Welcome Week Timetable 2019  
Year 1 Undergraduates

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<td>Sat 21 Sept - Fri 27 Sept</td>
<td>College enrolment for all new students</td>
<td>10:00 – 18:00</td>
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All sessions detailed below take place in the Geography Department (Queen’s Building) unless otherwise indicated. (Note: all rooms prefixed with ‘QB’ are located in the Queen’s Building).

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<td>Welcome to Royal Holloway Talk by Student Life</td>
<td>10:00 – 11:00</td>
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<td>Introduction to the department &amp; the degree programme</td>
<td>14:00 – 16:00</td>
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<td>Geography society welcome reception</td>
<td>17:00 onwards</td>
<td>QB170</td>
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<td>Wednesday 25 Sept</td>
<td>Departmental Photographs</td>
<td>Various pm - see notice board</td>
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<td>Thursday 26 Sept</td>
<td>Talks from the library service, CeDAS, Careers, H&amp;S</td>
<td>09:00 – 10:30</td>
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<td>Introduction to GG1011/2/3</td>
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If you have any questions please contact the School Helpdesk.

Wolfson Building, Ground Floor 1-18  
Opening Hours: 8:30am – 5.30pm, Monday - Friday  
Email: LSE-School@royalholloway.ac.uk  
Phone: 01784 276 884
Key Information

Term dates:
Term dates for the Academic year 2019-20 are:

**Autumn term:** 23rd September 2019 – 13th December 2019

**Spring term:** 13th January 2020 – 27th March 2020

**Summer term:** 27th April 2020 – 12th June 2020

Please note that you are expected to be in College between these dates.

Health & Medical Form:

For health and safety reasons, it is necessary for us to be aware of any circumstances which might affect your ability to carry out fieldwork, or which might affect your studies more generally whilst in the Department. The enclosed health & medical form should be completed and handed in to the School Helpdesk (Wolfson Ground Floor, 118). This will be kept in a confidential file by the department Health and Safety Co-ordinator, and will be used to advise fieldtrip leaders of any special needs/provisions which may be needed on fieldtrips, as well as to flag any issues which might be pertinent to your general welfare in the department. You will be asked if there are any changes/updates before any field trip.

College Central Induction:

These sessions are run by the College and introduce you to the facilities of the Students’ Union and College IT facilities.

Photographs:

As far as the Department is concerned, we do not require you to bring any passport style photographs for our use. We will take our own during Welcome week.

Field trips:

You will be required to attend a residential field course as part of your first year studies. This trip will be based in Nerja, Spain, and will run between the following dates:

- Depart: Sunday January 19th 2020
- Return: Sunday January 26th 2020

You will be given full details later in the first term, but please make sure these weekends are kept free in your diaries. In addition, it is worth making sure that you have a valid passport for these dates, and that, if you are an overseas student, you meet any necessary visa requirements. As you are aware, the UK’s status in will change before the trip leaves, and this may involve additional requirements. We will keep you informed as these matters develop.
Field work:

As well as the fieldtrip outlined above, you will be required to carry out locally-based fieldwork early in the first term. You will be given more details of this during welcome week, but please come prepared for fieldwork. This includes suitable footwear (stout walking boots or Wellingtons – training shoes should not be worn in the field), warm clothing, waterproofs, gloves and hat.

Books:

We do not insist that students purchase books for each course, but it is useful to have your own copies, which can be purchased in advance or online. Multiple copies of these texts are available from the College library, both in hard copy and e-book form.

During the first term, you will have lecture courses GG1001 and GG1003, with GG1002 and GG1004 being in the second term.

The recommended texts are:

For GG1001 Physical Geography I: Atmosphere, oceans & geosphere; and GG1002 Physical Geography II: Biogeography, ecology & scales of environmental change:


This is an excellent book covering the key aspects of physical geography taught in GG1001 and GG1002. The book has gone through a series of quite rapid reprints and although it is good to have access to the most recent edition, this is not vital, so if you have access to an earlier version this is a fine (although you need to be aware that some of the page references given in lectures may vary between editions)

For GG1003 Human Geography I: Cultures, economies, histories; and GG1004 Human Geography II: Politics, society, development & environment


These two books are used as the spine texts for both Human Geography courses (GG1003 and GG1004), and are also useful for later courses in the Department. The Cloke, Crang and Goodwin volume was a new edition 2 years, and is strongly recommended as a book to buy at the start of your human geography courses. It also has many chapters written by academics at Royal Holloway, and will give you a sense of the range of expertise here. There are of course multiple copies of these in the library and e-version access, but it is very useful to have your own copy to hand.

If you'd like to read a short book that gets you thinking about Human Geography at University before you arrive, the following is very much recommend:

- Bonnett, A (2008). What is Geography, Sage

This isn't a text book as such, but is an excellent introduction to ‘thinking geographically’ about the human world, that has close connections with some of the approaches and themes of the course. If you've read this before you arrive – you’ll be already thinking about some of the key issues we’ll be looking at. Again it’s a useful investment, as some of the ideas here will inform later courses. As good alternatives, these are two other recent introductions to University–level geography:


In addition to the above, the following is also recommended for GG1004 (taught in term 2),


**GeogSoc:**

All students are welcome to join the Geography Society 'Geogsoc', a society run by geography students. The society puts on a range of events, including lectures and careers events, but also arranges a wide variety of trips and social events. You will be introduced to the society at our first meeting on the afternoon of Monday 23 September. You can find out more about the society at [https://www.facebook.com/RHULGeogSoc/](https://www.facebook.com/RHULGeogSoc/)

**Other matters:**

The College will contact you regarding your accommodation and other relevant issues. The Department looks forward to meeting you in September, but if there are any particular questions beforehand, please feel free to contact the School Helpdesk or Dr Peter French, the UG Education Lead (01784 443571 or p.french@rhul.ac.uk).