

**Royal Holloway, University of London**  
**Programme specification for an undergraduate award**  
**BA Music and English (WQ33)**

**Section 1 – Introduction to your programme**

This programme specification is a formal document, which provides a summary of the main features of your programme and the learning outcomes that you might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if you take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. Further information is contained in the College prospectus, and in various handbooks, all of which you will be able to access online. Alternatively, further information on the College's academic regulations and policies can be found [here](#). Further information on the College's Admissions Policy can be found [here](#).

Your degree programme in Music and English is delivered in three stages, each of which comprises one year of full-time study during which you must follow courses to the value of four units (one unit is equivalent to 30 national credits). The programme provides progressive structures in which you are able to gain ever-wider knowledge and understanding, and appropriate skills. Stages one and two of the programme contain core courses that introduce you to fundamentals of each discipline. In stages two and three you can develop your own interests through informed choice among specialist options.

For joint and combined honours programmes, please refer to the programme specification for your secondary department's corresponding single honours programme for further information on educational aims, and learning outcomes.'

While Royal Holloway keeps all the information made available under review, programmes and the availability of individual course units, especially optional course units are necessarily subject to change at any time, and you are therefore advised to seek confirmation of any factors which might affect your decision to follow a specific programme. In turn, Royal Holloway will inform you as soon as is practicable of any significant changes which might affect your studies.

The following is brief description for some of the most important terminology for understanding the content of this document:

*Degree programme* – Also referred to as 'degree course' or simply 'course', these terms refer to the qualification you will be awarded upon successful completion of your studies.

*Course unit* – Also referred to as 'module', this refers to the individual units you will study each year to complete your degree programme. Undergraduate degrees at Royal Holloway comprise four full units, or a combination of full and half units, to the value of 120 credits per year. On some degree programmes a certain number of optional course units must be passed for a particular degree title.

Section 2 – Programme details			
Date of specification update	June 2018	Location of study	Egham Campus
Programme award and title	BA Music and English	Level of study	Undergraduate
Programme code	2641	UCAS code	WQ33
Year of entry	2019/20		
Awarding body	Royal Holloway, University of London		
Department or school	Music	Other departments or schools involved in teaching the programme	English
Mode(s) of attendance	Full-time	Duration of the programme	Three years
Accrediting Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requirement(s)	N/A		
Link to Coursefinder for further information:	<a href="https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here/">https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here/</a>	For queries on admissions:	<a href="mailto:study@royalholloway.ac.uk">study@royalholloway.ac.uk</a> .

Section 3 – Degree programme structure										
3.1 Mandatory course unit information										
The following table summarises the mandatory modules which students must take in each year of study										
Year	Course code	Course title	Contact hours*	Self-study hours	Written exams**	Practical assessment**	Coursework**	Credits	FHEQ level	Course status (see below)
1	EN1011	English: Thinking as a Critic	22	128	0	0	100%	15	4	MC
1	EN1107	English: Re-orienting the Novel	44	256	100%	0	0	30	4	MC
1	EN1112	English: Introduction to Poetry	22	128	0	0	100%	15	4	MC
<p>This table sets out the most important information for the mandatory courses on your degree programme. These courses are central to achieving your learning outcomes, so they are compulsory, and all students on your degree programme will be required to take them. You will be automatically registered for these courses each year. Mandatory courses fall into two categories; 'condonable' or 'non-condonable'.</p> <p>In the case of mandatory 'non-condonable' (MNC) courses, you must pass the course before you can proceed to the next year of your programme, or to successfully graduate with a particular degree title. In the case of mandatory 'condonable' (MC) courses, these must be taken but you can still progress or graduate even if you do not pass them. Please note that although Royal Holloway will keep changes to a minimum, changes to your degree programme may be made where reasonable and necessary due to unexpected events. For example; where requirements of relevant Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies have changed and programme requirements must change accordingly, or where changes are deemed necessary on the basis of student feedback and/or the advice of external advisors, to enhance academic provision.</p> <p>*Contact hours come in various different forms, and may take the form of time spent with a member of staff in a lecture or seminar with other students. Contact hours may also be laboratory or, studio-based sessions, project supervision with a member of staff, or discussion through a virtual learning environment (VLE). These contact hours may be with a lecturer or teaching assistant, but they may also be with a technician, or specialist support staff.</p> <p>**The way in which each course on your degree programme is assessed will also vary, however, the assessments listed above are all 'summative', which means you will receive a mark for it which will count towards your overall mark for the course, and potentially your degree classification, depending on your year of study. On successful completion of the course you will gain the credits listed. 'Coursework' might typically include a written assignment, like an essay. Coursework might also include a report, dissertation or portfolio. 'Practical assessments' might include an oral assessment or presentation, or a demonstration of practical skills required for the particular course.</p>										
3.2 Optional course units										
<p>In addition to mandatory course units, there will be a number of optional course units available during the course of your degree. The following table lists a selection of optional course units that are likely to be available. However, not all may be available every year. Although Royal Holloway will keep changes to a minimum, new options may be offered or existing</p>										

ones may be withdrawn. For example; where reasonable and necessary due to unexpected events, where requirements of relevant Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) have changed and programme requirements must change accordingly, or where changes are deemed necessary on the basis of student feedback and/or the advice of External Advisors, to enhance academic provision. There may be additional requirements around option selection, so it is important that this specification is read alongside your department's Student Handbook, which you can access via the Music [webpage](#), English [webpage](#).

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
MU1110 Music: Theory and Analysis	EN1001 English: Introduction to Medieval Literature	EN3106 English: Literature and Philosophies
MU1111 Music: Practical Musicianship	EN1106 English: Shakespeare	EN3231 English: Children's Literature
MU1118 Music: Solo Performance	EN2213 English: Romanticisms	EN3311 English: Poetic Practice
MU1119 Music: Creative Ensemble Performance	EN2015 English: Paradise in Early Modern Literature	EN3336 English: Vernacular Writing
MU1116 Music: Introduction to World Music	EN2218 English: Writing Migrant Identities	MU2253 Music: Mozart's Operas
MU1113 Music: Practical Composition Skills	MU2003 Music: Studies in Ethnomusicology	MU2328 Music: Editing and Notation in Early Music
MU1114 Music: Very Short History of Music	MU3425 Music: Italian Opera Rossini Puccini	MU2323 Music: Ensemble performance in World Music
MU1117 Music: Contemporary Debates in Music	MU2343 Music: Orchestral Performance	MU2338 Music: Introduction to Jazz

### 3.3 Optional course unit requirements

#### Stage one:

You take four courses in the Music Department, to include at least one course from List A; at least one course from Lists C or D; and no more than one course from List E:

#### List A

MU1110 Theory and Analysis (0.5 unit)  
 MU1111 Practical Musicianship (0.5 unit)

#### List B

MU1112 Creative Composition Techniques (0.5 unit)  
 MU1113 Practical Composition Skills (0.5 unit)

#### List C

MU1114 A Very Short History of Music (0.5 unit)  
 MU1115 Introduction to Historical Musicology (0.5 unit)

#### List D

MU1116 Introduction to World Music (0.5 unit)  
 MU1117 Contemporary Debates in Music (0.5 unit)

#### List E

MU1118 Solo Performance (0.5 unit)  
MU1119 Creative Ensemble Performance (0.5 unit)

**Stage two:**

You choose courses in the Music Department to the value of 2 units, to include **at least two** courses from the following list:

MU2000 Studies in Music Analysis (0.5 unit)  
MU2001 Studies in Composition (0.5 unit)  
MU2002 Studies in Music History (0.5 unit)  
MU2003 Studies in Ethnomusicology (0.5 unit)  
MU2004 Studies in Music, Media & Technology (0.5 unit)  
MU2205 Practical Performance (0.5 unit)

**and** Music options drawn from Stage 2 and Stage 3 courses with a maximum of 1 unit of Stage 3 courses.

In **English**, you choose second year courses to the value of 2 units, and may also choose one course from the following list:

EN1106 Shakespeare (1 unit)  
EN1001 Medieval Literature (1 unit)

You are advised that over the course of your second and third years in English, you must take at least 0.5 unit of pre-1780 literature, excluding all Shakespeare options, but including all Medieval Literature whole and half units.

**Stage three:**

You choose Music courses to the value of 2 units drawn from Stage 2 and Stage 3 courses, with a maximum of 1 unit of Stage 2 courses.

You choose English courses to the value of 2 units drawn from the range of Stage 3 options available.

**Note:**

(i) The curriculum above reflects the equal division of the 12 units of a Joint Honours programme into 6 units of each component. Over stages two and three the English curriculum may be decreased or increased by up to 1 unit to give the permitted minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 units in English. Likewise over stages two and three the Music curriculum may be decreased or increased by up to 1 unit to give the permitted minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 units in Music.

(ii) Within stages two and three, and subject to the approval of the Departments concerned, up to 1 'elective' unit of stage 2 or stage 3 courses in other Departments may be substituted for courses listed above, consistent with the instructions given above.

(iii) Prerequisites may apply to optional courses.

#### Section 4 - Progressing through each year of your degree programme

For further information on the progression and award requirements for your degree, please refer to Royal Holloway's [Academic Regulations](#).

All first year students on single joint or combined honours programmes offered all or in part by departments or schools in the Faculty of Arts & Social Science are required to pass a Moodle-based writing skills quiz in order to progress into the second year of study. The pass mark for the test is 60%. Certificates of Distinction are awarded to students who achieve at least 80% in the quiz. Students may attempt the quiz as often as they wish with no penalties or capping. Students who meet the requirements for progression as stipulated in the [College's Undergraduate Regulations](#) (Section: Conditions for progression to the next stage) but fail to pass the Moodle-based quiz will not be permitted to progress into their second year of academic study at the College.

#### Section 5 – Educational aims of the programme

The aims of this programme are:

- to engage you imaginatively in the process of reading and analysing literary texts, while enabling you to develop independent critical thinking and judgement;
- to encourage a deeper understanding of music through the detailed study of its manifold aspects, while at the same time promoting the development of your intellectual, critical, practical and creative abilities;
- to promote the study of music and literature in their historical and social contexts;
- to produce graduates equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for the undertaking of further study of music and/or literature at postgraduate level, if desired, and with personal attributes and professional skills relevant to the wider world beyond the academic study of music and literature.

**Section 6 - Programme learning outcomes**

**In general terms, the programmes provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate the following learning outcomes. (Categories – Knowledge and understanding (K), Skills and other attributes (S), and Transferable skills (\*))**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the principal literary genres (fiction, poetry and drama) over the centuries <b>(K)</b>;</li> <li>2. selected musical repertoires, cultures, problems or themes <b>(K)</b>;</li> <li>3. The range of cultural, social, political and historical contexts in which music and literature are created and used, and how music and literature are shaped by cultural change <b>(K)</b>;</li> <li>4. a range of contemporary critical and theoretical approaches to English literature and to music <b>(K)</b>;</li> <li>5. some of the ways in which music and literature relate to each other and to other disciplines <b>(K)</b>;</li> <li>6. critical skills in the analysis and critical interpretation of literary texts and musical scores <b>(S)</b>;</li> <li>7. skills in manipulating both words and musical notation in the service of creative or interpretive tasks <b>(S)</b>;</li> <li>8. the ability to conduct literary and musicological research independently using traditional and electronic resources, and develop habits of reflection on study, reading, learning and research <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>9. command of a wider vocabulary and appropriate critical and theoretical terminology <b>(S)</b>;</li> <li>10. planning and execution of essays and project-work, bibliographical skills, developing a reasoned argument <b>(S*)</b>;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. advanced written and oral communication skills, including the ability to present logical and coherent written and oral arguments of varying lengths <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>12. the ability to organise and interpret complex information in a structured and systematic way, and to comprehend and develop sophisticated concepts <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>13. the capacity for independent thought and judgement, along with skills in critical reasoning <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>14. information technology skills (including word processing, email, WWW, information handling and retrieval), and the ability to engage with the textual use of new media, video, TV, DVD and electronic <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>15. interpersonal skills, involving recognising, respecting and responding to the viewpoints of others <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>16. time management and organisational skills including working to deadlines, prioritising tasks, organising work-time <b>(S*)</b>;</li> <li>17. in addition, this programme fosters the development of a range of personal attributes that are important in the world of work, and that strengthen the graduates' abilities to engage in lifelong learning and contribute to the wider community. These include personal motivation; the ability to work autonomously and with others; self-awareness and self-management; empathy and insight; intellectual integrity; awareness of responsibility as a local, national and international citizen; interest in lifelong learning; flexibility and adaptability; creativity <b>(S)</b>.</li> </ol>
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**Section 7 - Teaching, learning and assessment**

Teaching and learning is mostly by means of lectures, seminars, essay consultations, oral presentations and guided independent study. Assessment of knowledge and understanding is typically by formal examinations, coursework, examined essays, oral presentations, recitals, portfolios of compositions, and the dissertation or long essay. In addition, students may be involved in workshops and may produce various forms of creative work. Full details of the assessments for individual courses can be obtained from the [Music Department](#) and [English Department](#).

<b>Section 8 – Additional costs</b>
There are other essential costs of £50 associated with this degree programme.
<b>These estimated costs relate to studying this particular degree programme at Royal Holloway. General costs such as accommodation, food, books and other learning materials and printing etc., have not been included, but further information is available on our website.</b>

<b>Section 9 – Indicators of quality and standards</b>	
<b>QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) Level</b>	4-6
Your programme is designed in accordance with the FHEQ to ensure your qualification is awarded on the basis of nationally established standards of achievement, for both outcomes and attainment. The qualification descriptors within the FHEQ set out the generic outcomes and attributes expected for the award of individual qualifications. The qualification descriptors contained in the FHEQ exemplify the outcomes and attributes expected of learning that results in the award of higher education qualifications. These outcomes represent the integration of various learning experiences resulting from designated and coherent programmes of study.	
<b>QAA Subject benchmark statement(s)</b>	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements">http://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements</a>
Subject benchmark statements provide a means for the academic community to describe the nature and characteristics of programmes in a specific subject or subject area. They also represent general expectations about standards for the award of qualifications at a given level in terms of the attributes and capabilities that those possessing qualifications should have demonstrated.	



### Section 10 – Further information

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate when taking full advantage of the learning opportunities that are available. More detailed information on course units, including teaching and learning methods, and methods of assessment, can be found via the online [Course Catalogue](#). The accuracy of the information contained in this document is reviewed regularly by the university, and may also be checked routinely by external agencies, such as the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).

Your programme will be reviewed regularly, both by the university as part of its cyclical quality enhancement processes, and/or by your department or school, who may wish to make improvements to the curriculum, or in response to resource planning. As such, your programme may be revised during the course of your study at Royal Holloway. However, your department or school will take reasonable steps to consult with students via appropriate channels when considering changes. All continuing students will be routinely informed of any significant changes.

### Section 11 – Intermediate exit awards (where available)

You may be eligible for an intermediate exit award if you complete part of the programme as detailed in this document. Any additional criteria (e.g. mandatory course units, credit requirements) for intermediate awards is outlined in the sections below.

Award	Criteria	Awarding body
Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE)	Pass in 210 credits of which at least 90 must be at or above FHEQ Level 4 and at least 120 of which must be at or above FHEQ Level 5	Royal Holloway and Bedford New College
Certificate in Higher Education (CertHE)	Pass in 120 credits of which at least 90 must be at or above FHEQ Level 4	Royal Holloway and Bedford New College

Section 12 - Associated award(s)	
BA Music and English (WQ33)	