Undergraduate Studies
Welcome

The Department of Economics has a diverse teaching staff which has been recruited from pre-eminent economics departments throughout the UK and internationally. Ranked in the top 10 for economics research in the UK (REF, 2014), this strength is recognised through real-world impact and the quality of our publications.

We have a unique, selective programme which ensures you receive personalised attention from our academics. Our research expertise is in the core areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, with a particular strength in labour economics, development economics, experimental economics and economic theory.

The best education is not just about learning standard materials and preparing for standard examinations. Students need to have a deeper understanding of the models and methods of economics, and about how to apply those models in the real world, this is where it matters! We think Royal Holloway is the ideal place for you to prepare for this challenging and exciting future.

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Economics at Royal Holloway

Why choose Economics at Royal Holloway?
Economics is a rigorous and intellectually challenging degree subject. It is the subject of choice for students seeking careers in management, financial institutions, and government. Managers need to know how markets work and how a business can prosper in its market environment. Policymakers need to consider the constraints imposed by economic factors, but also the limits to the market and the role of government intervention.

Our students are supported through their studies by an established network of academic and departmental staff. Our graduates leave university with excellent career prospects, as the market rewards the real knowledge and skills developed in an Economics degree.

What distinguishes Royal Holloway?
• Dual research and teaching focus. Being part of a research-led department means you will learn from experts in their fields. With our staff being at the frontiers of their subjects, it guarantees high quality teaching, cutting edge material and a continuously evolving undergraduate programme which responds to the needs of the market.

• Excellent careers prospects. Our department has an excellent placement record. Realising that employers are interested in the skills you develop through student life as well as the academic knowledge you gain through your studies, we have introduced a new careers programme Economics@Work. This programme offers a series of employability workshops, events and guest speaker talks (including Royal Holloway alumni) who are often able to provide you with advice, contacts and networking opportunities.

• Campus environment. At Royal Holloway we have a friendly and relaxing community environment, where everyday interactions with student and staff from different departments and nationalities are a norm, adding to our cosmopolitan vibe. Having everything on your doorstep from your studies, friends, societies, sports and social life is one aspect that really sets us apart from other institutions of the University of London.

“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.”

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BSc (Econ) Economics
Choosing your degree

We offer three main Single Honours Economics degrees at Royal Holloway:

• BSc (Econ) Economics
• BSc (Econ) Economics and Econometrics
• BSc (Econ) Financial and Business Economics

These degrees provide an excellent background for starting a career or for further study. There is a common set of required courses that provide a rigorous training in theoretical and quantitative economic analysis. Financial and Business Economics students then specialise in the areas of financial markets and industrial economics.

Our first year courses for our main programmes include Principles of economics, Quantitative methods, Post-crisis economics and Economics first year options or a course in another department. Courses become more specialised in the second and third years and you will have freedom to choose optional modules to suit your interests. Optional courses for year three for all degree programmes include, amongst others, Coding and programming for economics, Game theory, Advanced economic theory, Labour economics, Economics of the European Union and a dissertation unit.

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Studying here

Departmental support
We provide additional tuition sessions for all the core courses, which are held in small groups and are arranged by demand. Studying here, you are also assigned a personal advisor from among our academics who will provide you with extra academic support and guidance throughout your studies. As many students join us without a mathematic background, we also run Additional Maths Tutorials on a regular basis for the courses containing a quantitative element and a math camp at the beginning of your studies.

We use online tools and learning platforms such as Moodle, MyEconLab and MyMathLab. For your convenience, we also provide free eBooks for select modules.

Facilities
To support students studying Economics we have the use of a dedicated building where all our staff and facilities are located, including an experimental lab. Computers and library resources for students are conveniently located across the main campus, and our students also have access to a Bloomberg Terminal. In addition, undergraduate students have exclusive use of the Economics Hub, which can be used as both a social and study space.

91% OF STUDENTS AGREED STAFF ARE GOOD AT EXPLAINING THINGS
(National Student Survey, 2018)
Getting involved
As a department, we seek to give you a number of opportunities to take part in activities outside of your studies.

• Social events: Throughout the year, we hold several events exclusively for Economics students, including the Autumn Ball, Spring Social and Summer BBQ. These events provide an excellent opportunity to socialise with your fellow students and academics in a relaxed environment.

• RHUL Economics Society: This student led society holds regular economics themed debates, talks and events such as movie nights and social outings.

• RHUL Investment & Finance Society: For students interested in pursuing a career in finance beyond graduation, this society regularly run workshops, talks and careers-based events for members.

• Peer Guide scheme: We participate in the college-wide Peer Guide scheme every year, a scheme where current 2nd and 3rd year Economics students act as mentors for new students. Peer Guides are there for non-academic issues, support and guidance, and for sharing experiences.

• Student Ambassadors: Our Student Ambassador scheme offers you the opportunity to become an ambassador during your time at university, an experience which can really boost employability and help you to build valuable skills. We keep our ambassadors very busy with all of our open days, campus tours and social events!
Your future career

We focus on the real-world application of critical thinking so that you are prepared for the workplace on graduation. With 93% of our graduates in full-time employment or further study within six months of graduation, our employability programmes are engineered to get your career off to the best possible start.

Economics@Work
Economics@Work is a series of employability workshops, events and guest speaker talks about jobs in economics with:

- Practitioner insights
- Case studies
- Careers advice
- Contacts and networking opportunities
- Q&A

Economics careers skills certificate
The aim of this course is to enhance your employability skills by helping you understand how to:

- build an attractive CV during your studies
- secure and succeed in work experience and internships
- make successful applications
- perform well on interviews
- find a graduate job or further study programme that is right for you

This course is delivered in each year of your degree helping you build upon the skills you develop. Each year that is successfully completed will be awarded with the respective year award and Passport Points to go towards the Royal Holloway Passport Award Scheme (an initiative to recognise student achievement beyond the classroom).

Recent graduates have been employed by...
Citigroup, Barclays, Bloomberg, Deloitte, KPMG, Civil Service, Ministry of Defence, Accenture, PricewaterhouseCoopers and EY.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)

This brochure was produced in Autumn 2018 and information was correct at that time. Please make sure you check our website or contact us directly for the very latest information if you are considering an application.
Royal Holloway, University of London
- Learn from world leading experts
- Highly ranked for student satisfaction
- Beautiful campus in a safe location
- Vibrant and active community
- Award-winning careers service

Visit us to find out more
Our Open Days are a great way to get a feel for life at Royal Holloway. Look around the campus, meet our students and staff, and find out more about studying and living here.

Find out more and register to attend at royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays