



Royal
Agricultural
University



Create your
own path

Your campus

We pride ourselves on being large enough that many facilities are on site, yet small enough to create a friendly atmosphere with a strong sense of community. Here are some of our campus highlights for postgraduate students.

Study



Benefit from our award-winning Enterprise and Entrepreneurship programme which supports students in sharing, developing and launching new business ideas. See page 10 for more details.

Library

The RAU library is the central information resource for students on all courses. You will find a wealth of knowledge, either in print or online, plus a dedicated team of library staff ready to help you with your research needs.

Socialise

Tithe Barn and Student Lounge

These are social spaces for all students to use. There are events throughout the year from sports fixtures to pub quizzes.

Food facilities – The Restaurant and The Atrium

There are two great locations on campus to grab some food, whether it's a full meal, a panini or a slice of homemade cake. Enjoy some fresh, local produce and some barista-style coffee.

Settle in

Accommodation

If you want a fully immersive experience, there are halls of residence available for postgraduate students. See page 20 for more details.

Student Support Services Hub

Where you can go for help and support with any aspect of student life. You can drop in for a cup of coffee and a chat, or you can make specific one-to-one appointments by request with the Student Counsellor or Student Support Services Manager.

The Royal Agricultural University (RAU) at Cirencester was the first College devoted to agriculture and land use in the English speaking world and is one of the UK's oldest and most respected small, specialist institutions with a strong global brand, extensive industry links, an award-winning student enterprise programme, and a unique alumni network.

We pride ourselves on combining the knowledge and industry connections which stem from our rich heritage with an innovative forward-thinking pragmatic approach. It is this proven combination that makes us an ideal place for postgraduate study and which continues to open doors for those who study here.

This is an ideal time to study a postgraduate course at the RAU as our focus is on the future and the current global challenges of food security, climate change and Brexit which provide unprecedented opportunities for the industry and those who work within it. The need to produce more food and manage the land sustainably, while protecting the environment and the wellbeing of communities that depend upon it, will lead to a wealth of career options. Your studies here will be extremely valuable in helping shape not only your own career but also the future of society.



Professor Joanna Price
Vice-Chancellor

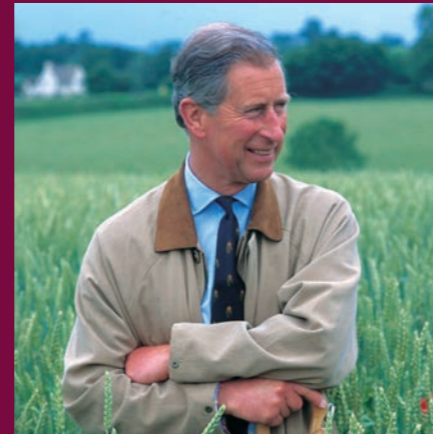
Many former students have gone on to perform at the highest levels across a broad range of careers. There are numerous options to choose from; whether that be leading innovation and change in the land management, farming, agri-food or equine industries, informing future land-based policy, or setting up businesses. RAU alumni have reach and influence around the world.

At the RAU, we are committed to creating a stimulating, innovative environment in which to pioneer new modes of thought and explanation which will directly impact on the sector. We are proud to be the only small, specialist university to be made a Centre of Excellence by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (IOEE), and have recently been named as a top 10 UK university by Whatuni in the WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2019.

Our student community recognise the value of a beautiful campus set in the Cotswold countryside, and our small size provides a supportive learning environment that is focused on the individual which supports, develops and encourages postgraduates from all backgrounds to achieve their ambitions. Compared to many in our sector, our postgraduate student community is also truly international drawing.

I hope that you choose to join us – this truly is a unique place to study. To get a sense of the RAU community and what we have to offer you please come to one of our postgraduate open days.

I look forward to welcoming you.



“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

Patron HM The Queen

President HRH The Prince of Wales

Vice Presidents

The Earl Bathurst, MRAC;

Mr Simon Pott, FRICS, FRAGS, FlntCPD, FRAU

Chair of Governors The Rt. Hon Michael Jack

Vice-Chancellor Professor Joanna Price,
BSc, BVSc (Bristol), PhD (Sheff)



Open days

Our open days are the perfect opportunity for you to visit the University and get a feel for what life as a student is really like.

You can:

- Meet the lecturers
- Discuss the courses
- Meet current students
- Explore the campus and accommodation
- Find out more about fees, scholarships, and bursaries

Dates for your diary 2019

Saturday 22 June

Saturday 7 September

Make sure you book your place at
www.rau.ac.uk/opendays



“ After visiting an RAU open day, I fell in love with its charm and the wonderful people. It very quickly became my home where I can say I have made friends for life. My course provided so much enrichment and variety, it has opened up doors that I never could have imagined.”

Jennifer Winnett

BSc (Hons) International Equine and Agricultural Business Management graduate and former President of the Enterprise Society

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RAU – in the heart of the UK How to find us

Students can easily get to us from all over the country, and from all over the world.



By car
Cirencester is easily accessible by car. Leave the M5 at Junction 11a and follow the A417 towards Cirencester. The University is clearly signposted from the Cirencester bypass. Our postcode for sat nav: GL7 6JS.



By train
Cirencester's nearest railway station is at Kemble (around five miles from Cirencester) on the Cheltenham-Swindon-London line. Trains run to Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham (for the Midlands and North) and to Swindon (for London Paddington, Reading, Bath, Bristol and South Wales). There are three direct services each day to and from London Paddington. Once at Kemble, it's just a 10-minute taxi ride to the University.



By coach
Cirencester enjoys a very regular coach service from the centre of London (Victoria Coach Station) and London Heathrow Airport with National Express Coaches. National Express also offers services to Swindon, Oxford, Cheltenham, Bristol, Birmingham and Newcastle from the London Road, Cirencester coach terminal.



By air
When flying into Gatwick or Heathrow international airports, travel along the M4 to Junction 15 (Swindon) and then follow the A419 to Cirencester.



Location
Royal Agricultural University
Stroud Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire
GL7 6JS



Employability

We pride ourselves on combining the knowledge and industry connections which stem from our rich heritage with an innovative, forward-thinking and enterprising approach. It is this proven combination which continues to open doors for our students, and we have been named as a top 10 UK university for job prospects by Whatuni in the WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2019.

We have a strong reputation for fostering partnerships with some of the world's leading businesses, government bodies and organisations in the agritech sector. This ensures that our students can access a breadth of academic and professional opportunities, from work experience and industry placements to learning about the latest developments in the sector from renowned guest speakers.

Our academics care about their subjects and their students. Working alongside business leaders and employers, they deliver courses that provide students with the tools, mind-set and networks they need to embrace the opportunities ahead.

Alumni

An added advantage for our graduates is the support of our alumni. A powerful network of around 17,000 former students positioned across the globe, with members living in countries including Africa, South America, Australia and the United States, many are keen to help graduates achieve career success.

Students joining the alumni network are prepared for successful careers in their chosen field, whether that be leading innovation and change in industry, informing future land-based policy, or setting up their own businesses; which many of our entrepreneurial students and alumni do with great success.

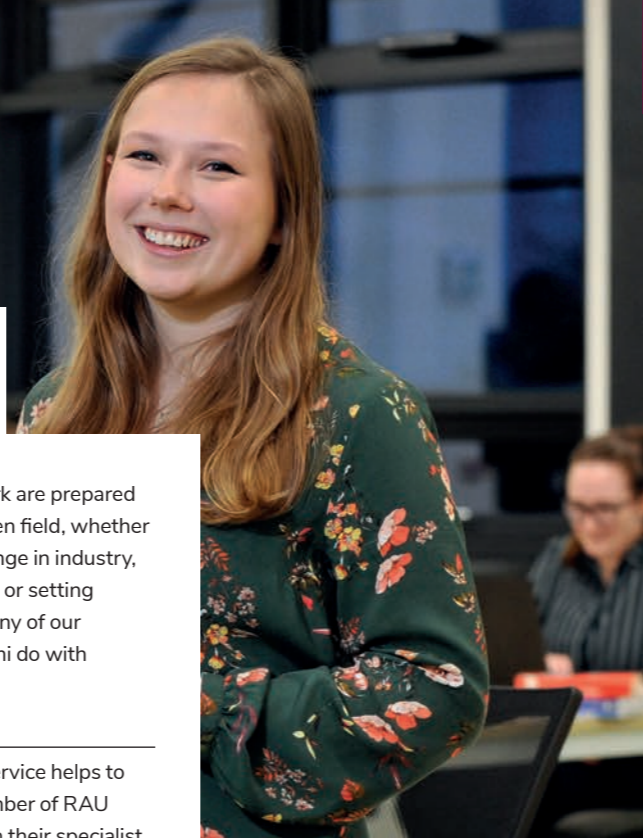
Careers

A comprehensive careers advice service helps to ensure that a consistently high number of RAU graduates go on to enjoy success in their specialist area of study, and make a significant contribution to a wide range of professions internationally.

The careers service includes:

- One-to-one guidance from a qualified and experienced Careers Adviser
- Access to a wide range of job vacancies on the University's online job portal
- An email careers service offering advice on specific queries and a CV checking service
- Skills training sessions focusing on CV writing and interview skills
- Annual careers fairs open to all students

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/careers



“We’ve found Farm491 to be an exciting community of AgriTech start-ups, with great support from the University to help boost our business during the critical start-up phase.”

**Ian Wheal
Breedr**



Farm491 is the innovative agritech business incubator offered by the RAU. Through its state-of-the-art facilities, dedicated team and access to expert advisers, Farm491 supports agritech businesses and promotes technology and innovation within the sector.

Farm491 was allocated £2.9m of funding from the Gloucestershire Growth Deal.

In 2016, we launched our Trent Lodge Enterprise Centre, which provides an affordable and flexible working environment for new and existing businesses.

In July 2018 we opened the doors to a new £4.2m building; the Alliston Centre, part funded by the GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). It is home to Farm491 businesses and the Cirencester Growth Hub, providing both dedicated offices and co-working spaces for forward-thinking entrepreneurs at every stage.

To support this expansion, Farm491 has successfully launched a new three year-long

European regional development funded programme called Inspiring Agritech Innovation (IAI) www.farm491.com/iai. This programme provides a comprehensive range of business support activities to aspiring agritech entrepreneurs to develop, launch and grow their ventures into sustainable businesses.

Agritech companies also have access to spacious, secure and practical workshop facilities, where they can research, create and test their products. These workshops are located at our Rural Innovation Centre (RIC) at Harnhill Manor Farm, just 10 minutes drive from the RAU campus.

The Farm491 project has access to 491 hectares of nearby farmland across five farms which gives you an excellent opportunity to learn in the field:

- Harnhill Manor Farm, an integrated livestock and cropping system associated with an organic outdoor pig herd
- Coates Manor Farm, arable cropped
- Fossehill Farm, an equestrian centre with stabling and livery facilities
- Access to Kemble Farms Ltd, a 900-cow all-year-round large dairy complex
- Access to Leaze Farm, a 300-cow autumn block calving herd

Find out more about our farms on page 14.

Farm491 membership is free to any full fee-paying RAU student wishing to start an agritech business.

Find out more
www.farm491.com
www.rau.ac.uk/ruralskills

Rural Innovation Centre (RIC)

This multi-functional facility provides an invaluable on-farm resource for our students.

Based at Harnhill Manor Farm, the RIC offers teaching, training and event rooms, a demonstration area, a machinery workshop, laboratory facilities, community space and meeting rooms. It also provides external training capacity.

Courses on offer here cover arboriculture, crops and pesticides, estate maintenance, health and safety, livestock, machinery, pest control, vehicles and workshop practices, and livestock short courses. All courses carry accreditations from awarding bodies such as: BASIS, LANTRA, NPTC City & Guilds, AMTRA, ROMs and UKRS.

Enterprise

We place a strong emphasis on entrepreneurialism, creating opportunities for our students to develop their own business ideas and receive tailored support.

From student societies to organised workshops and awards, budding entrepreneurs can benefit from the bountiful knowledge and experience of their lecturers, and the strong industry links the University has carefully cultivated over the years.

Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Our award-winning Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Programme (EEP) provides an inspiring and supportive environment in which our students can share, develop and launch their ideas. We have become just the sixth university to be made a Centre of Excellence by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (IOEE). The RAU is the only small, specialist university to gain this prestigious accreditation, awarded for leading-

edge enterprise practice and for making the development of students' entrepreneurial skills a priority.

Guided by lawyers, marketing professionals and accountants, students from all courses and years have the chance to realise their aspirations in a professional and rewarding environment.

As well as acting as a springboard for the business leaders of tomorrow, our celebrated programme has attracted the support of business leaders and PR sponsors across the UK, enabling our students to take part in networking events, regular challenges, enterprise workshops, mentoring services, work placements and inspirational talks.

Find out more

www.rau.ac.uk/enterprise
www.cotswoldhills.org.uk

Nominated in the 2018 Guardian University Awards in the Employability and Entrepreneurship category

“The University’s Enterprise Programme really helped me to develop my ideas, as well as a proof of concept and a business plan that was really scalable.”

Alex Dunn, BSc (Hons) Agriculture graduate, winner of the 2018 Grand Idea Competition and ‘Agriculture Student of the Year’ at the 2018 Farmers Weekly Awards



Grand Idea Competition Winners 2018 – Alex Crawley (left) and Alex Dunn (right)

82%

Success rate for businesses, compared with 44% nationally*
*Office for National Statistics 2018

90

start-up enquiries received each year



Social Enterprise Project

Students can get involved with the University’s social enterprise projects, ‘Muddy Wellies’ ale, ‘Cotswold Hills’ honey and also ‘Cotswold Hills’ wine which is produced from the University’s vineyard. These projects provide real life business experience for students and the proceeds go to our First Steps and Next Steps funds, supporting budding student entrepreneurs.

Workshops

Tailored to each level of the start-up journey, these informative workshops are designed to provide students with the practical information they need to start their business.

Competitions

We run many business competitions which encourage our budding entrepreneurs. Our ‘Think it’ challenge allows students to submit a two-minute filmed business pitch. For those with more established business ideas, we hold our annual Dragons’ Den Style Grand Idea business plan competition. Students present to an expert judging panel in the hope of winning £1,000 to invest into their business, as well as around £2,500 worth of in kind business support prizes.



“If you are a young person thinking about university I would definitely recommend the Royal Agricultural University. It has history but at the same time students here have great mentors and teachers – it starts there.”

Levi Roots
Founder, Reggae Reggae Sauce and RAU Grand Idea Competition Judge

Enterprise Society

Our student Enterprise Society provides the social side to the Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Programme. The society meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan events, and organise trips to entrepreneurial businesses. Recent speakers include; William Chase (Founder: Tyrrells and Chase Distillery), Levi Roots (Founder: Reggae Reggae Sauce) and Julian Dunkerton (Founder: Superdry).

Mentoring

Our mentoring programme has been going for many years and provides students with external guidance to help them progress their business. Students find it extremely useful in helping develop their business ideas.

First Steps Fund

Our First Steps Fund provides students, staff, and recent alumni with proof of concept funding of up to £250 to help them test their business idea.

Next Steps Fund

The Next Steps Fund provides students with the opportunity to apply for up to £1,000 of funding to help them overcome a barrier faced by their business.

Ask the expert

We invite professionals and industry experts to meet with our students on a one-to-one basis to discuss starting their own business.

Business incubation

There are desk and meeting spaces available within the Growth Hub for students running their own business alongside their degree. The space provides a professional environment from which to run a business and the opportunity to interact with, and become a part of, our start-up community.

Resources

As well as a well-stocked library, IT facilities and spaces for socialising and study, students also have access to a range of farming systems through the RAU farms and Rural Innovation Centre; providing a real-world, real-time experience of the land-based sector.



myRAU is our new app that brings together different RAU systems into one customisable tiled interface.

IT facilities

Here at the RAU, we know IT is an integral part of our students' lives, both for learning and research, and also for relaxing and communicating with family and friends.

Students are able to bring their own laptops, tablets and smartphones and use our network for academic purposes and for personal internet access. Free copies of Microsoft Office 365 are available for downloading onto these devices.

We have four computer rooms, one open 24 hours a day, while Wi-Fi access is available across the whole campus (including all accommodation blocks), so our students have access to a high speed internet connection from any computer, anywhere on campus.

Our students have their own printing accounts, with black and white and colour printers available in the library and the computer rooms, to which they can also print from their own devices.

With over 140 Windows PCs available, all with Microsoft Office 365, Genstat, SPSS, Read and Write 9, and Mindgenius (to name just a few applications), there are plenty to go around. We also provide a wide range of specialised software, including geographical information systems and agricultural management packages.

All lecture presentations and other teaching resources are available on Gateway, our virtual learning environment, which students can access from anywhere in the world, at any time of the day or night.

Library

The RAU library is the central information resource for students on all courses. You will find a wealth of information, either in print or online, plus a dedicated team of library staff ready to help you with your research needs.

Our services

- One-stop search (find it @ RAU)
- Self-issue / renew / return
- Cashless payments
- Inter-library loans
- Online library help
- Inductions, workshops, and one-to-one advice
- Access to a network of HE Libraries

Our collections

- 24/7/365 access to over 140,000 e-books and e-journals
- Hundreds of print journals and newspapers
- Market research databases
- University archive and special collections

Our facilities

- Quiet study spaces
- Collaborative learning area
- Full Wi-Fi coverage



Our Farms and Livery

You can benefit from a Livery and 491 hectares of practical learning space right on your doorstep. All our farms and the livery stables are located near the main campus and provide an ideal field laboratory for students and staff.

Incorporating a range of different farming systems, our farms demonstrate a mix of enterprises.

Coates Manor Farm and Harnhill Manor Farm offer a variety of different farming systems. We also offer an equestrian centre with stabling and livery facilities at our Fossehill Farm.

All the farms are run on a commercial basis and our students benefit through access to their physical and financial data.

The mix of enterprises across the farms include cattle, sheep, outdoor organic pigs, horses and arable. Students also have access to dairy farms. These various enterprises are used for farm classes, demonstrations and projects as well as a focus for research. Field and plot trials are undertaken on the farms by commercial companies on an ongoing basis and there are several demonstration and trial areas.

The University farms are part of the Higher-Level Stewardship Scheme and are committed to enhancing the environmental value of their holdings.

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/farms



Harnhill Manor Farm

Harnhill Manor Farm is an example of an integrated livestock and cropping system, part of which is managed organically. It is associated with a 120-sow outdoor organic pig herd, managed as a joint venture with a local business partner. In addition, a mule, Lleyn ewe breeding flock is kept under a conventional farming system together with a calf rearing enterprise. Arable cropping is rotated with forage crops, grown to support the livestock and to facilitate an effective rotation to underpin the management of a mixed farming system.

Coates Manor Farm

Coates Manor Farm is predominantly arable cropped, with some pasture land supporting the equine activity. We currently grow feed and milling wheat, oilseed rape and spring malting barley.

Fossehill Farm Stabling

Fossehill Farm is adjacent to Coates. In addition to providing livery stabling for students, exercise facilities are also available. The stabling is set out over eight barns and features a 1,000m all-weather exercise track and an outdoor arena.

Kemble Farms Ltd

This large dairy complex, just half a mile from the main campus, provides outstanding opportunities for our students, allowing access to observe the commercial management of a high yielding 900-cow, all-year-round calving dairy unit.

Leaze Farm

To provide a contrast, students have access to this 300-cow autumn block calving herd, utilising a grass-based system.



Support

Students are at the heart of everything we do and ensuring that you have a positive experience during your time here is our number one priority.

One of the advantages of being a small university is that there is ample resource to go around, with committed staff such as personal tutors, who make themselves available on a one-to-one basis. From drop in services to professional support, our priority is our students' success. It's a caring ethos that our student community share in the form of their own peer support group, known as STARS.

At the RAU you are not on your own; there is always someone to support you. Our dedicated student advice and support network are committed to looking after your physical, mental and emotional health throughout your RAU journey.

Wellbeing

We want all our students to feel that they have the support they need to thrive during their time with us, which is why we offer a flexible wellbeing drop in service to all students, Monday – Friday in the Student Support Services centre. These sessions offer support, information, and advice for a wide range of issues from finance to stress management and mental health.

Student Support Services Manager

Our Student Support Services Manager is always on hand to support you with any queries or difficulties that may arise and will signpost you to specialist provision if required.

Counselling service

Counselling is a confidential place for you to explore and understand your personal or study-related concerns with professional support. This may take the form of a one-off session, ongoing work with a counsellor, or signposting to other agencies as appropriate. The Student Counselling, Health and Wellbeing Officer is based in the Student Support Services centre.

Medical provision

The University Health Centre is conveniently located on campus should you need medical attention for illness or accident during your time here. The University Nurse is available via a regular drop in facility and you will have access to a GP and a nurse, alongside a dedicated Sexual Health Professional. Prescriptions can also be obtained from the Health Centre.

Students are advised to register with the local doctor's practice in order to access the on campus service.

Chaplaincy

The University is home to students and staff from a diverse range of faith groups, and provides a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for all. In addition to the Chapel, we also have a faith and reflection room for the use of all faiths and none, with the Chaplaincy Assistants offering a multi faith contact point.

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/university-life/support-and-wellbeing

“The support from fellow course mates, the lecturers and the Student Support Services team is incredible.”

Caitlin Steadman
 MSc Rural Estate Management

Advice for dyslexic or disabled applicants

Our goal is to support each and every student and ensure they have a rewarding experience from start to finish.

The University actively welcomes applications from students with dyslexia or other impairments recognised under the Equality Act and promises to consider your application solely on academic grounds. We have designed our courses to be accessible to as wide a range of potential students as possible.

Please let us know about your dyslexia, disability or other learning difference as early as possible to ensure we can support you and have provision for your needs in place when you arrive. As some of our degrees are vocational, some modules do require physical activity or visual skills to complete them successfully.

To ensure you get the recognition and support you require from the start of your first semester, it is important that you send through your assessment evidence and apply for a Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) at your earliest convenience.

Find out more
www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

Medical or physical disability

For any other disability, please send a copy of a consultant's diagnosis or similar direct to our Disability Officer when you accept the offer of a place at the RAU enable@rau.ac.uk.

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

UK students are advised to apply for a Disabled Students' Allowance as soon as the Student Loan portal opens. This is free, non-means tested support for dyslexia or a disability.

Dyslexia

We have an excellent track record of supporting the needs of students with dyslexia or other forms of specific learning differences and aim to be 'dyslexia friendly' in all our teaching and learning environments. Please send a copy of your diagnostic assessment (which must be from after your 16th birthday and by an educational psychologist or similar) direct to our Disability Officer as soon as you accept the offer of a place. You will then have access to copies of teaching materials in advance, 25% extra time in examinations and access to our Dyslexia Tutor to help you develop your learning skills.

Contact our Disability Officer
enable@rau.ac.uk



Students' Union

Student life isn't just about studying; the Students' Union (RAUSU) is dedicated to helping you make the most of your time at the RAU, from sports clubs and societies to social events and charity fundraising.

There are over 30 different clubs and societies to join including rugby, hockey, tennis, African Caribbean Society, Enterprise Society, and many more. Many of the teams compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sports League (BUCS). There is also a range of facilities for sports, both on and off campus, including a gym, an all-weather pitch and table tennis tables.

There are plenty of opportunities to socialise throughout the year with events like the summer ball and organised activities including film nights, sports tasters and trips off campus.

The RAUSU is also your student voice at the University. Officers sit on numerous committees and allow the students to have an influence on developments across campus, whether that be academic or operational. You can elect your fellow students to fulfil roles such as Campaigns and Wellbeing Officer, Sports Officer and Postgraduate Officer. You could even get involved yourself!

Follow
the Royal
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Students'
Union on Facebook



Horse riding



Choir



Football



Netball



African Caribbean Society



Rugby

Clubs and societies include:

- Archery
- African Caribbean Society
- Board Games Society
- Brewers' Club
- Caledonian Society
- Chaplaincy
- Choir
- Christian Union
- Croquet
- Engineering
- Enterprise Society
- Environmental Society
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Fishing
- Food and Wine Society
- Football
- Hockey
- Horse riding
- Lacrosse
- Netball
- Polo
- Racing club
- Real Estate Society
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Running club
- Shooting
- Snow sports
- Ski trip
- Team chasing
- Tennis
- Young Farmers Club

Not seen what you're looking for?
You can also start up your own
club or society.

Living

Whether you choose to live on campus surrounded by the rolling hills of the Cotswolds, or off campus in the heart of Cirencester, the RAU is a place you can call home. Located on one large site in 25 acres of picturesque countryside, with a population of around 1,200 students, we are more like a community than a campus.

The Cirencester campus is an integral part of the town, which offers a thriving cultural hub. There is a wide range of accommodation available to suit all tastes and budgets.



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

Bookie Ezeomah
MSc Sustainable
Agriculture and Food
Security



Accommodation

There are three accommodation areas within the University campus that are ideal for postgraduate students.

Woodlands Lodge

Woodlands Lodge 1 is a catered block with a mixture of postgraduate students and students who request a quiet block. All the rooms are large en-suite, there is a lounge on the ground floor, and a small kitchenette.

Vic Hughes

Vic Hughes 1 is a self-catered block with a mixture of postgraduate students and students who request a quiet area. All the rooms are single en-suite, there are lounge areas on each floor and fully-equipped kitchens are shared by five or six students.

Garden House

Garden House offers quiet, catered accommodation for overseas and postgraduate students. All of the rooms are standard single, with shared bathroom facilities, a student lounge and a kitchen.

Off campus accommodation

If you would prefer to live off campus, please visit the RAU student lettings website www.urbanfox.info

For further information contact our dedicated Accommodation Team on 01285 889823.

Want to live off campus?
visit www.urbanfox.info

Accommodation includes:

- Meals seven days a week throughout the tenancy (except Vic Hughes) – the RAU is happy to cater for specific medical or religious requirements
- Regular servicing of rooms
- Electricity and heating
- Night security
- Wi-Fi and internet points
- TV aerial point
- Bed, desk, wardrobe, bookshelf and bedside table
- Bed linen
- Car parking
- Free shuttle bus which runs regularly to and from the town centre and Harnhill Manor Farm

The University surgery, launderette, café, restaurant and shop, as well as ample parking facilities are all located on campus.

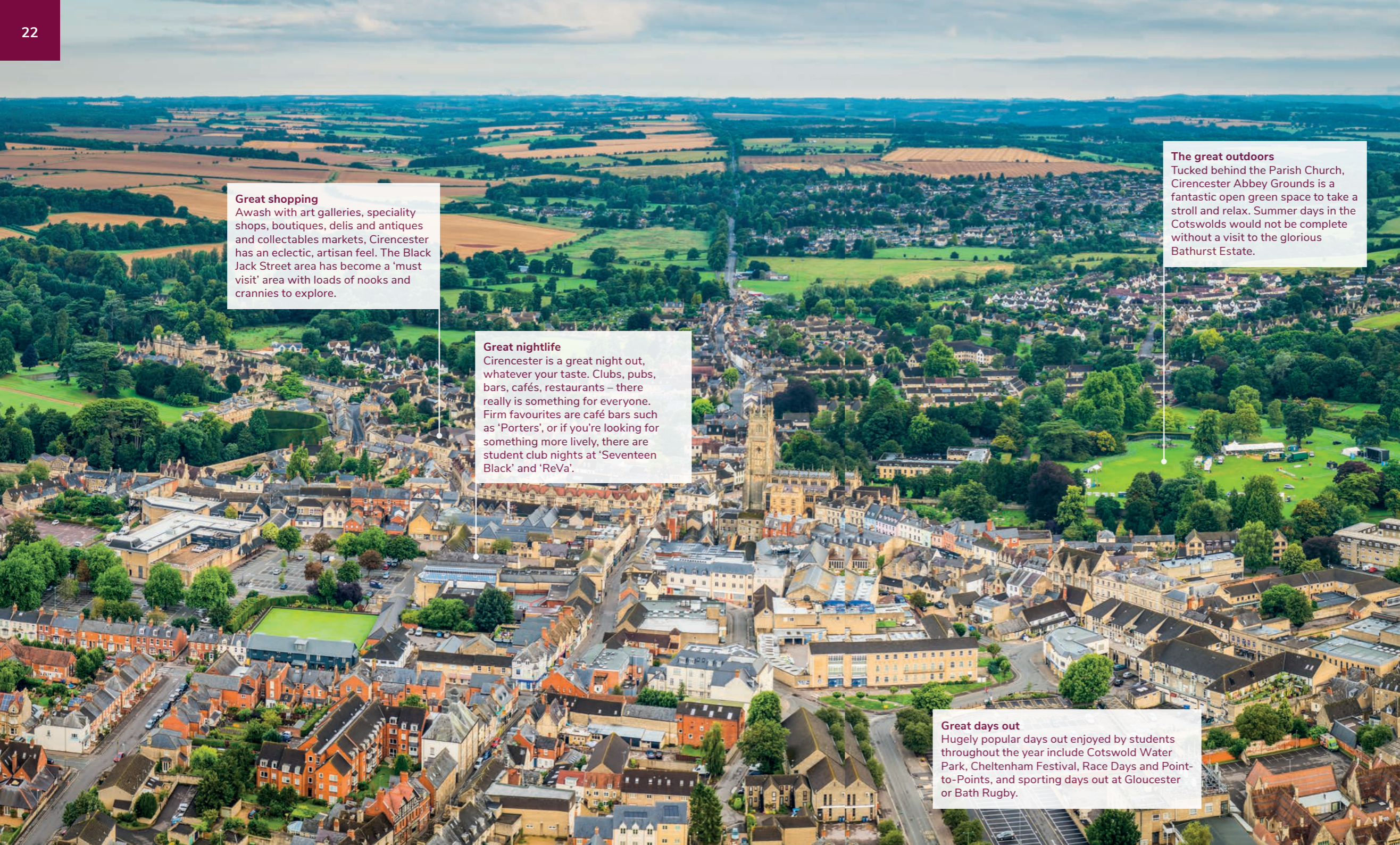
Application

All applications will be made through the myRAU applicants portal. You will receive instructions on how to access the portal once you have been offered a place to study at the RAU.

Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: applications for accommodation will not be processed until a place on a course has been offered, and the deposit has been received.

Take a look at where you could live
visit www.rau.ac.uk/accommodation



Great shopping

Awash with art galleries, speciality shops, boutiques, delis and antiques and collectables markets, Cirencester has an eclectic, artisan feel. The Black Jack Street area has become a 'must visit' area with loads of nooks and crannies to explore.

Great nightlife

Cirencester is a great night out, whatever your taste. Clubs, pubs, bars, cafés, restaurants – there really is something for everyone. Firm favourites are café bars such as 'Porters', or if you're looking for something more lively, there are student club nights at 'Seventeen Black' and 'ReVa'.

The great outdoors

Tucked behind the Parish Church, Cirencester Abbey Grounds is a fantastic open green space to take a stroll and relax. Summer days in the Cotswolds would not be complete without a visit to the glorious Bathurst Estate.

Great days out

Hugely popular days out enjoyed by students throughout the year include Cotswold Water Park, Cheltenham Festival, Race Days and Point-to-Points, and sporting days out at Gloucester or Bath Rugby.

Inspiring surroundings – Cirencester

Capital of the Cotswolds

Thriving student town

Buzzing social scene

Stunning campus dating back to 1845

Close-knit community

Safest University in England and Wales 2018

'The RAU is great being next to a busy town, it's only a short walk to local pubs, shops and parks. It's a good reason to explore the capital of the Cotswolds, with lots of little hidden gems. You will soon find your favourite place to eat and drink and explore!'

Harry Butson

RAU Students' Union Young Farmers Club Chairman

Your journey starts here

Cirencester is a thriving cultural hub. With plenty of restaurants, country pubs, unique boutique shops and popular night spots, it's easy to see why so many students never want to leave – even after graduating.

Our stunning campus, which is walking distance to the historic town of Cirencester, is surrounded by beautiful Cotswold countryside and is within striking distance of urban adventure. Bath, Bristol, Oxford and Cheltenham are all within an hour of the University and London is less than 90 minutes away by direct train.

The bustling market town has an eclectic, artisan feel popular with all ages. Explore the Bathurst Estate, Abbey Grounds, Black Jack Street, Market Place, Brewery Arts Gallery and the Corn Hall indoor market, or head to Cheltenham or the fashionable designer outlet villages in nearby Swindon and Bicester to grab a bargain.

The RAU runs a free shuttle bus to Cirencester town centre, just one mile from the University campus, as well as a special route to Harnhill Manor Farm. Students living off campus can also catch the bus to and from University, as the route covers areas in Cirencester which are popular with students.

Why not join us and make the 'Capital of the Cotswolds' your home from home?



Exploring the area



Local shopping



Forest of Dean Adventure



Coffee shops

'Each weekend is different at the RAU. Coffee and cake at one of the independent coffee shops in town is always a favourite activity.'

Imogen Proctor-Coughlin
BSc (Hons) International
Business Management



Cotswold Water Park

'Cirencester is a wonderfully quirky place to explore; the Roman town is full of amazing little lanes with lots to discover, and fabulous places to eat and drink.'

Aimee Clappison
RAU Students' Union Administrator



Many students enjoy swimming in natural spring water at the park Lido, the oldest open-air swimming pool in the UK dating back to 1869.



The Cotswold sheep are famously known as 'The Cotswold Lion'. They once provided wool for half of England's cloth.



Popular student haunts include 'The Tunnel' and 'The Wild Duck' offering delicious pub grub and local ales – including the University's own 'Muddy Wellies' Beer!



Find out more
[www.rausu.co.uk/
activities/love-ciren](http://www.rausu.co.uk/activities/love-ciren)



International Support

Join a diverse community and become part of a network for life.

When the RAU opened as a College in 1845, its first cohort of students totalled 25. We now have a diverse community of around 1,200 students from around 40 countries. Our goal is to nurture people's enthusiasm for the environment, and to help them make a difference by developing their skills and their perspective.

The RAU has links around the world. Students from many different countries study here, travelling from as far afield as Australia, Canada, China, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa, the USA, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe amongst others. Overseas universities, government bodies and organisations have forged strong connections with the RAU since its early days. Former students have gone on to work for governments, influential companies and set up their own businesses.

We understand that you may or may not have previously lived or studied in the UK and could need some additional support. We will provide you with advice and guidance from initial enquiry, right through to application and enrolment. Once you arrive at the RAU, you can enjoy a thriving student

community and benefit from a strong support network of international students. Our goal is to support all our students and ensure they have a rewarding experience from start to finish.

International Orientation

This programme is designed for non-UK students who will be starting their degree in the autumn. It provides an opportunity to get settled on campus just before term starts, make friends, explore the local area and places of interest, such as Oxford, Bath, or London. The English for Academic Purposes sessions work on both oral and written academic English skills to prepare you for university study in the UK.

The cost of the International Orientation programme is approximately £350 and is inclusive of accommodation, meals, entrance fees and an airport pick-up and arrival service.

Accommodation

All international students have the opportunity (subject to availability) to live on campus. Please make sure that you apply for your accommodation as soon as you receive your offer letter.

Find out more about Cirencester on Page 22.



“There was not once I felt out of place as I was always surrounded by friendly students and staff. With the help of supportive lecturers, I managed to get a placement at NSF International, and this experience of working with a global organisation greatly increased my prospects of building a solid career.”

Juanita Prempeh
MSc Food Safety and Quality Management

Find out more visit www.rau.ac.uk/international-orientation

English language requirements

All students are required to hold a recognised English language qualification of at least GCSE grade C (grade 4 for new GCSEs) or an equivalent standard before they apply for a Student Visa. For students whose first language is not English, the University will accept International English Language Test (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5 average with no element below 5.5 taken within the past two years, and in some cases other equivalent recognised English language qualifications which meet B2 level.

Visas and immigration

The University helps all international students with their visa applications. This support is provided free of charge and the RAU has a high success rate in obtaining student visas for its students. Although it is your responsibility to check the requirements for entering the UK as a Tier 4 student and to secure the documentation required for your visa application, the RAU will provide visa and immigration support and practical advice throughout the application process.

Please note: The University does not sponsor students under Tier 4 for part-time study.

Bursaries, scholarships and awards

Details of bursaries, scholarships, and awards can be found on page 62.

Student support

All postgraduate students from the UK and overseas benefit from a well-established support network.

Our highly trained team of specialist welfare, liaison, international support, and disability officers work alongside personal tutors, chaplains, and medical staff at the University surgery to make sure students broaden their knowledge in a supported environment.

Full details on student support, and information for disabled and dyslexic applicants, can be found on pages 16 and 17.

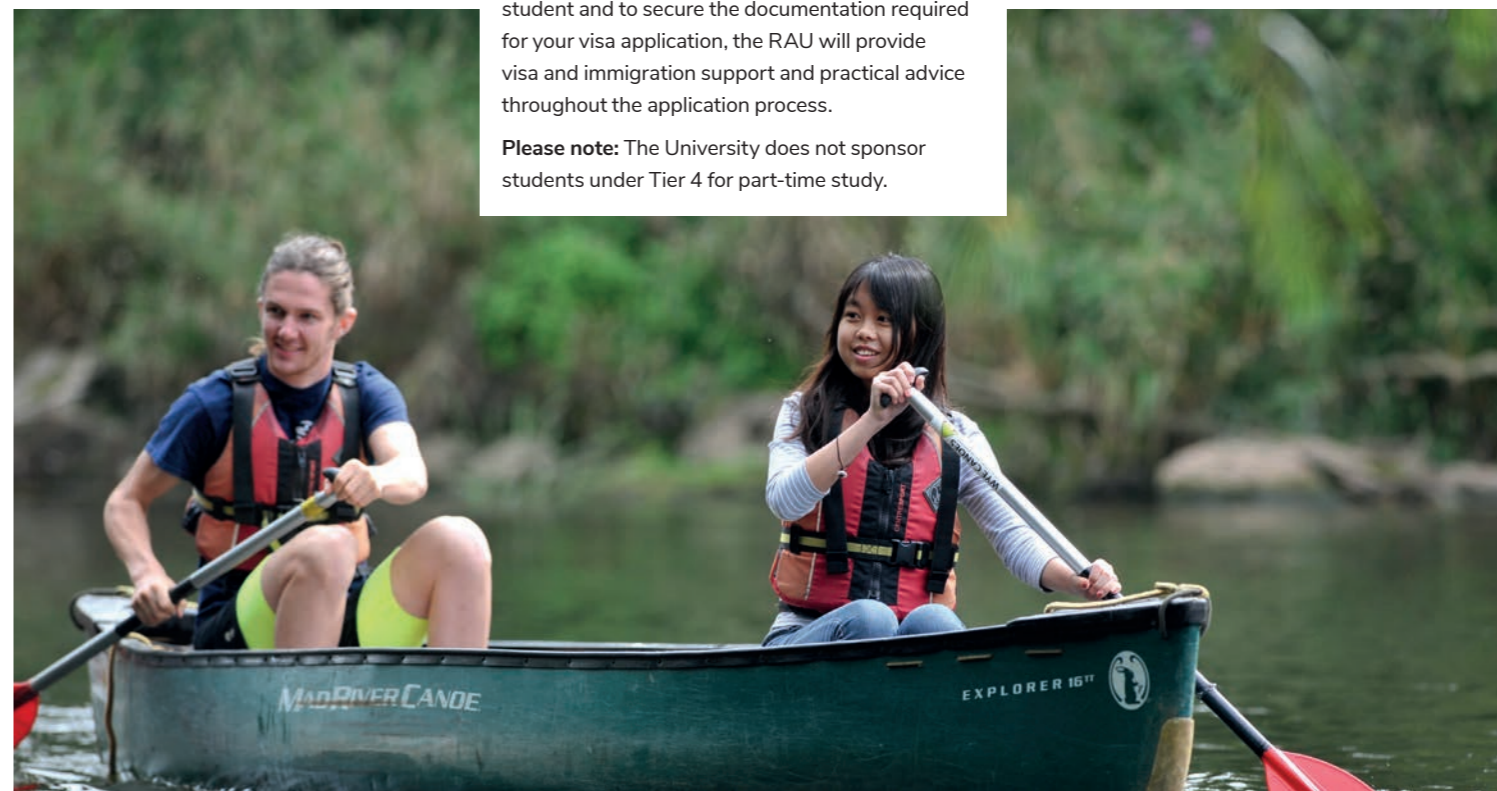
For admissions details and how to apply turn to page 63.

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*CEOWORLD magazine
Best Global Universities Ranking 2019

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Our courses

Agriculture

MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation
MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy
Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

Business and Enterprise

MSc Business Management
MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture

Real Estate

MSc Real Estate

Rural Estate Management

MSc Rural Estate Management

Research

MScR and PhD degrees

The Cultural Heritage Institute at RAU Swindon

MBA Cultural Heritage Leadership
MSc Archaeological and Heritage Practice
MSc Historic Environment Management
MSc Historical Archaeology
MSc Landscape Archaeology

MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation

Full-time or part-time

Course manager
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Entry requirements
The standard minimum entry requirements apply.
Please see page 63 for full details.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Dr Hugh Martin's experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/HughMartin

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-ati

Anyone wishing to start a career in this emerging industry, or for the entrepreneurial among you, this course will help you discover all that you need to know to succeed.

Mechanisation, automation, data capture and processing, along with new biological technologies, are becoming increasingly important in the production and management of animals, crops and the natural environment.

The course offers the chance for you to learn and develop the skills to take you to leading positions in companies designing innovative technological solutions.

As well as learning about data processing, advances in horticultural technology and the regulatory framework of GM crops, you will address real-world problems using innovative solutions that have earned our graduates the praise of being confident, competent and highly motivated.

Students are given free access to the University's Farm491 facility, an innovative agritech business incubator which provides support to agritech businesses for the promotion of technology and innovation within the sector.

Career prospects

Graduates go on to pursue careers within:

- The high-tech agricultural and environmental sectors
- Industries allied to crop and animal production
- Technical consultancy
- Government and international agencies
- The development of new companies through entrepreneurial initiatives

Potential career pathways include:

- Agricultural and horticultural engineering
- Information technology
- Resource appraisal
- Agronomy
- Farm management

Course structure

The course may be studied full-time over 12 months, or part-time over two years.

Students will study six taught modules, followed by a Research Project, which is extended out over the summer period, potentially as a placement, to be completed by the following September.

In the Research Project, students have the opportunity to further engage with real-world problems, to find solutions to current issues, and experience the working world of new technologies in animal and crop production and the natural environment.

Modules are assessed primarily by coursework. Some modules have an examination, including viva voce, as part of the assessment.



Modules

- Crop Production Technology
- Livestock Production Technology
- Production Resource Management
- Environmental Technologies
- Computing and Information Technology in Precision Agriculture
- Business Development in the Agritech Sector
- Research Project

Course modules are subject to change.
The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.

“The course manager and academic staff gave me an exceptional amount of support. Without any doubt, this MSc gave me so much more than I ever expected.”

Name: Xinghao Zhou
Course: MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation
Career: PhD at University of Warwick

I obtained my BSc (Hons) degree at the RAU as a transfer student from Beijing University of Agriculture. During my study, I explored several research areas, which included plant pest entomology, pesticide science and biochemistry. Before graduation I started to pursue some suitable MSc courses which would

spread my mind and inspire me, and I found the MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation at the RAU achieved this. During the programme, I gained transferable skills and methodology which helped me to secure a PhD position at the University of Warwick in the structure biology lab, focussed on auxin transfer

factor and new generation synthetic auxin herbicide development. The course manager and academic staff gave me an exceptional amount of support. Without any doubt, this MSc gave me so much more than I ever expected.



Industry endorsement

UK agriculture has recently seen an explosion of interest in the use of precision farming tools to target the right inputs at the right time, for improving crop output and farm profits. This degree will equip you with knowledge of the varied technological and precision farming tools that are being used by different agricultural companies, how they work, and what their practical applications are.

At challenging times for UK agriculture, innovation must be the key to long-term farm sustainability. An understanding of the essential role that technology can play in targeting inputs and planning for the whole farm system will be a necessary part of farm management in the future.

Dr Syed Shah, R&D Manager, Agrii

MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

Full-time or part-time

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Entry requirements
Standard minimum entry requirements apply.
Please see page 63 for full details.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Dr John Conway's experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/JohnConway

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-safs

Increasingly large swathes of the globe are beset by resource constraints and environmental uncertainty, exacerbated by climate change, which requires a radical shift in our production and consumption habits. This course will equip you with the specialist knowledge and skills that are urgently needed by governments, NGOs, commercial companies and farms of all sizes, as they respond to some of today's biggest challenges.

If you're driven by a desire to shape public and political attitudes, this is the ideal environment in which to develop a strategic and operational mind-set in a way that will expand your own opinions and those of global decision-makers.

You will delve into critical issues such as the human exploitation of the Earth's resources, poverty alleviation and food security, the ethical and cultural implications of policy development, the ecological basis for sustainable agricultural development, and critical capacity building approaches.

Our renowned lecturers and researchers will guide you through theoretical study and practical exercises that will prepare you for a successful career.

Career prospects

Our graduates have gone on to enter production, policy, research and consultancy careers in the agricultural and food quality sector within:

- International organisations – United Nations (UN), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) etc.
- Government departments in various countries
- NGOs internationally – Environment Agency, National Farmers Union (NFU), Country Landowners Association (CLA) etc.
- Research institutes
- Universities
- Commercial companies worldwide

Course structure

The course may be studied full-time over 12 months or part-time over two years.

Modules will be taught in 15-week semesters. Students will study four core modules in the September semester, followed by the final core module and three elective modules in the February semester. The Research Project is carried out over the summer to be submitted in September.

The Research Project, which focuses on a topic related to one of the key themes of the course, is presented as a review paper on the topic and a research paper.

Students will gain a broader and deeper understanding of the relevant issues through lectures, case studies, seminars and research projects.

Modules

- Integrated Agricultural Systems
- Agricultural and Rural Policy
- Poverty and Food Security
- Sustainable Management of Soil and Water
- International Rural Development
- Research Project

Plus three elective modules, selected from:

- Sustainable Agricultural Intensification
- Small Scale Farming and Local Food Supply
- Integrated Organic Systems
- Climate Change and Development
- Natural Resource Management

Course modules are subject to change.
The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



“The course is led by passionate teachers with a wide range of specialist knowledge.”

Name: Paul Jefferies
Course: MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
Career: Tea Buyer and Blender, Typhoo

Following an undergraduate degree in modern languages, I spent eight years in the tea industry, starting out as a Trainee Tea Taster, moving on to become a Tea Buyer in the strategic buying team of one of the world's largest tea companies. During this time, I visited dozens of tea estates across Africa and Asia, developing an interest in sustainable sourcing. I was looking for a Masters course to add an additional layer of academic expertise to my professional experience.

I was drawn to the MSc at the Royal Agricultural University as it combined the aspects of international development with practical agricultural knowledge. The course itself is led by passionate teachers with a wide range of specialist knowledge. The other members of the course came from broad, international backgrounds – it seemed everybody had their own personal story for pursuing the programme.

I based my Research Project on Farmer Field Schools for smallholder tea farmers in Malawi, taking knowledge gained on the course regarding agricultural extension and smallholder farming models and combining it with my professional experience in the tea industry. Since graduating, I have moved on to work for Typhoo as a Tea Buyer and Blender, where I have been working on implementing a range of sustainable sourcing projects.

MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy

Full-time or part-time

September or February start available

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Entry requirements

Standard minimum entry requirements apply.

Please see page 63 for full details.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Philip Hudson's experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/PhilipHudson

Find out more
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A dynamic course for a rapidly-changing sector, this programme has been created in conjunction with our industry partners, including the National Trust and National Farmers' Union.

Working across the agriculture and food supply chain, you will gain a deeper understanding of the sector, the challenges of the future and how they interconnect.

Policy and strategy around the areas of food and agriculture are vital for the sustainable growth of any country. This is a time of unprecedented demand for innovative solutions to sustain the flow of high quality food to more people than ever before, alongside increasing demands for traceability and provenance.

Brexit also presents an opportunity for the UK to become an important world player in the production and supply of high quality, sustainably produced food. To secure this aim, numerous opportunities will arise for highly educated business-minded people who are capable of leading British food production policy.

If you have an inquisitive mind or wish to learn these skills, this course will help you develop the knowledge you need to begin and boost a career in the agriculture and food industry. We will provide you with important industry contacts and placements within major national companies. You will have the opportunity to connect with organisations that are shaping policy; covering areas including climate change, consumer trends, post-Brexit trading terms, public health, animal welfare and future food security.

Course delivery

The course is mainly delivered online, in conjunction with short intensive learning periods on campus, which give you the opportunity to network and meet your fellow students.

With part-time and full-time options, the programme is highly flexible so that you can live at home and study in the evenings and weekends, or alongside your job.

Career prospects

This course has been carefully developed to meet skills gaps such as the ability to lead, inspire and innovate, and respond to changes in recruitment trends. Graduates are highly likely to go on to pursue a career within the food or an allied industry and a number of businesses visit the University every year to recruit new staff.

Careers could include:

- Procurement
- Quality assurance
- Market research
- Commercial or general management in the food industry
- Farm or Environmental Consultants
- Working for the Government, international agencies or NGOs
- The development of new companies through entrepreneurial initiatives.

Course structure

The course can be studied full-time over 12 months, or part-time over two years.

Eight modules will be studied, as well as a final project for which you can choose an internship within business, a consultancy project or an assignment based on a topic of specific interest to you.

There will be plenty of academic support with face-to-face live lectures and residentials, where you will discuss, challenge and create.

All students on this course will be invited to participate in at least one additional enhancement week. This optional programme is not linked to a specific module and is likely to consist of farm and site visits and invited speakers to help students consolidate and apply their learning.

Modules

The following modules will be studied

- Developing your Leadership and People Skills
- Making Sense of a Changing World
- Improving your Decision-Making with Data and Technology
- Developing Sustainable Business Strategies
- Facing the Global Challenges in Food and Agriculture
- Making a Positive Impact on Natural Environment and Rural Economy
- Delivering Trust and Integrity within the Food Supply Chain
- Analysing the Interaction of Agriculture and Food Policy with Consumers and Citizens
- Research Skills
- Either Research Dissertation or an Applied Project

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



Contributors to course design

Waitrose | Barclays | Sainsbury's | Dovecote Park
Aagri | PD Hook | National Trust | National Farmers Union
Rural Youth Europe | Landmark Trust | Pasture for Life

Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

Full-time or part-time

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Entry requirements
The standard minimum entry requirements apply.
Please see page 63 for full details.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Nigel Warner's experience and expertise.

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Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-gda

This is a unique opportunity to create your own bespoke course in a way that will help you realise your ambitions, whether you're a student or a professional looking to re-direct your career towards agricultural and associated rural industries.

Not only will you gain detailed understanding of the UK agricultural industry, you will be given practical rural skills training at our Rural Innovation Centre, based at our 491 hectare Harnhill Manor Farm.

Regular visits to farms and agricultural enterprises gives you the added opportunity of expanding your knowledge and contacts base by engaging directly with a variety of agricultural enterprises.

Career prospects

The rural land industry opens multiple career prospects for successful graduates including:

- Farm Managers
- Agricultural Commodity Sales
- Agricultural Consultants
- Agricultural Research / Trials Officers
- Farm Assurance Scheme Officers
- Project Managers

Course structure

The course may be studied full-time over one academic year, or part-time over two, three, or four years.

You will complete three compulsory modules, followed by four modules selected from a wide range of undergraduate modules allowing you to tailor the course.

As well as lectures, farm walks, and visits, you will work on case studies, assignments, and management projects.

The programme is also designed to facilitate student engagement with a wide variety of farming businesses to expand your knowledge of the UK agricultural industry.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to complete pre-course reading in order to secure a minimum basic knowledge of agriculture.

Modules

- Agricultural Management (double module)
- Farm Business Management
- Applied Agricultural Science

Plus four elective modules.

Course modules are subject to change.
The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



"The GDA course was a valuable introduction to agriculture. It gave me a strong platform of knowledge from which to build."

Name: Daniel Robertson
Course: Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

The GDA course was a valuable introduction to agriculture for me. Coming from a career in banking and with no farming background, it was initially a steep learning curve. I studied a wide variety of topics including arable, livestock, organic farming, scientific developments, countryside stewardship and farm business management. These gave me a strong platform of knowledge on which to build. Many of the modules included farm visits across a broad spectrum of enterprises and made use of the University's own farms in Cirencester.

The GDA cohort with whom I studied was a stimulating group, coming from a variety of professional backgrounds and with different levels of farming experience. The GDA may suit people looking to re-direct their careers towards agriculture or those seeking to complement existing farming experience with an academic qualification. There is also the opportunity (separate from the GDA course itself) to develop practical farming skills at the University's Rural Innovation Centre.



Alternative study pathway

You may opt to study for a Graduate Certificate in Agriculture. For this alternative qualification, you will study the core modules, but select no further elective modules:

- Agricultural Management (double module)
- Farm Business Management
- Applied Agricultural Science

The course is offered on a part-time basis, one day a week over one or two years.

£250 of rural skills training is included in the cost of the course.

Visit
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-gca

MSc Business Management

Full-time or part-time

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Entry requirements
The standard minimum entry requirements apply.
Please see page 63 for full details.

Accredited by the **Chartered Management Institute**
Dual qualification CMI Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Jonathan Brunyee's experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/JonathanBrunyee

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-bm

The business world is complex, fast-moving and exciting, and demands high-calibre employees with sound management, marketing and financial skills. The ability to manage change, risk and people, and to develop sustainable business strategies is crucial. If you wish to develop your own enterprise then creative and entrepreneurial skills are needed too.

In addition to gaining a solid business foundation, you will gain these skills through a unique mix of elective routes covering management studies, international business, food chains, farm business and equine management, rural development, tourism and events, and entrepreneurship. An independent research project, focusing on a business subject or organisation of personal interest will showcase the skills you have acquired.

Right from the start of the programme, you will benefit from a one-to-one coaching session followed by ongoing employability support. You will also gain real-world experience from visits to a range of inspiring local, regional and international companies and events, as well as hearing from guest speakers and alumni working in industry.

This is a dual qualification. Upon successful completion of the degree, you will be awarded membership and a Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership from the Chartered Management Institute, further enhancing your CV.

Career prospects

This stimulating and diverse programme offers students, with a range of interests and first degrees, a route into a successful business career. We work to ensure you develop the confidence and communication skills to make an impact in the work place.

At the end of the MSc, graduates will be well equipped to take on a leadership role within a rural or urban business setting, advance their management career or start up their own successful enterprise in a sector they feel passionate about.

Recent graduates have followed careers in wealth management, finance, marketing, farm management, equine business, consultancy and food retail.

Course structure

This course has been designed and is run by practitioners who understand global best practice within their specialism. This real-world application makes this course unique and is a core factor in the exceptional student satisfaction and feedback each year.

Full-time students study four modules in the first (autumn) semester followed by four modules in the second (spring) semester, and complete their research project over the summer.

You will learn through a mix of lectures, seminars, workshops, case studies, and tutorials. You will also get one to one support when required e.g. if you need help with a piece of work or want to take a business idea further.

Modules are assessed by individual and group coursework with minimal assessment by examination. We see constructive and timely feedback on your work as crucial to your progression.

We welcome students from the UK, EU and further afield – peer-to-peer learning and cultural exchange is a valuable part of the RAU postgraduate experience and community.



Modules

- Business Strategy
- Personal and Organisational Change
- Marketing, Planning and Strategy
- Economics and Policy
- Financial Management
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Plus two elective modules, selected from:

- Farm Business Management
- Advanced Equine Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Adaptive Management in a Complex World
- International Business
- Rural Tourism and Event Management
- International Rural Development
- Small Scale Farming and Local Food Supply
- Food Chains

Course modules are subject to change.
The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



“This graduate course has certainly been an integral part of my career so far and has helped me to enter a very competitive job market.”

Name: Harry White
Course: MSc Business Management
Career: Associate Wealth Manager

As a graduate from the Royal Agricultural University I decided the best step to take next was to continue and get my Masters Degree. The MSc Business Management course was ideal due to the range of modules being offered across all areas of business and the interesting selection of electives to choose from. I chose to do Wine Industry and International Business due to an offer to work abroad once I had passed my Masters. Having studied my undergraduate degree at the RAU, I knew of

its high reputation and the importance they place on real-world experiences.

Since graduating with an MSc in Business Management, I have moved out to Switzerland and work as an Associate Wealth Manager. I use many of the skills and experiences I gained from my time at the RAU in my day-to-day work. This graduate course has certainly been an integral part of my career so far and has helped me to enter a very competitive job market.



MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture

Full-time or part-time

September or February start available

This exciting new course is available for 2019 entry. For further details on entry requirements email admissions@rau.ac.uk

Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirements apply. Plus, a minimum of two years' work experience.

Please see page 63 for full details.

This is a new course for 2019 entry. For more information email admissions@rau.ac.uk.

Find out more www.rau.ac.uk/pg-isfa

This dynamic course has been specifically designed to enhance the skills and knowledge you need to build or boost your career, whether you are interested in business or the food and agriculture industries.

Industry partners from across the agricultural and food supply chain, including Waitrose and the National Farmers' Union, have been closely involved in the development of the programme. It has been carefully tailored to meet skills gaps and respond to changes in industry trends.

You will work closely with industry throughout your course, engaging with real-world problems, hearing from guest speakers and receiving mentoring from a relevant expert working in the field. The programme will also provide valuable opportunities to boost your professional network.

Multinational companies across business, food production, agribusiness, and the food retailing sectors are seeking employees who are equipped to solve challenges such as their supply chain. To create an effective, resilient, and forward-looking global food system, firms must strengthen their business management skills to enable them to deliver competitive offerings in a complex global market. Emerging technologies, business models and changing demands add to the complexity faced by this industry, as do a range of challenges – from managing natural resources to navigating political change.

This business management programme has been designed with these challenges firmly in mind. Strategy, use of data, people skills and marketing are embedded in a business and agricultural context making them accessible and directly relevant to what is happening in the world today. You can learn the core skills

you need to lead a business in an unpredictable and challenging environment, whether you are launching or running your own venture, looking for career progression or just entering one of these industries.

Studying with us can open doors across the world and give you access to the very latest practices in business and technology.

Course delivery

The programme is largely delivered online, in conjunction with short residential learning periods on campus which give you the opportunity to network and meet your classmates. An experienced online team has built a course packed with engaging multimedia content and opportunities to collaborate with other students.

With part-time and full-time options, it is highly flexible so you can live at home and study in evenings and weekends alongside your work.

Career prospects

- Food Retailing i.e. Buying, Merchandising and Supply Chain and Logistics.
- Management Consultancy
- Advertising and Marketing
- Public Relations
- Agricultural Banking
- Accountancy
- Insurance

Contributors to course design

Waitrose | Barclays | Sainsbury's
Dovecote Park | Agrii | FWAG | PD Hook

Course Structure

With two entry points per year in September and February, the course can be studied full-time over one year or part-time over two years.

Eight modules as well as a final project will be completed during the course; giving you the opportunity to choose an applied project related to a business opportunity or dissertation based on a topic of specific interest.

There will be plenty of academic support during residentials and during distance learning, where you will discuss, challenge and create through group discussion and forums.

Coaching will be available to all MBA students. This provides a unique opportunity for participants' personal and professional development in drawing on methods such as the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and the Analytic-Network Coaching System. To support development, enable reflection, and to evaluate application of coaching insights to organisational life, each participant will have a 'coaching credit' system comprising coaching hours to be used by the participant according to context and need. Coaching sessions will be face-to-face, by email, telephone or Skype or similar messaging platform.

You will also be invited to participate in at least one additional enhancement week. This optional programme, not linked to a specific module, will include farm and site visits as well as invited speakers to help students consolidate and apply their learning. This will be particularly valuable for full-time residential and international students.

Modules

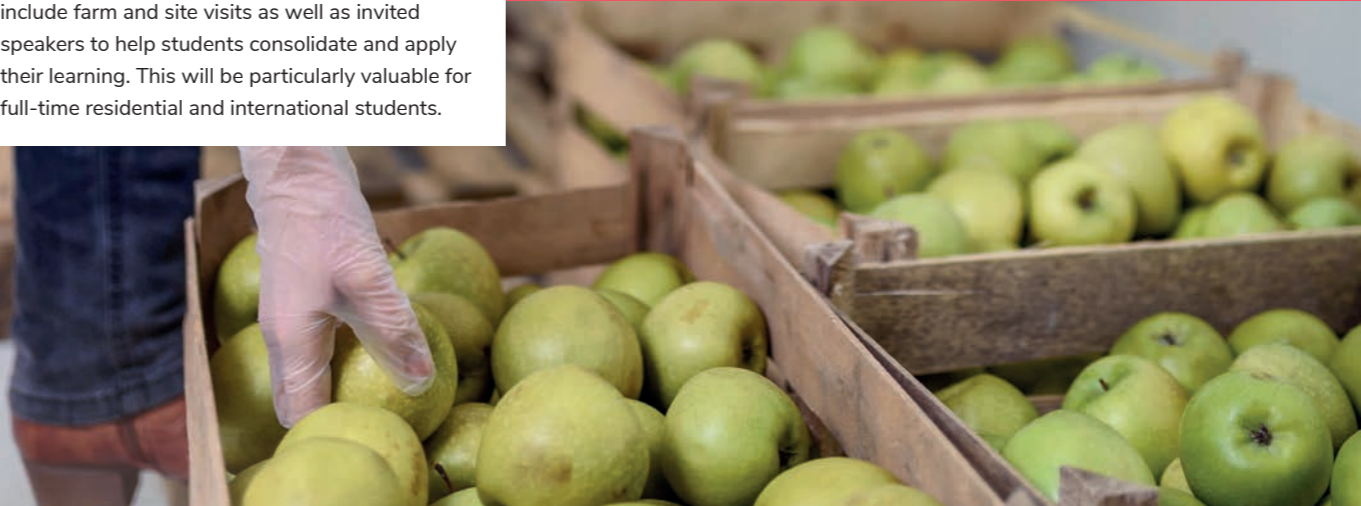
- Developing your Leadership and People Skills
- Making Sense of a Changing World
- Improving your Decision-Making with Data and Technology
- Developing Sustainable Business Strategies
- Improving your Financial Decision-Making Skills
- Marketing for Sustainable Food Systems and Agribusiness
- Managing your Food and Agribusiness Supply Chains
- Delivering Growth through Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Research Skills
- Dissertation or Applied Project

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.

Industry endorsement

The RAU certainly helped me achieve my goals with its fantastic networks and flexible forward-thinking approach to career oriented learning. I know this MBA has been carefully designed to develop the kind of candidates that agri-food businesses are looking for; namely ones with practical applied knowledge of the food supply chain in all its complexity.

John Gregson, Senior Manager Agri-Food Comms, Waitrose



MSc Real Estate

Full-time or part-time

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Entry requirements
The standard minimum entry requirements apply. Please see page 63 for full details.

Accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Meet the course manager



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Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-re

Real estate has become a global asset entity. It provides homes in communities, underpins a dynamic economy, and has significant environmental and energy security implications. To service this critical sector, industry looks for independently-minded and competent graduates with domestic and international awareness.

This rigorous and challenging programme equips students with the intellectual mind-set, vocationally orientated knowledge and professional competencies to evaluate markets, property investments and development projects. If you have professional real estate career aspirations, it prepares you to enter practice.

For those seeking a career in real estate, the RICS accredited MSc Real Estate degree provides full-time and part-time routes to complete professional status. Students gain a well-regarded mixed general practice real estate qualification, with the possibility of international, residential and other specialisms. In other sectors, a MSc Real Estate qualification differentiates you and enhances your professional standing.

After graduation, full-time students who complete two years of professional training can register for the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) and apply for MRICS designation as a Chartered Surveyor. Part-time students, if in approved relevant work, may apply for their APC registration upon enrolment to the programme.

The MSc also offers multiple opportunities for professional enrichment, including: site visits to live developments, industry guest speakers, Real Estate Society events, and the possibility of an overseas field trip (subject to numbers and at extra cost) which in recent years has included trips to Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai.



Career prospects

Real estate professionals are in great demand and the University has achieved high levels of success in placing graduates in major urban and rural real estate companies and advisory practices.

Key areas include:

- Mixed General Practice
- Agency
- Valuation
- Investment /Asset Management
- Corporate Real Estate / Facilities Management
- Residential / Social Housing
- Development / Infrastructure
- Statutory Advice
- Consultancy
- Real Estate Analysis and Research

Course structure

The MSc is studied full-time over 12 months or part-time over two years. To facilitate part-time delivery, where practicable, most lectures are concentrated on two intensive full days. However, students are also expected to undertake site visits and engage in other learning activities.

Students study nine modules including Research and one elective module. Students study four modules in the first (autumn) semester followed by four modules in the second (spring) semester. Research is taught throughout the year so students can submit their dissertation in September.

For the dissertation, students can specialise in International, Residential, Rural, Development, Finance, Heritage or other areas as agreed by the module leader and potential supervisor. Research guidance includes lectures and a research day,

involving practical classes on, for example NVivo, SPSS etc. Students engage in a blended range of lectures, live scenario case studies, site visits (including a trip to London), group assessments and technical interactive workshops. Teaching and learning takes place in small groups, and is enriched by site visits, industry speakers and a wide range of current electronic materials, including CoStar, BCIS, EGi, Argus* and RICS Red Book. You will also use Excel and statistical programs.

Working in real estate calls for good teamwork, and students develop this essential skill via interactive discussions, collaborative projects and industry exposure. Modules are assessed through case studies, research paper seminars, group presentations, online exercises, valuation computations, written reports, oral examinations, and other tasks.

**Professional Argus accreditation is facilitated via Argus Enterprise and Developer University Student Certification Packages*

Modules

Students undertake nine modules, including a Research Project.

- Real Estate Context
- Valuation Principles
- Planning Theory and Practice
- Construction and Project Management
- Professional Practice
- Applied Valuation
- Investment and Development Appraisal
- Research Methods
- Research Project

Plus one elective module, selected from:

- Asset Management
- International Real Estate

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



“The course was perfectly pitched to give me the practical experience and technical knowledge to excel in the workplace.”

Name: Peter Gibney
Course: MSc International Real Estate
Career: National Director, Jones Lang LaSalle

Following six years of teaching I decided on a career change to the property sector and sought a course which provided rounded experience in a more practical and vocational way. The MSc offered exactly that. The tuition delivered by real professionals working in the industry meant that it gave me confidence in the approach and application. The project based assessment structure and the absence of exams gave real life experience in producing reports, thinking laterally and delivering

findings both in written and verbal formats. In addition, the numerous Viva assessments we undertook proved invaluable when sitting my APC after the two years in the work place. Through the first class teaching and the experiences I was privileged to have, both in the UK and internationally, I was able to gain a place on the JLL graduate scheme. Six years later I was fortunate to have been promoted to National Director and Head of the City and East Residential team.



MSc Rural Estate Management RICS

Full-time or part-time

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Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirements apply. Students are strongly encouraged to undertake professional experience in the property sector prior to starting the course. Work experience gives students an invaluable insight into the diverse range of work undertaken by rural property managers and is also a good opportunity to make some useful contacts. Some practical farming work experience is also helpful, particularly for those students who do not come from a farming background.

Please see page 63 for full details.

Accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Meet the course manager



Find out more about David Lewis' experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/DavidLewis

If you're looking to fast track your way to a career as a Chartered Surveyor, look no further. This course, developed in partnership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), is highly regarded by the industry where our graduates go on to secure roles with national, regional and international firms, as well as for private and public property owners.

This course is aimed at those people who are wanting to qualify as a Chartered Surveyor specialising in the management of rural land and property. As well as agricultural land and woodland, farms and rural estates will often include other types of property; for example, residential dwellings and non-agricultural buildings let to other businesses in addition to water or wilderness. They often, therefore, support a diverse range of rural businesses and enterprises including farming, food production, tourism and energy generation. In addition the way in which rural land and property is managed also plays a vital role in the health of the natural environment in rural areas and also in the life of the communities within it. Land and rural property managers are therefore required to provide a wide range of advice to not only estate owners, but also farmers, tenants and rural business owners. This leads to a varied and interesting career.

To help prepare you for such a career this course covers a diverse range of subject areas including rural property law, farm and rural estate business management, and the management of the natural environment. Furthermore, due to our partnership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), most of the graduates from this course

will go on to complete the RICS 'Assessment of Professional Competence' to qualify as a Chartered Surveyor. In addition, the course can also prepare you to become a Fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers.

Career prospects

Our graduates get involved in a wide range of professional work including:

- Valuation and the sale and purchase of land and rural property
- Management and letting of land and property
- Rural planning and development of land and buildings
- Management of woodlands and the environment
- Compulsory purchase (roads, HS2, pipelines cables etc.) and compensation claims.
- Auctioneering of land, property and livestock
- Management of rural estates and farm businesses

Types of employer:

This course is highly regarded by the industry and our graduates go on to work for a wide range of land management employers across the whole of the United Kingdom. Types of employer include:

- National, international, regional, and small firms of chartered surveyors
- Large landowners such as the National Trust, county councils and utility companies
- Private estates.



Course structure

The course may be studied full-time over 12 months, or part-time over a longer period.

Students will study eight taught modules and complete a Research Project, which is carried out over the summer and submitted in September.

Students will study four modules in the first (autumn) semester followed by four modules in the second (spring) semester, and complete their Research Project by the end of September.

Students will attend lectures and group tutorials. There is also a range of practical sessions, and visits to local farms, commercial properties, and rural estates where owners, occupiers, and their professional advisors can provide additional insights into the management of rural property.

Assessed coursework features strongly throughout the course. Examinations will take place in January and June. Prior to starting the MSc, students receive reading lists and study material so that they can develop a basic grounding in study areas with which they are not familiar.

Modules

- Agriculture
- Environmental and Woodland Management
- Rural Planning and Buildings
- Farm Business and Enterprise Management
- Rural Valuation
- Rural Property Law
- Rural Policy and Implementation
- Rural Asset Management
- Research Project

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-rem



“The RAU has longstanding relationships with private estates and both regional and national surveying firms which gives fantastic prospects.”

Name: Megan Horder
Course: MSc Rural Estate Management
Career: Graduate Land Agent, Strutt & Parker

Following my undergraduate degree in Geography, I spent a year working on a private estate in Gloucestershire and following this pursued a career in Land Management. The RICS accredited MSc Rural Estate Management at the RAU stood out due to the diversity of taught modules, through both formal lectures and external visits to local farms and estates. Modules covered all the key areas needed for professional practice and provided the necessary legal foundations for day-to-day work. Many of the assignments have an emphasis on practical experience, based on problem solving and case studies.

The RAU has longstanding relationships with private estates and both regional and national surveying firms which gives fantastic prospects to anyone completing the MSc. I am working for the Land Management department in Strutt & Parker, Cirencester, working two days a week in the Estate Office on a local private estate. I have no doubt that the MSc has given me the required skill set to progress my career further in the land management industry.

Industry endorsement

Based on my experience of the course, and also feedback from graduates on the firm's graduate training programme, I feel that the MSc in Rural Estate Management prepares students well for employment. The feedback from students has been very positive, on both the quality of teaching and the course curriculum. It provides them with the technical knowledge that they require for rural property management.

Jason Beedell, Strutt & Parker, and a previous external examiner for MSc Rural Estate Management

Research degrees

The RAU has been at the forefront of agricultural education for more than 170 years, delivering educational excellence and contributing to the global agricultural sector.



“I would thoroughly recommend the RAU to anyone looking to pursue a career in research as the staff have a genuine interest in your wellbeing and always push you to achieve your full potential.”

Sarah Dolman
PhD student

From sustainable agriculture, food security, and equine science, to business, real estate, rural land management, and the rural economy, our researchers are regularly called upon by the national media for their expert opinion on a range of topical issues and policies.

Our research portfolio focuses on applied, near-market research in land-based studies. The RAU has been at the forefront of this specialist knowledge exchange since its inception in 1845. As a result, key users and a broad range of beneficiaries approach our researchers for information and advice on science and policy through consultancy or contract research proposals.

Ours is a dynamic learning environment in which our students and researchers are unified in their drive to build their knowledge and understanding for the sake of the world's future. Thanks to the efforts of our academic and research staff, University farms, research facilities and key collaborations nationally and internationally, the RAU carries out an active programme of research.

The applied research provides solutions and recommendations of real practical benefit to those working in the countryside and associated industries. We offer a range of postgraduate research degrees that should appeal to anyone interested in building on their undergraduate knowledge and skills in the land-based industries.



Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/phdres

Master of Science by Research (MScR)

This one-year full-time MSc by research programme includes training in research skills to help you effectively investigate the key challenges facing the agriculture, land management or equine industries.

The programme is completed when you submit your thesis for assessment at the end of the year and defend your research in a viva voce examination. Part-time is available over two years for UK/EU students.

Structure

The full-time Master of Science by Research programme is a one-year research project submitted as a thesis and examined in a viva voce.

- Full-time – minimum 12 months / maximum 24 months
- Part-time – minimum 18 months / maximum 36 months

Training

Research students receive training in formulating research enquiries, critical reading, scientific writing, research methodology, statistics (e.g. Genstat, SPSS, NVivo), as well as lecturing skills. Researchers will contribute to internal seminars and present at conferences.

Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be an Honours degree at 2:1 level or an equivalent academic qualification from a comparable international institution.

Mature candidates with significant relevant work experience and lower academic qualifications may also be considered for entry, following personal interview.

For students whose first language is not English, the University will accept the International English Language Test (IELTS) with a minimum overall score of 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in Writing and no less than 5.5 in all elements.



PhD

With a range of expertise in applied research in sustainable agriculture, food chain security, agribusiness, agronomy, soil science, equine science and urban regeneration and development, the RAU provides a stimulating environment for individuals wanting to further their academic and professional careers thorough doctoral study. The RAU is committed to environmental sustainability, and so all our projects explore issues that will help farmers, horse owners, and rural businesses apply innovative techniques and models to improve output, health, and welfare while caring for the environment.

Why study at the RAU?

- Excellent job prospects for PhD candidates in both industry and academia
- Integrated structured training on research methodologies, statistics, presentation skills, and academic writing
- Range of on-farm facilities and unique established trial-plot areas to support your work
- Strong research collaborations with the University of Nottingham, Rothamsted Research, and University College Dublin allowing you access to some state-of-the-art laboratory facilities
- Our research degrees are validated by the University of Gloucestershire allowing you to interact with a large and subject-diverse postgraduate community

Current research areas include:

Agronomy and sustainable agriculture

- Wheat-bean intercropping and sustainable production systems
- Environmental challenges and food security in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Developing sustainable pest control methods
- Efficacy of farm swales in removing pesticides from surface water

Soil science

- Understanding management influences on soil organic matter
- Nutrient cycling in soil and potential for carbon sequestration

Equine science

- Behavioural probes of brain function in horses
- Evaluating energy balance in competition horses
- Forage hygiene and respiratory health in stabled horses

Urban regeneration

- Smart city modelling
- International competitiveness of Chinese construction firms
- UAE residential valuation systems audit investigation and future pathways

The University is interested in receiving applications from suitably qualified, motivated, and self-financing students wishing to undertake research at either Master of Science by Research (MScR) or Doctoral (PhD) level.

Structure

The full-time PhD is a three-year research project, submitted as a thesis and examined as a viva voce.

- Full-time – minimum 36 months / maximum 48 months
- Part-time – minimum 48 months / maximum 72 months

Please note: due to visa restrictions, part-time study is not available to international students on a Tier 4 visa.

Training

Research students receive training in formulating research enquiries, critical reading, scientific writing, research methodology, statistics (e.g. Genstat, SPSS, NVivo), and presentation skills. As part of the ongoing development programme all postgraduate students contribute to internal seminars and present their work at conferences.

Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement is a Masters degree or an equivalent academic qualification from a comparable international institution. Mature candidates with significant relevant work experience and lower academic qualifications may also be considered for entry, following personal interview.

For students whose first language is not English, the University will accept the International English Language Test (IELTS) with a minimum overall score of 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in Writing and no less than 5.5 in all elements.

The Cultural Heritage Institute at RAU Swindon

Be part of an exciting new chapter in the history of the Royal Agricultural University



For over 170 years the Royal Agricultural University has been at the forefront of education in the land-based industries. This year the University opens a fresh chapter as it expands into the exploration, understanding and management of the Historic Environment – a perfect complement to our established programmes with their emphasis on sustainable landscapes, towns, cities and businesses.

Join us as we launch the **Cultural Heritage Institute** and start building an exciting future in **archaeology, applied heritage and historic environment management**, with a ground-breaking MBA, new taught masters programmes, high level CPD and research opportunities leading to masters by research and doctorate of philosophy. The CHI will enable you to gain professional experience, build a portfolio of knowledge and skills and ultimately enhance your career.



*artist's illustration

Our postgraduate courses

MBA Cultural Heritage Leadership

MSc Archaeological and Heritage Practice

MSc Historic Environment Management

MSc Historical Archaeology

MSc Landscape Archaeology

Our Masters programmes have been developed in partnership with practitioners from across cultural heritage. Our teaching team brings together experienced university lecturers and professionals from archaeological and heritage practice including major consultancies such as Wessex Archaeology. All share an ambition to build distinctive, innovative and creative courses that will make your learning experience at CHI memorable and enjoyable.

Being in Swindon will certainly give you access to some amazing learning resources including Historic England, English Heritage, the National Monuments Archive, the National Trust and Steam – the museum of the Great Western Railway. All within a five minute walk.

This new organisation invites you to grow along with us. It is going to be an exciting journey.

RAU Swindon

RAU Swindon is the home of the Cultural Heritage Institute and will be situated in a purpose converted workshop in the railway heritage quarter of Swindon. This £1.35m investment provides modern and fully accessible facilities in an innovative learning space calculated to encourage collaboration and interdisciplinary studies. Designed by award-winning architects Metropolitan Workshop and with the generous support of Swindon Borough Council the project is a case study in sustainable, heritage-led, regeneration.

Centrally placed for easy access by rail (we are five minute walk from the railway station) and road (with the M4 on our threshold and car parking outside our front door) you should be able to reach us easily.

For further information on the CHI and our programmes please contact the Director, Dr Geraint Coles at geraint.coles@rau.ac.uk.

MBA Cultural Heritage Leadership

Subject to validation

Full-time or part-time

September or January start available

Course manager
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Entry requirements

An honours degree in archaeology, history, heritage or other related area at 2:1 level or higher together with a track record of two or more years of employment in the heritage sector or other relevant area of business.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Dr Geraint Coles experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/GeraintColes

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-chl

The MBA in Cultural Heritage Leadership has been specifically designed to enhance the skills and knowledge you need to build or boost your career in the management of heritage organisations. This course delivers a challenging and unique occupational programme that emphasises reflective and innovative leadership and business decision-making.

Industry partners from across the cultural heritage sector have been closely involved in the development of the programme. It has been carefully tailored to meet skills gaps and respond to changes in industry trends.

Our programme combines the study of conventional MBA building blocks including growing participants' knowledge of a broad base of entrepreneurial, managerial, human resource, legal and financial skills – with the exploration of specific issues facing the heritage sector at the local, national and global scale. An important focus is the development of new strategies for a changing world, such as advancing a sustainable heritage which balances the needs of communities and their cultural inheritance with the need to encourage investment and enhance economic growth.

At each stage skills are deepened and reinforced by working closely with industry, engaging with real-world problems, hearing from guest speakers and receiving mentoring from relevant experts working in the field. The programme will also provide valuable opportunities to boost your professional network.

Our graduates will develop the critical academic and business discipline skills which will enable them to analyse and lead complex organisations in a rapidly changing and increasingly international cultural heritage sector.

Course delivery

Initially based at the historic university campus in Cirencester, from [September] 2020 this course will be based at the state of the art Cultural Heritage Centre in Swindon.

The programme is delivered through a blend of intensive residential courses and online learning. The two intensive residential courses are held at RAU Cirencester. Classroom activity is accompanied by case-study visits to our partners and local world heritage sites while evening activities provide an opportunity to network and meet your classmates.

The online learning picks up where the residential courses leave off and is designed to give you access to engaging multimedia content, online group work, seminars, individual tutorials and mentoring.

With part-time and full-time options, it is highly flexible so you can live at home and study in evenings and weekends alongside your work.

Career prospects

Includes senior management roles in:

- Commercial Heritage and Environmental Consultancy
- Governmental Heritage Bodies
- Charitable Heritage Organisations
- Heritage Sites, Museums and Galleries
- Heritage Tourism
- Management Consultancy
- Development and Regeneration
- Other commercial management

Course structure

With two entry points per year the course can be studied full-time over one year or part-time over several years.

The programme has eight modules which cover the core of business management and its application to the cultural heritage sector. A further module introduces the advanced research and analysis skills used in the final project. Your final project gives you the opportunity to choose a research based dissertation, an internship within a heritage organisation, a consultancy project or an assignment based on a topic of specific interest.

There will be plenty of academic support with face-to-face live lectures and residentials, where you will discuss, challenge and create.

Coaching will be available to all MBA students, providing a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. To support development, enable reflection and to evaluate application of coaching insights to organisational life, you will have a 'coaching credit' system comprising coaching hours to be used according to context and need. Coaching sessions are available in a variety of forms from face-to-face to email and Skype.

You will also be invited to participate in optional activities including a weekly CHI Seminar Series with guest speakers drawn from across the heritage sector, and the CHI Conference Series. The conference series involves two international events, one with a heritage management focus, and the other with a culture history focus.

Industry endorsement

The programme is undertaken in partnership with Wessex Archaeology www.wessexarch.co.uk Wessex Archaeology have been closely involved in the design of the programme and several of their staff are CHI Professional Fellows.

All these activities will also be available to access online. MBA students will also be welcome to participate, either in person or via online recordings, in a range of workshops and guided site visits led by Institute staff and visiting fellows.

Modules

- Developing your Leadership and People Skills
- Making Sense of a Changing World
- Improving your Decision-Making with Data and Technology
- Developing Sustainable Business Strategies and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Improving your Financial Decision-Making Skills
- Building your Marketing and Audience Development Skills
- Facing up to Challenging Environments: Economics, Society, Politics and Policy
- Driving Change in Heritage Organisations: Entrepreneurship, Enterprise and Innovation
- Research Skills
- Either Dissertation or Applied Project

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



MSc Archaeological and Heritage Practice

Subject to validation

Full-time or part-time

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Entry requirements

Applicants should usually possess a degree in a relevant subject area at 2:2 level or higher. If you have no formal qualifications it may also be possible to join the programme based on extensive relevant work experience corresponding in level to a relevant undergraduate honours degree. In all cases entry is subject to an interview either in person or via Skype/Zoom or similar platforms.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Dr Geraint Coles experience and expertise.

www.rau.ac.uk/GeraintColes

Find out more
www.rau.ac.uk/pg-ahp

Our past is all around us. This dynamic programme is about the discovery, investigation, recording and interpretation of that past. The course is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills to work effectively in applied Archaeology and Heritage across the commercial, charitable and governmental heritage sector.

Designed in collaboration with professional archaeologists and heritage managers, and with tutors drawn from across industry and academia, this course provides a distinctive and balanced insight into the operation of the heritage sector while helping you identify and gain the knowledge and transferable skills which will boost your career.

You will benefit from a programme that critically considers contemporary issues, challenges and developments in archaeology and heritage, providing you with a robust philosophical, theoretical and ethical framework. You will gain a toolbox of skills from project management to remote sensing to the recording and analysis of historic buildings. This will help you to engage with the practice of archaeology in the UK and internationally and adapt to rapid social, economic and environmental change.

Overall the programme will prepare you for, or further develop, a career in archaeology and applied heritage through reflective practice, the growth of intellectual skills and an ethos of life-long learning. You will be able to demonstrate adaptability, initiative and originality alongside accountability, integrity and ethical judgement.

Course delivery

This programme is delivered by a blend of intensive tuition in Swindon interspersed with online learning, tutorials and the opportunity to collaborate with tutors and other students. It is a highly flexible programme designed to fit around your working life.

The CHI emphasises an exciting hands-on collaborative learning style where you are encouraged and enabled to contribute to knowledge generation and communication. The goal is to grow confidence and support your transition to a professional role.

There will be plenty of academic support with face-to-face live lectures, seminars and studio sessions where you will discuss, challenge and create. The tutors are all heritage professionals with considerable experience in both academia and the heritage sector. You will also work with, and be mentored by, our Professional Fellows who are embedded in archaeological and heritage organisations.

Career prospects

Roles include:

- Archaeological, Heritage and Environmental Consultancy
- Governmental Heritage agencies such as Historic England, Historic Scotland and Cadw
- Charitable Trusts such as the National Trust, English Heritage and the Canal & River Trust.
- Local Government Heritage Roles
- Education
- Heritage based regeneration and tourism

Course structure

The programme runs from January. It consists of eight taught modules and a dissertation or professional product.

The taught modules include four which are a compulsory core and four selected from a further eight options. Students have the choice of replacing one option module with a work-based learning project which has an agreed outcome or product. Assessments are very varied but all involve different forms of coursework.

In addition to the taught modules you will produce either an academic dissertation focusing on a particular research topic of interest to you or a professional product of comparable standard and complexity such as a site report, landscape study or a conservation management plan. In either case your dissertation allows you to showcase the skills acquired and can provide a springboard to further research or employment.

You will be encouraged to take a wide, contextual, view of Archaeological and Heritage Practice and will be aware of a wide range of pervasive issues which are expected to re-occur throughout the programme. These include sustainability, diversity, innovation, creativity, enterprise, knowledge management and risk management.



Modules

The programme is built around four core modules and a dissertation or professional product:

- Archaeology from the Earth: A Pragmatic Approach to Practice
- The Challenge of Change: Planning Law and Integrated Historic Environment Management
- Historic Environment Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Project Management and Leadership in the Heritage Sector
- Dissertation or a Professional Product such as a consultancy report.

To that students will add a further four modules from the following:

- Professional Practice Experience
- Archaeological Landscape Investigation, Survey and Recording
- The Process of Archeological Excavation from Digging to Publication
- Remote Sensing, Geophysics and the Digital Landscape
- Geoarchaeology: Earth Surface Processes and Environmental Change
- Exploring Artefacts and Materialities
- Recording and Analysis of Historic Buildings

Students may choose to substitute an agreed programme of work-based learning (either in their own role or as a placement with one of our partners) for one of the option modules.

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.

Industry endorsement

The programme is undertaken in partnership with Wessex Archaeology www.wessexarch.co.uk Wessex Archaeology have been closely involved in the design of the programme and several of their staff are CHI Professional Fellows.

MSc Historic Environment Management

Subject to validation

Full-time or part-time

Course manager
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Entry requirements

Applicants should usually possess a degree in a relevant subject area at 2:2 level or higher. If you have no formal qualifications it may also be possible to join the programme based on extensive relevant work experience corresponding in level to an undergraduate honours degree. In all cases entry is subject to an interview either in person or via Skype/Zoom or similar platforms.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Dr Geraint Coles experience and expertise.

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The Historic Environment is everything that we have inherited from the past, from historic buildings to archaeological sites, and from objects, documents and archives to oral history and song - it is our collective heritage. It is a key part of community cohesion and is the foundation of heritage tourism.

Historic Environment Management (also called Heritage Management) is concerned with the ways in which inheritance can be explored, protected, conserved, stewarded, interpreted, sensitively re-purposed and re-used. It is also about reconciling the conflicts which arise from different stakeholders' views of heritage, its uses and its future. You will develop people and management skills as well as skills around heritage itself, helping to give the past a sustainable future.

This programme builds a robust philosophical, theoretical and ethical framework while developing critical awareness of the practice of conservation and stewardship in the UK and internationally. It will tackle the issues which arise from rapid social, economic and environmental change. Through the dissertation or professional product you will grow, and demonstrate skills in creativity, adaptability, autonomy, ethics, communications, knowledge creation and the use of evidence in the analysis of complex, incomplete or contradictory areas of understanding.

You can become part of the next generation of historic environment management professionals capable of working with equal facility and sensitivity across the public, private and charitable sectors. Designed in collaboration with professionals working in Historic Environment Management this course will be of value to both

recent graduates and those in employment who are seeking to diversify their historic environment skills portfolio.

Course delivery

This programme is delivered by blended learning using intensive tuition days interspersed with guided and independent distance learning with online group work and individual tutorials and mentoring.

The programme emphasises a hands-on collaborative learning style where students are encouraged and enabled to contribute to knowledge generation. The goal is to grow confidence and support your transition into a professional role.

This programme can be taken full-time in one year, part-time in two years or by credit accumulation over a maximum period of four years. This flexible and student-centred approach is designed to fit around your working life.

The Programme Tutors are all heritage professionals with considerable experience in both academia and the heritage sector. Students will also have opportunities to work with our Professional Fellows who are embedded in historic environment organisations.

Career prospects

- Archaeological, Heritage and Environmental Consultancy
- Governmental Heritage agencies such as Historic England, Historic Scotland and Cadw
- Charitable Trusts such as the National Trust, English Heritage and the Canal & River Trust.
- Local Government Heritage Roles
- Community heritage projects
- Heritage based regeneration and tourism

Course structure

The programme consists of eight taught modules and a dissertation or professional product. Six of the taught modules form a compulsory core to which are added a further two option-modules from a slate of available courses. You will also have the choice of replacing one option module with a work-based learning project targeted at an agreed outcome or product. Module assessments are very varied but all involve different forms of course work.

In addition to the taught modules you will produce either an academic dissertation focusing on a particular research topic of interest to you or a professional product of comparable standard and complexity such as a site report, landscape study or a conservation management plan. In either case your dissertation allows you to showcase the skills acquired and can provide a springboard to further research or employment.

The programme involves extensive collaboration with governmental, charitable and commercial organisations across the heritage sector. This includes guided visits to case study locations, guest lectures, seminars and workshops, research projects and professional contributions such as mentoring. The input from heritage professionals will be invaluable in helping you develop a grounded, reflective approach to their career.

Modules

The programme is built around six core modules and a dissertation or professional product:

- The Present Past: The Idea of Heritage
- The Challenge of Change: Context, Significance, Planning Policy and Law
- Historic Environment Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Project Management and Leadership in the Heritage Sector
- Building Heritage Organisations: Vision, Strategy, Governance and Financial Management
- Working with People and Communities: Engaging and Managing Staff, Volunteers and Supporters
- Dissertation or Professional Product

To that students will add a further two modules selected from the following:

- Money and Finance: Securing Capital Grants and Growing Sustainable Revenue
- Communication Promotion and Marketing for Cultural Heritage
- Heritage and Regeneration

Students may choose to substitute an agreed programme of work-based learning (either in their own role or as a placement with one of our partners) for one of the option modules.

Course modules are subject to change. The most up-to-date course details can be found at www.rau.ac.uk.



Industry endorsement

The programme is undertaken in partnership with Wessex Archaeology www.wessexarch.co.uk Wessex Archaeology have been closely involved in the design of the programme and several of their staff are CHI Professional Fellows.

MSc Historical Archaeology

Subject to validation

Full-time or part-time

Course manager
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Entry requirements

Applicants should usually possess a degree in a relevant subject area at 2:2 level or higher. If you have no formal qualifications it may be possible to join the programme based on extensive relevant work experience corresponding in level to an undergraduate honours degree. In all cases entry is subject to an interview either in person or via Skype/Zoom or similar platforms.

Meet the course manager



Find out more about Mark Horton experience and expertise.

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The Archaeology of the Historical period covers some of the most significant global changes affecting humankind including the rise of the maritime world empires, the industrial revolution and the development of mass conflict.

This MSc in Historical Archaeology explores the period from c.1500 to 2000 and offers an exciting research-informed programme that critically considers contemporary issues, challenges and developments. It will provide you with a robust philosophical, theoretical and ethical framework for exploring the remains of the recent past. You will gain a solid grounding in an increasingly coherent and confident discipline which is international in perspective and reach.

The programme begins with a short field course which will introduce to you the core theory, practice and controversies of historical archaeology through the preliminary investigation of an historic environment. It is also a great opportunity to connect with your fellow students and the lead tutors. The programme then uses a series of detailed case studies to look at how archaeology can throw light on the emergence of the modern world system in the UK, Europe, Africa, the Far East and North America.

The course goes on to explore the analysis and interpretation of the remains of the recent past at three scales – the artefact, the building and the landscape. Students then apply these principles to, two specific areas of historic archaeology selected from; The Archaeology of Pioneer Colonies, The Archaeology of the First and Second World Wars and The Archaeology of Industry.

Learning is underpinned throughout by engagement with real objects, sites and landscapes coupled to the skills and tools needed to explore and evaluate the material remains of the

modern period. A focus on current theoretical and professional issues in the design and management of historic environment research provides the foundations and frameworks for the original research undertaken in the dissertation.

Through the programme you will prepare for, or further develop, a career or further research in historical archaeology through reflective practice, the growth of intellectual skills and an ethos of life-long learning. You will be able to demonstrate self-direction, adaptability, initiative and originality alongside accountability, integrity and ethical judgement.

Course delivery

This programme can be taken full-time in one year, part-time in two years or by credit accumulation over a maximum period of four years. Our aim is to provide very flexible learning that can be integrated into busy working lives.

The programme is delivered by blended learning using intensive tuition days interspersed with guided and independent online learning with group work, seminars, tutorials and mentoring.

Our approach to learning is hands-on and collaborative; we encourage and enable you to contribute to knowledge generation. The goal is to grow confidence and support your transition to a professional role or further research.

The Programme Tutors are all heritage professionals with considerable experience in Historical Archaeology and have specialist interests in the archaeology of colonialism, conflict and industry. Students may also have the opportunity to undertake dissertation research with our Professional Fellows who are embedded in historic environment organisations.

Career prospects

Roles include:

- Archaeological, Heritage and Environmental Consultancy
- Heritage Interpretation Consultancy
- Governmental Heritage agencies such as Historic England, Historic Scotland and Cadw
- Charitable Trusts such as the National Trust, English Heritage and the Canal & River Trust.
- Heritage Tourism
- Teaching and Education

Course structure

The programme consists of eight taught modules and a dissertation. Six of the taught modules form a compulsory core to which are added a further two option-modules from a slate of three available courses. Module assessments are very varied but all involve different forms of course work.

In addition to the taught modules you will produce an academic dissertation focusing on a particular research topic of interest to you. This allows you to showcase the skills acquired and can provide a springboard to further research or employment.

The programme involves extensive collaboration with governmental, charitable and commercial organisations working in Historical Archaeology. This includes guided visits to case study locations, guest lectures, seminars and workshops, research projects and professional contributions such as mentoring. The input from heritage professionals will be invaluable in helping you develop a grounded, reflective approach to your career.

Modules

The programme is built around six core modules and a dissertation or professional product:

- Historical Archaeology in Theory and Practice: Fieldschool
- The Emergence of the Modern World System
- Historic Environment Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Exploring Artefacts and Materialities
- Recording and Analysis of Historic Buildings
- Professional Practice Experience
- Post Mediaeval and Industrial Landscapes
- Dissertation or Professional Product

To that students will add a further two modules selected from the following:

- Archaeology of Pioneer Colonies
- Archaeology of the First and Second World Wars
- Archaeology of Industry

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MSc Landscape Archaeology

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Full-time or part-time

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The landscape is the context within which all human activity takes place. Developing the ability to ‘read’ the landscape and to understand the role of natural process and human activity in shaping that landscape through time is the focus of this course.

The rapid growth of survey and visualisation technologies is transforming the nature of landscape archaeology. At the same time there are mounting pressures on landscapes from multiple factors including agriculture, forestry, recreation, urban expansion and climate change, all of which demand an integrative approach to management and conservation.

This course will equip you with the skills and tools to respond to those pressures and offers an innovative, dynamic and research-informed programme that critically considers the idea of landscape and contemporary issues, challenges and developments in Landscape Archaeology.

You will be provided with a robust philosophical, theoretical and ethical framework for exploring, recording and managing landscapes of archaeological and heritage significance. This includes engaging with the practice of Landscape Archaeology in the UK and internationally, in the light of rapid technological and methodological change.

From this course you will gain a toolbox of skills ranging from landscape survey and recording to remote sensing, geophysics and the digital landscape. You will also be introduced to key landscape shaping processes, particularly the integrated understanding and management of ‘natural’ and ‘cultural’ elements in the landscape.

You will apply that knowledge creatively to the analysis of complex, incomplete or contradictory

areas of evidence through case-studies of complex landscapes ranging from the Prehistoric and Roman through the Mediaeval to the Post-Mediaeval and Industrial periods.

The ability to integrate investigation, understanding and management of cultural and natural landscapes is a sound preparation for careers, or further research, in landscape archaeology, heritage and history. Such skills are also highly transferable and could provide a stepping stone to careers within the wider environmental, countryside management and landward professions.

Course delivery

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Delivery is by blended learning using intensive tuition-days interspersed with guided and independent online learning supported by group work, seminars, tutorials and mentoring. It emphasises an exciting hands-on collaborative learning style where students are encouraged and enabled to contribute to knowledge generation. The goal is to grow confidence and support your transition to a professional role or to further research.

The programme tutors are experienced Landscape Archaeologists drawn from academia and professional practice supported by our Professional Fellows who are embedded in historic environment organisations.

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In addition to the taught modules you will produce an academic dissertation which will engage you in the production of new knowledge through a substantial piece of research. The dissertation will be driven by your interests and career goals – it allows you to showcase the skills you have acquired and can provide a springboard to further research or to employment.

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Modules

The programme is built around six core modules and a dissertation or professional product:

- The Idea of Landscape: Fieldschool
- Theories of Place – Landscape as Record, Artefact and Culture
- Historic Environment Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Archaeological Landscape Investigation, Survey and Recording
- Remote Sensing, Geophysics and the Digital Landscape
- Geoarchaeology: Earth Surface Processes and Environmental Change
- Dissertation or Professional Product

To that students will add a further two modules selected from the following:

- Prehistoric and Roman Landscapes
- Mediaeval Landscapes
- Post Mediaeval and Industrial Landscapes

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Fees and financial support

Fees

Academic fees cover all tuition and examination costs, excluding re-sit examinations or referred coursework.

The latest tuition fees can be found on the individual course pages on the RAU website: www.rau.ac.uk

Students may be able to apply for a postgraduate loan with Student Finance England. For more information: www.gov.uk/postgraduateloa

Please note: The University reserves the right to revise fees before the start of each subsequent academic year.

For more details

www.rau.ac.uk/pg-fees

www.rau.ac.uk/pg-funding

Alumni discount

All RAC/RAU graduates who are accepted for PG study at the RAU, and who have not previously studied at PG level, are eligible for a

20% reduction in tuition fees

Scholarships and bursaries

The University offers a wide range of generous scholarships and bursaries for postgraduate students. Details about these can be found on the website.

Financial support

Financial support is occasionally made available to students suffering unexpected and/or severe hardship. The University also supports student applications for:

- Government Postgraduate Loans www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance
- Enhanced Learning for the Armed Forces Scheme www.enhancedlearningcredits.com

Please note: these scholarships and awards are applicable for 2019 entry. Scholarships and bursaries are subject to change; for the most up-to-date information please visit the website.



Admissions

The RAU has a proud history of attracting people from all walks of life, all ages and all academic and professional backgrounds. We have an active policy of equal opportunity in the recruitment of students and staff and seek applicants from urban as well as rural backgrounds and from all cultures and faiths. We welcome students with disabilities and endeavour to make all reasonable adjustments to ensure equal access to higher education.

Application form

To apply, go to the RAU website and then the course you are interested in and click the 'apply now' button. This will also provide you with some information about the application process.

Admissions aims to send all successful candidates an offer within 10 working days of interview, or receipt of all necessary documentation.

Many of our full-time courses are also available on a part-time basis. If you wish to study part-time, please make sure this is clearly indicated on your application form.

N.B Part-time study is not open to overseas applicants who require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK.

References

Applicants will be required to provide details of two referees with their application form.

One reference should be provided by the present (or most recent) college or university tutor, who is able to comment on past achievement and potential academic ability. Applicants who are, or have been, in employment should also provide a reference from their current or most recent employer.

References can be uploaded on the online application, or sent directly to the University.

Entry requirements

- The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent, unless stated otherwise on the course page. A 2:2 will also be considered.
- Mature candidates with significant relevant work experience and lower academic qualifications may also be considered for entry, following personal interview with the course manager.
- For students whose first language is not English, the University will accept International English Language Test (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5 overall with no element below 5.5.
- Students with other qualifications, including overseas awards and alternative English language qualifications, are advised to contact Admissions to discuss the suitability of their award for entry on to the course.

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Find out more

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