

Department of History and Classics – History modules

About the department

The Department of History and Classics at Royal Holloway is highly renowned for the quality of its teaching; and is recognised as world-leading in its research. It is part of the wider University of London and one of the biggest departments in the country.

We provide a friendly and highly personal environment; and our students have access to some of the richest facilities anywhere in the world for research in the history of all periods from ancient to contemporary, classical literature, philosophy, art and archaeology; in addition to the College's substantial library collections, there are the National Archives, the British Library, the Institute for Classical Studies, and other libraries of the University of London.

Entry requirements

The modules listed below are open to all Study Abroad, International and European Exchange/Erasmus+ students, subject to any required previous knowledge or qualifications, as stated in the module outlines below.

Each module listed is either 15 or 30 UK credits. 30 credit modules start in September and run across the two teaching terms; whilst 15 credit modules are offered in either the Term 1 (September) or the Term 2 (January).

Limited spaces apply to some modules

The information contained in the course outlines on the following pages is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change as part of our policy of continuous improvement and development.



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Module number	Module title	Term	UK Credits	Link to syllabus
HS1105	Gods, Men and Power: An Introduction to the Ancient World from Homer to Mohammed	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS1108	From Renaissance to Revolutions: Europe and the World, 1500-1800	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS1109	Conflict and Identity in Modern Europe (c.1770-2000)	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS1113	From Mao to Bin Laden: Twentieth Century Leaders in the Non-Western World	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS1116	Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS1117	World City: History of London from Roman to Contemporary Times	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2001	The British and the World, 1763-1900	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2001V	The British and the World, 1763-1900 (Term 1 Visiting students)	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2004	The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2004V	The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic (Term 1 Visiting students)	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2005	Rome and its Empire from Augustus to Commodus	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2023	The Shock of the New: European Culture and Society 1789-1905	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2023V	The Shock of the New: European Culture and Society 1789-1905 (Term 1 Visiting students)	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)

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HS2050	Medieval Worlds, c.1000-1300: Power, Belief and Culture	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2102	The Ottomans - A Muslim Empire in the Early Modern World, 1453-1789	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2102V	The Ottomans - A Muslim Empire in the Early Modern World, 1453-1789 (Term 1 Visiting students)	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2126	Refugees in the Twentieth Century: A Global History	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2212	Vice, Virtue and the Victorians - British History 1837-1901	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2212V	Vice, Virtue and the Victorians - British History 1837-1901 (Term 1 Visiting students)	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2217	An Empire of Liberty? History of the USA, 1787-1877	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2227	Awakening China: From the Opium Wars to the Present Day	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2227V	Awakening China: From the Opium Wars to the Present Day (Term 1 Visiting students)	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2015	Safe European Home? Europe 1945-2000	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2018	The Tudor Monarchy 1485-1603	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)



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HS2020	Gorgeous Georgians? Society, Culture and Crime, 1714-1830	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2042	Representations of Twentieth Century War in Popular Culture	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2055	She-Wolves: Female Royal Power across the Medieval World, c.1000-c.1400	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2213	Community, Culture and Conflict in Twentieth-Century Britain	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2218	The United States in the Twentieth Century	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2127	Byzantium and its Neighbours (641-1081)	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2142	Holy Warriors: Crusaders, Muslims and the Struggle for Jerusalem, 1095-1244	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2214	Troubled Minds: Histories of Mental Health in Britain, 1780-2000	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2313	Dragon Ladies?: Society, Politics and Gender in Modern China	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2316	(Re)Making Germany and the Germans, 1866-1955	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS2318	Waging Armageddon: The First World War in British Experience and Memory	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)

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HS3145	The City and the Conqueror: The Fall of Constantinople (1453)	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS3367	Malcolm X: Islam and Black Protest in America	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS3376	Drawing the Line: Independence, Partition and the Making of India and Pakistan	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS3397	'With Intent to Destroy': Genocide in the Modern World	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS3413	A Global History of Drugs and Prohibition	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)
HS3521	Children of the Revolution? France from 1789 to the Great War	Full Year	30.00	Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)