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School of Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures

## Masters by Research

(French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian,  
Comparative Literature and Culture)

Royal Holloway's flexible programme allows you to undertake in-depth study under the supervision of international experts, on a broad range of subjects including literature, visual or cultural studies or comparative topics.



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“The freedom to research a topic of my choosing in such depth is immensely rewarding. It has meant that I can focus on an area I find particularly compelling, combining the two subjects I studied at undergraduate level.”

**Katie Cattell, Masters by Research**

### **Masters by Research**

The core of the Masters by Research is a circa 25,000-word dissertation on a subject of your choice that is intended to give you the scope to explore your area of interest in real depth, and develop sophisticated critical and analytical research and writing skills. If this is a direction in which you are interested, the dissertation allows you to try out an area of study in preparation for doctoral study.

### **Course structure**

You will also complete a research-focused, taught module which will equip you with a range of theoretical and historical approaches to the study of literature, art and culture. This will enable you to articulate, refine and test your approach to your chosen topic within this broader theoretical and methodological framework.

### **Applications**

We will consider applications from students of French, German, Hispanic Studies or Italian, or with a background in comparative literature and culture. Possible dissertation topics might focus on a single language area or culture, or might include comparisons between the literature, film or culture of different language areas (including texts in translation). Dissertations may also deal with other comparative topics such as adaptation, reception, interpretation, performance, place and displacement or creative transfer. All proposals are subject to the availability of appropriate expert supervision.

For more information about our research interests, please consult our staff profiles at [royalholloway.ac.uk/mllic/staffdirectory](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/mllic/staffdirectory)



## Why choose Royal Holloway?

- pursue in-depth, directed research through your dissertation with one-to-one supervision, regular feedback and other departmental support
- follow a taught course with your peers on theories of literature and visual culture
- participate in the energetic research environments of both our School of Modern Languages, Literatures Cultures and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- make the most of our libraries, seminars and symposia, including the regular postgraduate work-in-progress seminars and our annual Postgraduate Colloquium
- take advantage of professional and research development training both on campus and at the Institute of Modern Languages Research
- enjoy proximity to London's unparalleled facilities, including the British Library, Senate House Library, and the Institute of Modern Languages Research
- choose to live in or live out; on or close to the leafy campus at Royal Holloway or opt for the Intercollegiate University of London halls of residence in central London

“I love the freedom the programme gives. With other MAs you're tied down to lengthy or unpredictable timetables but with this Masters by Research I can work and study at the same time, which means I can support myself and enjoy my own time without having to compromise on study time.”

Jessica Wax-Edwards, Masters by Research

## Our programme will give you the chance to:

- join a community of scholars who are working at the cutting-edge of their chosen discipline
- learn to undertake focused research, develop writing and presentation skills, and hone your skills in critical analysis
- gain an understanding and a critical awareness of current problems and new insights in literature, film, cultural studies or the visual arts
- demonstrate self-direction, originality and the independent learning and initiative required for continuing professional development



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