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Undergraduate prospectus
Why choose us?

**Top 25 University in the UK**
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2019)

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

Award-winning careers service, 91% of students employed or in further study within six months, lots of opportunities to add to your CV.
(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)

Individual education with emphasis on personal approach.

A global spirit
(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2019)
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, Times Higher Education, 2018)

**RANKED ABOVE MOST RUSSELL GROUP INSTITUTIONS FOR STUDENT SATISFACTION**

(National Student Survey, 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 90,000 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.
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1954
Jean Rook, the legendary columnist, known as the “First Lady of Fleet Street” graduates in English

1957
The future Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, Baroness Janet Fookes DBE, graduates in History

1958
Professor David Bellamy OBE, the renowned broadcaster and environmental activist, graduates with a PhD in Botany

1960
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

1965
Both colleges become fully co-educational

1966
Students include Baroness Diana Warwick, former Chair of the Human Tissue Authority and Baroness Jean McFarlane, one of nursing's great pioneers and England's first Professor of Nursing

1969
Professor Samuel Tolansky receives samples of moon dust from NASA, brought back by Apollo XI, for his diamond research at Royal Holloway

1977
Baroness Catherine Ashton, who will become the EU’s first ever foreign minister, graduates in Social Science

1980
Postgraduates include Janice Hadlow, the future Controller of BBC2

1982
Students include Emma Freud OBE, now Director of Red Nose Day and Dr Simon Thurley CBE, former CEO of English Heritage and Jayne-Anne Gadhia, CEO of Virgin Money

1985
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1988
The South East Asia Research Group starts work on intrepid mapping of this remote rainforest-covered region

1989
Professor Euan Nisbet begins monitoring the rising levels of atmospheric methane, a highly potent but neglected greenhouse gas

1995
The Brit Award-winning singer KT Tunstall graduates in Music and Drama

1996
The Information Security Group wins the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education

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2003
Community Action is founded to enable students to volunteer in the community

2005
Sir Andrew Motion, the Poet Laureate, is appointed Professor of Creative Writing and the singer and rapper Example graduates in Media Arts

2006
Completion of the Beatrice Shilling Building, a fantastic technology-led facility designed to develop a creative approach to study, learning and research

2008
1911 The winner of eight Paralympic Gold Medals, Sophie Christiansen OBE graduates in Mathematics

2011
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

2012
We are the Olympic Village for Rowing. Our particle physicists contribute to the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle

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2015
Royal Holloway hosts The Great Charter Festival to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta

2016
Baroness Janet Fookes DBE, the future Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, graduates in English

2018
Comedian and actor Sir Lenny Henry CBE gains a PhD in Media Arts

2019
The Information Security Group wins the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education

2020
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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Your life at Royal Holloway

“All students at Royal Holloway are part of a tight-knit yet global academic community, and we want every student to feel supported and empowered to change the world around them. I would encourage everyone who comes here to be an active citizen and to get involved with whatever most speaks to you – whether that’s joining one of the amazing range of societies or sports clubs, taking part in volunteering, or becoming a representative for your peers. Everybody here really does want you to make the most out of being at university, so the academic staff, the support networks and the Students’ Union all work together to help you achieve your potential.”

Clem Jones, BA (Hons) Drama & Theatre Studies, Students’ Union President
Take a breath of fresh air with a stroll around the idyllic Virginia Water Lake, just a short walk from the university, and explore Roman ruins, a decorative waterfall and a 100ft totem pole.

The sweeping parkland of Windsor Great Park provides 2,020 hectares to explore or you can walk The Long Walk to Windsor, where you’ll find a good selection of shops and restaurants and the famous Windsor Castle.

Egham has a range of shops, pubs and restaurants and is a short walk from campus. Trains take you directly from Egham to London Waterloo. The closest village is Englefield Green, reportedly the site of the last duel in England.

Egham and Englefield Green

Virginia Water Lake

Windsor and Windsor Great Park

Local Area
Staines-upon-Thames is the nearest big town, accessible by train, bus or bike. Shop at high street stores, visit the cinema, eat out at a wide selection of restaurants or try out water activities along the River Thames.

Heathrow, one of London’s major international airports, is just seven miles away and 20 minutes by car.

Central London is just 40 minutes away by train. Visit an exhibition or concert, shop or enjoy the night life of the capital. You can also use the libraries of other University of London colleges.

One of the UK’s premier theme parks is just down the road. It offers thrill rides and rollercoasters and is also where some of our students work part-time.

Twickenham, the home of England rugby, and the beautiful town of Richmond, with its theatres, independent shops and restaurants, are just a train ride away.
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 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.

Explore the campus for yourself with our Virtual Experience at royalholloway.ac.uk/virtual-experience

Map correct at February 2019
Boilerhouse
Flexible lecture theatres, seminar rooms and space for new theatre practice as well as the Boilerhouse Café.

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.

Caryl Churchill Theatre
Seats an audience of 200 on two floors.

Katharine Worth Building
Complex of buildings occupied by our Department of Drama, Theatre and Dance.

Shilling Building
Our new state-of-the-art building, opened in 2018, is home to the Department of Electronic Engineering, with lecture theatres, seminar rooms, a creative learning room and a rooftop laboratory.
Social activities

Community spirit is an important part of the Royal Holloway story and you’ll find plenty of ways to get involved on campus.

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?

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

- Absolute Harmony
- Anime & Manga
- Ballroom and Latin Dance
- Blueprint Investment
- Circus
- Conservative
- Diplomatic Society
- Diving Society
- Fashion Society
- Film Society
- Harry Potter
- History Society
- Humans vs Zombies
- Labour and Cooperative
- LGBT+
- Mathematics
- MTS: Musical Theatre Society
- Photography
- Travel Society
- Writing

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 Japanese Noh Theatre, which opens the door to an artform 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 everyone, from puppy therapy to ‘crafternoons’ and self-defence lessons.

Do what you want to do

150 STUDENT-RUN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

FROM AMERICAN FOOTBALL TO SHAKESPEARE
“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, recreational and fitness 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**
- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Chess
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Eton Fives
- Fencing
- Football (men’s)
- Football (women’s)
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Judo
- Karate
- Lacrosse
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Motorsport
- Mountaineering & Climbing
- Netball
- Ninjutsu
- Polo
- Riding
- Rounders
- Rowing
- Rugby (men’s)
- Rugby (women’s)
- Snow
- Squash
- Surf
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Thai Boxing
- Trampolining
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Waterski

Correct at February 2019
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 £2,000 as well as a full support package involving strength and conditioning coaching, physiotherapy, sports massage and a car parking permit to help 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.

Fitness suite
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, and studio spaces. 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.19).

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

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“Since I started fencing at my father’s club at the age of five I’ve loved the sport. For me, being able to have fencing at university is great, with its excellent strength and conditioning and training programme, I’ve had such fun being a part of the women’s first team where I’ve made amazing friends. With funding from Royal Holloway I have completed my coaching qualification and now enjoy volunteering through the university.”
Emily, BSc Business and Management Level 1 Fencing Coach and Sports Volunteer

“As a dancer I’ve been active from a very young age and have been using the gym for many years now. During my gap year I trained as a personal trainer and really enjoy working with different people. I love the energetic and friendly atmosphere of the gym and being part of the fitness team where I can interact with both gym and facility users.”
Natalie, BA Dance Sports Centre Assistant and Fitness Instructor

40+ SPORTS CLUBS

royalholloway.ac.uk/sports
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.
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 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 into 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 the Festival of Volunteering, 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 students 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 Leaders 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 isn’t just about improving your CV, it presents a great opportunity to grow as an individual by challenging yourself and engaging in the wider community. As a student volunteer, I’ve had the opportunity to meet some truly wonderful people, take part in world record attempts, but also develop skills in communication, teamwork and leadership.”

Eshan, BA Film, Television and Digital Production

Royal Holloway Volunteering

Volunteering

Volunteering

The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service

11,150 HOURS VOLUNTEERING CLOCKED UP AND COUNTING...

royalholloway.ac.uk/volunteering
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, 40+ 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

- Over 3,500 students attended our last Summer Ball to watch Rudimental, Pigeon Detectives, Hardy Caprio and more.
- The Students’ Union hosted a Brexit debate featuring the Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP alongside other major political parties.
- The SU’s Advice Centre helped over 600 students in 2018 across a range of issues including academic appeals, housing advice and wellbeing issues.

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 SUCCEED

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
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:

• Eligible students from 50 EU institutions can spend up to a year at Royal Holloway (correct at Feb 2019, see our website for latest information)

• 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 rhulisc.com

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.

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.
“One of the things that surprised me most about Royal Holloway is the incredibly accepting and diverse community on campus. Arriving at university was a very scary process at the beginning, I was terrified I wouldn’t fit in a culture so different to mine. To my surprise I ended up making friends easily, interacting with a really big variety of cultures and backgrounds and feeling like I belonged from minute one. When it came to feeling homesick or needing any other kind of additional help I always felt incredibly supported by the university and I can honestly say I have always felt super comfortable and included in the campus environment. My department has also always been incredibly helpful, understanding any language barriers I may have had and helping me through any problems with lectures or academic writing. I would definitely recommend this experience to anyone looking to broaden their horizon and step out of their comfort zone from both an academic and personal perspective.”

Maria, BSc Psychology, Spain

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OUTLOOK
(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2019)
Royal Holloway’s beautiful campus and the surrounding area are a great place to live. Whether you’re looking to live in 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 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 applying for halls. 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 and the option of catered or self-catered. 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), for 30 weeks (this cost-effective option requires you to vacate your room completely during the holidays), or for 50 weeks (running from September to September). See the table overleaf for more details on which contracts are available at each of our halls.

Finally, a word about cars. Parking at Royal Holloway is limited. Students living in halls are not allowed to park on campus apart from Kingswood where students are only permitted to park in the Kingswood car park.

Private sector 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. The Students’ Union can support you in finding accommodation in the local area.
Please visit su.rhul.ac.uk/advice/housing
Halls of residence at Royal Holloway are grouped together into bands. The table below gives you an overview of each of our bands.
For more information about our accommodation visit royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation

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*Notes for halls of residence fees
1. 2019/20 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. 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 washbasin.
4. Single gender accommodation is provided in Kingswood 1 and Founder’s.

Please note: information provided is correct for 2019/20 but is subject to change. This prospectus was published in February 2019 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 or close to the main campus. Kingswood is just one mile away with a free regular bus service for its residents.

**Founder’s**

“Living in Founder’s has been one of the most exciting events of my life. Indulging in the beautiful architecture has provided me with endless inspiration! I am a few steps away from the Davison Library, so books and resources are just an arm’s length away. The woods and natural scenery near Founder’s are also very relaxing, I love taking a walk after breakfast.”

**Poppy**

**George Eliot Hall**

“George Eliot reminds me of home! It’s easy to socialise with your housemates in the living room or dining space but if you want to get away, you can go to your room upstairs and work without being disturbed. As someone who loves cooking, the brand new large kitchen was also a big reason I chose to live here as it means you can all cook without getting in each other’s way.”

**Ryan**

**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**
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 student advisory and wellbeing teams.

All our students have free access to professionally-trained counsellors and further support is provided through Multi-faith Chaplaincy and SU faith societies. If medical help is needed the on-campus NHS GP Surgery 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.

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 and Dyslexia Services

We know that disabilities can create particular challenges and our Disability and 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 Welfare 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

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“The Disability and Dyslexia Services (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, MSc Clinical Psychology
Your future career

From fresher to finalist, we will help you improve your employability and find career success in a competitive global workplace. Our Careers and Employability Service is part of The Careers Group, University of London – the largest and most comprehensive careers service in Europe.

Careers guidance and support
Deciding what to do after graduation is unique to you; perhaps you already know what you want to do, or you know what you’re good at but are unsure where your skills could take you. Whatever stage you’re at, our team are here to support you. The Careers helpdesk opens 10am-6pm during term-time, with late opening twice a week. Students can book one-to-one appointments, CV and application checks and practice interviews, as well as attend skills workshops. If you’re not on campus, you can speak to an adviser on the phone or Skype.

Get professional work experience
We help students find professional work experience, which may be in the form of micro-placements related to your course or an internship in an area that interests you. We also provide support to those of you who opt to complete a Year in Business or choose a work placement via the Additional Year programme (see p.32).

Engage with employers
Through our Employer in Residence Scheme, students have the opportunity to network with potential future employers and learn about their companies. We also hold several Careers Fairs where you can evaluate the skills needed in different sectors and discover job roles. Previous employers include the Civil Service Fast Stream, DELL, EY and the Environment Agency.

Skill up with a part-time job
You may choose to boost your employability with a part-time job and there are lots of opportunities to find work both on and off campus. Jobs on campus often integrate well with academic work and help you develop transferable skills. Local employers, such as Thorpe Park and Ascot Racecourse, recruit twice a year at our Part-time Jobs Fair.

Stand out from the crowd
At Royal Holloway, you have lots of opportunities to learn skills that will benefit you in the workplace, through extra-curricular activities. Many students take part in our skills award scheme that officially recognises the achievements and contributions you make beyond your academic accomplishments. Whether you’re involved in sport, volunteering, societies or working with the Students’ Union, your experiences are preparing you for life after university.
“Whilst on my micro-placement at Royal Surrey County Hospital, I had the opportunity to shadow a consultant and engage with the wider medical team and experience their day-to-day working life. This really helped to develop my confidence and learn how to communicate compassionately with patients in very difficult circumstances. I would certainly recommend the scheme to others.”

Joshua, BSc Biochemistry

“The Careers Service offer such valuable support and I’ve taken full advantage – I’ve met employers to find out about their sectors and attended various workshops regarding the financial sector. I am currently applying for postgraduate degrees, so I have booked appointments for application advice, and they have been incredibly helpful.”

Yasaman, BSc (Econ) Economics

“From personalised feedback on my CV and practice interviews, to helping me find my summer placement with Covea Insurance, the Careers and Employability team has helped me in so many ways. I also work part-time in the university library, where I’ve developed transferable skills including time management and working in a team.”

Amelia, BA Geography
Your study at Royal Holloway

“The amazing thing is that my lecturers and professors are all experts in their fields, and have studied that subject for a large portion of their lives. As a languages student for example, I’ve had seminar leaders who have lived in Mexico for 10+ years studying the film industry, written many publications on this area, and are now teaching me from their own books and papers. What’s incredible is that they were in my position once as students, and understand all the pros and cons of being a university student. The fact that I can email my lecturers and meet them throughout the week 1-to-1, to speak about my essays, courses, or just university life in general is awesome.

I’ve had classes that range from three to 83 students in them, in seminar rooms and lecture theatres as well. I’ve had a brilliant experience with my lectures, and a large reason for that is because of my teachers.”

Rhys, BA Spanish & Music
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 courses last for three years but some subjects require a fourth year. Our Modern Languages, Master of Science and Master of Engineering degrees are four year courses. Some degrees offer an integrated year in industry, adding on an extra year to your studies.

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 degrees.

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

A degree with added value
A Royal Holloway degree comes with real added value. Through our determination to help you succeed, our unique combination of excellent research and teaching, and our supportive, inspiring community, you’ll develop skills that will start you on the journey of finding out what really matters to you. We’re committed to providing each individual with chances to develop in whatever way is most meaningful to you. The following opportunities will contribute to your experience and add even more value to your studies.

Take an additional year out, studying, working and volunteering
Our flexible degrees enable you to apply to take an additional year, which can be spent studying abroad, working or taking part in a humanitarian project.

You can even do all three if you want to! You will normally take the year out after your second year, and it contributes to your overall degree and will be shown on your degree certificate.

Develop wider skills and broaden your education
You can also choose to take a multidisciplinary unit outside of your home department, instead of one of the more traditional options, in your second year. These special units are designed to enable you to explore wider skills in an area that covers current issues in the global environment. Immersing yourself in areas outside your degree programme will help you to stand out from the crowd and make you even more attractive to future employers.

Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/added-value for more information.
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.

**Peer Guide**
During your first week with us, you will be introduced to your Peer Guide. They’re a fellow student, specifically selected and trained for the role, there to offer informal, non-judgmental support and advice about being a Royal Holloway student.

**Personal Tutor**
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, the Centre for the Development of Academic Skills (CeDAS) is there to help you reach your full academic potential through:

- workshops that introduce you to crucial academic skills
- sessions that focus on writing in your discipline
- courses that develop your confidence and competence in academic English
- 1:1 advice from experts to help you master a stats technique, guide you on a maths problem, or sharpen your academic writing skills
- drop-in sessions for advice from student mentors.

**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.

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“CeDAS have provided me with important writing skills that have helped me achieve the marks that I’ve been aiming for. The tutors are extremely helpful and always welcoming. They’ve really helped me to develop my confidence and my own voice in my writing, and now I enjoy writing essays more because of the support I have received. I also feel a lot more assured as a university student because of the academic support structures that Royal Holloway offers.”

**Lily, BA History**

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**Academic support**

87% OVERALL SATISFACTION

(National Student Survey, 2018)

royalholloway.ac.uk/academicsupport
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 continues 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 Beatrice Shilling Building

The new £20m state-of-the-art Shilling Building provides an innovative environment and resources for the next generation of scientists and engineers to achieve their goals.

We received a £5m grant from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to develop the new building in order to encourage more female engineers to address the national shortage, and our newest department, Electronic Engineering, is based here.

This fantastic technology-led facility is designed to inspire students and staff, to develop a creative approach to study, learning and research, and extend our vision for the future of the university.

Featuring large, modern lecture spaces for teaching, it has technical facilities and equipment, ‘help yourself’ collaboration spaces, research and project fabrication, computing and electronics laboratories. The inclusion of a field laboratory on the roof with solar panels and a wind turbine gives hands-on practical experience with alternative energy generation.

- 3,950sqm three-storey building, open 24/7
- 268 seat auditorium
- 80 seat lecture theatre with interactive bench seating
- one seminar room, two electronics teaching laboratories and one PC suite
- a creative learning room and fabrication lab
- a roof-topped field laboratory with solar panels and wind turbine
- open plan offices for PhD students and academic staff
Study abroad

Take advantage of the opportunity for international study.

Studying abroad is an excellent opportunity to widen your university experience and it’s a great way to discover the world and your personal potential.

Students can choose from a number of worldwide partner institutions under our International Exchange programme such as Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Korea, Switzerland and USA. For the full list visit royalholloway.ac.uk/internationalpartners

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
• stand out to employers with an international CV

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 courses 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. 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 courses.

European student exchange

Royal Holloway students can spend a year at one of our partner European universities. 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 exchange programme*.

• Classics: The Netherlands, Greece, Austria, France
• Computer Science: Italy
• Drama & Theatre: Ireland
• Economics: Italy
• European Studies: France, Italy
• History: France, Germany, Norway, Hungary, Italy
• 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 2019. 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, Japan or Korea can provide a good taster of what it’s like to study overseas. Visit our website for more details.

“I went on my year abroad to UCSD (University of California, San Diego). I really loved being close to Mexico and live in a multi-cultural city due to my love of other cultures and my desire to study Latin American history. Apart from culture differences and a few challenges, to anyone thinking of studying abroad I would say go for it! Go to events, find a group of friends, be confident in class and try to take every opportunity that you are offered.”

Isabella, BA History, year spent in USA
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 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 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 fee for UK students is set by the Government, and for 2018/19 it is £9,250 per year. The fee for 2019/20 and 2020/21 has not yet been announced. 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 £25,000 a year. 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?

16% FOOD
Expect to spend around £40-£60 a week on basics.

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.

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.

60% ACCOMMODATION
38 weeks in a hall of residence costs on average £3,500–£6,750 a year.

*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 reductions or a contribution to living costs. Bursaries are awarded automatically to eligible students from lower income backgrounds or care leavers while our scholarships are primarily merit-based, 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 2019 included our Future Leaders scholarship.

Article 26 Scholarship
Royal Holloway aims to promote access to Higher Education for students who have fled persecution and sought asylum in the UK.

Scholarships for international students
We offer a range of scholarships to students joining us from outside the UK or the European Union. In 2019, these included the International Excellence Scholarship and our Global Scholarships.

Department scholarships
Some of our academic departments offer specific scholarships based on academic success, including Computer Science and Physics. 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
Each year we offer a range of sports scholarships to students with varying levels of ability from County players to Olympic hopefuls. See p.17 for more information.

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

“This amazing scholarship will allow me to focus on my academic studies and university life. I would encourage anyone thinking about applying for a scholarship to just give it a go. I think it is important to be honest in your application, and really showcase why the scholarship would make a real difference to your time at Royal Holloway.”

Cordelia, Future Leaders scholar, BSc Biomedical Sciences
Choosing your degree
“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 courses are informed by world-class research that is addressing global challenges, from plant molecular and biomedical sciences, through to research into ecology, evolution and behaviour. 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 even within the first year and follow your study interests throughout your degree course.
- 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.

Ben in one of our well equipped labs for practical classes

90% OF STUDENTS AGREED STAFF ARE GOOD AT EXPLAINING THINGS
(National Student Survey, 2018)

76% RESEARCH RATED 4* OR 3*
WORLD LEADING OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT
(Research Excellence Framework, 2014)

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royalholloway.ac.uk/biologicalsciences
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 courses.
- 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. Students can also apply for the optional microplacement scheme.
- Our graduates work in diverse areas including forensic medicine, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, clinical trials coordination, medical research, environmental monitoring and 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.

96% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
### 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
- Pathophysiology
- Biology in a changing world
- Animal behaviour
- Marine biology
- Human physiology in health and disease

#### Key features
- Tailor your studies to suit your specific interests even in your first year.
- Learn on a biodiverse campus in reach of sites of special scientific interest.
- Develop an understanding of how to design and analyse experiments.
- Create a degree that suits you, whether you are interested in human health, evolution or ecology.
- 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 ecological and physiological aspects of biology while studying animal diversity, evolution, adaptations to lifestyles and habitats, how animals function and their behaviour.

#### Example modules
- Vertebrate evolution and diversity
- Invertebrate biology – structure, behaviour and evolution
- Ecology and conservation
- Animal behaviour
- Extreme animal physiology

#### Key features
- Field courses available in marine biology, practical field ecology, Mediterranean conservation and ecology, and the tropical ecosystems of the Borneo rainforest.
- Flexible programme structure with a range of courses to personalise your learning.
- Learn how scientists 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, 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 conservation in the Borneo rainforest.

### 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
- Protein structure and function

#### Key features
- Understand the molecular mechanisms that control all life processes on Earth.
- Develop practical laboratory and data handling skills.
- Learn how biological principles can help develop sustainable solutions to 21st-century problems.

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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 courses in Biological Sciences.
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? Students who join in the studies are curious about the answers to these questions.”

Dr Elli Leadbeater
Reader, Biological Sciences

Example modules
- Fundamental biochemistry
- Microbiology
- 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 both normal and disease states.
- Become familiar with molecular biology techniques.
- Develop an understanding of the theory, technology, and clinical practice of human molecular genetics.
- Learn about the applications of genetic engineering approaches to prevent disease.

BSc Biochemistry/
BSc Medical Biochemistry
C700/C741

Whether your interest lies in the principles of medically-oriented 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 courses.

Example modules
- Protein biochemistry and enzymology
- Chemistry of life
- Bioenergetics and metabolism
- Plant biochemistry and biosynthesis
- Medical biochemistry

Key features
- Gain laboratory experience across all three years.
- Learn how to make clinical diagnoses of diseases with health professionals from local hospitals (C741).
- Understand the biochemical basis of plant function, and how this can be adapted at a molecular level.
- Explore the analytical techniques used in biochemistry.
- Investigate the biochemical basis of cellular function.
Business and Management

Business & Management at Royal Holloway

• By studying business and management you will gain an understanding of key management processes and will acquire knowledge of the way organisations operate.

• 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 like the flexibility of the Management course at Royal Holloway; that we are able to benefit from the diversity of courses included and specialise in a specific area of interest at the same time.”

Anni
BSc Management with International Business

“IN THE WORLD FOR OTHER ACCOUNTING RESEARCH
3rd (BYU Accounting Rankings, 2017)

IN THE UK FOR MARKETING
10th (Complete University Guide, 2019)

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Your future career

- A business and 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. Business and management studies give students a skillset 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’ll 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.

- Undergraduate students can apply to take an additional year (spent studying abroad, working or taking part in a humanitarian project) see p.32 for more information.

- * All Business and Management degrees are available with a Year in Business, for further details and unique UCAS codes, visit our online coursefinder.

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

- *** BA Modern Languages & Management includes an Integrated year abroad.

- NN34 requires a minimum level of Maths or equivalent, please see website for details.

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

- We welcome applications from students taking additional qualifications while at school or college, 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.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
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.

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
N2N5
You will build on your skills and abilities in all the key areas of management, including strategy, international business, marketing and consumption. You will gain a deeper understanding of the key aspects of marketing, including marketing management, consumer behaviour, marketing research and e-commerce.

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 courses.

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.

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 courses in Business and Management.
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 International Business
N2N1
This course will build your skills and abilities in all the key areas of management, including: strategy, international business, marketing and consumption. You will then develop expertise in management information systems, operations, e-commerce, project management and technological strategies.

Example modules
• Interpreting management
• International business
• Business in International comparative perspective
• Emerging markets
• The global economy

Key features
• Understand the development and implementation of strategy, managerial activities and organisational issues.
• Experience the impact of cultural differences on business operations.
• Assess markets in different countries for investment and growth opportunities.
• Understand how governments influence international business activities.

My why is all about us inspiring and motivating our students.
“To be able to operate successfully in the rapidly changing world of business, students need to develop their problem-solving and analytical skills, to create a deep understanding of key management processes and how businesses operate. Our ambition at the school is to prepare and equip you with the necessary tools to thrive in this ever-evolving environment, to help you succeed both now and in the future.

We are passionate about our internationally excellent and world-leading business and management research, which we use to inform and shape our teaching – meaning you will learn through a combination of real-world experience and academic expertise. And with our student body and academics from all around the world, we have a truly international outlook.

My why is all about us inspiring and motivating you to realise your full potential as managers or leaders of the future. Everyone has dreams and ambitions – everyone wants to achieve something. And whatever you want to achieve whilst you're studying with us, as well as whatever you want to achieve after you've graduated, my why is to empower you and enable you to get there.”

Professor Gloria Agyemang
Head of School
“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
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.

• Our courses give you the opportunity to enhance your experience with overseas field study or even a year at an overseas university.

• We have a skills module 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.

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Undergraduate students can apply to take an additional year (spent studying abroad, working or taking part in a humanitarian project) see p.32 for more information.

For degrees including Classics, Latin or Greek previous experience of Latin or Greek is required – either A at GCSE, B at AS/A-level or IB grade 5 at Standard level.

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

For Joint degrees 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.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
Example modules
• Studying classical antiquity
• Beginners’ Greek
• Ovid (in translation)
• Nature and the supernatural in Latin literature
• Augustus

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.

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
• 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 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.

Example modules
• From dig to digital
• 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 law courts
• 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.

Rhetoric and ‘alternative facts’ in Classical Athens

“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...
Computer Science

“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
MSci in Computer Science (Information Security)

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.

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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 courses 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.

of our graduates are in graduate employment within six months of graduating.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
**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-development methodologies and techniques.
- You will develop extensive teamwork 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.

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**BSc/MSci Computer Science**  
**G407/G500**

These specialist degree courses give you a solid grounding in all the main aspects of computer science and all the knowledge, skills and practical experience you need to pursue a career at the cutting-edge of Information Security.

**Example modules**
- Applications of cryptography
- Computer and network security
- Digital forensics
- Malicious software
- Secure business architectures

**Key features**
- Both the BSc and the MSci have received provisional certification by GCHQ (full certification will be received when the first cohorts graduate).
- Our Information Security Group (ISG) is a world-leading interdisciplinary research centre, and an Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research (ACE-CSR).
- We sponsor the Cyber Security Challenge, a series of national online competitions that test the cyber security abilities of teams from all walks of life.
- You will have access to our virtualisation software for experimenting with network security settings and ideas, as well as to our Penetration Testing Laboratory and industry-sponsored Smart Card Centre.

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**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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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 an 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, Computer Science
Drama, Theatre and Dance

“The facilities here were one of things 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

Drama, Theatre and Dance at Royal Holloway

With world experts covering a wide range of approaches to performing arts, a degree in Drama at Royal Holloway offers far more than actor 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.

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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.

83% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
**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.

**BA Drama with Dance**  
**W4W5**

Studying Drama with 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
- Dancing bodies, global culture
- 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 drama and dance.
- Gain valuable analytical, research and project management skills.
- Be close to London’s theatres and practitioners.

**BA Drama with Film**  
**W4W6**

By studying film in the Department of Media Arts 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 courses 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
Earth Sciences

“Belonging to a small department really creates a strong community of staff and students in which teaching is extremely stimulating and support is readily available. The close relationship between lecturers and students means that field trips are exceptional for discussing the application of concepts to real world scenarios, and truly immersing yourself in the geology.”

Hayley
BSc Geology

Earth Sciences at Royal Holloway

• World-class research informs our curriculum, ensuring our degree courses 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 personal tutor system and individual supervision of projects mean we really get to know our students.

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2nd IN THE UK
FOR GRADUATE PROSPECTS
(Complete University Guide, 2019)

RANKED 7th IN THE UK
(Complete University Guide, 2019)
of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating. (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
### 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 degree designed to equip students for the increasingly digital-centric scope of geological work. You’ll gain experience in computation and data analysis, a skillset 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.

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My why is ... exploring environmental sustainability and its biogeochemical controls to safeguard vital natural resources.

“My research combines hydrogeology, isotope geochemistry and microbiology, and integrates laboratory experiments with field-scale investigations. My goal is to improve on models of geochemical reactions such as metal cycling and formation of ore deposits for efficient resource management. The important research questions I am addressing are ‘how do fluid–rock chemical and biological interactions affect solute transport and fluid flow?’ and ‘how isotope proxies provide a powerful tool for understanding fundamental geochemical processes such as microbial metal cycling?’ I bring these into my teaching and students are curious about the answers to these questions, and often take part in this research in their third year projects.

My research is based at the world-class mass spectrometry and geobiology laboratories at Royal Holloway. I use non-traditional stable isotopes of metals and non-metals as tracers to understand fundamental processes responsible for contaminant remediation related to water quality issues, nutrient cycling in the environment, radioactive waste management, metal–microbe interaction, and sustainable mining practices toward C-neutral energy – such as bio-mining or in-situ recovery uranium mining. These isotope systems are proxies of chemical and biological processes in the environment and understanding them will help predict biological/chemical reaction mechanisms, rates, and transport of dissolved and often exceptionally toxic metals/non-metals in soils, sediments and natural waters.”

Dr Anirban Basu
Lecturer in Earth Sciences

MSci Environmental Geoscience
F631
This degree extends environmental geology students with the provision of intensive practical and fieldwork during the fourth year. It will equip you for the worlds of applied and academic research or employment in environmental geosciences.

Example modules
• Earth structures
• Stratigraphy and history of life
• Air pollution
• Evolution of the modern earth
• Methods of environmental investigation

Key features
• Develop a deep understanding of humanity’s relationship with the planet.
• Participate in exciting fieldwork opportunities.
• Choose from a range of optional modules to tailor your learning to fit your interests.
• Recommended for those who wish to undertake a broader and deeper study of the subject.
• Prepares you for careers in environmental engineering, geographic analysis and other sectors.

MSci Geoscience
F601
A degree that equips students with a deep knowledge based on current research, and a learning experience that develops advanced skills suitable for continuation into the worlds of academic or applied geosciences.

Example modules
• Scientific and geological field skills
• Introductory palaeontology
• Advanced concepts and techniques in geology
• Applied geophysics
• Modern climate change

Key features
• Develop an in-depth understanding of the complex systems that govern our planet.
• Enjoy extensive fieldwork opportunities.
• Contribute to our renowned research culture with your fourth year Independent Geoscience Project.
• Gain practical skills geared towards a career in Earth Sciences and other related fields.
• Graduate with an integrated Masters degree in Earth Sciences.
Economics at Royal Holloway

- The Department of Economics is ranked in the top 10 for research (THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014).
- 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 research-led teaching and will benefit from a degree that is tailored to the needs of the market.
- A Year in Business option gives you the opportunity to see economics in action and benefit from work experience.

“They say the sky’s the limit, and the energy given off by the lecturers in the Economics department is constantly out of this world. Being a student who takes a strong interest in behavioural economics, I know the importance of surrounding myself with the right people, and being in an environment where I can thrive – Royal Holloway has provided both for me.”

Rashaine
BSc Economics & Mathematics

91% of students agreed staff are good at explaining things
(National Student Survey, 2018)

Top 10 Economics Department
(THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

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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 courses find employment as financial analysts, business analysts and consultants in a variety of sectors and companies, such as Citigroup, Barclays, Bloomberg, Deloitte, KPMG, Accenture and Ministry of Defence.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
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
• Advanced micro theory
• Topics in game theory
• Economics of inequality

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

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 courses in Economics.

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 of 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.
• Understand the role of banks and financial institutions.
• 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

LN12

This intellectually stimulating and diverse course combines two highly complementary subjects and combines the core programme of the Economics degree with that of the Management degree. You will examine the theories and methods of economics and gain an understanding of management.

Example modules
• Labour economics
• Industrial organisation
• Personnel economics
• Strategic management
• Integrating management – leadership and innovation

Key features
• Develop an understanding of formal economic and legal institutions.
• 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 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, learn to tackle economic problems, gain important quantitative and computing skills as well as skills in logical reasoning.

Example modules
• Mathematics: principles of statistics
• Mathematics: matrix algebra
• Financial markets and institutions
• 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.

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 courses in Economics.
Professor Chevalier discusses how since becoming a dad, he has been interested in how the economy impacts family decisions.

“I’m particularly interested in how individuals make decisions regarding education, health or even fertility; with this knowledge, and economic models we can help designing policies giving all the same opportunities.

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. Importantly, despite not being substantially poorer, these parents 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 this small cohort born after the fall of the wall was composed of children whose parents were less skilled at parenting. Policies like early childcare/parenting help should be implemented to mediate the effect of being born in such a cohort.”

Professor Chevalier
Head of Department

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**BSc (Econ) Economics and Econometrics**

L140

Offering the most rigorous training in theoretical and applied economics, this degree will equip you with the mathematical skills needed to fully understand economic theoretical models. It will also develop your econometrics skills so that you can analyse all types of data, equipping you for any career requiring strong data analysis skills.

**Example modules**

- Microeconomics
- Advanced micro economics
- Quantitative methods
- Econometrics
- Coding for economists

**Key features**

- Study economic models in more mathematical details.
- Cover in depth econometrics methods.
- Opportunities to develop advanced data analytical skills and relate findings to economics models.
- Prepare you for the most advanced postgraduate programmes in economics.

**BSc Economics with Political Studies**

L1L2

Offering a complete education in the theories and methods of economics, with a strong focus on analytical methods, plus a quarter of your time spent on political studies. The knowledge and transferable skills gained will lead to excellent career prospects in the public and private sector, financial institutions and in government.

**Example modules**

- Contemporary political theory
- Public economics
- Warfare economics
- Economic philosophy
- Comparative foreign policy

**Key features**

- Study academic politics and be introduced to the ‘real world’ of contemporary politics.
- Cover micro and macro-economics to build a solid foundation of economic theory.
- See how economics and politics combine and challenge the world around them.
- Opportunity to undertake a dissertation to explore an in-depth topic you are passionate about.
Electronic Engineering

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 courses combining interests in science, engineering and the arts.

“I’ve enjoyed the new facilities here, and the course is well balanced with practical work, supported by useful and interesting theory. My favourite aspect is the group work. Teamwork is integral to engineering, we collaborate to solve problems and create projects. This makes the challenges we are presented with conquerable and allows us to develop our individual strengths.”

Jasmine
BEng, 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 courses to develop real-world skills and experience. The department has recently become a partner with the UK Electronics Skills Foundation (UKESF), bringing fantastic career benefits and valuable networking opportunities for our students.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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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 degree. 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
• Data Networking
• Digital signal processing design

Key features
• Enjoy varied, practical project-led learning.
• Learn in a new building that is purpose-built to support engineering processes.
• A degree course structured to develop ingenuity, invention and product development skills.
• Develop your interests through a number of optional modules 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
• Electricity generation, conversion and distribution
• Software engineering for electronics
• Control engineering
• Electronic circuits and components

Key features
• A degree course 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 modules 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.

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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 temporarily 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

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**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
- Data networking
- Digital systems design
- Voice technologies
- Advanced communication systems

**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 modules.
- 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 H6H1**

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
- Digital signal processing design
- Engineering leadership
- Fundamentals of biomedical engineering
- Nanoelectronics

**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 modules.
- A Masters in Electronic Engineering will make you an attractive candidate for employers in a variety of fields.

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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 modules 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
Your future career

- 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 receive 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.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
**BA English**
**Q300**
This degree allows you to choose from a huge range of options, on everything from the earliest writings in English through to contemporary literature. Deepen your knowledge of classic writers, discover new authors or develop your own creative writing as part of this flexible course.

**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 to choose from 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 modules.

**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 consider literature in context.
- 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 courses 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
• Herman Melville
• Creative writing: fiction, poetry or playwriting
• Literatures of Chicago

Key features
• Consider literary devices such as form, genre and periodisation.
• Specific American literature-centred core modules.
• 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.
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 contribute to the department’s strong sense of community.
- 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

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Undergraduate students can apply to take an additional year (spent studying abroad, working or taking part in a humanitarian project) see p.32 for more information.

* 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.

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Your future career

- 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.
- Employability skills are embedded in the curriculum through a diverse range of assessments, including policy briefings, reports, presentations, and GIS mapping exercises.
- We will help you develop a whole range of employability skills through our field- and lab-based teaching, including applied analytical skills, teamwork, statistical analysis, and data mapping with GIS.
- We run an annual ‘Careers Bootcamp’ in the Summer term for students of all years with careers advice sessions, alumni talks, interactive employability tasks, networking opportunities, and sessions to enhance key employability skills.
- Placement-linked dissertations allow students to formally undertake their independent research in alliance with a charity or company providing an opportunity to direct their research skills towards ‘real-world’ problems.

86% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
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 course 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 course 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.

An additional year
Our flexible degree options enable you to apply to take an additional year, which can be spent studying abroad, working or taking part in a humanitarian project. You can even do all three if you want to! You apply to take the additional year after you have joined us, not before.

Further details can be found on p.32 and 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 three module ‘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
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 closely with them from your very first term, and your teaching will be informed by their top-rated 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 be ranked above the vast majority of Russell Group History departments for student satisfaction (NSS, 2018).

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

• We help you to construct a course that will challenge you to become a critically thinking historian.

“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
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.
- History alumni are working in careers as varied as the law, journalism, management consultancy, publishing, marketing and public relations, finance, teaching, museums and archives, media and government.
- 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.
- Recent graduates have secured a wide variety of positions including Reporter at Jewish Chronicle, Civil Service Fast Stream, Data Analyst at Ernst & Young and Property Manager at English Heritage.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
BA History V100

Studying History is exciting and rewarding, encouraging you to appreciate the human experience in other places and at other times. We offer you the flexibility to pursue your own interests, exploring what people have felt, thought and done in the past with a vast choice of modules from the ancient, medieval and modern worlds.

Example modules
- History in the making
- Reformation to Revolutions: Europe and the World, 1500-1800
- 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.

BA Ancient & Medieval History VV19

Drawing on expertise in the Classics and History departments, this degree offers the opportunity to study the history of Greece and Rome in the Classical period and how that world developed into the medieval period. You will compare and contrast pre-modern social and political systems and how they shaped society.

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.

BA Modern and Contemporary History V140

This degree focuses on historical events and issues from the 19th-century to the present day. You will explore figures, nations and themes, and gain an insight into broader social and cultural contexts.

Example modules
- History in the making
- 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.

History, Politics and International Relations VLN1

This course allows you to explore how political ideas and establishments differ around the world and across time, whilst also considering how such institutions interacted and conflicted on important global issues such as trade and war.

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.

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 courses in History.
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 course 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 in the making
- 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 course.
- 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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Modern Languages and Translation Studies

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 beginner’s 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
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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 beginner’s (ab initio) pathway there is no language requirement but only one language may be studied at beginner’s level.

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BA Modern Languages
R900
Our flexible, rewarding course 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 modules in a ratio which suits you and your ambitions, and immerse yourself in another culture on a year abroad.

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

Key features
• Choose beginner’s, advanced or native-speaker level French, German, Spanish or Italian.
• Spend a year abroad working, studying or teaching.
• Specialise in literature, visual arts or translation.
• 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 course 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.
• Course 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 courses 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 careers from teaching and local government to marketing, publishing, journalism and international travel. Recent Modern Languages graduates have gone into such diverse fields as translation production, fashion (Net-a-Porter), corporate law (Travers Smith LLP) and global telecommunications (Telefonica).

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
BA Modern Languages and History of Art and Visual Culture
RW96
This course 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 beginner’s, advanced or native-speaker level French, German, Spanish or Italian.
• Spend a year abroad working, studying or teaching.
• Make use of our renowned Founder’s Picture Gallery and new Exhibition Space.
• Options in art history, photography and film.
• Interpret and analyse images, artefacts and media.

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 beginner’s, 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.

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.”

Professor Hannah Thompson
Professor of French

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**Comparative Literature and Culture**

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**Comparative Literature and Culture at Royal Holloway**

Based in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, 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. This intellectually stimulating degree combines 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.
- Your Personal Advisor will guide you in tailoring your course to your strengths, interests and ambitions.
- 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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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
- 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 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 course 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 (beginner’s or advanced) in its cultural context.

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

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

“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 courses. Comparative Literature has historically been a very prestigious degree course 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 course, 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.”

Dr Ruth Cruickshank
Senior Lecturer in French and Comparative Literature and Culture

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 courses in Comparative Literature and Culture.
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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 courses 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 course that is tailored to your own interests as your degree progresses.

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My why is to work creatively across disciplines.

“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 course 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.”

Ruth Hemus
Senior Lecturer in French and Visual Arts
Law, Criminology & Sociology

“Unlike at most other universities, the school is small and retains a personal feel. I know all the academics, and they know me. When I need help with the finer points of the doctrine of limited liability or the role of the European Commission, I don’t hesitate in seeking out the relevant person and equally, when the serious stuff is out of the way, I know that we can chat about the less serious stuff.”

Alex
LLB Law

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.

• We have a strong culture of support for students. All students are allocated a personal advisor prior to arrival who will work with you during the course of your 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.

• We offer a wide range of social and skill-building events including talks from guest speakers, mooting, interviewing, negotiation and voice training.

93% OF STUDENTS AGREED STAFF HAVE MADE THE SUBJECT INTERESTING (National Student Survey, 2018)

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Your future career

- Graduates 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 courses are available with a year in industry. Students on these courses 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 courses and years. Networking is a powerful tool to enhance your employability.
- You can further enhance your employability by getting involved in the 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.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
BSc Criminology and Psychology
LM39
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.
- Train in research techniques.
- Understand complex social problems.
- Explore and evaluate policing practices and development.
- Develop critical and independent thinking.

BSc Criminology & Psychology
CL83
This BPS (British Psychological Society) 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
M100
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.

Law with Politics
M1L2
This qualifying law degree allows you to explore the fundamental principles of justice, equity and equality within the framework of English and European Law and introduces the discipline of politics. This degree is suitable for students who are looking to work towards becoming a solicitor or barrister.

Example modules
- Medical law
- Family law
- Law of evidence
- Modern political thought
- Radical political theory

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 skills to evaluate legal developments, analyse legal texts and develop independent thinking.
- Develop a sound and extensive knowledge base in politics.

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 courses in Law, Criminology and Sociology.
My why is to engage students with the law and the legal issues that shape the world they live in.

“The interdisciplinary nature of our school means that our students not only learn about the ‘letter of the law’ but are encouraged to understand and discuss issues in their broader social, moral, and political context, helping them to navigate our complex world with confidence.

Working in the relatively small Department of Law and Criminology means that I get to know my students well. It was wonderful to have recently seen our first cohort of LLB Law students graduate. I taught them from their first day to their last, and was privileged to share their intellectual journey. I look forward to seeing where their future careers will lead them.

Our community spirit and our extra-curricular activities including mooting, client interviewing and negotiation competitions encourages our students to think differently and prepares them for their careers, either in the legal profession or elsewhere.”

Dr David Yuratich
Programme Director LLB Law

Example modules
• Sociology of contemporary society
• Company law
• Jurisprudence
• European Union law
• Lost in music

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.

Find your why...
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 and small group tutorials, and are always ready to give help and advice, with a personal advisor 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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Mathematics

91% OVERALL SATISFACTION FROM OUR STUDENTS
(National Student Survey, 2018)

2ND IN THE UK FOR RESEARCH IMPACT
(THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)
Your future career

- Mathematics graduates are in great demand because they are logical, numerate, have careful analytical skills, and are confident in handling formulae or large data sets. These skills are in short supply in many key areas of industry, finance and government.
- Many of our graduates go on to further study and because many subjects are taught by experts in their field, students have an excellent opportunity to progress on to MSc courses in Mathematics for Applications, Mathematics of Cryptography & Communications, and Information Security.
- We offer a range of placement schemes designed to enhance your employability and give you a taste of the workplace. Our competitive placement scheme is open to second year students and covers CV writing workshops, professional feedback on CVs, Python programming classes, and how to apply to placements and jobs.
- Our graduates are working for organisations such as KPMG, Ernst & Young, the Ministry of Defence, Barclays Bank, Lloyds Banking Group, the Department of Health, Logica, McLaren and TowersWatson.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
Example modules

- Principles of statistics
- Time series analysis
- Linear algebra
- 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 skillset that is in demand from employers.

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

The Mathematics 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 and Internet of Things Security 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.
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 the Department of Mathematics

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**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
- 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.

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**BA Mathematics & Music**

GW13

Mathematics and Music have a natural synergy, with both disciplines influencing and informing the other. This degree 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.
Media Arts at Royal Holloway

Enter a forward-thinking environment that is ahead of the curve and focused on future-proofing the careers of our next generation creatives. Our courses don’t just prepare you for work immediately after university, we give you the skills to stay at the cutting-edge of film, television and digital media.

- We are home to StoryFutures Academy, the UK’s National Centre of Excellence in Immersive Storytelling – putting us at the forefront of cutting-edge storytelling in new forms of media.
- With half of our tutors on the practice side, and production companies on site, you will benefit from our direct connections to the creative industries.
- Courses are flexible, allowing you to choose modules that best represent your critical interests and creative flair, while also being able to experiment and be innovative. Pushing barriers is what we are all about.

“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

Top 20 in the UK for Film Production
(Creative and Critical Approach Balancing Theory and Practice)
(Guardian University Guide, 2019)

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Your future career

• We run a 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.

• 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.

• As home to the StoryFutures Academy, we bring influential next-generation industry experts into the department.

• 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.

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(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
BA Film, Television and Digital Production
W625
Film, Television and Digital Production balances theory and practice. You’ll learn how to analyse cinematic, televisual 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 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
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 Department of 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 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.

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- 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
- 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
W6V1
This course builds 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
- Screen narrative: theory and practice
- Gameplay: story, form, code
- Game art, design and story
- Social and mobile games
- Interactive product management

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.

Getting creative with sound.
“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
“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
Your future career

- Take advantage of our staff’s experience in concert management.
- Our students develop into extremely employable graduates, with 98% 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; 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 Holt arts management, Communications Officer at the Catholic Trust for England and Wales, and Second Assistant Organist at Wells Cathedral.

98% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
BA Music & English
WQ33
This course combines the practical and theoretical study of Music with the study of English literature. With a wide range of options, Music allows you to tailor your studies to your own interests and passions while English allows you to develop a sound understanding of key periods, genres and authors.

Example modules
• Introduction to poetry
• Contemporary debates in music
• Introduction to jazz
• Shakespeare
• Sibelius and music of Northern Europe

Key features
• An adaptable course with a flexible core of modules.
• Creative opportunities abound – take modules in creative writing or composition.
• Enjoy creating ensembles with other musicians.
• A unique perspective – work at the intersection of music and the written word.
• Choral, organ, orchestral and music scholarships.

BA Music with Political Studies
W3L2
This degree 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.
• Lecturers 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.

BMus Music
W302
This is a flexible degree that allows you to tailor your course to your own interests and passions. Through studying musical texts, practices and cultures you will explore issues in history, sociology, ethnology, and philosophy covering an exceptional geographical and chronological range.

Example modules
• Very short history of music
• Sounds and cultures in East Asia
• Orchestral conducting
• Claude Debussy and French musical aesthetics
• Composing with technology

Key features
• Diverse performance opportunities including choirs, orchestras and other ensembles.
• Expertise spanning music from the Middle Ages to the present and around the globe.
• Gain practical skills in composition, music technology or performance.
• Includes tuition in your first instrument (or voice).
• Choral, organ, orchestral and music scholarships.

BA Drama & Music
WW43
This degree combines the study of two major and complementary performing arts. In both disciplines you will have the opportunity to master performance, analyse texts, and bring a range of critical ideas to bear, while understanding the historical and social contexts in which drama and music are created.

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.

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 courses 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. 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 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

“Studying Philosophy is so special because as soon as you join you become a part of a small, tight-knit community which cultivates interesting, exciting and daring conversation with eager and open-minded people.”

Jess
BA Philosophy

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. We are housed within the Department 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.

WORK BEYOND THE NARROW CONFINES OF ANGLO-AMERICAN OR EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

92% OF STUDENTS FIND THE COURSE INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING (National Student Survey, 2018)

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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.

By choosing to study this intellectually demanding discipline you will develop a broad range of highly-prized transferable skills, such as:

- The ability to communicate views and present arguments clearly and coherently
- The ability to critically digest, analyse and summarise complex ideas
- Time management and the discipline to meet deadlines
- Organisation and research skills
- Problem-solving skills and capability

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(Destination of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018 – includes all graduates from the School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy)

Your future career

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Undergraduate students can apply to take an additional year (spent studying abroad, working or taking part in a humanitarian project) see p.32 for more information.

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

For Joint degrees, 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.
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, 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 course 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 course.
- Unique literature courses include visual arts and cinema.
- The opportunity to pursue creative writing modules.
- A wide range of options in both subjects.

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 courses in Philosophy.
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

BA Comparative Literature and Culture & Philosophy

This degree will allow you to interrogate fundamental questions and learn about the history of philosophical thought while engaging with literature, film and art from around the world.

Example modules
• Reading texts – criticism for comparative literature
• 20th-century Mexican visual arts and film
• Histories of representation
• Epistemology and metaphysics
• Modern French philosophy

Key features
• Compare texts and philosophies from the ancient to the contemporary.
• Tailor your studies to your own interests.
• All Comparative Literature and Culture texts are translated into English.
• Combine both subjects in the study of world philosophies.
• Examine how different philosophical traditions intersect.

BA Classical Studies & Philosophy

With the roots of modern philosophy in the ancient world, Philosophy and Classical Studies make an excellent combination of subjects. You will have the opportunity to study many aspects of Greece and Rome in the Classical period alongside ancient and modern philosophy.

Example modules
• Introduction to aesthetics and morals
• Roman literature of the Empire
• Imperial Greek poetry – epic and epigram
• Practical ethics
• Hellenistic philosophy

Key features
• Optional Latin or Greek at beginner’s or advanced level.
• Pursue the literature, history, philosophy or archaeology of the ancient world.
• Consider classical philosophy from the perspective of both philosopher and classicist.
• Like you, many academic staff work in both disciplines.
• Philosophy spans ancient and contemporary traditions.
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 with an excellent staff-to-student ratio. We consistently receive the highest overall student satisfaction scores in the University of London in annual National Student Surveys.
- The department holds ‘Juno Champion’ status from the Institute of Physics and the Athena SWAN Silver Award, recognising our efforts to promote inclusivity.

“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 and placement opportunities.

• We help 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.

97% of our graduates are employed or go on to further study within six months of graduating.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
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| 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. |
| 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. |
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• Final year builds on the core physics content allowing you to gain specialist knowledge in your chosen area of interest. |
| 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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MSc 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 there, 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 course 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.
- You will learn about music composition, theory and analysis together with historical musicology and issues that shape contemporary music.

Find your why...

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  
Professor of Physics

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Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway

• Politics and International Relations embraces both traditional preoccupations and new areas of academic inquiry. Our undergraduates also benefit from a research skills spine that provides qualitative and quantitative skills 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, political communication 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 Politics & International Relations Society (PIRSoc) and the Diplomatic Society. PIRSoc is student-run and organises on-campus debates, social evenings and visits from high profile speakers. Since 2006 they have also sent teams to the annual National Model UN Conference at the UN headquarters in New York.

“My favourite thing about studying PIR at Royal Holloway, apart from it being one of the most fascinating degrees given the current political climate, is the lecturers. They are keen to share their research with students, get them involved, and also get to know their students beyond the realms of essays and exams. Being the President of the PIRSociety, I very much appreciate how the department likes to get involved with student activities.”

Sally
BA Politics and International Relations

“Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway”

91% of students say staff are good at explaining things
(National Student Survey, 2018)

7th in the UK for research intensity
(Complete University Guide, 2019)

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

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

(Destination of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018 – includes all graduates from the School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy)
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<td>Gain advanced understanding of how individuals and groups interact at all levels from the local to the global, and explore political ideas, issues and institutions from all regions of the world.</td>
<td>Politics and economics have a natural affinity and their synergies lend themselves to students interested in pursuing careers in policy, politics or economics in both the public and private sectors.</td>
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<td>• Cover political ideas and processes in countries throughout the world.</td>
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<td>• Study key issues in conflict and security, humanitarian crises and development.</td>
<td>• Strong focus on analytical methods of economics.</td>
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<td>• Be a Model UN delegate or visit an embassy with our student societies.</td>
<td>• Study with subject leaders in two exceptional departments.</td>
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<td>Explore ideas and ideologies, as well as processes, institutions and issues that are fundamental to understanding the politics of our times. Develop your knowledge of power relations in the UK and internationally, and gain insight into the roles of identity, ideology, interests and institutions.</td>
<td>Secure a foundation in the history and theory of international relations that will allow you to understand better complex concepts that explain global governance. Look at how states, groups and individuals interact across borders, and explore some of the most important issues in the world today.</td>
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<td>• Active student societies that field Model UN teams, visit London embassies, and bring ambassadors, NGO officials, and others to the university to speak.</td>
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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
Psychology at Royal Holloway

• Our world-leading research informs our teaching at all levels of our degree courses, 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.

• All our BSc honours degrees are recognised by the British Psychological Society as the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership.

92% OVERALL SATISFACTION FROM OUR STUDENTS
(National Student Survey, 2018)

TOP 25 UK PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2019)

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“As an aspiring Educational Psychologist, my degree has prepared me with the knowledge and skills I require to apply for the doctorate. The staff here have been so supportive and provided me with incredible volunteering opportunities such as working as a researcher at a centre for children with disabilities.”

Emma
BSc Psychology
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Your future career

• Psychology graduates from Royal Holloway are 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.

• The Department of Psychology has established connections with many organisations and companies, including the Macular Society, Southern Addictions Advisory Service and Acuity Intelligence Ltd, providing you with the chance to enjoy rewarding placement opportunities.

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

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018)
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.
• Dedicate 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 courses 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 on both a micro research project in year three and a more in-depth project in year four.
• Graduate with an integrated Masters degree.

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 in 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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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](http://ucas.com).

**Apply online**
UCAS opens **September 2019**
UCAS allows you to send in your 2020 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

**UCAS application deadline**
**15 January 2020**
If you apply by this date, your application will be considered by all your choices.
If you’re applying through your school/college, they may set you an earlier deadline so they can check your application and add your reference before it is sent to UCAS.

**Start your application**
UCAS Apply opens early **June 2019**
You can start working on your 2020 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

**No offers? Don’t worry, there’s still time**
UCAS Extra opens late **February 2020**
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 2020

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.

Apply for accommodation

Deadline early June 2020

If you’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

13 August 2020

A-level results are published and you’ll find out whether your place with us is confirmed.

The full Clearing vacancy service starts.

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.

Final application deadline

30 June 2020

This is the latest date you can submit a UCAS application for consideration by five choices. After this date, you can only apply via Clearing once you have your results.

Late decision deadline

Early June 2020

If you received your offers later, in early May, you should make your firm and insurance choices now.

Early Clearing

5 July 2020

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

Extra closes

4 July 2020

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Adjustment closes and all offer conditions must have been met

31 August 2020

Finally ...

Welcome!

Arrive at Royal Holloway from Saturday 19 September 2020 ready for the first day of Welcome Week on the Monday!
**Entry requirements**

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

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

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<td><strong>BTEC qualifications</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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This prospectus was published in February 2019 and the entry requirements listed were correct at that time. For up-to-date information visit 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 accessstohe.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 Services co-ordinate the admissions process and clarify 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 Services 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
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 2019 and the information given was correct at that time. It is intended primarily for those considering admission to Royal Holloway as undergraduate students in 2020.

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.
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/rhncaulumni
@RHBNCalumni
Royal Holloway & Bedford New College Alumni & Friends – Official

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.

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 Royal Holloway who enrol for a postgraduate course are granted a 15% discount on tuition fees.

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higher.royalholloway.ac.uk
Next steps

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

2019 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 14 June
Saturday 15 June
Saturday 28 September
Saturday 19 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 royalholloway.ac.uk/ucasfairs

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.
Find out more about our own and the University of London Tasters at royalholloway.ac.uk/tasters and 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. For more information or to find out if we’re visiting your country, email us at international@royalholloway.ac.uk
We also host a range of virtual Open Days and online presentations for those who are unable to visit the campus. You can also explore our campus with our Virtual Experience at royalholloway.ac.uk/virtual-experience

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 offer a wide range of seminars and activities for prospective students and their parents/guardians and visit schools in some areas to provide face-to-face support and advice.
For more information on our services for schools visit royalholloway.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges
How to find us

By car
Please use postcode TW20 0EX to find driving directions from your location.
Please visit our website for parking information.

By rail
The nearest train station is Egham, which is on the Reading to Waterloo line. Trains to central London take 40 minutes. You can find details of routes and timetables on the National Rail website.

Egham train station is a 20 minute walk from campus. Alternatively you can get a bus (7-12 minutes) from the station to campus. There are university-run buses for students and also public buses that stop just outside campus. Visit the Traveline website to plan your route using our postcode, TW20 0EX.

By air
London Heathrow airport is only seven miles from campus. You can either take a short car or taxi ride (20 minutes), or go by bus (approximately 45 minutes, Terminal 5) to travel between campus and the airport.

We have a range of postgraduate courses on offer at our Central London base, Bedford Square. Find out more at royalholloway.ac.uk/london
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The spectacular Founder’s Building at Royal Holloway was opened by Queen Victoria in 1886.

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Open Days 2019

Friday 14 June
Saturday 15 June
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Saturday 19 October

To book your place please visit: royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays

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