

International
Study Centre



ROYAL
HOLLOWAY
UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON

British education, global opportunities

British education



Welcome to Royal Holloway

The start of your transformational learning journey

Royal Holloway International Study Centre (ISC) offers you a **unique learning experience**, which places the student at the heart of the foundation year.

With **access to all on-campus facilities**, including the vast network of support for international students and over 90 individual clubs and societies, your foundation year offers a mixture of **self-development, enrichment and academic success**.

Set in the grounds of a 135 acre campus, the **ISC** is easily accessible and provides a **hub for your study, development and future progression**. If you want to feel supported in a safe environment as part of a traditional UK university, then the Royal Holloway ISC is the place to come and study; offering every student the opportunity to apply themselves amidst a historical context, with a **truly global outlook**.

The **ISC team** is ready to **work with you** towards **achieving your successful progression** to Royal Holloway.

We are confident that your time spent with us will enable you to develop your academic skills, knowledge and understanding.

I look forward to welcoming you for the start of your Royal Holloway experience.

Edward Harrison
Head of Centre



Royal Holloway has a history dating back to 1849; be part of the next chapter by joining our culture of innovation.



Truly world-class

No 12 in the UK
No 36 in Europe
No 102 worldwide

Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2013/14

89% overall student satisfaction.

Ipos MORI National Student Survey, 2013

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1st
in the UK

5th
in the world
for international outlook*

*Source: Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2013/14

The Royal Holloway International Study Centre offers international students on-campus preparation for undergraduate degree programmes and future careers. Studying the International Foundation Year will provide you not only with the necessary academic skills but also English language tuition to help you progress to an undergraduate degree at Royal Holloway.

British heritage, global launchpad



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Royal Holloway's international reputation for research gives you the opportunity to learn from and alongside some of the world's leading researchers. The university is 16th in the UK for world-class research, with a number of departments in the top ten.



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The Royal Holloway Careers Service offers workshops and support with finding internships and work for when you graduate. You will also be able to clearly demonstrate your skills to employers with The Royal Holloway Passport Award scheme to record your extracurricular activities.



Studying on one of the world's most beautiful campuses, with no less than 135 acres of parkland, inspires and enables you to focus on your studies but with everything you need close by so you'll never be without something to do.



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Being number 1 in the UK for international outlook and n°5 in the world*, proves 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.



03

Despite its countryside surroundings, getting to the centre of London is just 40 minutes by train and we are only seven miles from Heathrow Airport, with a number of visitor attractions and international sporting and entertainment venues in easy reach.

Royal Holloway combines the **finest British education**, heritage and culture with international networks in academia, research and business, introducing graduates to the world stage with a **globally-recognised degree**.

The most international university

Royal Holloway is the UK's number one for international outlook*, which is reflected throughout the campus with world-class teaching and an impressive research record. With international opportunities and communications now paramount, our approach gives you an advantage when it comes to graduate employment.

A pioneering spirit

Royal Holloway was one of the first women's colleges in the UK. Now co-educational, Royal Holloway has kept its pioneering spirit with a string of 'firsts' - with student achievements in the political, financial and scientific fields and more.

Where students thrive

Our friendly and safe community provides the perfect environment for students to immerse themselves in their studies and find something new from the 90+ extra-curricular options. Students are encouraged to flourish in all aspects of their education, whether that is in the lecture theatre, on the extensive playing fields or in the array of performance spaces.

*Ranked by Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2013-14

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The campus is a friendly, supportive community, and staff are available to help prevent or resolve any issues. With a health centre, free counselling, help with finances and support for students with additional needs, Royal Holloway ensures students stay safe, healthy and happy.



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Students from over 130 countries live and study here and with over 90 student societies, regular band performances and club nights there is always something to do. There's a proud tradition of music and performance, and we're London's leading sports college.

Famous alumni include: Emily Wilding Davison, George Eliot, Professor David Bellamy OBE, Baroness Janet Fookes DBE, Lenny Henry CBE and Sophie Christiansen OBE.



With everything in walking distance and our campus-based community, you'll be treated as an individual; you'll be known by name not number, and you'll be able to customise your degree programme to match your aspirations.

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Transformational learning

The International Study Centre (ISC)

We provide language support and academic tuition for international students who do not quite reach the requirements of Royal Holloway. Our mission is to ensure international students are prepared to progress on to Royal Holloway degree programmes of their choice.

University-style teaching

The ISC introduces you to the style of teaching that you will continue with when you progress onto your degree. You will experience small group and individual tutorials, seminar style classes and larger group lectures.

Access to university facilities

As a student of the International Study Centre, you will be part of the Royal Holloway community from the day you start your programme. In addition to the range of benefits available for International Foundation Year students, you will have access to a full range of university facilities, including IT services, the Library and the Students' Union.

Student support

The ISC staff will work closely with you when you come to choose your degree programme, advising on academic requirements, career opportunities and suitable subjects to achieve your goals.



Avelina, Kazakhstan
studied International Foundation Year in Business and Economics
"I chose to study at Royal Holloway because of the high-quality education, beautiful campus environment, excellent facilities and close proximity to London."

Student ambition

Navigating your path

Whatever your ambition is for the future, Royal Holloway ISC will help guide you to achieve it. From assisting you when choosing your degree programme to advising on employable skills and career options the door is always open to offer you support.

When you come to graduate from your degree programme at Royal Holloway you will stand out from the crowd with a comprehensive educational experience. With opportunities to complement your studies throughout your degree, Royal Holloway graduates stand out from the crowd with their rounded experience.

We work with all our students to see them succeed.



Xin Zhao (Karl), China
studied International Foundation Year in Business and Economics
"I think the degrees here will help me to find a good job, hopefully with a high wage."

86% of
ISC students progressed
on to Royal Holloway
degree programmes

For **Business Studies***,
our most popular International
Foundation Year pathway
94%
of students **passed**
the programme

*Now Business and Economics

Students studying the
Arts* pathway
achieved a
progression rate
of

91%

*Now Arts, Media, Film and Music

Start your international success story here.

100%
of students studying the
International Foundation
Year in Economics* **progressed**
to a related degree at Royal Holloway

*Now Business and Economics

Almost
5,000
alumni are working
outside of the UK

Royal Holloway alumni on
LinkedIn alone are working
outside of the UK, including
the USA, Australia, China
and Canada*

*Data collected March 2014

92%
of **Social Sciences** students
progressed to related
degree programmes
at Royal Holloway

All statistics taken from academic year 2012/13.

Global opportunities



Success
starts here



The International Foundation Year (IFY)

✓ KEY FACTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

English language: IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing) or other equivalent SELT.

COURSE LENGTH

Three terms: September to June or January to August

AGE

Students must be at least 16 years old at the start of the International Foundation Year.

HOURS OF STUDY

16 hours per week, 8 hours for English and 4 for each academic module.

For full details including tuition fees and the latest information, visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

The International Foundation Year is a three-term programme which will provide you with the academic and English language skills required to succeed at undergraduate level. Taught by Study Group, experts in preparing international students for university in the UK and taught at the International Study Centre on the Royal Holloway campus, it is the ideal pathway to integrating with direct-entry students.

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

■ Pathways*

- Arts, Media, Film and Music
- Business and Economics
- Sciences
- Social Sciences

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

**Subject to approval*

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION (ELP)

For students who do not meet the required IELTS scores to start the IFY programme immediately, the ISC offers an English language programme. This has been designed to increase your IELTS score to the entry requirements of the IFY and can be started in either June or September.



Xyuing Guo (Shelly), China studied International Foundation Year in Arts, Media, Film and Music

“The style of the education is completely different. For example, during the class, the tutors are more focused on what you think and what your opinion is. There is a lot of opportunity for you to express yourself.”

Start your creative journey towards a global career in Media, Film, Literature or Music.



Arts, Media, Film and Music*

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

From Classical Studies and Philosophy, to Drama, Media Studies, Music, Modern Languages and more, Royal Holloway is world-renowned for excellence across its arts-related departments.

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Zain, Pakistan studied International Foundation Year in Arts, Media, Film and Music

“The several cultures present added fresh perspectives and new insights to the subjects being taught culminating in a unique and truly enjoyable learning experience.”

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study four out of five core modules plus six pathway-specific modules during the IFY.

Core modules**

English and Skills for University Study 1 (ESUS 1)

English and Skills for University Study 2 (ESUS 2)

English and Skills for University Study 3 (ESUS 3)

Applied Academic Writing Skills

Project Study

Pathway-specific modules

Introduction to the Arts 1

Introduction to the Arts 2

Media Studies 1

Film Studies 1

Media Studies 2

Film Studies 2

Music 1***

Music 2***

Music 3***

Practical Music Performance***

**Students commencing with 5.0 IELTS will study ESUS 1, 2, 3. Students with 6.0 and above will study ESUS 2, Academic Writing and Reading, and ESUS 3. All students are required to take Project Study.

***Required for all Music students

EXAMPLE PROGRESSION OPTIONS

- BA Comparative Literature and Culture with International Film
- BA Drama and Creative Writing
- BA English
- BA Film Studies with Philosophy
- BA French with Mathematics
- BA German and Management
- BA Italian and Spanish
- BA Latin
- BA Media Arts
- BA Multilingual Studies with Visual Arts
- BA Music with Political Studies
- BMus Music

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

Please note: There will be an extra cost for students wishing to progress to a degree in Music. This is to enable both theory and practical tuition in the student's chosen instrument when on the International Foundation Year. This cost will be payable in Centre on arrival.

A degree from the Royal Holloway is a credential that opens doors worldwide.



Business and Economics*

The Business and Economics pathway will prepare you for a range of management-related degrees at the School of Management and Department of Economics at Royal Holloway. In an increasingly global business environment, the diversity of our programmes and our international reputation help to ensure that a degree from Royal Holloway is a credential that opens doors worldwide.

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Sheyla, Azerbaijan studied International Foundation Year in Business and Economics

“The International Study Centre is helping me to develop and prepare for a degree in Management and has been an enriching experience.”

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study four out of five core modules plus six pathway-specific modules during the IFY.

Core modules**

English and Skills for University Study 1 (ESUS 1)

English and Skills for University Study 2 (ESUS 2)

English and Skills for University Study 3 (ESUS 3)

Applied Academic Writing Skills

Project Study

Pathway-specific modules

Pure Maths 1

Introduction to Business Studies 1

Introduction to Business Studies 2

Principles of Economics 1

Principles of Economics 2

Principles of Financial Accounting

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EXAMPLE PROGRESSION OPTIONS

- BSc Management
- BSc Management (Year in Business)
- BSc Management and Spanish
- BSc Management with Accounting
- BSc Management with Entrepreneurship
- BSc Management with Human Resources
- BSc Management with Information Systems
- BSc Management with International Business
- BSc Management with Marketing
- BSc Management with Mathematics
- BSc Management with Sustainability

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Make your impact on the global world of business. Learn to lead and study towards success.

A unique opportunity to learn with international researchers



Sciences*

The Sciences stream on the International Foundation Year will prepare you for an intensive science-related degree at Royal Holloway, where it is believed that a dynamic research environment is essential in maintaining academic excellence at all levels, and this provides a very strong base for further research growth. Royal Holloway has a strong commitment to science teaching and research and this is reflected by the Science Faculty's excellent results in the latest Research Assessment Exercise, achieving a top ten ranking for many of their disciplines.

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■ Core modules**

English and Skills for University Study 1 (ESUS 1)
English and Skills for University Study 2 (ESUS 2)
English and Skills for University Study 3 (ESUS 3)
Applied Academic Writing Skills
Project Study

■ Pathway-specific modules

Pure Maths 1
Pure Maths 2
Statistics
Physics 1
Physics 2
Introduction to Psychology

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EXAMPLE PROGRESSION OPTIONS

- BA Mathematics and Music
- BSc Applied Psychology
- BSc Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)
- BSc Computer Science (Year in Industry)
- BSc Computer Science with Management
- BSc Computing and Business
- BSc Environmental Geology
- BSc Geoscience with a Year in Industry
- BSc Mathematics
- BSc Petroleum Geology
- BSc Physical Geography
- BSc Psychology, Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience

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



Put theory into practice and become a part of the next generation of thinkers, creators, researchers and achievers.

Take a closer look at humanity and society



Social Sciences*

Studying the Social Sciences stream will give you the opportunity to progress to a diverse choice of degrees at Royal Holloway.

The impressive range of academic resources, stimulating research, cultural opportunities and links with industry professionals, will thoroughly prepare you for career success.

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Dabin, Korea studied International Foundation Year in Social Sciences
"I am having so much fun studying and living here."

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study four out of five core modules plus six pathway-specific modules during the IFY.

■ Core modules**

English and Skills for University Study 1 (ESUS 1)
English and Skills for University Study 2 (ESUS 2)
English and Skills for University Study 3 (ESUS 3)
Applied Academic Writing Skills
Project Study

■ Pathway-specific modules

Introduction to Social Studies 1
Introduction to Social Studies 2
International Politics 1
International Politics 2
Introduction to Criminology
English Legal System

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EXAMPLE PROGRESSION OPTIONS

- BA Geography
- BA History
- BA History and International Relations
- BA History and Music
- BA History and Philosophy
- BA History and Spanish
- BA Human Geography
- BA International Relations
- BA Modern History and Politics
- BA Politics
- BA Politics and International Relations and Philosophy
- BA Politics and Philosophy and Economics
- BSc Criminology and Sociology
- BSc Geography, Politics and International Relations

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Get inside the mind of society. Create political influence and relate to the ever-changing face of global education, crime, health, relationships and the family.

See yourself at Royal Holloway



Xin Luo, China studied International Foundation Year in Arts, Media, Film and Music
 “I live in the Founder’s Building in a double room with a UK student, so I can practice my English, make friends and learn about the local culture.”

OUR PERFECT LOCATION

Internationally-renowned galleries, museums and theatres, places of historic and sporting interest, world-class shopping areas and nightlife are all within easy reach, yet students can come home to a safe and leafy campus, where living costs are far more reasonable than in the capital.

LIVING ON CAMPUS – WAITING ON DETAILS

The International Study Centre has access to on-campus accommodation, living with direct-entry students. You can apply for this once you have accepted an offer to study at the ISC.

For full information on your accommodation options and fees, visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

SUPPORT

At Royal Holloway International Study Centre, we understand that moving to a new country is a big change and we provide support to all of our students as they settle in to their new surroundings. We work hard to ensure students are prepared for university entrance in every way. Approximately 25 per cent of the university’s students are from outside the UK, so we understand the specific support required for international students.



HOW TO GET THERE

Heathrow Airport is about seven miles from Royal Holloway and Gatwick is 35 miles away. Taxis are available at both airports, which you can organise in advance via the International Admissions Centre.

LONDON

Royal Holloway is a part of the University of London, which means students can register as members of the Senate House Library. This central London resource offers further research for those studying Arts, Humanities and Social Science subjects.

FACILITIES

Royal Holloway is investing millions in new facilities so our students have access to the best equipment and teaching resources. When you’re a student at Royal Holloway, you’ll find all the facilities you need on campus while we continue to invest in new ones and improve the standard of what we already have.

Your next steps



You can apply to the Royal Holloway ISC in two ways:

- Contact your local representative**
They will guide you through the application process and assist you with every step.
- Complete an online application form**
at royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

If you need further information, our expert student enrolment advisers are available for help and advice. You can contact them online or by telephoning +44 1273 339333

If you are applying through your local representative, please contact them directly with any queries.

FEES, TUITION, ACCOMMODATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For full details of fees, tuition, accommodation and entry requirements please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc

STUDENT INSURANCE

It is essential that international students have the protection of personal insurance whilst in the UK. To cover you as a student at the International Study Centre, we offer the option to purchase ‘StudyCare’ but other providers are available. Designed for international students, the StudyCare policy will cover you for loss of personal possessions, as well as providing health and medical insurance until the end of your International Study Centre academic programme.

For more information, visit royalholloway.ac.uk/isc/studycare



ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

The International Foundation Year is delivered by Study Group and is taught on-campus at the Royal Holloway ISC. The International Foundation Year is currently undergoing approval with Royal Holloway. The ISC holds responsibility for the academic standards.

Study Group is a global leader in private higher education, language and career education, in the United States, Canada, the UK and Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Study Group provides the highest quality educational opportunities for 50,000 students from more than 130 countries in over 48 campuses across the world.

Disclaimer

The information in this prospectus is issued for general guidance of students entering the University from June 2014, and does not form part of any contract. The University and Study Group hope to provide the programmes and facilities described in the prospectus, but reserve the right to withdraw or make alterations to programmes if necessary.

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