Department of Politics and International Relations
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Politics and International Relations

Royal Holloway is widely recognised on the world stage as one of the UK's leading teaching and research university institutions. One of the larger colleges of the University of London, we are strong across the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. Our 8,000 students work with internationally renowned scholars in 18 academic departments. The University of London degree gained by our talented, high-achieving graduates is valued the world over.

As a cosmopolitan community, with students from 130 countries, we focus on the support and development of the individual. Our friendly campus, just 19 miles west of central London, provides a unique environment for university study. Campus life revolves around the Students' Union, which runs over 100 societies and sports clubs, and we are recognised as London's best sporting college.

The Department of Politics & International Relations has a vibrant research and teaching culture. Its results in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), in which 70 percent of the Department's research outputs were rated in the top three categories from 'internationally excellent' to 'world leading', rank it in ninth place among departments of politics and international relations with fewer than 20 researchers, and second among departments with fewer than 15. Since the RAE, the Department has continued to develop at a rapid pace.

We offer a variety of exciting Single and Joint Honours degrees, including joint degrees with Economics, Geography, History, and Philosophy. Our particular research strengths in international relations, global politics, UK and European politics, new political communication, and political theory, inform our teaching on all levels.

In the 2010 National Student Survey (NSS) the Department ranked in the top quartile of politics and international relations departments for our programme being intellectually stimulating (96 percent), for helping our students present themselves with confidence (84 percent), and for overall satisfaction (90 percent).

We warmly invite you to join us.

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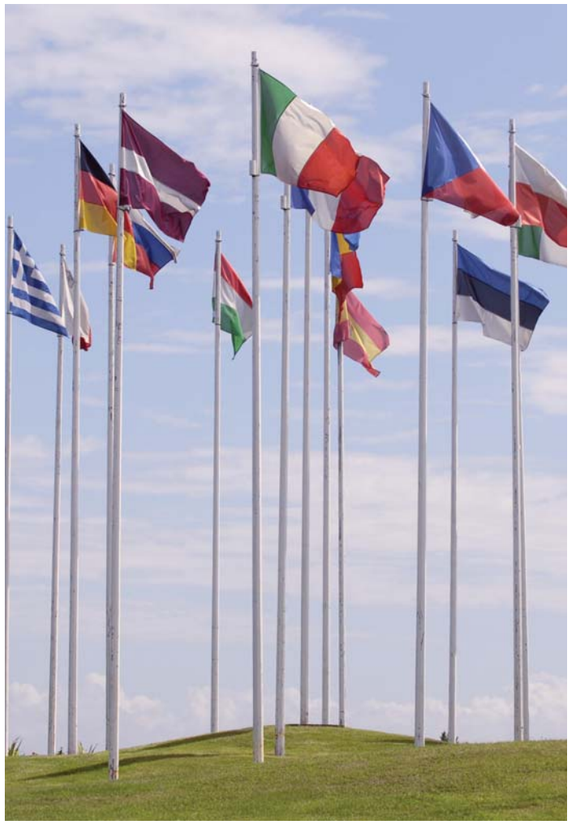
Why study Politics & International Relations?

The study of politics and international relations enables students to understand the processes by which power is deployed and the outcomes that its application achieves.

It allows us to examine issues fundamental to our times, including the nature of war, the spread of democracy, the globalization of economics and culture, the role of the media and new technologies, to name but a few. It covers political ideas and processes in countries throughout the world and the global system.

Graduates gain the skills required to enter a wide range of professions, such as law, the civil service, accountancy, management, journalism, broadcasting, teaching, and diplomacy. A significant number of our best graduates go on to further their study, entering postgraduate programmes both at Royal Holloway and at other prestigious Higher Education institutions at home and abroad.



Why choose Politics & International Relations at Royal Holloway?

Founded in 2004, our young department has expanded rapidly and has established itself as a centre for exciting teaching and research. We offer an exciting variety of Single and Joint Honours degrees, with an advanced curriculum in political science and international relations that is truly up-to-date and reflects the most recent innovations in the discipline.

We have a strong commitment to high quality, cutting-edge research, which we believe informs good teaching. This includes research in the areas of security studies, international law, democratic theory and democratization, the European Union and other European institutions, globalisation, comparative and regional politics (including Europe, North America, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and the Far East), the impact of media and new communication technology on politics, nationalism and migration, and contemporary theories of power, identity, rights and democracy. All our research has an international dimension reflecting our links with universities in the USA, Europe, and the Far East.

We place great emphasis on supporting students throughout their studies. Each student is allocated a Personal Adviser who, in consultation with the Academic Coordinator, guides students through their choice of courses, examinations and overall progress. The Department works closely with dedicated College support and advisory services for UK and overseas students.

Students can access a wide range of resources and benefit from an impressive array of teaching techniques, including the College's extremely useful internet-based learning environment, Moodle. The main campus offers up-to-date computer and language labs, modern libraries, a 400-seat auditorium equipped with state-of-the-art technology, and new student residences. Royal Holloway students also benefit from University of London resources, including the library at Senate House in central London and the facilities of the Students' Union.

Welcome

What makes the Department of Politics & International Relations at Royal Holloway such a rewarding place to study?

First, there's the friendliness of the Department. We pride ourselves on providing a warm, supportive, and engaging environment.

Second, there's the innovative nature of our degree programmes. We have built our Department through numerous early and mid-career appointments and we have one of the most up-to-date programmes in the country.

Third, there's the distinctive expertise and enthusiasm of our lecturers, a mix of established scholars and rapidly rising stars. Our energy, dynamism and passion for ideas feed directly into outstanding research and teaching.

Finally, there's the easy access to London and its unrivalled libraries, museums and entertainment, combined with the beautiful and safe surroundings of the College's breathtaking campus.

But don't just take my word for it! It would be wonderful to meet you at one of the several UCAS and College Open Days we hold each year.

Dr Nathan Widder, Head of Department

Admissions and entry requirements

We welcome applications from bright candidates with a genuine sense of curiosity about the world around them. Applications from international students and mature candidates are encouraged and we accept a broad range of qualifications, including Access.

Students join a lively community of about 320 undergraduates, 80 postgraduates and 18 academic staff. We also attract around 40 talented students from around the world through our JYA/Study Abroad schemes.

Our student body is diverse and we promote academic excellence in an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual understanding, so our students enjoy and benefit from the department's diversity and its relaxed atmosphere.

We encourage applicants to visit the department, talk to members of staff and find out more about studying here at one of our UCAS or College Open Days (see page 18).

International Students

We offer a warm welcome to students from overseas. We expect international candidates to have similar levels of qualifications to UK students and to cope well with the English language. We recognise a wide range of qualifications including the International Baccalaureate and various national school-leaving examinations. If a candidate is unable to attend an interview, we sometimes ask for samples of their written work in English – generally on social science subjects.

Candidates from overseas should use the UCAS procedure to submit their applications but they may also wish to obtain special guidance before and during their application. Advice can be obtained by contacting the College Admissions Officer.

Typical Offers

BA Politics and BA Politics & International Relations

UCAS Tariff: 340 points
A-level: AAB or international equivalents
BTEC National Diploma: Distinction, Distinction, Distinction
International Baccalaureate: 35 Points

BSc Geography, Politics & International Relations

UCAS Tariff: 340 points
A-level: AAB or international equivalents
BTEC National Diploma: Distinction, Distinction, Distinction
International Baccalaureate: 35 Points

BA History and International Relations

UCAS Tariff: 340 points
A-level: AAB or international equivalents
BTEC National Diploma: Distinction, Distinction, Distinction
International Baccalaureate: 35 Points

BSc Economics, Politics and International Relations

UCAS Tariff: 340 points including AS Maths B or 360 including GCSE Maths A; A-level: AAB including Maths AS B or AAA including GCSE Maths A; International Baccalaureate: 35 points including 5 in SL Maths

BA Politics, International Relations and Philosophy

UCAS Tariff: 320 points
A-level: ABB or international equivalents
BTEC National Diploma: Distinction, Distinction, Merit
International Baccalaureate: 34 Points

BA Politics with Philosophy (major/minor with Politics as the major subject)

UCAS Tariff: 340 points
A-level: AAB or international equivalents
BTEC National Diploma: Distinction, Distinction, Distinction
International Baccalaureate: 35 Points

BA European Studies

UCAS Tariff: 320 points
A-level: ABB
International Baccalaureate: 33 points

Candidates for BA European Studies will also need to meet the following language requirements for their relevant degree:

French: A2-level grade B; Scottish Higher B, Irish Higher B at Honours level; International Baccalaureate grade 6 at higher level, European baccalaureate 7 points; Abitur Französisch/Deutsch als Leistungsfach.

German: For post A-level pathway grade B; International Baccalaureate grade 6 at higher level; European Baccalaureate 7 points; For German ab initio pathway advanced knowledge of another European language or Latin is required.

Italian: For post A-level pathway grade B; International Baccalaureate grade 6 at higher level; European Baccalaureate 7 points; Abitur Italiensich als Leistungsfach. For Italian ab initio pathway advanced knowledge of another European language or Latin is required.

Spanish: For post A-level pathway grade B; Scottish Higher B, International Baccalaureate grade 6 at higher level; European Baccalaureate 7 points. For Spanish ab initio pathway advanced knowledge of another European language or Latin is required.

For International Students on all programmes: IELTS Score: minimum 6.5 overall with minimum 7.0 in writing. For International students on the European Studies programme, the IELTS Score should be a minimum of 6.5 overall with minimum 6.5 in writing.

Degree options

BA Politics

BA Politics and International Relations

BSc Geography, Politics and International Relations

BA History and International Relations

BSc Economics, Politics and International Relations

BA Politics, International Relations and Philosophy

BA Politics with Philosophy (major/minor with Politics as the major subject)

BA European Studies

Each degree consists of a core of compulsory courses (which must be passed if a student is to proceed to the next year of that degree) and additional courses which may be chosen from the range on offer.

All first year students complete a package of foundation courses to qualify them for entry to the second year of our programmes. The Department offers four full year courses in the first year: Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations; Introduction to International Relations; Introduction to Politics and Government; and Introduction to Research Methods in Politics and International Relations. The second year consists of the main core and optional courses in each field of study and is designed to provide the main body of knowledge on a given topic. With the exception of our joint degree with Economics, in their final year, students take three advanced specialist courses and also – as the fourth unit – present a dissertation of 8,000–9,000 words on a topic which particularly interests them within one of their fields of study.

Those reading for the degree in European Studies take the European Studies core courses, one (or two) language(s) and one (or two) units of Social Science(s). The European Studies core courses cover aspects of contemporary European history, politics, economics and international relations. In the Social Sciences, students can choose from Management, History, Politics, Geography or Economics. In the language component, French, Spanish, German and Italian are all available. Spanish, German and Italian are also available ab initio. Those taking this four year degree will spend their third year at a mainland European university or on a work placement in a European country appropriate to their main language (students who have taken two languages may divide the year between the two countries). Language teaching placements may also be available in Secondary Schools in the appropriate country.

Note: not all courses are available every year.

Degree structure

Note: The lists of second and third year option courses are indicative and can change from year to year.

BA Politics

Year 1

- Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Politics and Government
- Introduction to Research Methods in Politics and International Relations

Year 2

Choose three units from available Politics options, such as:

- Comparative European Politics and Institutions
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy in Britain
- Empire and Decolonisation
- European Integration since 1945
- Modern Political Thought
- The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity

Choose one free unit appropriate to second year level study in Politics & International Relations (PIR) or another department. For example, in PIR we offer:

- Cold War International Relations
- International Relations Theory
- International Political Economy
- Introduction to Global Studies
- War and Security in World Politics

Year 3

- Dissertation in Politics

Choose two further units from:

- The British in India: A Social & Political History
- Comparative Democracy and Elections
- Democracy and Authoritarianism: India and Pakistan
- Issues in Democratic Theory
- Issues in Contemporary Europe
- Political Sociology
- The Politics of Modern Germany
- The Politics of the Internet and the Information Society
- The Politics of Toleration
- Radical Political Theory
- Social Justice: From Theory to Practice
- Young People's Politics

Then choose one free unit appropriate to third year level study in Politics & International Relations or another department.

BA Politics and International Relations

Year 1

- Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Politics and Government
- Introduction to Research Methods in Politics and International Relations

Year 2

- International Relations Theory

Choose two units from:

- Comparative European Politics and Institutions
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy in Britain
- European Integration since 1945
- Modern Political Thought
- The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity

Then choose one unit from:

- Cold War International Relations
- Empire and Decolonisation
- International Political Economy
- Introduction to Global Studies
- War and Security in World Politics

Year 3

- Dissertation in either Politics or International Relations

Choose three further units so that your course equals two units in Politics and two units in International Relations.

Politics:

- Comparative Democracy and Elections
- Issues in Democratic Theory
- Issues in Contemporary Europe
- Political Sociology
- The Politics of Modern Germany
- The Politics of the Internet and the Information Society
- The Politics of Toleration
- Radical Political Theory
- Social Justice: From Theory to Practice
- Young People's Politics

International Relations:

- Advanced Readings in Global Studies
- The British in India: A Social & Political History
- Comparative Foreign Policy
- Conflict and Law in the International System
- Contemporary Middle East Politics
- Democracy and Authoritarianism: India and Pakistan
- Great Powers and Great Debates in International Politics
- United States Foreign Policy

BA Politics with Philosophy

Year 1

- Fundamental Questions in Philosophy
- Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to Politics and Government
- Introduction to Research Methods in Politics and International Relations

Year 2

Choose three units from:

- Comparative European Politics and Institutions
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy in Britain
- Empire and Decolonisation
- European Integration since 1945
- Modern Political Thought
- The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity

Choose one unit from:

- Introduction to European Philosophy I: From Kant to Hegel
- Introduction to European Philosophy II: The Critique of Idealism
- Mind and World
- Philosophy and the Arts
- Varieties of Scepticism

Year 3

- Dissertation in Politics

Then choose courses equalling two further units from:

- The British in India: A Social & Political History
- Comparative Democracy and Elections
- Democracy and Authoritarianism: India and Pakistan
- Issues in Democratic Theory
- Issues in Contemporary Europe
- Political Sociology
- The Politics of Modern Germany
- The Politics of the Internet and the Information Society
- The Politics of Toleration
- Radical Political Theory
- Social Justice: From Theory to Practice
- Young People's Politics

And courses equalling one further unit from:

- Introduction to European Philosophy I: From Kant to Hegel
- Introduction to European Philosophy II: The Critique of Idealism
- Mind and World
- Modern European Philosophy I: From Husserl to Heidegger
- Modern European Philosophy II: Poststructuralism and its Critics
- Recovering Reality
- The Self and Others
- Varieties of Scepticism

BA Economics, Politics and International Relations

Year 1

- Principles of Economics
- Quantitative Methods in Economics
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Politics and Government

Year 2

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics

Choose two units from:

- Cold War International Relations
- Comparative European Politics and Institutions
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy in Britain
- Empire and Decolonisation
- European Integration since 1945
- International Political Economy
- International Relations Theory
- Introduction to Global Studies
- Modern Political Thought
- The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity
- War and Security in World Politics

Year 3

Choose two units from available Economics third-year options

Then choose courses equalling two further units from:

- Advanced Readings in Global Studies
- The British in India: A Social & Political History
- Comparative Democracy and Elections
- Comparative Foreign Policy
- Conflict and Law in the International System
- Contemporary Middle East Politics
- Democracy and Authoritarianism: India and Pakistan
- Dissertation in Politics or International Relations
- Great Powers and Great Debates in International Politics
- Issues in Democratic Theory
- Issues in Contemporary Europe
- Political Sociology
- The Politics of Modern Germany
- The Politics of the Internet and the Information Society
- The Politics of Toleration
- Radical Political Theory
- Social Justice: From Theory to Practice
- United States Foreign Policy
- Young People's Politics

BSc Geography, Politics and International Relations

Year 1

- Introduction to Human Geography
- Geographies of Development
- Geographical Techniques (Human Geography)
- Geographical Research and Field Methods I
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Politics and Government

Year 2

- Geographical Research and Field Methods II

Then choose three units, with at least one in Geography and one in Politics and International Relations:

Geography:

- Cities, Economies and Ecologies
- Cultural Geographies of the Modern World
- Perspectives on Development
- Political Geography

Politics and International Relations:

- Cold War International Relations
- Comparative European Politics and Institutions
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy in Britain
- Empire and Decolonisation
- European Integration since 1945
- International Political Economy
- International Relations Theory
- Introduction to Global Studies
- Modern Political Thought
- The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity
- War and Security in World Politics

Year 3

- Dissertation in either Geography or Politics and International Relations

Then choose three units, with at least one in Geography and one in Politics and International Relations:

Geography:

- The Caribbean and the Making of the Modern World
- City & Society in 19th Century Britain
- Critical Geopolitics
- Cultures of Time and Space
- Fair Trade and Ethical Consumerism
- Geographies of Commodities
- Gender and Development in Latin America
- Geographies of Europe and the European Idea
- Geographies of Mobility
- Geographies of Tourism and Travel
- Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D)
- Southern Africa: Development Perspectives
- Modernity and the City

Politics and International Relations:

- Advanced Readings in Global Studies
- The British in India: A Social & Political History
- Comparative Democracy and Elections
- Comparative Foreign Policy
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BA History and International Relations

Year 1

British Social and Economic History

History and Meanings Part I

Introduction to International Relations

Choose one further unit from:

Republics, Kings and People: The Foundations of Modern Political Culture

Conflict and Identity in the Modern World from 1789 to the present

From Mao to Mandela: Twentieth-Century Political Leaders in the non-Western World

And one further unit from:

Introduction to Research Methods in Politics and International Relations

Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations

Year 2

Globalising Capital: Britain and the World, 1846-1913

International Economic Relations, 1917-1991

International Relations Theory

Then choose courses equalling one unit from the following History courses:

Greek History down to 322BC

The History of the Roman Empire from 31BC to AD400

Conquest and Colonisation: Europe 1000–1300

The Flowering of the Middle Ages: Europe 1300–1500

Renaissance and Baroque Italian Cities

From Nation State to Multiple Monarchy: British History 1485–1649

Society, Politics and Culture: Britain 1688–1832

19th-century Europe: Society, Culture and Politics, 1789–1890

History of the British Empire, 1763–1963

British History 1851–1973

European Society and Politics 1890–1945

Safe European Home? European History, 1945–2000

History of the USA since 1787

20th-century History of Asia

20th-century World History

Modern Times: International Economic History since 1850

Spanish History from 1898 to the Present Day

And courses equalling one unit from the following Politics and International Relations courses:

Cold War International Relations

Empire and Decolonisation

European Integration since 1945

International Political Economy

Introduction to Global Studies

War and Security in World Politics

Year 3

Choose EITHER a two-unit Group 3 History course with dissertation and two units of International Relations OR a dissertation in international relations, one unit of international relations courses, and two units of Group 2 and 3 History courses.

History offerings can include:

The Christianisation of the Roman World: Constantine to Justinian

Byzantium and its Neighbours, 602–1071

The Crusades and the Eastern Mediterranean, 1095–1291

Medicine and Society in Medieval Europe

Daily Life in Renaissance and Baroque Italian Cities

London Urban Society, 1400–1600

Tudor Parliaments 1485–1603

Experience, Culture and Identity: Women's Lives in England, 1688–1837

From Rakes to Respectability? Conflict and Consensus in Britain 1815–51

Politics of Sport: Power, Identity and Race in Britain, 1880s–1990s

Ethnicity, Identity and Citizenship in Modern British Life

Gender and Society in the Non-Western World

Mass Politics and Minorities in Inter-War Central Europe

History and Memory in the United States

Modern Political Ideas

Britain, the United States and the Decline of the West in East Asia, 1894–1975

The Islamic Revival: from 18th-century Reform to 20th-century Political Action

The Modern Middle East since 1880

Stalinism, 1924–1953

Modern France: 1918 to the Present

Genocide

International Relations courses:

Advanced Readings in Global Studies

The British in India: A Social & Political History

Comparative Foreign Policy

Conflict and Law in the International System

Contemporary Middle East Politics

Democracy and Authoritarianism: India and Pakistan

Great Powers and Great Debates in International Politics

Issues in Contemporary Europe

United States Foreign Policy

BA Philosophy, Politics and International Relations

Year 1

Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations

Fundamental Questions in Philosophy

Introduction to Ancient Philosophy

Introduction to Modern Philosophy

Then choose one from:

Introduction to International Relations

Introduction to Politics and Government

Introduction to Research Methods in Politics and International Relations

Year 2

Introduction to European Philosophy I: Kant to Hegel

Mind and World

Then choose one unit from:

The Dialogues of Plato

Introduction to European Philosophy II: The Critique of Idealism

Philosophy and the Arts

The Philosophy of Aristotle

Varieties of Scepticism

Choose one from:

Contemporary Political Theory

International Relations Theory

Modern Political Thought

And one further Politics and International Relations unit, including:

Cold War International Relations

Comparative European Politics and Institutions

Democracy in Britain

Empire and Decolonisation

European Integration since 1945

International Political Economy

Introduction to Global Studies

The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity

War and Security in World Politics

Year 3

Dissertation in Philosophy or in Politics and International Relations

Choose three further units so that your course equals two units in Philosophy and two units in Politics and International Relations.

Philosophy options:

Modern European Philosophy I: From Husserl to Heidegger

Modern European Philosophy II: Poststructuralism and its Critics

Philosophy under the Roman Empire

Recovering Reality

The Self and Others

Stoics, Epicureans and Sceptics

Varieties of Scepticism

Politics and International Relations options:

Advanced Readings in Global Studies

The British in India: A Social & Political History

Comparative Foreign Policy

Comparative Democracy and Elections

Conflict and Law in the International System

Contemporary Middle East Politics

Democracy and Authoritarianism: India and Pakistan

Great Powers and Great Debates in International Politics

Issues in Democratic Theory

Issues in Contemporary Europe

Political Sociology

The Politics of Modern Germany

The Politics of the Internet and the Information Society

The Politics of Toleration

Radical Political Theory

Social Justice: From Theory to Practice

United States Foreign Policy

Young People's Politics

BA European Studies (Note: full details available in the European Studies brochure)

European Studies Core Units

One unit per year dealing with the development of European integration and International Relations

Main Language

French, German, Italian or Spanish

Social Science

Choice of units in International Relations, Politics, Geography, History, Economics, Management

Option

Option to concentrate on main language, take another language; OR option to concentrate on main social science or take another social science.

Notes: Core and optional courses differ according to the degree programme you choose. Full details are available on our website and in the detailed European Studies brochure. Not all courses run every year. New optional courses are often added, and others withdrawn, as a result of curriculum development and staff availability.

Major/Minor Degrees

Students interested in the major/minor degrees should refer to the major subject department's brochure and website for more information.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching varies between courses but is carried out principally by means of lectures and seminars. Larger courses normally consist of one lecture and one parallel tutorial seminar per week. Smaller courses are run in single two-hour slots per week, and consist of a lecture and seminar, a two-hour seminar or some other two-hour format.

Seminars are compulsory and there are usually 15-18 students per group. The seminar may consist of a presentation on a prepared topic by a student followed by a general discussion guided by the seminar teacher, but a variety of other teaching styles are used. All students are expected to come to seminars having prepared for a discussion of the topic.

Students take the equivalent of four course units each year, with one-unit courses running across 20 teaching weeks and half-unit courses running across ten weeks. This means a commitment of about eight hours of formal engagement with the academic staff and other students every week, leaving a minimum of over 30 hours each week for private study and research in preparation for tutorials/seminars and for the production of coursework.

The department has an open-door policy so that any student can see any member of staff to discuss their work. All course tutors have office hours when they are available to meet with students on a regular basis and all can be contacted by email.

Most course units contain an element of assessed coursework, which contributes to the final examination mark awarded. In some cases coursework does not formally count towards assessment, but submission is nevertheless a formal requirement. Coursework can consist of essays, presentations (in some cases assessed) and/or assessed seminar participation marks. The final mark for a full unit course is usually based on three or four different assessments, including an end of year exam.

First year results qualify students for entry to the second year but do not currently contribute to the final degree award. The second and final year results do contribute to the final degree result, with the final year work counting double of that completed in the second year.

Students are not the only ones to be assessed. At the end of each course, students are asked to anonymously complete an evaluation questionnaire. The department finds these questionnaires valuable in indicating where courses and teaching methods can be improved. In their final year students are asked to complete the National Student Survey (NSS), which allows them to assess their degree as a whole.

Studying Overseas

Junior Year Abroad (JYA)

The department welcomes students who wish to spend a semester or an academic year studying Politics & International Relations in Britain.

Study Abroad/Student Exchange

In common with other departments at Royal Holloway, our students have the chance to study abroad as part of their degree or as an additional year.

Royal Holloway currently has full exchange agreements with the institutions listed below. If you are a student at one of these institutions, you may be able to apply to come to us on an exchange programme. However, you will need to direct your application through the Student Exchange Coordinator at your own university. The College also has Study Abroad agreements with a number of other institutions in the USA, Brazil, Japan and Korea, and students from universities other than these may also apply to come to Royal Holloway as a visiting student by applying through our International Office. Information is located at **www.rhul.ac.uk/international**.

The European Studies Year Abroad

For European Studies students, the third year of their four-year degree is spent in a relevant European country. If a second language is chosen it may be possible to split the year abroad between two countries. The School of Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures and the European Studies programme have links with prestigious institutions throughout Europe. This year abroad greatly enhances language skills and cultural understanding. There are several options open to students. They may spend a year at a European university or business school; work as interns at EU institutions such as the European Parliament or Commission; apply for assistantships at educational establishments; or may obtain professional work experience abroad.

Non-EU Exchange Partners

Australia

Flinders University
University of Melbourne
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Western Australia

Canada

Concordia University
University of Alberta
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto

Hong Kong

Hong Kong University

India

IIM-K (Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode)

Japan

International Christian University
Keio University
Ritsumeikan University
Waseda University

Korea

Korea University

New Zealand

Victoria University of Wellington

Singapore

National University of Singapore

USA

Arizona State University (ASU)
Boston College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Tulane University
University of Florida
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Washington College
Yale University

Other information

Facilities

Royal Holloway's extensive library is an essential part of the College's support for students and staff. Most politics and international relations books are housed in the Bedford Library, located at the heart of campus. It provides all the facilities expected of a modern university library in an excellent environment: comfortable reader spaces, easy access to books and journals, and the very latest technology. Students can also use the libraries in central London, and have borrowing privileges and full remote access to all the electronic resources available from Senate House Library.

As well as the libraries, we encourage students to utilise IT facilities in support of their learning and research. The Computer Centre has a wide range of computing facilities, and is open 24-hours a day. There are numerous computer rooms across the campus and a wireless network that includes lecture theatres.

Staff-Student Committee

We encourage students to get involved in shaping the Department's future provision of courses. To this end we have a Staff-Student Committee, whose aims are to maintain and foster communications within the Department, to receive and to discuss matters of concern to both students and staff and to provide a formal means of communication between students and the Departmental Board. The Committee has regular meetings throughout the year and students are encouraged to stand for election to the Committee and to pass on their views and concerns to representatives prior to meetings. Student representatives for the Committee are elected early in the Autumn Term. A minimum of two undergraduates from each of first, second and third years sit on the Committee along with staff.

Student Societies

Each student in the Department is invited to become a member of the Politics & International Relations Society (PIRSoc). One of the most active societies on campus, this student-run body organises events as well as opportunities for socialising and meeting fellow students. Events have included movie nights, quiz nights and other social activities, charity drives, and the organization of high-profile external speakers from embassies in London, international NGOs and elsewhere. Since 2006 PIRSoc has organised teams to attend the annual National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference in New York City. The Royal Holloway teams have been very successful at these events, winning multiple awards.

The European Society (Euro Soc) is another student-led society organising a variety of social and intellectual events, including guest speakers and social activities. The highlight is a field trip to Brussels for European Studies students. The trip is highly recommended, a lot of fun, and an opportunity to bring your studies to life. It is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow European Studies students, and provides a fascinating and privileged insight into the inner workings of some of the EU's most vital institutions. Visits are arranged with the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Court of Human Rights, Central Bank and NATO headquarters in Belgium.

UCAS & College Open Days

Our UCAS and Open Days offer a unique opportunity for prospective students and their parents and friends to come and find out more about us and get a taste of what university life is really like.

As part of a group of potential applicants, you will spend two to three hours with us. A member of staff will give an introductory talk, explaining what studying for a degree is like, what the examinations are like, the degrees we offer, and so on. You will also have the opportunity to meet other members of the academic staff and hear lectures. Our student helpers will take you on a tour of the campus, tell you about life on campus and answer any questions from a student's viewpoint. There will be opportunities to ask questions throughout the day. You may also have an interview or a general conversation with a member of staff. This gives us an opportunity to learn about your knowledge of the social sciences and to give you the chance to ask more questions.

Dates of UCAS and Open Days are available from our website: **www.rhul.ac.uk**

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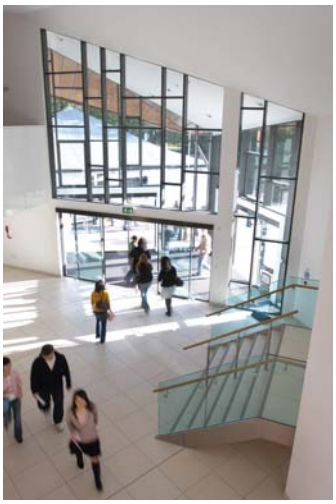

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