Department of Politics & International Relations
Undergraduate Studies
I am delighted that you are considering studying with us in the Department of Politics & International Relations at Royal Holloway. Ours is a friendly and outward-looking department, and we offer courses on a huge range of subjects, from European, African and Middle Eastern politics, through terrorism, human rights and foreign policy, to voting behaviour and the impact of new communication technologies on politics.

Politics in all its manifestations raises fundamental questions about power and justice. Studying with us will give you the skills and knowledge needed to understand better current affairs at the domestic, regional and global levels. Our commitment to excellence in research and teaching also means that you’ll engage with the latest ideas and findings during your time with us.

Our degrees will introduce you in a lively and interesting way to some of the most important themes and controversies in our discipline, as well as the research methods we use. You will develop intellectually and personally, and will become highly attractive to future employers. Our graduates enter a wide range of professions, such as the law, the civil service, accountancy, management, journalism, broadcasting, teaching, international development and diplomacy. Many of our graduates also go on to further study, entering postgraduate programmes both at Royal Holloway and at other prestigious institutions around the world.

I hope very much that you will choose to study with us. Please do visit us on one of our Open Days or contact our Admissions Tutor if you would like to know more.

Dr Alister Miskimmon
Head of Department
Politics & International Relations

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It is also available as a PDF at royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere
Why study Politics or International Relations?

The Department of Politics & International Relations at Royal Holloway is a friendly and vibrant place to study with a global reputation for the excellence of its teaching and research. You will join a diverse and active student community and work with leading specialists across a wide range of fields.

Our teaching covers an exceptional range of subjects, comprising both traditional areas of political science and International Relations – including institutional politics within states and relations of war and peace between them – and new areas of inquiry – such as globalisation, human rights, NGOs and other non-state actors, and the role of new media in politics.

We offer you an extensive variety of Single and Joint Honours degrees.

- We teach an advanced and internationally-focused curriculum.
- You will be taught by specialists in their fields.
- You will graduate with a highly valued University of London degree.
- You will join an internationally diverse and active student community.
- We offer you a wide range of Study Abroad opportunities in Europe and around the world.
- We offer you a work-placement scheme, ‘Politics in Action’, which forms part of the degree programme.
- We provide you with a dedicated support network, including Personal Advisors and student Peer Guides.
- You can access a wide range of teaching resources, including the College’s internet-based learning environment, Moodle.
- Our 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.
- You will also benefit from University of London resources, including the Senate House libraries and the facilities of the Students’ Union in central London.

The courses we offer are informed by our research, and we always look to bring our latest discoveries into the classroom. Our research addresses many aspect of political life, as reflected in just some of our recent books.
Degree programmes

You’ll join a diverse and friendly community of over 600 undergraduates in the department, most of whom are on the BA Politics, BA International Relations or BA Politics & International Relations programmes. The remainder are enrolled on European and International Studies or one of our other joint degrees.

We also offer a number of Major/Minor degrees where either Political Studies or International Relations is the Minor component. You should refer to the Major subject department’s brochure and website for more information about these programmes.

Admissions and entry requirements

ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For most programmes our typical entry requirements are AAB or ABB at A-level, 6,5,5 at Higher Level in the International Baccalaureate (IB) with a minimum of 32 points overall, or an equivalent standard in another qualification. We recognise a broad range of UK and international qualifications, including Scottish or Irish Highers, Access, BTEC National Diploma, the European and French Baccalaureates and US Advanced Placements, among others.

No prior academic background in Politics or International Relations is required. However, applicants for places on the BA/BSc Politics, Philosophy & Economics and BSc Economics, Politics & International Relations programmes are expected to have attained a grade A Maths GCSE or a Maths A-level.

There are also language requirements for BA European and International Studies. Students taking the programme with French (R100), German (R200), Italian (R300) or Spanish (R401) need an A-level grade B in the relevant subject, an IB grade 5 at higher level or an equivalent standard in another qualification. For students wishing to follow the ‘beginners’ pathways’ that are available for the French, German, Italian and Spanish programmes, an A-level, or equivalent, in an essay-based subject is required.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made through UCAS at ucas.com. We strongly suggest you attend one of the College Open Days; and if you hold an offer from us, we very strongly encourage you to attend one of our Applicant Visit Days. These events provide a fantastic opportunity to gain a fuller picture of our courses, meet academic staff and speak to current students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We recognise a wide range of national school-leaving examinations. Each year we admit a large number of international students. Further details of all acceptable qualifications can be found on each relevant page of the Course Finder at: royalholloway.ac.uk/coursefinder

If you do not speak English as your first language you are usually expected to achieve an IELTS score of 6.5 overall, with a minimum of 7.0 in writing, or hold an equivalent English language qualification. Equivalents can be found at: royalholloway.ac.uk/international/programmesandapplying/englishlanguagerequirements

Candidates from overseas should also use the UCAS system to submit their applications, but you may also wish to obtain special guidance before and during the application process. Advice can be obtained by contacting the College Admissions Office at: study@royalholloway.ac.uk
**Degree structures**

This table sets out the basic structures of our various degree programmes. Each year students take a different combination of four full-year units, or the equivalent. Please see page 7 for an explanation of 'Politics' and 'International Relations' units.

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<td>Classic Readings in Politics and International Relations</td>
<td>International Relations Theory</td>
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<td>Introduction to Politics and Government</td>
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<td>Epistemology and Metaphysics (½ unit)</td>
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<td>Introduction to European Philosophy</td>
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<td>Mind and World (½ unit)</td>
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<td>Advanced Seminar and Dissertation in PPE</td>
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<td>Introduction to Politics and Government</td>
<td>Introduction to European Philosophy</td>
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<td>BSc Geography, Politics &amp; International Relations</td>
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<td>3 x Politics units</td>
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<td>History and Meanings Part 1 (½ unit)</td>
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<td>2 x Politics or International Relations units</td>
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Course options in Politics and International Relations

You will be able to choose from a wide range of subjects taught by the department in your second and third years. Depending on their focus, some of our courses are designated as ‘Politics’ units, others as ‘International Relations’ units, and others can be designated as either ‘Politics’ or ‘International Relations’ units.

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<td>Democracy In Britain</td>
<td>Comparative Democracy and Elections</td>
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<td>Introduction to Political Communication</td>
<td>Issues in Democratic Theory</td>
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<td>The Politics of the Internet and the Information Society (½ unit)</td>
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<td>The Politics of Human Rights</td>
<td>The Politics of Toleration (½ unit)</td>
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<td>Comparative Politics of Europe and the EU</td>
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<td>The Politics of Migration and Ethnicity</td>
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<td>Contemporary Middle East Politics</td>
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<td>Empire and Decolonization</td>
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<td>Advanced Readings in Global Studies (½ unit)</td>
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<td>International Organisations</td>
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<td>The British in India: A Social and Political History</td>
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<td>International Political Economy</td>
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<td>Comparative Foreign Policy (½ unit)</td>
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<td>International Relations Theory</td>
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<td>Defence in the post-Cold War World</td>
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<td>Introduction to Global Studies</td>
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<td>Gendered Communities: Women and Nationalism in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia</td>
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<td>War and Security in World Politics</td>
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<td>Non State Violence, Civil War and Security</td>
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Please note: not all courses are available every year.

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“The fondest memory of my time at Royal Holloway was conducting dissertation research in Rwanda. After learning about the horrors of the country’s 1994 genocide in my second year, I developed an instant fascination with the East African nation. I secured a bursary from the College’s Helen Shackleton Fund and travelled there in summer 2013 to gather data for my final-year thesis. The trip provided a fascinating insight into a people’s struggle to recover from the trauma of one of humanity’s darkest periods.”

Alex Pegler, BA Politics
You will take the equivalent of four full-year course units each year, with full-unit courses running across 20 teaching weeks and half-unit courses running across ten weeks. Most course units are formally assessed by some combination of coursework and unseen examination.

Our teaching varies across courses but is carried out principally by means of one lecture and one parallel seminar per course per week. Some third-year courses consist of a single two-hour seminar per week.

Seminars are compulsory and there are usually 15–20 students per group. A typical 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. You will also be encouraged to discuss your work with members of staff. All course tutors have office hours when they are available to meet with you on a regular basis.

First-year results qualify students for entry to the second year but do not contribute to the final degree award. The second- and final-year results do contribute to the overall degree result, with grades from the final year generally counting double that of the second.

FACILITIES
Royal Holloway’s two extensive libraries are an essential part of the College’s support for students. You can also use the libraries in central London, and you will have borrowing privileges and full remote access to all the electronic resources available from the University of London’s Senate House Libraries, which house some 14 million items.

The Computer Centre on campus is open 24-hours. There are numerous other computer rooms across the campus and a comprehensive wireless network that includes lecture theatres.

PEER-GUIDANCE SCHEME
Small groups of new students are allocated a current student volunteer Peer Guide. Peer Guides are available by email a couple of weeks before you join Royal Holloway and meet with you during Welcome Week in order to help you settle into your time in the Department of Politics & International Relations.

LANGUAGES FOR ALL
You will also have access to ‘Languages for All’, a programme of language courses run by the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, offering a range of optional extracurricular courses in a number of modern foreign languages. Further information is available at: royalholloway.ac.uk/languagesforall

STUDENT SOCIETIES
Every student in the department is invited to become a member of the Politics and International Relations Society (PIRSoc), one of the most active student societies on campus. PIRSoC organises a variety of social events, debates, international trips and visiting-speaker talks. The society also organises one of the most successful National Model UN (NMUN) teams in the world, each year recruiting students from all departments to compete in the NMUN conference in New York. Royal Holloway’s students won Outstanding or Distinguished Delegation Awards in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, placing them among the top teams at these events.

Students in the department also spearheaded the creation of a Diplomatic Society (DipSoc). It organises debates, visiting speaker events, and trips to London embassies and other institutions such as NATO headquarters in Brussels. It has also sent teams to Model UN competitions in both the UK and Europe.

“Participating in the New York National Model United Nations Conference with the Politics and International Relations Society (PIRSoc) was a truly extraordinary experience. It sparked my interest in the society, and I continued to be involved with it throughout my time at Royal Holloway. Being part of PIRSoC brought my degree to life, providing a forum for political discussion as well as the opportunity to get actively involved in global issues, from the United Nations to poverty reduction.”

Emily Westwell
BA Politics & International Relations

Members of Royal Holloway’s 2015 student delegation to the NMUN celebrate their Distinguished Delegation Award

STUDENT PROFILE
‘WITH AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR’
Undergraduate students in the Department of Politics & International Relations have the chance to study abroad for an additional year as part of our ‘with an International Year’ programme. Students apply during their second year, and, if successful, study abroad during their third year, before returning to Royal Holloway for their fourth and final year. The International Year greatly broadens students’ horizons and cultural understandings. Students can study at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements (listed below). They also pay a much-reduced fee for their third year.

“...I spent the second year of my degree at the University of Queensland, Australia. The approach to the subject was very different, and I was able learn about the region’s politics from a completely new perspective. While there, I also took part in a number of community and extra-curricular activities, including a student-lead project providing microfinance to businesses in Kenya. Going on exchange was a real life-changing experience!”
Giulia Scarani, BA in Politics & International Relations

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
The year abroad is an integral part of the European and International Studies programme. Students are expected to spend their third year in a European country appropriate to their main language (students who have taken two languages may divide the year between the two countries). One option is to study at a European university under the EU’s Socrates exchange programme, which provides help and financial assistance for students. Through this scheme Royal Holloway has links with prestigious institutions across Europe including universities such as Sciences-Po Strasbourg (France), the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany), the University of Siena (Italy) and the Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain). There is also the opportunity to spend the year in employment on an approved work placement. Former students have worked as interns for MEPs and for companies such as IBM in Marseilles, France, and Ferrari in Maranello, Italy.

THE JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD (JYA) PROGRAMME
The department welcomes students who wish to spend a semester or an academic year studying Politics and/or International Relations in Britain. 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 Co-ordinator at your own university. Students from universities other than these may also apply to come to Royal Holloway as a visiting student. Find out more at: royalholloway.ac.uk/international

IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PARTNERS

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

**Canada**
- Concordia University, Montreal
- University of Alberta, Edmonton
- University of Ottawa
- University of Toronto

**China & Hong Kong**
- Shanghai International Studies University
- University of Hong Kong

**Japan**
- Keio University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Waseda University

**Korea**
- Korea University

**Mexico**
- Universidad de las Américas Puebla

**New Zealand**
- Victoria University of Wellington

**USA**
- Arizona State University (ASU)
- Boston College
- George Washington University
- Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts
- Tulane University, New Orleans
- University of California
- University of Florida
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Washington College, Maryland
Your future career

Our various degree programmes 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. Our graduates leave us with skills and knowledge that not only makes them attractive to employers in a broad spectrum of careers, but prepares them for further advanced study and research. 90% of our most recent graduates are, six months after graduation, in employment or enhancing their skills with further study. Some of the careers that our recent graduates have gone into are shown below. The Department of Politics & International Relations works in partnership with the College’s dedicated Careers Service to enhance our students’ employability and prepare them for the choices ahead. Our students are offered tailored opportunities across the year such as a part-time jobs fair, a wide variety of skills workshops, online sector-specific resources and a new series of relevant themed careers weeks, including ‘Finance Week’ and ‘Charities and Public Sector Week’. More details are available at: royalholloway.ac.uk/careers

When our graduates move into the world of work, we like to keep in touch wherever possible, and we are always delighted to hear how their chosen careers are progressing: royalholloway.ac.uk/alumni

*KIS, 2014

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Our graduates have secured jobs in many sectors, including finance, market research, journalism, public affairs, teaching, the law and politics. Recent employers include:

Bloomberg
The Church of England
Citigroup
The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
The Conservative Party
Ernst & Young
The European Commission
Global Capital
HM Treasury
The Henry Jackson Society
House of Commons
Ipsos MORI
The Labour Party
KAYAK
NATO Headquarters
Oxford Business Group
Proctor & Gamble
Quadrangle
Save the Children

GRADUATE VIEW

Oleg Giberstein
BA Politics & International Relations

“Studying Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway was not only a stimulating and fantastic personal and intellectual experience but also opened up many doors for me. I had the chance to spend a year studying in California, later went on to graduate study at the University of Oxford and am now working as an analyst for Citigroup London.”

STAFF PROFILE

Dr Tom Dyson
Politics in Action Co-ordinator

“Our ‘Politics in Action’ placement scheme is an assessed, full-year optional course that our undergraduate students can take in their third year of study. It provides a fantastic extra dimension to the study of politics by combining experience in a workplace environment with scholarly reflection on the placement’s organisational, professional and policy contexts.

“We organise placements in settings such as Parliament, local government, NGOs, campaigning and activist organisations, political parties, media organisations, and the policy or communications divisions of local companies. The department has a number of placements it can offer students; however, we also encourage students to arrange their own placement”
Academic staff and their research interests

Dr Nicholas Allen  
British politics, ethics regulation, party politics and the political executive

Dr Michael Bacon  
Contemporary political theory, political liberalism, pragmatism and democracy

Dr Giacomo Benedetto  
Legislative politics, EU budgetary policy, European elections, Euroscepticism

Dr Michelle Bentley  
Extreme threats, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, US foreign policy

Professor Andrew Bowie  
Modern German philosophy

Professor Andrew Chadwick  
Comparative political communication, Internet politics, e-governance and regulation

Dr Tom Dyson  
International relations theory, European defence and security, military alliances

Dr Julia Gallagher  
African politics, critical international relations theory

Dr Neil Gascoigne  
Pragmatism, metalphilosophy, autobiography and epistemology

Professor Andreas Goldthau  
Energy security, energy markets and the global governance of oil and gas

Dr Ursula Hackett  
US politics, federalism, education policy and religion and politics

Professor Sandra Halperin,  
The sociology of international relations, political development and Middle East politics

Dr Oliver Heath  
Comparative politics, voting behaviour and political participation

Dr Will Jones  
Politics of Central Africa, forced migration, authoritarianism and state-building

Dr John Mattausch  
British-Gujarati history, ethnicity and migration, chance and societal change

Dr Alister Miskimmon  
German politics, security studies and strategic narratives in international politics

Dr Lara J. Nettelfield  
Human rights, transitional justice, international law and social movements

Professor Ben O’Loughlin  
International political communication, media, war and conflict

Dr Ivica Petrikova  
International development, aid securitization and food-security governance

Dr Rebecca Roache  
Metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychiatry, applied ethics

Professor Chris Rumford,  
Globalization, cosmopolitanism, borders and spaces, Turkey-EU relations

Dr Jonathan Seglow  
Contemporary political theory, liberalism, multiculturalism and religious accommodation

Professor Anne Sheppard  
Ancient Greek philosophy, especially Neoplatonism, and ancient literary criticism

Dr James Sloam  
German politics, European social democracy and youth politics

Dr Kaat Smets  
Political behaviour, political socialisation and generational politics

Henry-Somers Hall  
German and French philosophy

Dr Cristian Vaccari  
Digital media, comparative political communication and engagement

Professor Nathan Widder  
Western political thought and philosophy, contemporary Continental philosophy

Dr Jinghan Zeng  
Politics of contemporary China and Chinese foreign policy

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As a cosmopolitan community, with students from 130 countries, we focus on the support and development of the individual. Our friendly and safe campus, west of central London, provides a unique environment for university study. We have been voted as one of the 16 most beautiful universities in the world (Daily Telegraph).