Our alumni regularly return to share their experience, build connections and give advice to students. Our students are well supported by the university’s Careers & Employability Service as well as a dedicated Physics department employability officer.

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* Required subjects: Mathematics and Physics.
** Required Higher level grades including 6 in Maths and 5 in Physics with a minimum of 32 points overall.
*** We coordinate a wide range of work placements and internships to enable students to gain valuable work experience, try different career paths and build contacts.

All degree programmes are accredited by the Institute of Physics.

For Joint programmes, other requirements may apply, see other department’s page for full details.

We welcome applications from students taking additional school or college qualifications, including the EPQ. See p.134.

For advice for applicants from a diverse and/or non-traditional background, see p.135.

For A-level qualification equivalencies for each course, including BTEC, please refer to our website.

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Your graduates are **in work or further study within six months of graduating.**

*(DLHE, 2017)*

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For more information on our courses, please visit [royalholloway.ac.uk/physics](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/physics)
MSci Physics  
F303
You will cover the core knowledge every physics graduate is expected to know, and follow your own interests to develop a unique specialism. This degree will prepare you for a future career in scientific research.

Example modules
• Classical matter
• Scientific computing skills
• Particle astrophysics
• Research review
• Major project

Key features
• Wide range of fourth year options taught across the University of London physics consortium, providing access to world-leading experts.
• Extended research project embedded within a research group, working directly with your personal academic supervisor.
• Final year builds on the core physics content allowing you to gain specialist knowledge in your chosen area of interest.

BSc Physics  
F300
Explore the core material, including quantum mechanics, electromagnetism, statistical physics and thermodynamics, Einstein’s relativity and the study of the fundamental structure of matter and the universe.

Example modules
• Scientific skills i and ii (laboratory)
• Quantum mechanics
• Particle physics
• Metals and semiconductors
• Experimental or theoretical project

Key features
• Modern and exciting physics taught by internationally recognised experts.
• Personal tutor to guide you through the development of new concepts and ideas.
• Learn a range of experimental and computational skills in the laboratory.
• Plan and execute an extended experimental or theoretical investigation in physics, electronics or astrophysics.

MSci Theoretical Physics  
F321
This degree covers the core physics and mathematical topics with a strong emphasis on theoretical concepts. This emphasis will give a deeper appreciation of the beauty and surprises that occur in nature.

Example modules
• Mathematics for scientists i and ii
• Classical and statistical thermodynamics
• General relativity and cosmology
• Relativistic waves and quantum fields
• Theoretical treatments of nano-systems

Key features
• Develop the underlying mathematical and theoretical skills required for physics.
• Potential final projects in theoretical physics include topological quantum matter, super-conductivity and fluidity, quantum optics, quantum information processing, standard model phenomenology, particle cosmology and quantum field theory.
• Module options available from the Mathematics department, such as Non-linear phenomena and chaos.

BSc Physics with Astrophysics  
F511
Astrophysics develops the concepts in physics, asking fundamental and deep questions about the construction and composition of the universe, for example; what is Dark Matter or dark energy and how did the universe begin?

Example modules
• Physics of the universe
• Astronomy
• Stellar astrophysics
• General relativity and cosmology
• Particle astrophysics

Key features
• Hands on observation with the dedicated on-site teaching observatory, away from polluting lights of London.
• Modules taught by experts leading the experimental search for Dark Matter.
• Develop your interests in astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology.
• Guaranteed astrophysics project in the final year.

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**MSci Physics with Particle Physics**

**F372**

Explore how modern collider and particle astrophysics probes the building blocks of the universe, how they came into creation and how they affect each other. This degree prepares you for entry into a research degree in this field.

**Example modules**
- Physics of the universe
- Particle detectors and accelerators
- Particle physics
- Standard model physics and beyond
- Quantum computation and communication

**Key features**
- Taught by world-leading experts in areas like the Higgs boson, Top quark and future accelerators.
- Visit CERN with our academics and researchers based at CERN, for a unique view of the world’s largest scientific experiments.
- Final year research project within particle theory, dark matter, ATLAS or accelerator physics groups.
- Advanced courses in statistical data analysis and machine learning, critical for understanding high energy physics data and complex problems in the real world.

**BSc Physics with Music**

**F3W3**

Physicists often have a love of both music and physics and this degree programme combines the study of both across two outstanding departments. Develop a blend of theoretical, experimental and creative skills from physics and music, with access to exceptional research laboratories and rehearsal and performance spaces.

**Example modules**
- Creative composition techniques
- Fields and waves
- Composing with technology
- Quantum mechanics
- Music, power and politics

**Key features**
- Physics is studied as the major subject with the addition of music as a significant component.
- This degree is run jointly with acclaimed Department of Music at Royal Holloway (no. 5 in the UK, Complete University Guide, 2018).
- You will learn about music composition, theory and analysis together with historical musicology and issues that shape contemporary music.

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**My why is solving mysteries, searching for Dark Matter particles and translating experiments into life-changing applications**

“My research is on exploring the properties of Dark Matter particles that make up a large proportion of the universe. We seek to test the theories for what Dark Matter could be by looking for interactions in very sensitive experiments, such as looking for the wind of Dark Matter particles created by the motion of the Earth through our galaxy. Through studying these properties, we can translate these questions into interesting applications that change the way we interact and live.

I work on an international experiment at SNOLab, in Canada, exploring the properties of Dark Matter by using liquid argon as the sensitive detector. We’ve developed many new techniques to do this experiment, and my undergraduate students were a big part of that, building parts of the experiment that are operating now. We are working on applying the developments in our laboratory for Dark Matter to an instance where very low radioactivity is required, for example paediatric care, which could lead to new medical tools for children with cancer.

I am also developing ‘new eyes’ for looking at Dark Matter through a project called the DarkSide (yes, working on the dark side!) to build the world’s largest Dark Matter detector, deep underground in Italy. This will use silicon to develop a new way to look for light signals produced by Dark Matter interactions with argon, at a much larger scale. This technology to detect a tiny flash of light is applicable to developing self-driving cars that use LIDAR (light detection and ranging) to measure distances.”

Professor Jocelyn Monroe
Department of Physics

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Psychology at Royal Holloway

- Our world-leading research informs our teaching at all levels of our degree programmes, giving you the opportunity to learn from researchers at the forefront of the discipline who also are passionate about teaching. In your final year research project, you will work with one of our staff on a topic at the cutting-edge of research.

- We consistently score highly in the National Student Survey. Our students appreciate our dynamic and engaging community, the accessibility of staff and our Personal Tutor system providing personalised advice and pastoral support throughout your degree.

- We have excellent facilities with our own magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, apparatus to stimulate brain areas (TMS) and for recording electrical changes in the brain (EEG), eye tracking, virtual reality environments, sleep labs, and a baby lab.

- Our BSc single honours degrees are recognised by the British Psychological Society as the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership.

90% SATISFACTION FROM OUR STUDENTS
(NSS, 2017)

TO TOP 20
UK PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT
(Guardian University Guide, 2018)

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125 of psychology graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.*

*(DLHE, 2017)

Royal Holloway is well placed for excellent employability prospects in a range of fields. You’ll gain a range of transferable skills that will make you highly attractive to potential employers, including advanced literacy and numeracy skills, critical reading, report writing, survey research, experimentation and the ability to use statistical methods to assess research findings. Our BSc Psychology will also prepare you to progress to the department’s postgraduate programmes. We have excellent connections with a wide range of organisations, helping to create rewarding placement opportunities. We also maintain strong links with our graduate network so you can benefit from the skills and experiences of alumni. Students can benefit from careers seminars, events, advice and information throughout their studies.
BSc Psychology
C800
You will gain a thorough understanding of how research into human behaviour can be conducted across different core areas of psychology, without limiting study to any specific area. During year three you can choose from a wide range of advanced options, covering all the major areas of experimental psychology.

Example modules
• Self and society
• Biological foundations of psychology
• Brain and behaviour
• Methods in cognitive neuroscience
• Human neuropsychology

Key features
• Study the most up-to-date and exciting findings in psychology.
• Learn with internationally recognised experts in their fields.
• Develop psychological research skills and practice how to think critically about research.
• Benefit from the department’s advanced research facilities.
• Customise your degree in your final year, selecting from a number of optional modules.

BSc Applied Psychology
C804
Focus on applying psychological research to real world issues, exploring a broader social and occupational context. Learn how we can modify health and social behaviour, psychological problems, and how psychology can be used in the workplace, in education and when exploring criminal behaviour.

Example modules
• Introduction to abnormal psychology
• Social psychology
• Advanced and applied social psychology
• Educational psychology
• Human performance – work, sport and medicine

Key features
• Apply the theory and principles of psychology to real-world issues.
• Understand a broader spectrum of social and occupational contexts.
• Select from a range of optional modules in your final year.
• Contribute to cutting-edge research with a final year research project.
• Graduate with excellent employability prospects in a variety of sectors.

BSc Psychology, Development & Developmental Disorders
C805
Focus on issues related to the study of typical and atypical child development and development through the life span, including the development of cognitive and social skills in infancy and early childhood, and developmental disorders such as autism, Down’s syndrome, dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

Example modules
• Lifespan development
• Personality and individual differences
• Advanced developmental psychology
• Language, communication and thought
• Health psychology

Key features
• Specialise in your final year in the study of human developmental processes and how they may be disrupted.
• Contribute to cutting-edge research with a final year research project.
• Learn with internationally recognised experts in their fields.
• Dedicated baby lab for studying the development of infants.

BSc Psychology, Clinical Psychology & Mental Health
C806
Focus on the study of psychological problems in children and adults, as well as the study of how psychological factors are related to physical health and the prevention of illness. In your final year you’ll specialise in the study of a range of approaches to clinical mental health issues.

Example modules
• Learning and memory
• Self and society
• Psychological research methods and analysis
• Developmental disorders
• Clinical and cognitive neuroscience

Key features
• Explore specialisms in the areas of clinical psychology and mental health.
• Examine the range of approaches to clinical mental health issues.
• Benefit from the department’s advanced facilities, including an on-site MRI scanner.
• Contribute to topics at the cutting-edge of psychological investigation.

Example modules shown are indicative of current choices across all years of the degree, and may not be available every year. Please check website for up-to-date information on these and all other degree programmes in Psychology.
MSci Psychology
C801

Develop a deep understanding of psychological theories, methods, and their applications. You will explore the core areas of psychology and develop your interests in the third and fourth years. The MSci offers you the opportunity to study MSc-level modules with internationally recognised experts, and complete a more in-depth final-year research project.

Example modules
- Adult psychological problems
- Consciousness & cognition
- Human neuropsychology
- Adjustment and wellbeing
- Applied neuroscience

Key features
- Study and contribute to topics at the cutting-edge of psychological investigation.
- Develop your particular interests from a wide range of optional modules.
- Study MSc-level modules and acquire advanced research skills.
- Graduate with an integrated Masters degree from one of the UK’s leading institutions in psychology.

BSc Psychology, Clinical Psychology & Cognitive Neuroscience
C807

Examine the relationships between the brain and higher functions, the causes, symptoms and treatments of common brain disorders such as stroke and Parkinson’s disease, and methods for studying the brain such as functional MRI. You will specialise in your final year on neuroscientific approaches to cognition and clinical mental health issues.

Example modules
- Self and society
- Psychological research methods and analysis
- Cognitive psychology
- Developmental disorders
- Language, communication and thought

Key features
- Examine the underlying causes of clinical conditions.
- Learn about neuroscience techniques and their application.
- Benefit from the department’s advanced research facilities.
- Contribute to cutting-edge research with our world-leading academics.

My why is finding explanations for how we use vision to interact with today’s world

“My research is in visual perception – looking at how the brain pieces together information that comes from the eyes. This involves making the connection between the biology of the brain and our sensory experience of everything around us.

I came from a Maths background into Psychology, discovering that the visual system is a good model system and that actions of neurones can be thought of as computations in the brain. In more applied aspects of my research, I have used eye tracking technology that measures how we engage with the visual information around us. This has opened up a world of discovery. For example, we can study how we navigate a busy road crossing, how we use eye contact in social interactions, how we allocate attention when watching a movie or how we move our eyes when we use technology.

Technology is all around us, and there is a demand for greater understanding of how humans interact with computers, for example in user experience and market research – these rely on understanding how we interact with today’s world. Through eye tracking research, I can design better displays in cockpits and advise money market traders on the shop floor how to make electronic trading more efficient.

It’s rewarding to provide a stepping stone in our understanding of visual perception and to help improve the technology we use, by putting the human back into technology solutions.”

Dr Szonya Durant
Senior Lecturer in Psychology

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How to apply

To help you get organised and feel confident with making your application to Royal Holloway, use our handy guide below.

Before you apply

Find out everything you can about the universities and degree programmes you’re interested in.

You need to apply through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) at ucas.com

Apply online

UCAS opens September 2018

UCAS allows you to send in your 2019 application from this date.

If you’re already studying, you’ll need to submit your application using your school or college’s ‘buzzword’.

If you’re not at a school or college, you should apply as an individual applicant through the UCAS website.

All our undergraduate degrees are listed on the UCAS website with the course code to enter on your application.

You’ll also need Royal Holloway’s code, which is R72.

If you’re applying as a visiting student or for a part-time degree please contact us at study@royalholloway.ac.uk

Start your application

UCAS Apply opens early June 2018

You can start working on your 2019 application any time from now.

What happens next?

UCAS sends your application to all the universities that you’ve selected. They will consider your application and notify both you and UCAS of their decision.

If you apply to Royal Holloway, you can expect to hear from us within four weeks.

We’ll let you know if you have an offer and/or if we’d like you to come to an Applicant Visit Day to meet you and find out more.

If you have any queries about your offer please contact the Admissions Team at study@royalholloway.ac.uk

UCAS application deadline

15 January 2019

No offers?
Don’t worry, there’s still time

UCAS Extra opens late February 2019

If you used all five choices on your application, received all your responses and aren’t holding any offers, you can use UCAS EXTRA.
Your decision deadline
Early May 2019
If you received your offers by 31 March, this is the deadline for you to make your firm and insurance choices.
UCAS will guide you through this process.
If your offer is conditional, you will then need to wait until your results before your place is confirmed.

Late decision deadline
Early June 2019
If you received your offers later, in early May, you should make your firm and insurance choices now.

Apply for accommodation
Deadline early June 2019
If we’re your firm choice and you want to live on campus, you can apply for accommodation from late March until the deadline in early June.
Please check royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation for updates.

Results day and Clearing and Adjustment
15 August 2019
A-level results are published and you’ll find out whether your place with us is confirmed.
The full Clearing vacancy service starts. If you’re interested in applying to Royal Holloway through Clearing visit royalholloway.ac.uk/clearing
Adjustment opens for registration. If you’ve done better than expected and want to come to Royal Holloway instead of your initial choice visit our website to find out how.

Early Clearing
5 July 2019
If you’ve already got your results then you can start applying through Clearing from this point.

Finally ... Welcome!
Arrive at Royal Holloway from Saturday 21 September 2019 ready for the first day of Welcome Week on the Monday!

Adjustment closes and all offer conditions must have been met
31 August 2019

Extra closes
4 July 2019

Final application deadline
30 June 2019

UCAS
Extra closes
4 July 2019

Late decision deadline
Early June 2019
If you received your offers later, in early May, you should make your firm and insurance choices now.
## Entry requirements

Applicants from Royal Holloway come from diverse backgrounds and we accept a broad range of qualifications for our courses.

Whilst we cannot list all the possible qualifications accepted, those listed below indicate the typical academic requirements for admission.

### GCSEs

Applicants who have completed their schooling in the UK will normally be expected to have gained at least five GCSE passes at grades A*-C (or grades 9-4 for reformed GCSEs) including English and Maths. Some courses may have additional GCSE requirements and these are listed on our online course finder.

### GCE A-levels

Entry requirements for each course are listed on course pages. Offers are made on the basis of the grades achieved in three subjects at A-level. There is no general requirement that subjects must have been passed at the same time or on a specified number of occasions. Most subjects are acceptable, although some of our programmes do have preferred subjects. We do not include General Studies in our offer but we welcome applications from students who have General Studies as an additional qualification.

### International Baccalaureate

Entry requirements for each course are listed on individual course pages. Offers are made on the basis of gaining specific Higher Level grades with a total number of points overall. Students taking the International Baccalaureate Certificate in combination with other international qualifications equivalent to A-levels may be considered for entry. For specific enquiries about potential combinations please contact our Admissions Team. Non UK/EU students taking only the International Baccalaureate Certificate should consider applying to a foundation programme. For further information about the International Foundation Year run by Study Group at Royal Holloway visit our website.

### Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers

We welcome applications from students with Scottish qualifications. Entry requirements for each course are listed on individual pages on our website.

### Cambridge Pre-U

We are pleased to consider applicants taking the Cambridge Pre-U, whether as the full diploma or individual principal subjects combined with A-levels or other qualifications.

### BTEC qualifications

Entry requirements for each course are listed on our website. We accept the QCF BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma for entry on to most of our degree programmes, although this should be in a subject area related to the degree programme you are applying for. Students taking separate subjects in the QCF BTEC National Level 3 Diploma or Extended Certificate can be considered when taken in combination with A-levels.

### Access to Higher Education Diploma

Applications are welcomed from mature students studying a QAA recognised Access to Higher Education Diploma. Access offers are usually conditional upon the candidate passing the Diploma and achieving grades of Pass, Merit or Distinction in individual units.

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Royal Holloway welcomes applications from students taking additional qualifications while at school or college. Where an applicant is taking the EPQ alongside A-levels, the EPQ will be taken into consideration and result in lower A-level grades being required.

This prospectus was published in February 2018 and the entry requirements listed were correct at that time. For up to date information visit [royalholloway.ac.uk/courses](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/courses)
Non-traditional entry routes
Our academic departments welcome applications from students with a range of educational profiles, and we are committed to encouraging more applications from groups who are underrepresented in Higher Education or who do not follow ‘traditional’ qualification routes.

Educational context
Royal Holloway is committed to widening access to Higher Education for applicants from underrepresented groups. Socio-economic factors which may have impacted an applicant’s education will be taken into consideration, and alternative offers may be made to these applicants.

For full details please see our Admissions Policy at royalholloway.ac.uk/admissionspolicy

Mature students
Royal Holloway has a long tradition of welcoming mature students and we recognise and value the experience of people returning to study after time spent in the workplace or raising a family. Mature applicants without the standard entry requirements for their chosen degree programme may be considered for admission if they are able to show evidence of competence in their chosen field of study, and/or ability in appropriate academic or professional fields. This will usually be discussed at interview. Most mature applicants will be required to refresh or acquire new skills before beginning an undergraduate programme e.g. by completing a QAA recognised Access to Higher Education Diploma course. For more information on these courses visit accesstohe.ac.uk

Care leavers and young people in (or previously in) care
Royal Holloway is proud to have been awarded the Buttle UK Quality Mark for our commitment to supporting care leavers during their time at the university. Young people who are in care and are interested in applying to university are welcome to participate in the many events and activities we organise for students aged 11-18.

Dedicated support
We welcome applications from people with disabilities and those with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. These applications are assessed using our standard academic criteria. Our Disability & Dyslexia Service co-ordinates the admissions process and clarifies the nature and level of support each student requires, both before and after arrival. We strongly recommend that all applicants with a disability or learning difficulty declare it in their application in order to obtain the best advice and guidance from the outset. We also recommend that you talk to the Disability & Dyslexia Service and visit campus before application if possible. royalholloway.ac.uk/wellbeingandsupport

International applicants
We welcome applications from international students whose qualifications are equivalent to our entry requirements. To find out if your current qualifications are acceptable for undergraduate study, look at the International Qualifications section under the individual course’s entry requirements at royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

All international applicants should submit applications through UCAS.

English language requirements
We have specific English Language requirements to ensure that you can cope with the demands of a degree programme. Our standard IELTS entry score is 6.5 overall, however, this may vary by degree programme and therefore you should ensure you check our website for further information. Royal Holloway accepts a range of other qualifications as evidence of your English Language skills including: Pearson PTE and CAE where results are equivalent to the IELTS scores required. If your English Language skills do not meet our entry requirements, you may be eligible to undertake a pre-sessional English language programme. royalholloway.ac.uk/international

Visiting and study abroad students
We welcome applications from visiting and study abroad students who wish to study with us as part of their degree with another university. royalholloway.ac.uk/studyabroad

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Terms and conditions of admission

Before applying, you are strongly recommended to download and read our Admissions Policy which sets out Royal Holloway’s position on key matters relating to the recruitment and admissions to all of our programmes of study. You can read the policy at royalholloway.ac.uk/admissionspolicy.

When you accept an offer of a place to study at Royal Holloway, University of London, a legal contract is formed between you and the university on the basis of the terms and conditions of your offer. Once you receive an offer letter, you are strongly advised to read the terms and conditions carefully to ensure you understand them before accepting your offer.

If you would like to give us any feedback on your experience as an applicant to Royal Holloway, email study@royalholloway.ac.uk.

This prospectus was edited and produced by the Marketing and Communications team, Royal Holloway. It was published in February 2018 and the information given was correct at that time. It is intended primarily for those considering admission to Royal Holloway as undergraduate students in 2019. As described in our terms and conditions (found online), occasionally it may be necessary for the university to vary the content and delivery of programmes from what is printed in this prospectus. The university endeavours to keep such changes and disruption to a minimum, but all applicants are advised to refer to the website prior to making any applications.
Your lifelong alumni community

Royal Holloway’s alumni relations team is in touch with over 86,000 alumni from 165 countries, many of whom are keen to open doors and help steer recent graduates into their chosen careers. Being part of our lifelong, global alumni network gives you a wide range of opportunities and benefits:

Staying in touch
All our alumni receive regular updates, news and professional development and networking opportunities via our e-newsletter, social media platforms and digital magazine, Higher.

facebook.com/rbncalumni
@RHBNCalumni

International alumni chapters
We have alumni groups in many countries across the globe so, wherever you live or work, you will be able to connect with fellow graduates and attend networking and social events.

Volunteering
Many alumni want to give back because their experience at Royal Holloway has left a lasting and positive impression. From speaking at careers events, to providing an alumni profile, helping to recruit new students or supporting students who are struggling financially, there are opportunities to suit everyone.

Continuing your education
All alumni of the College who enrol for a postgraduate course are granted a 15% discount on tuition fees.

Reunions and events
We have a comprehensive series of events and lectures which our alumni are invited to attend. You are always welcome to visit and an events calendar is available at the start of each academic year.

Careers support and resources
Alumni can continue to access support from the Careers & Employability Service for up to two years after graduation.

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alumni@royalholloway.ac.uk
royalholloway.ac.uk/alumni
higher.royalholloway.ac.uk

royalholloway.ac.uk/alumni
Next steps

There are many opportunities on and off campus to find out more about Royal Holloway and what we have to offer.

2018 Open Days
The best way to get a feel for the Royal Holloway community is to come along to one of our Open Days. It’s a chance to look around the campus, meet our students and teaching staff, take part in experiential activities and find out more about studying and living here.

- Friday 15 June
- Saturday 16 June
- Saturday 29 September
- Saturday 13 October

To book visit royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays

Campus tours
To book one of our guided or self-led tours visit royalholloway.ac.uk/campustours

UCAS Higher Education exhibitions
You can take the opportunity to meet with our knowledgeable team at a Higher Education exhibition held near you. Dates and locations are listed on ucas.com/events/convention-exhibition

Schools
Our Schools Liaison team, together with academic staff and current students, work with schools and colleges to support prospective university students with all aspects of considering which university and course to apply to, the UCAS application process and preparing for life as a student.

We have a wide range of seminars and activities for prospective students and their parents/guardians and visit schools in certain areas to provide face-to-face support and advice.

For more information on our services for schools visit royalholloway.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges or email schools@royalholloway.ac.uk

Taster courses
Our ‘Taster courses’ for Year 12 students will give you a sample of the topics and facilities offered by some of our academic departments. The courses are non-residential, free of charge and offer a great opportunity to experience university life.

Bookings are managed by the University of London. Find out more at london.ac.uk/tasters

International
Our International team provides support and advice to prospective students, teachers and parents outside the UK. We visit over 30 countries overseas and attend a range of education fairs. Find out if we’re visiting your country at royalholloway.ac.uk/international

We also host a range of virtual Open Days and online presentations for those who are unable to visit the campus.

Information about your department
This prospectus is an introduction to what Royal Holloway has to offer. To find out more, we recommend that you visit our website where you can get much more detail about the content and structure of our degree programmes.

Contact details
Admissions and Applicant Services
Royal Holloway, University of London
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royalholloway.ac.uk/enquiry
Colossus, our university mascot, started life as a full-size stuffed grizzly but has evolved into a friendly polar bear. The original bear was brought to campus by a student in 1956, who found him in an antique shop. He was a big hit with the students here but he was also irresistible to those in rival colleges and was kidnapped several times.

On one occasion he was taken by a group of Imperial College students, who found an infestation of insects in his fur and decided to de-louse him in their soil fumigation chamber, returning him to Royal Holloway in a better state than when he left.

Colossus would also find his way around the Founder’s Building with students often being greeted by his grizzly face when they returned to their rooms after a day of studying. He was even introduced to the Queen Mother when she visited in 1970.

Then, in 1991, he was kidnapped again by Imperial College and this time a ransom was demanded for his return. The Students’ Union at Royal Holloway refused to pay and the burnt-out remains of Colossus were discovered two years later, after he was destroyed by an animal rights protester. All that remained was his skull and the metal frame that had held him up.

Fast forward 20 years and Colossus made a reappearance, this time as a polar bear, reflecting the gravitas of his position and also a nod to one of the most famous paintings hanging in our Picture Gallery of Victorian paintings in the Founder’s Building – Man Proposes, God Disposes by 19th-century artist Edwin Landseer.

Today he is the beloved mascot for our sports teams and is often to be found around campus, supporting our players at matches and popping up at events. You can also spot a wooden carving of Colossus on the prowl in the woodland on campus.
They say the two most important days of your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why.

At Royal Holloway, University of London, our why is helping you find yours.

We offer everything you’d expect to find at a top UK university. But at Royal Holloway, you’ll also find your purpose, your why.

Front cover picture

The spectacular Founder’s Building at Royal Holloway was opened by Queen Victoria in 1886. Largely inspired by the Château de Chambord in the Loire Valley, it is built around two quadrangles and includes a beautiful gilded Chapel and Picture Gallery.

Open days 2018

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To book your place please visit: royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays

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“My why is to be different and through that, to inspire others. I was the first in my family to go to university and I know I am doing something that opens doors. At Royal Holloway I am doing things that build my leadership skills and allow me to be different, which will get me further towards my ultimate goals.”

Nishall, BSc Business and Management