

Department of English

About the department/subject

The Department of English at Royal Holloway is one of the leading schools of English in the world, in the top 150 internationally according to the QS University Rankings 2021 and ranked 12th in the UK for English and Creative Writing in The Guardian 'Best UK Universities 2022'. Our modules cover the span of English literature. Your journey could take you from Old English riddles, Middle English romances, and the rich poetry and theatre of the Renaissance to the wit and politics of the eighteenth century; from Romantic verse to the radical novels of the Victorians; from the complexities of modernism to world literatures, American literature, and the latest contemporary writing.

Entry requirements

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

Each module is either 7.5, 15, or 30 RHUL credits and starts in either the Term 1 (September) or the Term 2 (January). For European students the ECTS equivalent is half the UK credits e.g. 30 UK credits = 15 ECTS.

Please note, there are a limited number of spaces on each module.

The information contained in the module options 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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2026-27 Module options for visiting students

Module code	Module name	UK Credits	Term 1, Term 2 or Full Year	Module syllabus Link and any pre-requisites
EN1001	Encountering Medieval Literature: Beowulf to Chaucer	15.00	Term 2	Syllabus Information
EN1011	Thinking as a Critic	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN1011V	Thinking as a Critic	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN1105	Literature and Crisis	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information
EN1106	Shakespeare	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN1106V	Shakespeare	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN1107	Re-Orienting the Novel	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information
EN1107V	Inventing The Novel	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN1112	Introduction to Poetry	15.00	Term 2	Syllabus Information
EN2001	Middle English Poetry	15.00	Term 2	Syllabus Information
EN2005	Strange Fictions	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN2005V	Strange Fictions	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN2007	Creating <i>Beowulf</i>	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN2010	Renaissance Literature	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information
EN2010V	Renaissance Literature	15.00	Term 1 or Term 2	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY or Term 2 ONLY</i>



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EN2013	Theatre and the City: 1590 - 1625	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN2013V	Theatre and the City: 1590 - 1625	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN2020	Exploring James Joyce's Ulysses	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN2212	Victorian Literature	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information
EN2212V	Victorian Literature	15.00	Term 1 or Term 2	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN2213	Romanticisms	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information
EN2213V	Romanticisms	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN2215	Creative Writing: Structure	15.00	Term 2	Syllabus Information
EN2226	Postcolonial Literature	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN2226V	Postcolonial Literature	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN2315	Literature and the Digital	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information
EN2324	Contemporary Debates in Literary and Critical Theory	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information
EN2324V	Contemporary Debates in Literary and Critical Theory	15.00	Term 1	Syllabus Information <i>This module is for students coming for Term 1 ONLY</i>
EN2401	The American Century	30.00	Full Year	Syllabus Information

