



A guide for international students

# The RAU experience

**96%**  
Undergraduate employability

96% of undergraduates in employment or further education within six months of leaving, on average over five years



**90%**

Postgraduate employability

90% of postgraduates in employment or further education within six months of leaving



**80%**

80% of 2015 undergraduates in full-time professional or managerial roles within six months of graduating



## Industry links

Our graduates benefit from placements and careers with prestigious, global companies



**14k**

A powerful, global network of 14,000 alumni





# Scenic



A picturesque campus nestled in 25 acres of beautiful Cotswold countryside

Established in 1845, the first agricultural institution in the English speaking world

# 1845

"The University has an important role to play in providing courses of the highest standard, open to students from all over the world."

University President,  
HRH The Prince of Wales

# 4<sup>th</sup> safest

4th safest university in  
England and Wales



# Leading

Pioneering  
research in the  
land-based  
sector





# International team

**The RAU international team is here to help and support you through your student journey.**

We work closely with all university departments and can provide you with friendly and personalised advice in areas such as:

- Course information
- Entry requirements
- Application
- Visas
- Scholarships & funding
- Accommodation
- English language qualifications
- Fees & deadlines
- Student welfare

Visit our website and the Royal Agricultural University International Community Facebook page to find out when we will be visiting your country.



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 Call: +44 (0)1285 652531  
[www.rau.ac.uk/international](http://www.rau.ac.uk/international)  
 We look forward to welcoming you to the RAU!



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# How to find us

## By train

Frequent National Rail services from London (Paddington) to Kemble (Cirencester) in 80 minutes, plus a 10 minute taxi ride to the University campus.

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## By coach

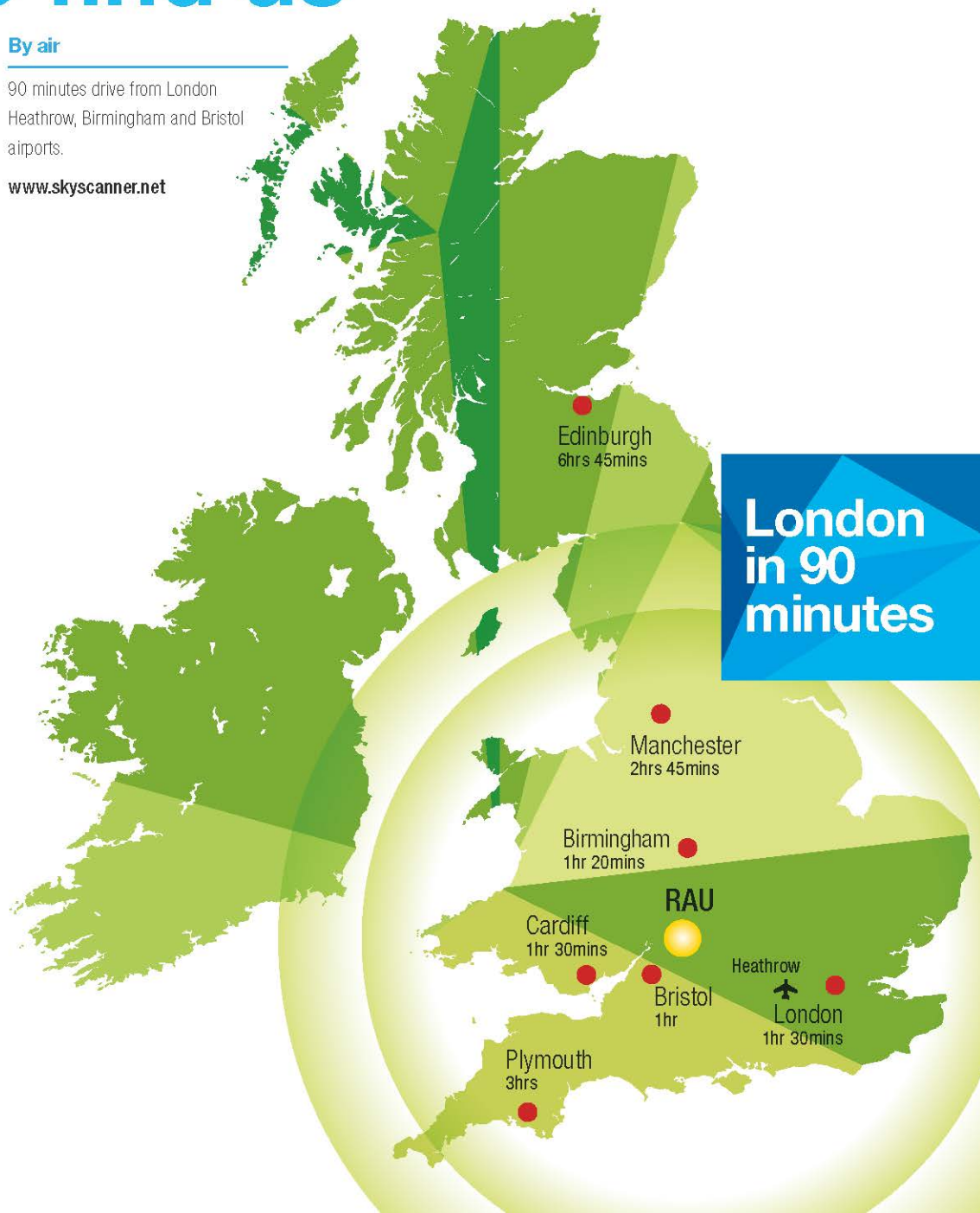
Regular National Express services connecting London Victoria Station with Heathrow and Cirencester.

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

## By air

90 minutes drive from London Heathrow, Birmingham and Bristol airports.

[www.skyscanner.net](http://www.skyscanner.net)



# In and around Cirencester



Cirencester is in one of the most beautiful areas in England. Set in the heart of the English countryside, known as the Capital of the Cotswolds, this charming and fascinating town is a harmonious mix of old and new; with a rich history dating back to the Roman period, crossed with a modern and creative social scene.

## Something for everyone

There is something for everyone with plenty of independent and high street shops, bars and restaurants, along with museums, galleries and parks.

The RAU campus is located just 1.5km from the town centre, in easy reach by a free student bus or a short walk. Cirencester is truly an idyllic setting for anyone wishing to experience the beauty of the English countryside, rich history and an inspiring culture.

## Ideal for visiting Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham and Oxford

Cirencester is well located with strong transport links to bigger cities such as Bristol, Bath, Oxford, and is just 90 minutes from London.

Bristol, Millennium Bridge



**Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham and Oxford**

are within easy reach, and the Student Union put on regular coach trips to experience the nightlife.



Bath Abbey



Cirencester and its picturesque park



Cheltenham, The Promenade



*Oxford, punting on river Cherwell*



Badminton Horse Trials

**Badminton Horse Trials**  
is a must-see and it's only 40 minutes away.





### Catch a film

We offer regular film nights in the Tithe Barn. They are a great way to relax with friends after a busy day.

“RAU is a very cool place, based in the lovely town of Cirencester with beautiful landscapes all around.”

Samuel, Rwanda



Cotswold countryside

The Cotswold Water Park is just a 20 minute drive away.



Cotswold Water Park



Royal International Air Tattoo

Fairford, 20 minutes' drive.



Westonbirt Arboretum

A 20 minute drive will get you to the stunning Westonbirt Arboretum

“When I am not studying I visit my friends in London, Cheltenham, Bristol or Birmingham as they are easily accessible by coach or train.”

Patrick, Nigeria



# RAU Life

We're not just a campus, we're a community.  
Since 1845, students have been learning and living in one of the most picturesque universities in the country.

## Living at the RAU

International students have the opportunity to live on campus\*. Your room is more than a place to study and sleep, it is also a place to call home. It will be available to you for 39 weeks including the holiday periods, so there is no need to move out at the end of each term.

### Accommodation options on campus

Across campus there are six halls of residence available to international students and each room has its own characteristics and qualities. Three of the areas are designated 'quiet areas' for returning students, postgraduate students, or students seeking quieter accommodation.

You can choose to have **fully catered** accommodation (19 meals a week), **dinner, bed and breakfast\*** (14 meals a week) or be **self-catered** (depending on your cooking abilities!).

### International food and alternative dietary options catered for

Food on campus is both nutritious and delicious, covering a wide range of international delicacies and catering to all dietary requirements.

However, if you are concerned that we may not have your specific requirements, please contact the accommodation department upon arrival at the University.

### Standard and en-suite rooms:

Standard single rooms – shared toilet & shower  
Single en-suite rooms – own bathroom inside the room

### Fully furnished rooms

Rooms come fully furnished with a space to work, bed linen, Wi-Fi, TV aerial point, free parking, security, regular house keeping and use of the laundrette (small charge).

Visitors are welcome for a maximum of 3 nights per week. There are many hotels located locally in Cirencester and rooms can also be rented by the night on campus for visiting friends and family.

The charges are given as a guide and will be subject to change in subsequent years.

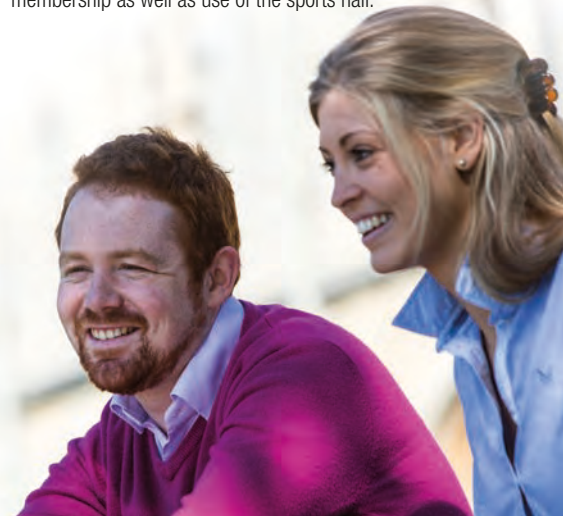
### Free gym membership

Upon starting at the university, and for the duration of their studies, all students can enjoy a free gym membership as well as use of the sports hall.

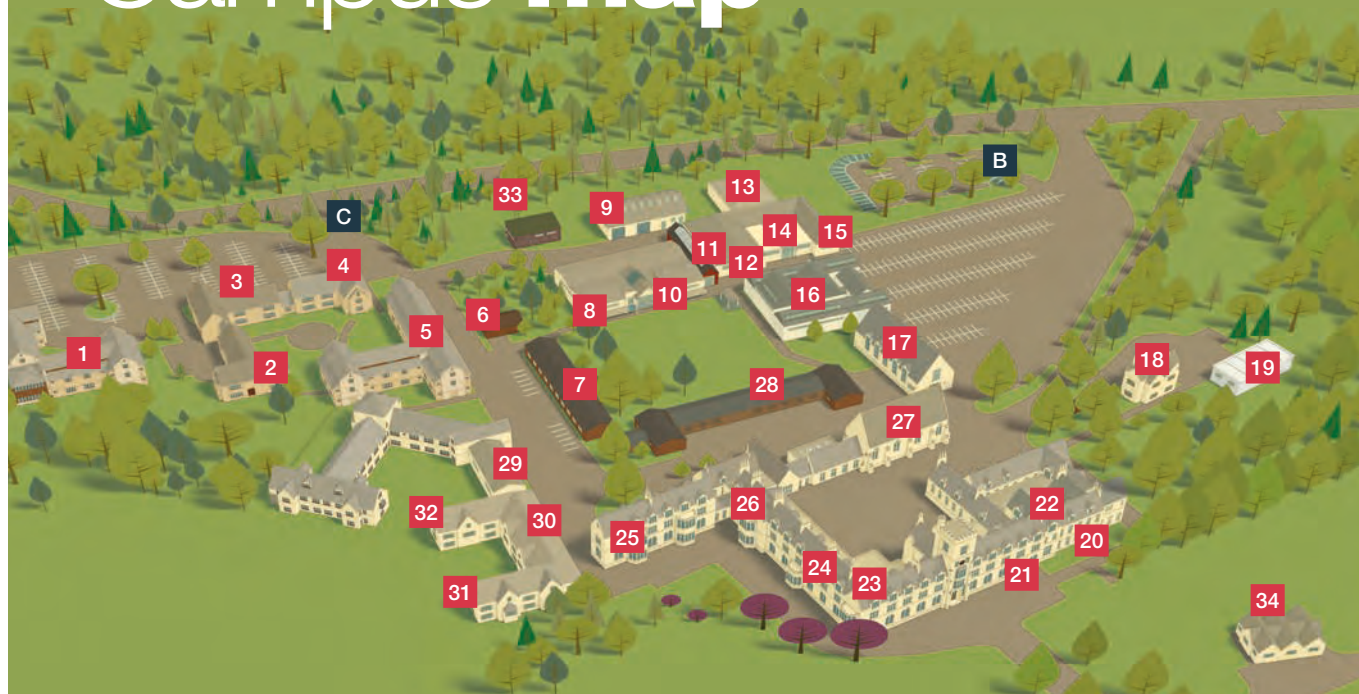
Room Type	Self-Catered Annual rate £	Dinner, B&B Annual rate £	Fully Catered Annual rate £
En-Suite Single	£5,071.57	£6,840	£7,848
Large En-Suite Single	-	£7,020	£8,028
Small En-Suite Single	-	£6,660	£7,668
Standard Single	-	£5,508	£6,552
Large Standard Single	-	£5,760	£6,732

Available living expenses for International Students in your account must be £9,185 (PLUS tuition fees) per year (9 months of study).

\*Subject to availability and meeting application deadline.



# Campus map



Vic Hughes Hall	1
Woodland Lodge 1	2
Woodland Lodge 2	3
Woodland Lodge 3 / Jubilee	4
West Lodge	5
Student Welfare Centre	6
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Tetbury Road Entrance	A
Stroud Road Entrance	B
Woodland Entrance	C





“I live on campus at the Vic Hughes Hall and I like my room a lot. It’s big, bright, and comfortable, and also offers a spectacular window view of the surrounding fields.”

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Dinara, Kazakhstan

*Vic Hughes Hall*



*Coad Court*



“It is a home away from home for me, I have a beautiful view and it also gives me the opportunity to interact with other students.”

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Bookie, Nigeria

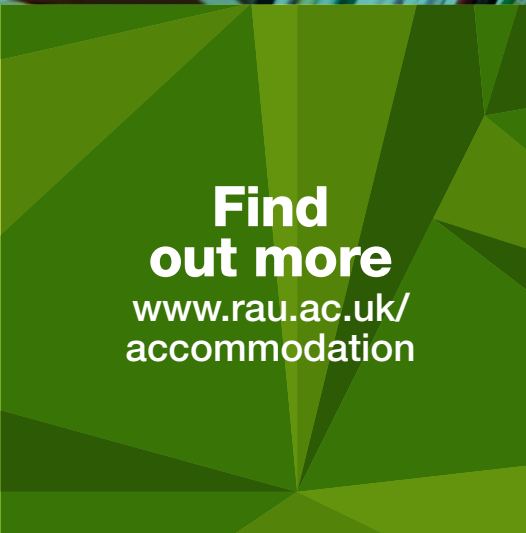


“I really enjoyed living on campus, my room was very comfortable, and the cleaning staff ensured my room stayed clean and tidy.”

Campbell Saul, Zimbabwe



*West Lodge*



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out more**  
[www.rau.ac.uk/  
accommodation](http://www.rau.ac.uk/accommodation)



*Bledisloe Court*



# Student Union, clubs, and societies



## Student Union

The RAU Student Union (RAUSU) is an organisation run by the students for the students. The Student Union take great pride in providing top quality events, clubs and societies for the benefit of those attending the Royal Agricultural University. From our famous May Ball right through to our Croquet society, there is a whole host of activities to get involved with.

Weekly social nights are held in the Tithe Barn, home of the student bar, a facility which is available throughout the week for students to relax in and meet their friends.

February sees the RAUSU and student community come together to raise money for charity during the annual RAG week. Special events are held culminating in the RAG Rally which sees our students move on mass somewhere within the U.K. for a night out and further fundraising.

Alongside organising these events and perhaps more importantly the RAUSU represent the student body. They sit on numerous committees and allow the students to have a voice across campus whether that be in an academic or operational setting.



## Sports

The RAU is passionate about its sporting activities and currently offers students a comprehensive range of sports and clubs. Time is taken out of the academic timetable on Wednesday afternoon allowing for many of our teams to compete against other universities in the various BUCS leagues. You will have the ability to get involved in everything from clay pigeon shooting, horse riding and lacrosse, to rowing, rugby and polo, whilst enjoying the full university experience.

University sports facilities include tennis courts, a fitness centre, table tennis, and a flood-lit all-weather pitch. Off campus, students can benefit from countless events and fixtures that take place in the area.

Whether you're a competitor or a spectator, you can enjoy, amongst others, the Cheltenham Gold Cup and rugby in Gloucester, football in Cheltenham and world class eventing at Badminton and Gatcombe.

The RAUSU also hosts a thriving international community, giving students opportunities to showcase their home nations, whilst interacting with like-minded people from across the world. The RAUSU organises events on campus celebrating international festivals and cultures, as well as film nights, and also trips to fascinating attractions and beautiful cities.





# Supporting you

## International Orientation

A two week programme open to all international students before Freshers Week for you to recover from your journey and prepare for the year ahead!

Helping you with the practicalities of moving to the UK (opening a bank account, registering with the police, etc.) along with daily English for Academic Purposes sessions.

The programme also gives you the opportunity to visit famous places in the UK, get to know the local town, and more importantly, make friends for life!

All costs are inclusive of airport pick up, accommodation, food, and travel in the UK.

**Find out more**  
[www.rau.ac.uk/international](http://www.rau.ac.uk/international)

To make your experience studying away from home as positive as possible, the RAU has a strong network of support available to you.

### Personal Tutors

When you arrive you will be partnered with an academic member of staff to support you through your student journey. This strong relationship will allow you to discuss any academic or personal matters you may have, along with advice about your future path and career.



### Student Support Services Manager

Our Student Support Services Manager is always on hand to listen to any issues and make sure you have access to the support services you need.

### Student Counsellor, Health and Wellbeing Officer

A qualified counsellor providing a confidential drop-in service to all students to help them cope with common issues while at university.



### University Nurse

The on-campus nurse is available during term time to help with any concerns you may have, and to help with general health advice.

### Dyslexia/disability support staff

Trained staff on-campus offer friendly advice and guidance to ensure all aspects of teaching, learning and assessment are adjusted to your needs.



### Faith and religion

The RAU is a welcoming home to students and staff from a diverse range of different faith groups, providing a Faith room on campus. The Chapel of St. George the Martyr (on-campus) is open to all students, and the Chaplains are on hand to chat with you.

### Careers advice

Available for all students, offering one-to-one guidance, access to a wide range of job vacancies, skills training and an annual careers fair.

### International Team

We are here to guide you through your student journey, from meeting you in your country before you arrive, to advising you on the next steps.

Our door is always open on campus too and we are here to help and support you.

Contact: [international@rau.ac.uk](mailto:international@rau.ac.uk)





# How to apply

Undergraduate courses are normally three years and postgraduate taught courses last for one year. Most courses start on the first Monday of October.

Some postgraduate courses in Agriculture and Food have entry points in October as well as January.

## Undergraduate applications

All undergraduate applications must be made through the UCAS system (Universities & Colleges Admissions Service). Qualifications to join the University's degree courses vary. Overseas qualifications are accepted and the Admissions Team will refer to the UK National Recognition Information Centre for qualification equivalencies.

## Postgraduate applications

Applications for our postgraduate courses can be made online, by simply pressing the 'Apply Now' button on the course page. You can apply for more than one course initially and we will help guide you thereafter to choose the right path for you.



## Research applications

For those wishing to undertake postgraduate research degrees (either MSc or PhD) we require a research proposal, a CV, and evidence of funding.

## International English Language Testing System

An IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or equivalent qualification is essential if your first language is not English. IELTS have many test centres with many test dates across the globe. If you have been educated in English you can provide evidence of this as an alternative.

UG Study	6.0 overall, no less than 5.5 in any band
PG Taught	6.5 overall, no less than 5.5 in any band
PG Research	7.0 overall with no less than 7.0 in any band

Please contact [admissions@rau.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rau.ac.uk) for more information.

## Visas

Most international students will require a Tier 4 Student Visa from the UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration). The RAU provides a free-of-charge visa advice service to guide you through every step to obtain a visa to study with us.



## Personal statement

This is an essential part of your application! Remember to share with us your goals, dreams, future plans, along with everything you have achieved. Don't be shy!

## The Admissions Team

The Admissions Team will help with any queries you may have about UCAS, entry requirements, application procedures and any other related matters.

Contact them on [admissions@rau.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rau.ac.uk)

## Educational consultants

We work with a selection of well-established education consultants and agents across the globe to aid you with your application. Please check our website for their details:

[www.rau.ac.uk/international](http://www.rau.ac.uk/international)

**RAU  
Admissions  
Team**

[admissions@rau.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rau.ac.uk)



# Checklist

- Application Form
- Qualifications and Transcripts
- Personal Statement
- IELTS Certificate
- Finances
- Medical Certificates
- Valid Passport
- Visa



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out more  
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social](http://www.rau.ac.uk/social)

# Agriculture

The Royal Agricultural University's agricultural curriculum provides a clear response to the current and future issues which affect the consumer, technology, and the economic and political landscape. This enhances the competitiveness of our students.

We offer a range of agricultural courses, which provide a bespoke education to prepare our students for the dynamic and highly competitive global market. In addition, students can benefit from up-to-date skills based training at our Rural Innovation Centre.

The underpinning of the RAU's success is based on an extensive network of relationships with farm businesses and rural practitioners, from which technical knowledge is practically applied to coursework and exams.

## Your future career

- Consultancy
- Policy formulation
- Project management
- Charities and NGOs
- Government and national agencies
- Research
- International organisations
- Food supply
- Genetics
- Nutrition
- Agricultural marketing and journalism
- Operations management
- Health, welfare and disease advisors
- Farm management
- Agricultural finance and insurance

Academic and research staff are experts within their fields, with the knowledge and experience to debate current issues, form partnerships with agricultural enterprises, progress our Farm491 agri-tech initiative, and conduct research trials on the RAU farms.

The University continually monitors the factors which stimulate the need for a sustainable, socio-economic agricultural management policy in the UK, EU, and globally. Our graduates are equipped to take on the challenges ahead, and to create a more sustainable future.



**“Our staff are experts in their own particular subjects and active in research consultancy and professional training in addition to their academic responsibilities.”**

**Professor David Hopkins**  
BSc, PhD, DSc, CBiol, FRSB





# Food Supply Management

Everyone has to eat, and the agri-food sector is booming – worth around £97 billion and employing more than 3.5 million people in the UK alone. The sector is also the key to providing safe foods in an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable manner to a growing world population on an ever decreasing cultivatable land footprint.

The effects of changing consumer demands, government edicts about dietary diseases; such as obesity, diabetes, and heart attacks, and natural disasters mean this fast moving industry requires confident, reliable, enthusiastic employees with an excellent

understanding of food production, and the skills to manage complex supply chains on a local and a global scale.

Our courses aim to equip you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to lead this industry; either from within a large corporation, or through your own entrepreneurial business start-up. You will graduate with a food degree that is focussed towards your own interests and career aspirations; whether that is as a buyer of sustainable food ingredients, a quality or technical manager, a government adviser on food policy, or the CEO of your own food business.

## Your future career

- Consultancy
- Policy formulation
- Project management
- Charities and NGOs
- Government and national agencies
- Research
- International organisations
- Food supply
- Genetics
- Nutrition





# Environment

The Royal Agricultural University offers you a fantastic opportunity to learn how to manage the countryside, wildlife, and rural heritage. The key aim is to equip you with the necessary knowledge and understanding, alongside those practical and leadership skills, that employers are looking for. We offer a range of foundation degree pathways allowing you to develop your interests in a particular subject area, with option to progress onto a bespoke top-up degree at the RAU.

We take full advantage of the great contacts we have with industry, through guest speakers, field visits, and work-based placements.

## Your future career

- Consultancy
- Policy formulation
- Project management
- Charities and NGOs
- Government and national agencies
- Research
- International organisations

Our University farms, along with the Rural Innovation Centre at Harnhill and a neighbouring forestry estate, give us ideal platforms on which to train students in the various vocational skills required by industry such as use of machinery (chainsaws, brushcutters, ATVs, and tractors) and ecological survey work (vegetation and mammal surveys).

In essence, the University works to deepen the understanding of the living and physical environment, and promote working in partnership with land managers to contribute to sustainable management for the future.



# Business and Enterprise

If you are an aspiring entrepreneur, or you are keen on developing a successful career in business or agribusiness, then studying a business degree at the Royal Agricultural University is the right choice for you. You will be taught by academics who are experts in their subject area, and bring their industry experience and research in to the classroom to ensure you develop the knowledge and skills that the industry is looking for.

All of our undergraduate students undertake a work placement as part of their programme, which allows them to gain valuable experience and see how what they are learning is used in practice. All of our honours degrees, MSc's and MBA's have dual accreditation from the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), so in addition to your degree you will

receive a separate qualification from the Institute. We believe the CMI qualification enhances the CVs of our students, and makes them more attractive to potential employers.

The University runs an award-winning Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Programme, which has supported many students in starting their own successful businesses. The programme offers First Steps Funding to help students test their business idea, and provides help and guidance at all levels of business start-up. Entrepreneurial skills are highly prized by employers too, who seek employees who can demonstrate their creativity and will help the company to evolve and develop.

Business is a vibrant and exciting subject, and we look forward to welcoming you as one of our students.

## Your future

- Consultancy
- International private agencies
- Public administration
- Supply chain and production management
- Food & drink industries
- Business owner
- Family business management
- International sourcing/trading of food produce
- Communications
- Media and event management
- Business expansions
- Project co-ordination
- Operation support
- Health care
- Catering sector (operational and managerial)
- Farm management



“We strive to develop leaders who are creative, versatile, entrepreneurial and socially conscious, and who build strong caring and sharing businesses and institutions.”

Stephen Thomas, ACIB, BSc





# Equine Management and Science



With around 100 equine degrees in the UK and Ireland why should you choose RAU? After 25 years of experience we have discovered that a mixed approach to education produces the most employable dynamic graduates. As such our courses deliver a blend of equine science and business along with agriculture based subject matter. In place of practical modules in equitation and horse management we instead deliver transferable skills in science and business, and for undergraduate students, a 20 week industry placement. This will better equip our students for managerial positions at feed companies such as Dengie, bloodstock and equestrian accountants including Smith and Williamson and laboratories such as Plusvital Equinome. Based in the Cotswolds, the RAU is

ideally positioned to take full advantage of world leading sporting venues such as Cheltenham Racecourse and Badminton Estate to name but two. Due to the close links we have with these, students gain a first-hand appreciation of the business dimensions and the day to day running of equestrian sporting events. Our courses are delivered by a team of research active and industry linked staff with decades of teaching experience between them. Members of the equine team publish their work in internationally renowned journals, and we enjoy industry derived research sponsorship from companies such as Haygain, Natural Animal Feeds and SoLab. Overall, The RAU offers a unique learning ecosystem which will support and nurture any career aspirations in the global equine sector.

## Your future career

- Product development
- Finance and sales
- Management in equine enterprises
- Veterinary
- Thoroughbred industries
- Sports horse fitness
- Journalism
- Rural development
- Leisure-related enterprise
- Nutrition
- Research and lecturers
- Livory
- Laboratory technicians



**“The courses give you an insight into key issues and developments affecting the industry while providing valuable contacts and introducing a wide variety of possible careers.”**

**Professor Meriel Moore-Colyer,  
R.Anim.Sci., BSc, BHSII, PhD**



# Real Estate

The Royal Agricultural University has a long history and enviable reputation for education and training of the future leaders of the real estate profession. Employers have a high regard for our courses, evidenced by the excellent employability of our graduates who occupy leading positions within the real estate industry in the UK and overseas.

Our courses embrace the theories, methodologies, and practice of urban and rural property investment, development, and management. The undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are both accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Academic staff are fully qualified members of the RICS, and hold teaching qualifications in higher education. Experts in their fields, they offer extensive professional and academic experience and knowledge of current issues and policy. We also organise sessions with high profile speakers, who are drawn from the University's national and global network of real estate professionals.

## Your future career

- Property development
- Property taxation
- Property investment and asset management
- Estate agency
- Valuation of real estate
- Business management
- Property law
- Private estate management
- Accountancy
- Farm business planning
- Forestry management
- Leisure management
- Consultancy
- Rural conservation
- Investment management



“We have an enviable reputation of world-class teaching and training, preparing future leaders of the land and property business sector.”

Professor Ali Parsa M.Phil, PhD, FRICS



# Rural Land Management

The ways in which the rural, agricultural, residential, commercial, and leisure elements of land and the associated property are managed have a major impact on the quality of our lives and the environment, as pressure of demand on land use intensifies at both global and local levels.

Our courses embrace the theories, methodologies, and practice of rural land management, providing you with a clear understanding of the multi-functionality of land in the UK. The partnership between the University and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has its roots in the accreditation of our courses since the 1930s. We are proud of the substantial contribution made to the development of the global surveying profession by our alumni and staff.

Employers have a high regard for our courses, evidenced by the excellent employability record of our graduates. You will benefit directly from the close association with employers and the rural land management profession. Whether your interest is in a career managing traditional rural estates, buying and selling country houses, residential agency, commercial property, or providing valuation and technical advice, our courses will provide you with a firm foundation.



## Your future career

- Property development
- Property taxation
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- Investment management





# Student journeys



**“I am now confident in my abilities as a working professional.”**

**Hamid Chelupadath**

**MSc Food Safety and Quality Management**

**India**

“I chose to pursue my Masters in Food Science and Quality Management at the RAU due to its fantastic industry reputation and relationship with the rural economy. I am now confident in my abilities as a working professional, and I look forward to utilising the knowledge and skills I have gained in the industry.”



**“The MSc undoubtedly broadened my horizons and**

**is seen by employers as an ideal training ground.”**

**Charlie Adkin**

**MSc Rural Estate Management**

**United Kingdom**

“Growing up in a rural area, I soon realised that I wanted a land-based career. The MSc in Rural Estate Management at the RAU stood out by a country mile. It is intensive but also great fun and has the advantage of being vocational, while embedding specialist skills.”



**“I’m really enjoying my course. Lecturers know us by name and offer great support.”**

**Daniel Sutherland**

**BSc (Hons) International Business Management (Food and Agribusiness)**

**Canada**

“I’m really enjoying my course. We have some really interesting lecturers and the best part of it all is the group of people we have in our programme. It’s a pretty diverse group and everyone gets along. Because the Uni and class sizes are quite small, lecturers know us all by name and offer great support when we have a query or simply want to chat about something.”



**“The RAU is exactly the university I’d dreamed of...”**

**Maya Shallcross**

**BSc (Hons) Equine Management**

**USA**

“The RAU is exactly the university I’d dreamed of but I wasn’t able to find in the States. I’m really enjoying my course. The lecturers are more than willing for me to visit them in their offices with any questions I might have. More than a few of the RAU staff let me know I was welcome to come and talk to them anytime which really helped me feel at home.”



# Research

Our pioneering research, carried out by highly motivated staff and research students, is internationally recognised. We are interested in receiving applications from suitably qualified, motivated, and self-financing students wishing to undertake research at either MScR or Doctoral (PhD) level. Research degrees are supervised by RAU staff and validated by the University of Gloucestershire.

## Research

### Research areas include:

- Agronomy and Sustainable Agriculture
- Soil Science
- Pest Control
- Equine Science
- Urban Planning



For more information visit:  
[www.rau.ac.uk/research](http://www.rau.ac.uk/research)



“I fully recommend the RAU to anyone who wants to pursue a research career in agriculture.”

Karen Rial-Lovera, Venezuela

Email our  
Director of Research  
at [meriel.moore-colyer@rau.ac.uk](mailto:meriel.moore-colyer@rau.ac.uk)

## Research application checklist

- CV
- Research proposal
- Evidence of funding
- IELTS 7.0
- Honours degree upper second level (or equivalent)
- 2 references

# Fees

## The cost of your course

Now you've chosen the course – how much will it cost? Below is a rough guide of fee charges\*. Accommodation and living expenses will need to be added on top.

	<b>Undergraduate</b>	From £10,000 per year of study
	<b>Postgraduate MSc</b>	From £11,550 per year of study
	<b>Postgraduate MBA</b>	From £15,000 per year of study
	<b>MScR and PhD</b>	From £12,000 per year of study

Don't forget your living costs.

For Tier 4 Visa students: £9,135 per academic year (as a minimum)

\*Please note: fees are subject to change



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money here:**  
international.  
studentcalculator.org

# Funding

## Scholarships and bursaries

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Check out the website for more information.

Part-time work: Most international students can work a maximum of 20 hours per week, during term time, to help aid their time in the UK. Many job opportunities are available on campus and in Cirencester.



**Find out  
about funding:**  
[www.rau.ac.uk/  
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## Keep in Touch!

We frequently visit countries around the globe and are happy to arrange to meet with you. We are also available to chat over Skype, or if you are able to visit our campus we will be delighted to welcome you on campus!

**More information about visiting us can be found here: [www.rau.ac.uk/findus](http://www.rau.ac.uk/findus)**



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# Glossary

## Alumni



Students who have successfully graduated from the university

## BSc

Undergraduate qualification:  
Bachelor of Science (normally three years)

## Bursary

A grant offered to students often dependent on available funds and income



## BUCS

British Universities and Colleges Sport: The governing body for most of our sports clubs

## CAS

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies:  
A number required to apply for your student visa issued by the university

## Catered



University prepares meals for you

## Education consultant/Agent

Reputable company who represents the university overseas to aid with application

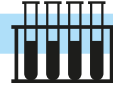
## En-suite



Bathroom (shower, toilet and sink) inside your bedroom

## FdSc

Undergraduate qualification:  
Foundation Degree Sciences (two years)



## Fresher

A student in their first year of study



## Freshers' Week

A week full of fun activities/social events for all new students



## Half Board

University provides breakfast and dinner



## Halls of Residence

Student accommodation; buildings with individual rooms (hostels, dormitories)

## IELTS

English language qualification: International English Language Testing System

## MBA

Postgraduate qualification: Master of Business Administration (one year)

## MSc

Postgraduate qualification:  
Master of Science (one year)

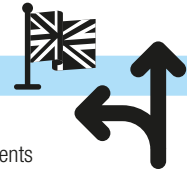


## MScR

Postgraduate qualification: Master of Science by Research (one year)

## Orientation

Special programme to introduce international students to the UK



## PhD

Postgraduate research qualification:  
Doctor of Philosophy (three to four years)



## Scholarship

Funding awarded to students based on performance/by country

## Self-catered

Students prepare all of their own meals in their accommodation



## Tier 4 Student Visa

General student visa required to study in the UK

## Top-Up Degree

Undergraduate qualification taken after an HND or FdSc to gain a BSc (one year)

## Twin room

A student bedroom which is shared between two people (two single beds)



## UCAS

University and Colleges Admissions Service, used for all undergraduate applications in the UK

## UKVI

UK Visas and Immigration

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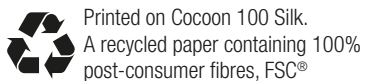
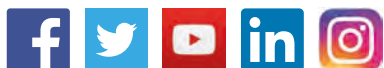
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