

**Information Security; MSc; (1221)  
September 2021 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**

Awarding institution	Royal Holloway, University of London
Accreditation(s) (where applicable)	GCHQ
Standard length of degree	Standard length
Available part-time	Yes either 2 years or 3 – 5 years continuing professional development mode (CPD)

To comply with GCHQ accreditation requirements students must successfully complete the degree programme and pass the project.

Student must either follow Core A or Core B. The following table summarises the compulsory modules for each of these Cores; such modules 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Please note that although the College will keep changes to a minimum, new units may be offered or existing units may be withdrawn, for example, in response to a change in staff.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.

Course unit name	Credits	Mandatory	Optional
(IY5500) Project	60	Yes	
(IY5501) Security Management	20	Yes	
(IY5502) Introduction to Cryptography and Security Mechanisms	20	Yes	
(IY5511) Network Security	20	Yes for Core A	
(IY5512) Computer Security	20	Yes for Core A	
(IY5523) Secure Business Architectures	20	Yes for Core B	
(IY5522) Security Technologies	20	Yes for Core B	
Students must select <b>two</b> of the following courses (please also see mandatory options below for particular pathways):	20		Yes
(IY5521) Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Information Security	20		Yes
(IY5603) Advanced Cryptography ( <i>subject to availability</i> )	20		Yes
(IY5604) Database Crime	20		Yes

(IY5605) Cyber Crime			
(IY5606) Smart Cards, RFIDs and Embedded Systems Security	20		Yes
(IY5607) Software Security	20		Yes
(IY5609) Digital Forensics	20		Yes
(IY5610) Security Testing Theory and Practice			
(IY5612) Cyber Security			
(IY5613) Human Factors of Security and Privacy	20		Yes

Additionally, an MSc student may optionally register for one of the following six pathways. These constrain the choices of the student in the following ways.

Pathway	Core	Mandatory Options	Project
Cybercrime	A	IY5605 and IY5609	Related to cybercrime
Smart cards, RFIDs and embedded systems security	A	IY5606	Related to smart cards, RFIDs, or embedded systems
Cyber security	A or B	IY5612	Related to Cyber security
Security testing	A	IY5610	Related to Security testing
Digital forensics	A	IY5609	Related to Digital forensics
Secure digital business	B	IY5521	Related to Secure digital business

### Section 2 – degree programme costs

Essential costs*	No further costs
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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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