

# Department of History

## About the department

The History Department at Royal Holloway is highly renowned for the quality of its teaching; and is recognised as world-leading in its research. It is part of the wider University of London and one of the biggest departments in the country.

We provide a friendly and highly personal environment; and our students have access to some of the richest facilities for historical research anywhere in the world; in addition to the College's substantial library collections, there are the National Archives, the British Library and other libraries of the University of London.

## Entry requirements

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

Each module listed is either 15 or 30 UK credits. 30 credit modules start in September and run across the two teaching terms; whilst 15 credit modules are offered in either the Autumn Term (September) or the Spring Term (January).

## Limited spaces apply to some modules

*The information contained in the course outlines on the following pages is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change as part of our policy of continuous improvement and development.*

## Module options for visiting students, 2025-26

Module number	Module title	Term	UK Credits	Link to syllabus
HS1105	Gods, Men and Power: An Introduction to the Ancient World from Homer to Mohammed	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS1105">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS1108	From Renaissance to Revolutions: Europe and the World, 1500-1800	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS1108">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS1109	Conflict and Identity in Modern Europe (c.1770-2000)	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS1109">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS1113	From Mao to Bin Laden: Twentieth Century Leaders in the Non-Western World	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS1113">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS1116	Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS1116">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS1117	World City: History of London from Roman to Contemporary Times	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS1117">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2001	The British and the World, 1763-1900	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2001">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2004	The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2004">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2018	The Tudor Monarchy 1485-1603	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2018">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2023	The Shock of the New: European Culture and Society 1789-1905	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2023">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2050	Medieval Worlds, c.1000-1300: Power, Belief and Culture	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2050">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2060	Telling Stories: Narrative and Community-Building in the Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern World	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2060">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2102	The Ottomans - A Muslim Empire in the Early Modern World, 1453-1789	Term 1	15.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus/HS2102">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>

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HS2212	Vice, Virtue and the Victorians - British History 1837-1901	Term 1	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2217	An Empire of Liberty? History of the USA, 1787-1877	Term 1	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2227	Awakening China: From the Opium Wars to the Present Day	Term 1	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2228	The Holy Man: Sanctity and the Sacred in Historical Research	Term 1	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2005	Rome and its Empire from Augustus to Commodus	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2015	Safe European Home? Europe 1945-2000	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2020	Gorgeous Georgians? Society, Culture and Crime, 1714-1830	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2039	Global Challenges: Historical Perspectives on the Twenty-First Century World	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2055	She-Wolves: Female Royal Power across the Medieval World, c.1000-c.1400	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2115	Spanish and Portuguese Empires in the Americas, 1450-1650	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2213	Community, Culture and Conflict in Twentieth-Century Britain	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2218	The United States in the Twentieth Century	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>

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HS2229	Natural History: Science from Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages	Term 2	15.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2038	Feast, Fast and Famine: Eating and Living in the Middle Ages	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2211	The Empire Strikes Back? Imagining and Remembering the British Empire	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2219	Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-1968	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2304	Justice, Power and Religion in the Muslim World - The History of Sharia Law	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2318	Waging Armageddon: The First World War in British Experience and Memory	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS2319	The Vietnam War and the Cold War in Southeast Asia	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>

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HS3145	The City and the Conqueror: The Fall of Constantinople (1453)	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS3305	Entangled Histories of the Interconnected Atlantic World	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS3324	Intimacy and Empire: Everyday Colonialism in the British Colonial World	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS3365	China and the World: Migrations and Frontiers, 1800-1960	Full Year	30.00	<a href="#">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>

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HS3376	Drawing the Line: Independence, Partition and the Making of India and Pakistan	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus-information/hs3376/">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS3410	The Curse of Aid: International Development 1940-2000	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus-information/hs3410/">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS3413	A Global History of Drugs and Prohibition	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus-information/hs3413/">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>
HS3529	Medicine in the Ancient, Medieval and Islamic World	Full Year	30.00	<a href="https://royalholloway.ac.uk/syllabus-information/hs3529/">Syllabus Information (royalholloway.ac.uk)</a>



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