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Royal Holloway International Study Centre



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Welcome to Royal Holloway University of London

"By choosing to study at Royal Holloway, one of the UK's leading research intensive universities, you become part of a close knit community that's all about inspiring you to succeed academically, socially and culturally. Students who come to Royal Holloway talk about how our campus supports a unique culture and 'feel' that they love. Classes are taught by recognised, world-leading academics who will genuinely get to know you.

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. 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

"Thank you for your interest in studying with us. This prospectus provides details of the programmes available and will show you what it's like to live and learn on this beautiful campus.

Royal Holloway International Study Centre offers a truly international education experience. You will receive a high quality education that will prepare you for joining a world-class university, recognised for its leading research and international excellence, while living close to London's global industry hubs.

Our improved programme structure will give you more opportunity to focus on your chosen field and includes our excellent employability skills training.

We are also really excited to have introduced two new programmes being taught in the centre. The International Year One offering students a pathway that allows progression to year two of undergraduate study and the Pre-Masters Programme giving students for the first time the opportunity to progress to postgraduate study from the International Study Centre.

I look forward to welcoming you and seeing you grow to become a global citizen."

Alexia Gonzalez

Head of Centre

Royal Holloway International Study Centre

TOP 20 IN THE UK

*The Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2020*

SATISFACTION

**88% OVERALL STUDENT
SATISFACTION,
4% HIGHER THAN
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE**

National Student Survey 2019

RANKED **21ST** IN THE UK FOR INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

*Times Higher Education (THE)
World University Rankings 2020*

Your journey begins here

British degree, global influence

Royal Holloway combines the finest British education, heritage and culture with international networks in academia, research and business.

We introduce our graduates to the world stage with a globally recognised degree.

International outlook

Royal Holloway is ranked 21st in the UK for international outlook (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020). That is testimony to the global impact of our research, as well as the diversity of our staff and students on campus.

Where students thrive

Our friendly and safe community provides the perfect environment to immerse yourself in your studies and enjoy new activities. Student satisfaction levels are rated at 88%, 4% higher than the national average (National Student Survey 2019).

Creating future leaders

The university has a good graduate employment rate, and is renowned for producing international leaders. It is ranked the 7th best British university for producing CEOs (Emolument, 2016).

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Why choose Royal Holloway?

Research

Royal Holloway's international reputation for research gives you the opportunity to learn from, and alongside, some of the world's leading researchers. Royal Holloway sits within the top 25 % of universities in the UK for research which is rated 'world leading' and 'internationally excellent' (latest Research Excellence Framework released in 2014).

Countryside campus

Studying on one of the world's most beautiful campuses will inspire and enable you to focus on your studies. With all the facilities you need close by, you'll never be without something to do.

**110 STUDENT-RUN
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
FROM AMERICAN
FOOTBALL TO YOGA**

New state-of-the-art facilities

Royal Holloway has recently been investing in new campus buildings and student services to support your development. The Beatrice Shilling Building is the latest space to open its doors for more learning, with a new lecture theatre and seminar rooms. It is also the brand new home of the Department of Electronic Engineering.

Our flagship Library and Student Services Centre, the Emily Wilding Davison Building, opened in September 2017. It sits in the heart of our campus and contains everything you'll need to succeed as a student at Royal Holloway, from a library and careers hub to a shop, bank, café and exhibition space.

The library is open 24/7 and contains our extensive collection of books and journals and 1,140 study seats, with different zones to accommodate every type of study: silent, social, creative and collaborative. Support and advice is available from the library's helpdesk, there is also an IT help desk providing a laptop and mobile device support service. A dedicated Information Consultant can tell you more about the resources available and how to use them. This training is tailored to your subject. You can also get in-depth one-to-one help.

The Founder's Building is the university's landmark. Opened by Queen Victoria in 1886, it contains a lecture hall, a picture gallery, the campus's chapel, and it is now home to hundreds of students.

Location

Getting to the centre of London takes just 40 minutes by train and we are only seven miles from Heathrow Airport. Many famous British landmarks, areas of natural beauty and international sports/entertainment venues are also within easy reach.

International

Royal Holloway is ranked 21st in the UK for international outlook* proving just how dedicated we are to preparing our students for international success. It's reflected in everything we do, from the global impact of our research, to the diversity of our staff and students on campus.

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020



Credit: Associated Architects/Ben McPhee



Career-focused

We are committed to your personal and professional development at all stages of your education. During your studies at the International Study Centre you will learn the skills you need to succeed in today's competitive employment market, such as leadership, planning and organisation.

When you progress to your chosen degree course, you will continue to develop your career skills with help and guidance from the Royal Holloway Careers & Employability Service. We provide workshops and support with finding internships and work for when you graduate.

Community

Royal Holloway is a friendly, supportive community and staff are available to give you any support you may need. With a health centre, free counselling, help with finances and assistance for students with additional needs, Royal Holloway helps to make sure students are safe, healthy and happy throughout their studies.

Social life

Students from over 100 countries live and study here and with an array of student societies, a range of exciting events and club nights, there is always something to do. The Students' Union is widely regarded as one of the most active in the country.

We have a proud tradition of music and performance. You can play in a band, join one of our choirs, perform in musical theatre, sing in the opera or act in a play. To keep fit you can join one of our 37 sports clubs – from American football to fencing – or sign up to our Active programme.

Individuality

As a member of our campus-based community, you'll be treated as an individual. You'll be known by name, and you'll be able to make strong connections as you progress through your degree.



“Studying at Royal Holloway feels like a once in a lifetime thing. I get to meet a lot of amazing people here, and they all come from so many different places. I feel that I'm part of the community, so it's very special.”

Willow, from Malaysia, studied International Foundation Year and progressed to BA in English and Philosophy



Become a **global citizen** at the International Study Centre

The International Study Centre

Now in our 9th year of welcoming students, we provide academic tuition and language support to prepare international students to enter a degree course at Royal Holloway. With our expertise in international education, we will provide you with the skills and confidence needed to begin your undergraduate studies.

University-style teaching

At the International Study Centre, we will introduce you to the style of teaching that will continue when you progress on to your degree. You will experience small-group and individual tutorials, seminar-style classes and larger-group lectures.

Students' Union

This is the hub of student life on campus. The Students' Union actively represents the students of Royal Holloway, University of London. It promotes your needs and interests by offering entertainment, support and advice, clubs and societies, catering, transport, volunteering and advocacy. All these activities and services can complement your academic study, ensuring that your university experience is the best it can be.

Facilities

When you're a student at Royal Holloway, you'll find all the facilities you need on campus. These include a state-of-the-art library and student services centre, spacious lecture theatres including one in the award-winning Windsor Building, multi-faith worship facilities, shops, places to eat and drink and excellent sporting facilities.

Students who progress to a degree in a science, technology, engineering or maths related discipline will benefit from access to state-of-the-art research facilities. As one of the UK's leading research intensive universities, Royal Holloway is home to a thriving research community working in diverse areas including biomedical sciences, plant molecular sciences, quantum dynamics, information security, algorithms, bioinformatics and nanotechnology.

As a student of the International Study Centre, you are part of the Royal Holloway community from the day you start your programme, and will be able to use all of the facilities on campus.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DEGREE ALONGSIDE OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

91% OF STUDENTS EMPLOYED OR IN FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education, 2018



Support and advice

At the International Study Centre we understand that moving to a new country is a big change and we provide ongoing support to ensure you settle in to your new surroundings. Our Student Support team is available to speak to students about any matters unrelated to studies, from adjusting to your new life in the UK, to health and personal matters.

You will also receive continuing academic support to help you get the most from your education. Our team will help you choose the right degree course, advising on entry requirements, career opportunities and suitable subjects for you to achieve your goals. When you start your programme you will receive academic support from your tutors, both during your classes and outside of class time, to ensure you succeed in your studies.

Careers and employability

CareerAhead activities are designed to give you a head-start in today's competitive graduate employment market.

We have incorporated this into our curriculum, ensuring that current industry trends are linked to your academic subjects. The International Study Centre offers a variety of CareerAhead activities, all with the aim of helping you become a highly skilled, confident and employable graduate.

While studying your pathway, you will develop key employability skills, such as teamwork, problem solving and communication, and familiarise yourself with the world of work.



"I think the support that the students receive is a massive deal. There are specialists to help you achieve your academic goals, but the psychological support is just as important for students who are dealing with homesickness. For many of the non-English speaking students, this is their first experience of travelling around the world so they're still uncomfortable with the cultural differences and the daily obstacles they face. The International Study Centre experience is like a 'support sandwich', with study on one side and student welfare on the other, and it's really good!"

Yuki, from Japan, studied International Foundation Year and progressed to BSc Criminology and Sociology



International Foundation Year

The International Foundation Year is a three-term programme that will provide you with the academic and English language skills required to succeed at undergraduate level.

During the International Foundation Year you will specialise in your chosen field of study. You will also be introduced to a variety of related modules, giving you the ability to progress to combined degree courses. This allows you the unique opportunity to broaden your horizons and build on your existing academic knowledge.

During your studies you will be assessed in a number of ways to monitor your progress. Assessments could include coursework projects, essays, creative work, presentations and exams.

You can choose one of the following pathways:

- Arts and Social Sciences
- Management and Economics
- Sciences

After completing the International Foundation Year and successfully meeting the progression grades for your chosen degree course, you will have the opportunity to progress to undergraduate study at the university.

You can choose from many options, including single honours, joint honours and major/minor combination degrees.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION

For students who do not meet the required IELTS scores to start the International Foundation Year, the International Study Centre offers an English language programme. This has been designed to increase your IELTS score to 5.0 – the entry requirement of the International Foundation Year – and can be started in either June or September.

If you have an English language level equivalent of IELTS 4.5, one term of the English Language Preparation is recommended for you to increase your score to 5.0.

ACADEMIC ENGLISH SKILLS

Academic English Skills aims to provide you with thorough training in the language and related academic skills which will enable you to best achieve your academic potential at the university. These skills include the processes of academic writing, effective and extensive reading strategies, effective participation in seminars and delivery of presentations, and listening to and recording information effectively from lectures. You will also develop key writing and speaking skills required to use language effectively and appropriately, with clarity and confidence in an academic context.

✓ KEY FACTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic: Students normally need to have a minimum of 12 years of schooling with good grades

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing)[†]

Intake dates: September or January

COURSE LENGTH

Three terms: September to June or January to August

AGE

Students must be at least 17 years old at the start of the International Foundation Year

HOURS OF STUDY

18 hours per week; 6 hours for English and 4 hours for each academic module

[†]If you do not need a Tier 4 visa, or are exempted in another way, we can accept equivalent proof of English.

For information about English Language Preparation for International Foundation Year, entry requirements and details of tuition fees please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

Study options

IELTS	Terms	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
4.5	4																	
4.5	4																	
5.0 overall with min. 5.0 in writing	3																	
5.0 overall with min. 5.0 in writing	3																	

Start the first year of your chosen degree

- English Language Preparation
- International Foundation Year
- Holiday



Arts and Social Sciences

Start your journey towards a global career in creative arts, politics or humanities.

This pathway will prepare you for a wide range of progression degrees at Royal Holloway.

Our unique combination of creative arts and humanities disciplines, along with a wealth of rich academic resources, research expertise, cultural opportunities and links with related companies provides a dynamic platform for developing your talents.

Be inspired, independent and imaginative in our vibrant intellectual environment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study English language modules as well as arts and social sciences topics.

Core modules

Academic English Skills
(see page 8 for further detail)

Arts

A broad introduction to the study of arts at university, focusing on the historical background and influences of the arts on modern-day culture.

You will explore a range of classical studies, which you will analyse through themes including 'origins and transformations', 'origins of literature' and 'pre-colonialism'.

Sociology

You will be introduced to a range of issues which affect contemporary society, and study the research methods relevant to sociological investigations.

You will also study the way societies develop, their structure and the way in which they function, including aspects such as family, education, work and crime, and issues in which social divisions are prominent; poverty, health, race and gender.

Pathway-specific modules

You will be asked to select one of the following modules for study. In some cases modules will be designated as compulsory for your chosen progression degree or you will be required to choose an appropriate module in relation to your chosen degree. This will be discussed upon arrival in centre if changes are required.

Film and Media

You will be introduced to the key concepts of media activities and consider the role and impact of the media through a study of the news.

You will also learn basic textual criticism theory and broaden your knowledge by studying the theoretical and practical aspects of film production.

Music

You will enhance your skills, knowledge and understanding of communicating through music. This will include appreciation of the diverse and dynamic heritage of music, promoting spiritual and cultural development.

You will broaden your knowledge base, deepening your understanding of topics studied and practising appropriate study skills, to include critical thinking and problem-solving.

Politics

An introduction to International Relations theory, you will look at a range of issues that affect contemporary politics and develop an understanding of the principles of the legal system within England and Wales.

Psychology

You will learn about the historical development of psychology as well as key areas of contemporary research, including cognitive, biological, developmental and social psychology.

You will also study the methods of psychological research and will be required to evaluate the scientific status of issues associated with research involving humans and animals.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BA Ancient History
- BA Ancient and Medieval History
- BA Classical Studies
- BA Classics
- BA Comparative Literature and Culture
- BA Drama and Creative Writing
- BA Drama and Theatre Studies
- BA English
- BA English and American Literature
- BA English and Creative Writing
- BA English and Drama
- BA Film Studies
- BA Film, Television and Digital Production
- BA Geography
- BA Greek*
- BA History
- BA History, Politics and International Relations
- BA Latin
- BA Liberal Arts
- BMus Music
- BA Modern Languages
- BA Politics, International Relations and Modern Languages (French)*
- BA Politics, International Relations and Modern Languages (German)*
- BA Politics, International Relations and Modern Languages (Italian)*
- BA Politics, International Relations and Modern Languages (Spanish)*

**Year abroad available: European Studies with a language includes a year of study abroad by spending the third year of the course in a relevant country at a university or on a work placement. Language degrees can include a year abroad.*

For a full list of degree courses you can progress to from the International Foundation Year, please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc



Management and Economics

Make your impact on the global world of business.

This pathway will prepare you for a range of management and economics-related degrees at the School of Business and Management at Royal Holloway.

Split into two routes, you can choose to focus on Management or Economics, offering the perfect option if you're planning a career in business, finance or government.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study English language modules, as well as management and economics-related topics.

Choose one of two course routes, depending on your desired progression degree. In some cases you will be required to choose an appropriate elective module in relation to your chosen degree. This can be discussed and amended upon arrival in the Centre if required.

Route A - Management

Core modules of Academic English Skills, Business and Economics, plus you will be required to select one additional elective module for study.

Route B - Economics

Core modules of Academic English Skills, Economics and Core Mathematics, plus you will be required to select one additional elective module for study.

Modules

Business

You will gain an understanding of the reasons behind starting a business, how a business is organised, the different legal frameworks a business can adopt and how businesses work with stakeholders in the real world.

Economics

The course will include an introduction to financial accounting and also includes supply, demand, elasticity and price controls. You will study global economies, the effects of market failures and conduct a detailed study of competitive influences.

Core Mathematics

This module will enable you to develop your knowledge of algebra, solving equations and using graphs to represent findings. You will also focus on statistical mathematics, including probability, hypothesis testing, sampling and estimation.

You will develop your ability to apply a wide range of techniques for understanding and analysing data. The emphasis is on understanding the implications of various techniques in practical situations.

Politics

An introduction to International Relations theory, you will look at a range of issues that affect contemporary politics and develop an understanding of the principles of the legal system within England and Wales.

Topics include: Introduction to Global Politics; Historical Context of Global Politics; The Global Economy; States and Foreign Policy and UK Government and Politics.

Psychology

You will learn about the historical development of psychology as well as key areas of contemporary research, including cognitive, biological, developmental and social psychology.

You will also study the methods of psychological research and will be required to evaluate the scientific status of issues associated with research involving humans and animals.

Sociology

You will be introduced to a range of issues which affect contemporary society, and study the research methods relevant to sociological investigations.

You will also study the way societies develop, their structure and the way in which they function, including aspects such as family, education, work and crime, and issues in which social divisions are prominent; poverty, health, race and gender.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BSc Business and Management*
- BSc Management with Accounting*
- BSc Management with Entrepreneurship*
- BSc Management with Human Resources*
- BSc Management with International Business*
- BSc Management with Marketing*
- BSc(Econ) Economics*
- BSc Economics and Management*
- BSc(Econ) Financial & Business Economics*
- BSc Economics, Politics and International Relations*
- BSc Accounting and Finance*

**Year in Business available, allowing you to undertake a placement between your second and third year of study.*

For a full list of degree courses you can progress to from the International Foundation Year, please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

LEARN TO LEAD AND STUDY TOWARDS SUCCESS



Sciences

Learn with international researchers and lead the way.

The Sciences pathway will prepare you for an intensive science-related degree at Royal Holloway. The university offers a dynamic research environment, which is essential in maintaining academic excellence at all levels, and this provides a very strong base for further research growth.

This pathway is split into two routes, General Sciences and Psychology. Your chosen progression degree will determine which route you take and the modules that you will study.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study English language modules as well as science-related topics. Choose from two course routes, depending on your progression degree.

Route A – General Sciences

Core modules: Academic English Skills, Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics and Physics.

Please note - students will not have the option to select any additional optional modules with this route.

Route B – Psychology

Core modules: Academic English Skills, Core Mathematics and Psychology, plus you will be required to select one additional elective module for study.

In some cases you will be required to choose an appropriate elective module in relation to your chosen degree. This can be discussed and amended upon arrival in centre if required.

Modules

Applied Mathematics

You will develop your ability to recognise how a real-world situation may be represented mathematically and how mathematical models can be improved and refined. You will be required to broaden your subject knowledge and deepen your understanding of the world around you.

Core Mathematics

This module will enable you to develop your knowledge of algebra, solving equations and using graphs to represent findings. You will also focus on statistical mathematics, including probability, hypothesis testing, sampling and estimation.

Physics

You will gain a basic knowledge of atomic physics, materials, heat and gases, and oscillations and waves.

On completion of the programme, you will be able to understand the main ideas and methods of physics and apply your understanding to solve problems. You will also be able to describe phenomena in terms of geometrical, pictorial and mathematical models.

Psychology

You will learn about the historical development of psychology as well as key areas of contemporary research, including cognitive, biological, developmental and social psychology.

You will also study the methods of psychological research and will be required to evaluate the scientific status of issues associated with research involving humans and animals.

Pure Mathematics

This module will develop your knowledge of algebra, solving equations and sketching graphs. A major part of this will be the use of calculus, focusing on functions, derivatives and integrals and their application in the real world.

Business

You will gain an understanding of the reasons behind starting a business, how a business is organised, the different legal frameworks a business can adopt and how businesses work with stakeholders in the real world.

Sociology

You will be introduced to a range of issues which affect contemporary society, and study the research methods relevant to sociological investigations.

You will also study the way societies develop, their structure and the way in which they function, including aspects such as family, education, work and crime, and issues in which social divisions are prominent; poverty, health, race and gender.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BSc Applied Psychology
- BSc Astrophysics
- BSc Computer Science (can also be studied with Mathematics)
- BSc Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)*
- BSc Computer Science (Information Security)*
- BSc Computer Science (Software Engineering)*
- BSc Criminology and Psychology*
- BEng/MEng Electronic Engineering*
- BSc Environmental Geology*
- BSc Geology*
- BSc Mathematical Studies
- BSc Mathematics (can also be studied with a language, Physics, Philosophy or Statistics)
- BSc Petroleum Geology
- BSc Physical Geography
- BSc Physics (can also be studied with Particle Physics or Philosophy)
- BSc Psychology
- BSc Psychology, Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience
- BSc Psychology, Clinical Psychology and Mental Health
- BSc Psychology, Development and Developmental Disorders
- BSc Theoretical Physics

**Year in industry available.*

For a full list of degree courses you can progress to from the International Foundation Year, please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc



International Year One

The International Year One is a programme consisting of two semesters, and aims to prepare students to join an undergraduate degree at its second year, by providing them with excellent English language and academic skills.

The International Year One will give you the opportunity to become well-versed in the subject of your choice, to eventually facilitate you to achieve success in your desired career path.

You can choose one of the following pathways:

- Business Management
- Economics
- Computer Science
- Electronic Engineering

As a part of the International Year One, students who do not quite meet the language requirements for the programme can opt to enrol a term early to take the English Language Preparation course. This will be offered from September 2020 for the International Year One January 2021 intake and beyond. Please see page 16 for more information.

✓ KEY FACTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic: Good high school graduation grades or equivalent, plus one year of further study

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall (minimum 5.0 in writing and 4.0 in other components)[†]

Intake dates: September or January

COURSE LENGTH

Two Semesters: September to June or January to August

AGE

Students must be at least 17 years old at the start of the International Year One

HOURS OF STUDY

Between 20 and 28 hours per week, depending on your pathway of choice

You will additionally be expected to undertake between 22 and 30 hours of independent study per week

[†]If you do not need a Tier 4 visa, or are exempted in another way, we can accept equivalent proof of English.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, FEES AND STUDYING AT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE, PLEASE VISIT [ROYALHOLLOWAY.AC.UK/ISC](https://royalholloway.ac.uk/isc)



Study options

IELTS	Terms/semesters	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
5.0 overall	1 term + 2 semesters	**																
5.0 overall	1 term + 2 semesters																	
5.5 overall (min 5.0 in writing and 4.0 in other components)	2 semesters																	
5.5 overall (min 5.0 in writing and 4.0 in other components)	2 semesters																	

English Language Preparation
 International Year One
 Holiday

Start the first year of your chosen degree

**Please note that June ELP will not be available in 2020, and first intake will be in June 2021.



International Year One

Courses available

Business Management

This pathway will prepare you for multiple degrees within the university's School of Business and Management.

This programme will explore business and management theories and their application to real-life contexts using case-studies which will enable you to successfully navigate the ever changing business environment. Furthermore, this programme will enable you to understand organisational and management behaviour, provide you with strong quantitative skills and expose you to the rudiments of operating an international business.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will gain expertise in understanding the various aspects of managing a business by undertaking modules such as financial accounting and quantitative methods which provide the necessary numeracy and mathematical skills needed for business and management; foundations in digital enterprise which explores informational technology and information systems in organisations; management first which provides you with the necessary employability skills valued by employers today; and marketing, markets and consumption which provides information on the essential role that marketing plays in successfully managing a business.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BSc Business & Management
- BSc Management with International Business
- BSc Management with Marketing
- BSc Management with Accounting
- BSc Management with Digital Innovation
- BSc Management with Corporate Responsibility
- BSc Management with Human Resources
- BSc Management with Entrepreneurship

Economics

This pathway is designed to prepare you for a number of economics-based degrees at Royal Holloway.

Economics is one of the most relevant subject area as it applies to every aspect human life and across the world. The Economics Programme is designed to prepare international students for the rest of their undergraduate study at the Department of Economics at Royal Holloway, University of London. The programme provides international students with a mix of English Language and academic study skills as well as academic subjects, which prepare students with the knowledge and the skill set to successfully undertake their undergraduate degree.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Students will develop an in-depth knowledge of different aspects of economics comparable to students on the direct entry route and requisite transferable skills to prepare them for a global workplace. Students will develop and enhance their quantitative and computing skills required to engage in logical and philosophical reasoning.

The structure of the programme is balanced and student centred as well as supported with high quality teaching and outstanding student support.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BSc (Econ) Economics
- BSc (Econ) Financial & Business Economics
- BSc (Econ) Economics & Econometrics



Computer Science

This pathway is designed to prepare you specifically for progression to the Computer Science (International) BSc degree.

Computer and Computing systems are integral part of daily life and every industry today and graduates are expected to be familiar with different programming languages and expected to have developed a good understanding of computer structures. The programme provides a platform for students to develop their programming skills, build their knowledge of Object-Oriented and Procedural programming and gain hands-on experience with practical programming tasks.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The Computer Science (International) programme is designed to offer an innovative learning environment that supports enhanced student learning experience with effective use of virtual/online platforms, peer to peer learning and in-class contact time with academic tutors. The programme is designed and structured to effectively prepare students for a successful undergraduate degree at Royal Holloway, University of London.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BSc Computer Science (International)

Electronic Engineering

This pathway is designed to prepare you for numerous undergraduate degrees in the field of electronic engineering.

Electronic engineering is at the core of most of the devices used in our day to day activities. From smartphones to personal computers, game consoles and several other appliances, electronics engineering is embedded in the technological developments we see daily. Due to the important role electronics play in today's world, there is high demand for skilled electronic engineers in many fields and for varying applications. This course will help you to develop the requisite skills needed for delivering world class electronics engineering projects in every relevant field.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Through this course you will get the opportunity to study modules such as electronics circuits and components, this module is designed to equip you for electronics components identification, circuit design and development. Furthermore, you will be taken through the creative engineering team project module which gives you the opportunity to have hands on practice of solving engineering tasks as a member of a group. Also, modules such as mathematics, programming in C++, internet services and communication engineering will prepare you with the required skills for developing into a well-rounded electronic engineer.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- BEng Electronic Engineering
- BEng Computer Systems Engineering
- MEng Electronic Engineering
- MEng Computer Systems Engineering

FOR A FULL LIST OF DEGREE COURSES YOU CAN PROGRESS TO FROM THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE, PLEASE VISIT ROYALHOLLOWAY.AC.UK/ISC



International Year One English Language Preparation

English Language Preparation is an additional term of the International Year One that focuses on the improvement of your English language skills ahead of your other studies.

Including tuition to better your written, spoken and academic English, this module is essential for students who have not had the chance to perfect the language. Studying a degree in your second language is a notable feat, and one that will greatly impress future employers – so it is important to make the most of the opportunity, by giving yourself the best possible start and solidifying your linguistic abilities.

DO I NEED TO DO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION?

This term is an entry requirement for students who have previously not achieved a high enough level of English language. If your IELTS score is between 5.0 and 5.5, you will need to undertake the English Language Preparation term to be qualified for the International Year One course.

✓ KEY FACTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 overall minimum[†]

Intake dates: June[^] or September

COURSE LENGTH


One term: June to August[^] or September to December

HOURS OF STUDY

20 hours a week

[†] If you do not need a Tier 4 visa, or are exempted in another way, we can accept equivalent proof of English.

[^] June Intake will only be available from 2021.



"The style of teaching at the International Study Centre has helped me in so many ways. They taught me basic stuff in English that I didn't know I would need, like plagiarism and how to write essays in a university style, which is really important. If you don't know that you can't do anything at university, because all your essays are based on those skills."

Christabel, from Ghana, studied International Foundation Year and progressed to BA Economics and Mathematics



Pre-Masters Programme

The Pre-Masters Programme takes place over two terms, and is designed to give you all the skills and abilities you'll need to successfully study a postgraduate course at Royal Holloway.

The Pre-Masters Programme will give you the opportunity to become well-versed in the subject of your choice, to eventually facilitate a career in your desired path. Further study is a great way of improving your career prospects, and this programme will prime you to make the most of your higher education and become a fantastic candidate for the job of your dreams.

You can choose one of the following pathways:

- Social Science, Arts and Humanities
- Computer Science, Electronic Engineering and Information Security
- Business and Management
- Economics

For students who need support with their English language skills and do not meet the programme requirements, there is the option to take English for Pre-Masters ahead of enrolment. Available for one or two terms, depending on your needs, this additional course takes place directly before the Pre-Masters Programme. For more information, please see page 22.

✓ KEY FACTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic: Successfully completed an appropriate first qualification in the resident country

English language: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall (minimum 5.5 in all components)[†]

Intake dates: March

COURSE LENGTH

Two terms: March to August

AGE

Students are typically at least 20 years old at the start of the Pre-Masters Programme

HOURS OF STUDY

Between 16 and 18 hours per week, depending on the pathway of your choice

You will also be expected to undertake between 42 and 44 hours of independent study a week

† If you do not need a Tier 4 visa, or are exempted in another way, we can accept equivalent proof of English.



Study options

IELTS	Terms	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
4.5 (min 4.5 in all components)	4 terms	English Language Preparation							Pre-Masters Programme						Start the first year of your chosen degree
5.0 (min 5.0 in all components)	3 terms	English Language Preparation			Pre-Masters Programme				Pre-Masters Programme						
5.5 (min 5.5 in all components)	2 terms	English Language Preparation				Pre-Masters Programme									

- English Language Preparation
- Pre-Masters Programme



Pre-Masters Programme

Courses available

Social Science, Arts and Humanities

This pathway will aim to enable students to easily transition into one of many Masters degrees under the umbrella of social sciences, arts or humanities.

Providing exposure to the varied world of social sciences and humanities, this course will prepare students for postgraduate level education in multiple disciplines. The pathway focuses on encouraging students to embrace the UK-style syllabus, as well as the critical thinking style needed for this level of study.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Students will study modules in Social Science and Project Research Skills and depending on the progression degree chosen Global Politics & International Relations, Transnational Organised Crime or Communication, Cultures and Heritage, as well as Academic English Skills.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- MA English Literature
- MA Creative Writing
- MA Classics
- MA History
- MSc International Relations
- MSc Media, Power & Public Affairs
- MA Modern Philosophy
- MSc Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism Studies

For more progression degree options from this pathway visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

Computer Science, Electronic Engineering and Information Security

This pathway is designed to prepare students for a Masters degree in an engineering, computer science or information security subject at Royal Holloway.

You will be given the key knowledge around computer science and electronic engineering that is required to make the most of a postgraduate degree in this field. Additionally, this course aims to prepare students for a UK-based education and the nature of this level of study.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The advent of the new technologies in the 21st century has made a growing demand for engineers in the field of computer science, programmers, software developers and electronic engineering. Hence, graduates are expected to be familiar with different programming languages and to have an excellent understanding of the computer structures. Students will be exposed to foundational issues and major technologies involved in computing and electronic engineering.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- MSc Machine Learning
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Data Science & Analytics
- MSc Information Security
- MSc Immersive Technology



Business and Management

This pathway is designed to prepare you for a Masters degree in a number of business-orientated subjects.

The course allows students to get to grips with the key ideologies of business studies, as well as promoting students to think in an academically critical way that lends itself to postgraduate level study. You will be pushed to improve your approaches to learning in order to easily transition into studying abroad.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will gain awareness of key business and management functions by undertaking modules such as economics which provides information on economic concepts and theories, micro economics and macroeconomics; accounting which explores the practicality of accounting to business situations; and project research skills which will enable you conduct research commensurate to postgraduate levels. You will also get the opportunity to develop and enhance your entrepreneurial and innovative skills which will help in successfully managing a business and organisation and be introduced to critical reasoning, literature review and academic research skills which are essential to the success of a postgraduate degree.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- MSc Business Information Systems
- MSc Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- MA Marketing
- MSc Human Resource Management
- MSc Digital Innovation & Analytics
- MSc Accounting & Financial Management
- MSc International Management
- MSc Engineering Management
- MSc Project Management
- MSc Digital Marketing
- MSc International Management (Marketing)
- MA Consumption, Culture & Marketing
- MSc Logistics & Supply Chain Management
- MSc Information Security

Economics

This pathway aims to prepare you to study a Masters degree in the field of economics.

This course will aim to introduce you to the main topics and themes of economics, as well as improving your academic skills to a standard of postgraduate study. You will be taught in a way that primes you for postgraduate level study, encouraging you to think in an academically critical way that the UK education system requires.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Students will study modules in Economics, Advanced Mathematics for Economics, Data Skills for Economics and Project Research Skills, as well as Academic English Skills.

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- MSc Economics
- MSc Finance
- MSc Corporate Finance

FOR A FULL LIST OF DEGREE COURSES YOU CAN PROGRESS TO FROM THE PRE-MASTERS PROGRAMME PLEASE VISIT ROYALHOLLOWAY.AC.UK/ISC



Pre-Masters Programme

English for Pre-Masters

English for Pre-Masters is an additional term of tuition attached to the Pre-Masters Programme that allows students to hone their English language skills to the standards needed to study a Masters degree.

Preparing to study in a second language is vital for every student. The 1 or 2 extra terms will allow students to refine their academic, written and spoken skills to prepare them for the demanding nature of a postgraduate study. For students that haven't studied abroad before, it will also provide beneficial exposure to the cultural differences you will face when adjusting to living in the UK.

DO I NEED TO DO THE ENGLISH FOR PRE-MASTERS?

This term is an entry requirement for students who have previously not achieved a high enough level of English language. If your IELTS score is between 4.5 and 5.0, you will need to undertake the English for Pre-Masters term to be qualified for the Pre-Masters Programme course.

✓ KEY FACTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1 term: IELTS 5.0 (with minimum 5.0 in all components)[†]

2 term: IELTS 4.5 (with minimum 4.5 in all components)[†]

Intake dates: September or January

COURSE LENGTH

One term: January to March

Two term: September to March

HOURS OF STUDY

20 hours a week

† If you do not need a Tier 4 visa, or are exempted in another way, we can accept equivalent proof of English.



"Studying at the International Study Centre gave me academic English skills for writing essays. When I was at school the main focus was on spoken English, so that you can at least communicate, but the International Study Centre helped me with essays and other textual analysis for Philosophy. Now I can structure my work correctly and do the right referencing."

Karolina, from Russia, studied International Foundation Year and progressed to BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics



Living and learning at Royal Holloway

Our perfect location

Royal Holloway is located in Egham, a tranquil, student-friendly town in the county of Surrey. The campus is only 40 minutes from central London by train, whilst its immediate surroundings are a world away from the busy capital. Situated in 135 acres of parkland, and close to Windsor Great Park, the university provides everything you might need as a student. This ranges from a weekly international food market to laundry facilities, social venues and a variety of restaurants.

The internationally-famed culture, shopping areas and nightlife of London are all within easy reach. You can then come home to a safe and quiet campus, where living costs are more affordable than in the capital.





Your home during studies

During your time at Royal Holloway International Study Centre you can choose to live in allocated student accommodation (known as 'halls') or arrange your own private accommodation.

Living in halls

Living in halls is a big part of the student experience. A dedicated team of residential staff will look after you, ensuring you are provided with a secure and comfortable home throughout your stay.

There are several options - depending on your budget and needs - ranging from a shared room with a washbasin to a private room with its own bathroom (en suite).

All study bedrooms in halls are equipped with necessary furniture such as a desk, chair, bed, etc. Please note that some halls may not be available for all intakes.

Private accommodation

You can also arrange accommodation privately. We can assist with this process - just ask your agent or Student Enrolment Adviser for more details.

For more information about accommodation, visit rhulisc.com/about/accommodation



"I think that's one of the main features that makes Royal Holloway special, as an international student you feel welcome here"

Omar, from Saudi Arabia, studied International Foundation Year and progressed to BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Information Security)



Your next steps

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply to study at Royal Holloway International Study Centre, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

You can either apply through your local education agent or directly via our website.

If you are applying directly and have a question, a Student Enrolment Adviser will be happy to help. They speak a variety of languages and understand several more.

+ 44 (0) 1273 339333

For full information visit:
royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

STUDENT INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that international students have the protection of personal insurance whilst in the UK. To cover you as a student at the International Study Centre, you may wish to purchase our StudyCare Insurance Plus insurance cover. This policy will cover you for loss of personal possessions and travel delay, as well as providing medical insurance until the end of your International Study Centre academic programme. You can purchase StudyCare Insurance Plus as part of the application process. If you prefer, you may take out insurance cover with another provider.

SOCIAL MEDIA

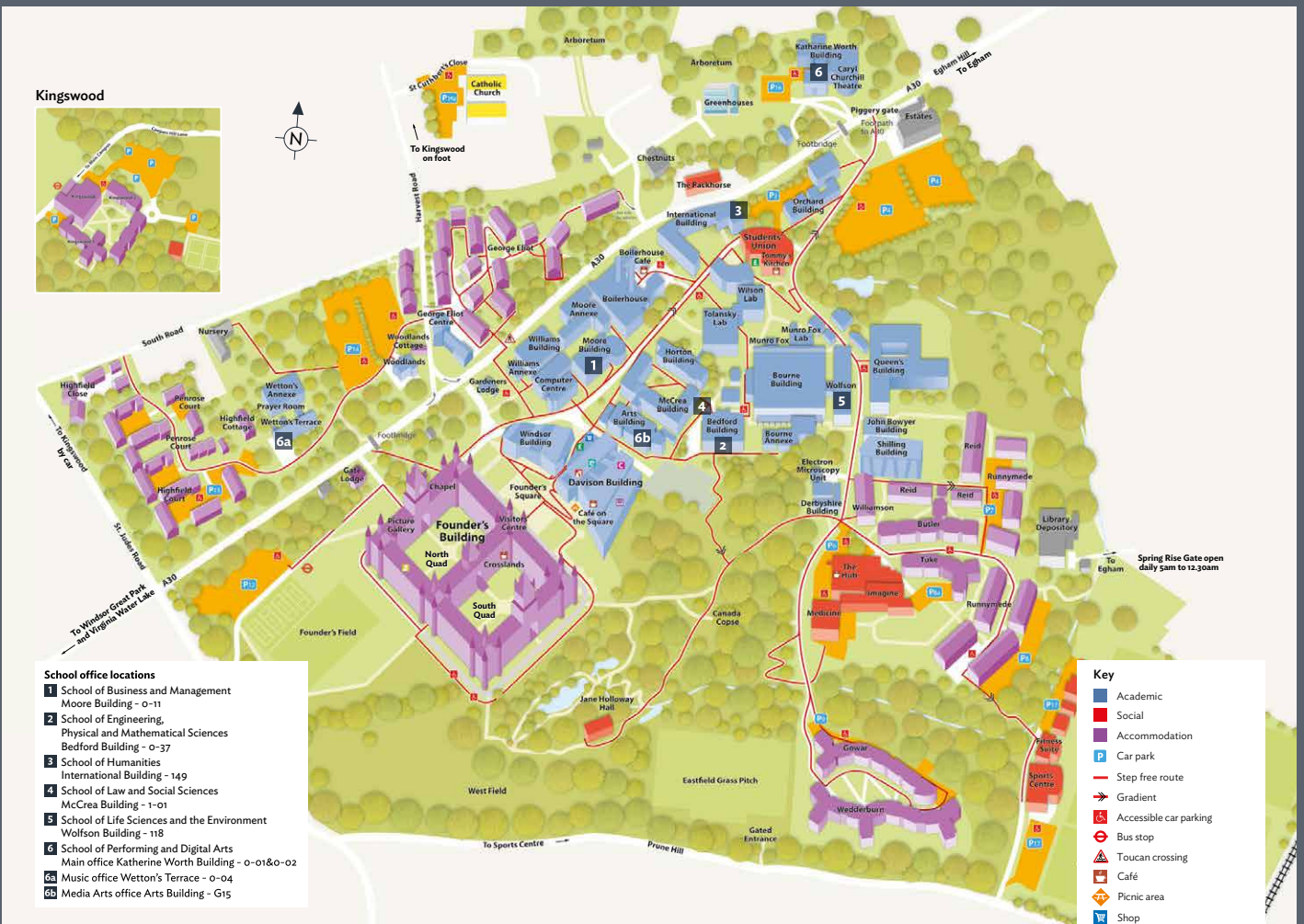
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How to get here: Heathrow Airport is about seven miles from Royal Holloway and Gatwick Airport is 35 miles away. Taxis are available from both airports, which you can organise in advance via your Student Enrolment Adviser or local agent.

This prospectus is issued for the general guidance of students considering entry to Royal Holloway International Study Centre from June 2020.

The information is correct at the time of going to press and the programmes and services described here in are those which Study Group is planning to offer. We make every effort to ensure that the content of our prospectus, website and other materials is accurate. However, on occasion it may be necessary to alter certain aspects of a module or programme, for example if changes are required to meet external requirements; or if programmes are over-subscribed and the quality of teaching would be adversely affected as a result.

In such circumstances we may have to alter the timetable, change the teaching location of the programme or, in extreme cases, cancel or substantially amend the content of the programme. Should any of these changes become necessary, we will give you as much notice as possible before they come into effect and ensure that any disruption to your studies is minimised.

If your programme is cancelled, we will work in consultation with you to offer a suitable alternative, subject to meeting the admission requirements for that programme or the opportunity to obtain a refund of any advance payments you have made for the programme. The alternative programme may not be at the same International Study Centre as the original offer.

The programmes are approved by the university for purposes of progression to degree study.

Study Group reserves the right, where applicable, to amend the regulations governing programmes at Royal Holloway International Study Centre. We therefore strongly recommend that immediately prior to making any application to – or accepting any offer from – us, you refer to the most up-to-date version of the programme descriptions and specifications and the regulations on the Royal Holloway International Study Centre website.

Neither the university nor Study Group shall be liable for any errors or omissions that may be contained in this prospectus.

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