

# Department of Geography

## About the department

The Geography Department is one of the world's leading centres for geographical research and training. It has an outstanding reputation for offering a wide variety of exciting and accessible modules which may readily be combined with subjects from other disciplines. The range of modules on offer below reflects the breadth of the subject, from human geography to physical science. The Department offers particular specialism in the study of globalisation, development studies, environmental change, modern cities, geopolitics and environmental management. As well as the academic programme, the student-run Geography Society organises regular events.

## Entry requirements

Level 1 modules have no specific prerequisites but a background in Geography can be useful for Level 2 and Level 3 modules. All modules are open to any Study Abroad, International Exchange and European Exchange students. However, as students interested in Geography modules have diverse backgrounds, each application is assessed on its own merits.

**Term 1 = Autumn Term**

**Term 2 = Spring Term**

***Students visiting Royal Holloway for Term 1 only (Autumn term) should take the V module versions as these have modified assessments to account for students not being available for Summer examinations.***

*The information contained in the module 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.*



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## Module options for visiting students 2025-26

Module code	Module name	UK Credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
GG1001	Physical Geography I: Atmosphere, Oceans & the Geosphere (I. Candy)	15	Term 1	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year course (i.e. beginner level).
GG1002	Physical Geography II: Biogeography, Ecology and Scales of Change (A. Milner)	15	Term 2	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year course (i.e. beginner level).
GG1003	Human Geography I: Cultures, Economies, Histories (D. Gilbert)	15	Term 1	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year course (i.e. beginner level).
GG1004	Human Geography II: Politics, Society, Development and Environment (A. Pinkerton)	15	Term 2	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year course (i.e. beginner level).
GG2013	Environmental Systems: Processes and Sustainability (L. Parsons/ P. French)	30	Term 1 and Term 2	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Physical/Human Geography modules is recommended.
GG2021	Earth Surface Processes and Hazards (C. Satow)	30	Term 1 and Term 2	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Physical Geography modules is recommended.



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GG2041	<b>Environmental Change</b> (S. Blockley, I. Matthews)	30	<b>Term 1 and Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Physical Geography modules is recommended.
GG2043	<b>Biogeography</b> (A. Walsh & S. Engels)	30	<b>Term 1 and Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Physical Geography modules is recommended.
GG2052	<b>Political Geography</b> (R. Squire)	30	<b>Term 1 and Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Human Geography modules is recommended.
GG2053	<b>Cities: Economies and Societies</b> (O. Mould)	30	<b>Term 1 and Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Human Geography modules is recommended.
GG2061	<b>Cultural Geographies And The Modern World</b> (S. Engelmann)	30	<b>Term 1 and Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Human Geography modules is recommended.
GG2071	<b>Perspectives on Development</b> (K. Willis/ V. Desai)	30	<b>Term 1 and Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a second-year course (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge from basic Human Geography modules is recommended.



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GG3013	<b>Defending Coastal and Wetland Environments</b> (P. French)	15	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Physical Geography modules is recommended
GG3019	<b>Peatland Environments: Process and Policy</b> (A. Milner)	15	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Physical Geography modules is recommended
GG3028	<b>GIS and the Planetary Crisis</b> (V. Thorndycraft)	15	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Physical Geography modules is recommended
GG3043	<b>Past Climates and Environments</b> (I. Matthews)	15	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Physical Geography modules is recommended
GG3053	<b>Regeneration and Urban Policy</b> (M. Dolton)	15	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3060	<b>Post-Capitalist Cities</b> (O. Mould)	15	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3061	<b>Geopolitics of Media and Communications</b> (A. Pinkerton)	15	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Syllabus Information</b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended



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GG3065	Geography, Museums and Collections (F. Driver)	15	Term 1	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3076	Gender and Development (K. Willis)	15	Term 1	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3161	Atmosphere: Art, Science, Politics (S.Engelmann)	15	Term 1	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3163	The Sea: Place, People, Politics (R.Squire)	15	Term 2	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended

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GG3081	<b>Urbanisation and Climate/Environmental Change</b> (D. Simon)	15	<b>Term 2</b>	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Physical/Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3083	<b>Cities and Development in the Global South</b> (V.Desai)	15	<b>Term 2</b>	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3090	<b>Critical GIS and the Geoweb</b> (G.Eades)	15	<b>Terms 1 and Term 2</b>	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge of GIS is recommended
GG3111	<b>Global Conservation Challenges</b> (A.Walsh)	15	<b>Term 1</b>	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Physical/Human Geography modules is recommended
GG3168	<b>Body Geographies</b> (S. Narbed)	15	<b>Term 2</b>	<b><u>Syllabus Information</u></b> This is a third-year course (i.e. advanced level) and previous knowledge from basic/intermediate Human Geography modules is recommended



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