



**Late Antique and Byzantine Studies; MA; 1250  
September 2020 intake**

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide prospective students and applicants with further information about the nature of the degree, in order to help you decide if it is the right choice for you. Should you have any further questions, contact information is provided at the end of the flyer.

**Section 1 – degree programme structure**

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| Awarding institution                | Royal Holloway, University of London |
| Accreditation(s) (where applicable) | None                                 |
| Standard length of degree           | One year (Full Time)                 |
| Available part-time                 | Yes – Two years                      |

This is a University of London intercollegiate programme taught jointly with King's College London (KCL), University College London (UCL) and Birkbeck College (BBK), University of London. In choosing where to register, students should note that they will normally be expected to undertake their dissertation at their home College: they should therefore aim to register at the College where staff interests are closest to their own.

Taught over one year (full-time) or two years (part-time), it is designed especially for those who are interested in progressing to doctoral research in Late Antique and Byzantine studies. It also aims to relate the history of Late Antiquity and Byzantium to the wider world.

The following table summarises the compulsory modules, which are referred to by Royal Holloway as mandatory course units, offered on this degree programme as well as the optional course units that are likely to be available. Please note that although the College will keep changes to a minimum, new units may be offered or existing units may be withdrawn, for example, in response to a change in staff. You will be informed if any changes need to be made. This programme requires a minimum of 6 students to enable the College to run the course. Should this number not be reached and we are unable to run the programme we will offer an alternative or refund any deposit paid.

| Course unit name   | Credits      | Mandatory | Optional |
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| (HS5125) Dissertation in the Field of Late and Antique Byzantine Studies   | 60           | Yes       |          |
| Methods and Techniques Seminar– Research Training and Dissertation in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies   | Non-weighted | Yes       |          |
| Methods and Techniques Course (one full-unit course (40 credits) or two half-unit (0.5) courses (20 credits each) selected from the list below:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Introduction to Greek Epigraphy (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Latin Epigraphy</li> <li>◦ Greek Papyrology</li> <li>◦ Elementary Greek Palaeography</li> </ul> | 40           | Yes       |          |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Greek Palaeography</li> <li>◦ Cities of God: Making the Late Antique City (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Living in Byzantium I: Material culture &amp; built environment in Late Antiquity (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Living in Byzantium II: Material culture and built environment in Late Antiquity (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Medieval Cyprus: Art and Architecture (0.5)</li> </ul>  |    |     |     |
| Greek or Latin Language (Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced level)  | 40 | Yes |     |
| <p>Optional course (one full-unit course (40 credits) or two half-unit (0.5) courses (20 credits each) selected from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Philosophy under the Roman Empire</li> <li>◦ Medieval Philosophy</li> <li>◦ Neoplatonism</li> <li>◦ Codes and Practice: the World of Roman Law from Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages</li> <li>◦ Identity and Power in Medieval Europe AD 500-1300</li> <li>◦ Language and Power in the later Roman Empire</li> <li>◦ Ancient Political Thought and its Medieval Legacy (0.5)</li> <li>◦ The Late Roman and Early Byzantine City</li> <li>◦ Cities of God: Making the Late Antique City (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Constantinople and its Descriptions</li> <li>◦ Byzantine Egypt</li> <li>◦ Medieval Cyprus: Art and Architecture (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Greeks &amp; Jews</li> <li>◦ Living in Byzantium I: Material culture &amp; built environment in Late Antiquity (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Living in Byzantium II: Material culture and built environment in Late Antiquity (0.5)</li> <li>◦ M720 The Christianisation of the Roman World: from Constantine to Justinian</li> <li>◦ 7AABMBo7 The Reign of Constantine I</li> <li>◦ Byzantium and the West, A. D. 800-1000 (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Byzantium and the First Crusade (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Byzantium and the Fourth Crusade (0.5)</li> <li>◦ One God, One Sea: Byzantium and Islam, 600-800 (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Cyprus from Late Antiquity to the Renaissance (0.5)</li> <li>◦ K866 Gender from Antiquity to Byzantium</li> <li>◦ The Greek Novel and Its Influence (1st to 21st Centuries)</li> </ul> | 40 |     | Yes |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Homer's Legacy</li> <li>◦ Medieval Papacy (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Byzantine Hagiography</li> <li>◦ Sacred Tales and Pilgrimage in the Graeco-Roman World (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Late Antique Magic (0.5)</li> <li>◦ Greek Papyrology</li> <li>◦ Elementary Greek Palaeography</li> <li>◦ Greek Palaeography</li> <li>◦ Places of Learning in the Medieval Latin West</li> <li>◦ Greek Hands of the Palaeologan Period (13th-15th century)</li> <li>◦ Byzantine Autographs of the Palaeologan Period (13th-15th century)</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
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**Section 2 – degree programme costs**

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| <p>Essential costs*</p> | <p>You should be aware that the core language and many optional modules are taught at Bedford Square in London and other London Colleges (King's College London, UCL and Birkbeck), and therefore you will need to travel two or more times a week to the Capital to attend these classes. A maximum annual sum of £130 will be reimbursed to you towards your travelling expenses (Southwest Trains Travelcard) for this purpose by the Department if you are a student residing in Egham.</p> |
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\* These estimated costs relate to studying this particular degree programme at Royal Holloway. Costs, such as accommodation, food, books and other learning materials and printing etc., have not been included, and further information regarding these can be found on our website.

**Section 3 – useful vocabulary**

We understand some of the terminology used in this document may be new to you, and may differ from that used by other universities. To help with this, we have provided a brief description for some of the most important terminology:

*Degree programme* – Also referred to as 'degree course' or simply 'course', these terms refer to the qualification you will be awarded upon successful completion of your studies.

*Course unit* – Also referred to as 'module', this refers to the individual units you will study each year to complete your degree programme. Masters programmes consist of a number of taught course units – some mandatory and some optional - plus a dissertation/ project to the value of 180 UK credits in total. On completion of a minimum of 120 UK credits a student may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma, while on completion of a minimum of 60 credits a student may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate. Some Masters programmes may have progression requirements (where



they are offered over more than one year of study) or pass requirements for degree title if they are accredited by a professional body.

*H/EU* – Different categories of students pay different levels of tuition fees. H/EU stands for students with Home or European Union fee status.

*Overseas* – Non-EU students are liable to pay the overseas rate of tuition fees, and are sometimes also referred to as international students.

#### **Section 4 – contact information**

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Admissions team by email at [study@royalholloway.ac.uk](mailto:study@royalholloway.ac.uk).

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