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# Let's meet – open days

Come to an open day to find out what it's like to live and study at the RAU. Explore the range of courses on offer, meet our students and lecturers and tour our beautiful Cotswold campus.

Our friendly student ambassadors will be on hand to help you throughout the afternoon. You will find them on campus ready to answer your questions, help with directions, or just to have a chat.

## Dates for your diary 2020

Wednesday 4 March

Saturday 20 June

Saturday 5 September

## Coming soon

In Spring 2020 we will be opening a site in Swindon for our new Cultural Heritage Institute (CHI), see page 48 for more information. Keep an eye on our website for updates about the launch and when there will be opportunities to visit.

We have several open days running throughout the year. To book your place go to [rau.ac.uk/opensdays](http://rau.ac.uk/opensdays).

**'The chance to visit the University and meet with my Programme Manager was invaluable and really reassured me that my course was the right choice.'**

**Joseph Bingle**  
MSc Rural Estate Management





The Royal Agricultural University was the first College devoted to agriculture and land use in the English-speaking world. It has remained at the forefront of land-based education and training and continues to enjoy a strong global brand that, combined with extensive industry links and a wide-reaching alumni network, ensures that all our graduates benefit from a wide range of exciting employment opportunities. It is testament to this success that the university has been ranked in the top 10 UK universities in the recent WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2019.

As we reach our 175th year our courses are needed more than ever, as is our mission to equip a new generation to thrive through change. Current global challenges of climate change, environmental protection and food security provide unprecedented opportunities for the land-based sector. The need to produce more food while managing land sustainably, protecting the environment and supporting the wellbeing of rural communities offers a wealth of career options that are open to all our graduates. Your studies here will be critical in helping you to shape not only your own career, but also the future of society.

Many of our alumni have gone on to perform at the highest levels across a broad range of careers. Being a graduate of the RAU opens many doors, whether in terms of leading innovation and change in the management of land, farming, agri-food or the equine industries, or in terms of working in the public and political arena to inform future land-based policy, or in terms of setting up a business – where our award-winning student enterprise programme comes into its own. Indeed, we are extremely proud to be the only small, specialist university to be made a Centre of Excellence by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (IOEE), as well as being awarded the title of Enterprising Learning Provider of the Year in 2019.

Our new portfolio of courses offers even better employment possibilities. We have worked closely with industry to launch new full and part-time programmes that are designed to provide leadership training and education in the land management and agri-food sectors, both in the UK and globally. These programmes are available in distance-learning mode to allow students to combine study with busy work and domestic lives. We are also expanding our portfolio to offer new routes to employment and work enhancement in the cultural heritage sector, enabling graduates to benefit from new accredited routes to careers in the management of the built and natural environment.

In keeping with its heritage as a trailblazer in land-based studies, the RAU remains committed to ensuring that all its students receive a stimulating, innovative and challenging education that will equip them with the skills required to shape and build their careers. Informed by a strong, internationally recognised professoriate whose work drives national and international policy, the RAU is at the

forefront of new ways of thinking on the issues that face the land-based sector.

Do come and join us in the beautiful English Cotswolds; we are a truly unique community working together in a small specialist environment to confront issues that are at the heart of our global future. Together we have the potential to foster change through ensuring that all our graduates have the skills necessary to succeed in the future. 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.

**Professor Joanna Price**  
Vice-Chancellor

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

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HRH The Prince of Wales

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BSc, BVSc (Bristol), PhD (Sheff)

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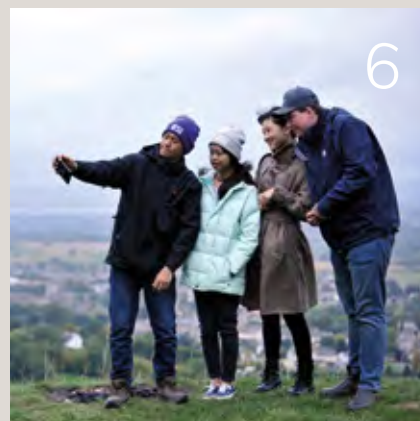
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# RAU – in the heart of the UK

## How to find us

### Cirencester Campus

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 or leave the M4 at Junction 15 and follow the A419, following the signs to Cirencester. 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 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.



#### Locations

Royal Agricultural University (RAU)  
Stroud Road  
Cirencester  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 6JS

From Spring 2020:  
Cultural Heritage Institute (CHI)  
Shed 11, Carriage Works  
London Street  
Swindon  
SN1 5DG

### Contact us

01285 652531  
admissions@rau.ac.uk



**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'.

# Inspiring surroundings – Cirencester

## 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.

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 2019

**‘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

Graduate, BSc (Hons) Agriculture

## Great days out

Hugely popular days out enjoyed by students throughout the year include Badminton Horse Trials, Cheltenham Festival, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Forest of Dean Adventure, and sporting days out at Gloucester or Bath Rugby.

# 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 75 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. 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

**'With a lively social scene in Cirencester and its proximity to Bristol and Oxford I have not struggled to enjoy myself.'**

Alistair Carman  
MSc Sustainable Agriculture  
and Food Security



Cotswold Water Park





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 Bell' offering delicious pub grub and local ales – including the University's own 'Muddy Wellies' beer!



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

**'The beautiful countryside setting of the RAU provides a great space for concentrating on your studies, as well as being positive for both your mental and physical health.'**

Rowley Taylor  
 MSc Rural Estate Management

# Join in #OurRAU 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 plenty of different clubs and societies to join including rugby, hockey, 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 great range of facilities for sports, 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 postgraduate social during welcome week, and organised activities including film nights, sports tasters, trips off campus and themed nights out.

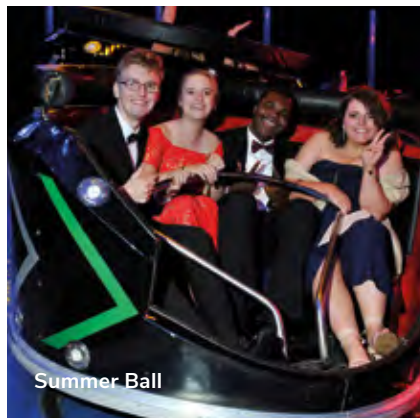
The RAUSU is also your student voice at the University. Officers sit on numerous committees and enable the students to have an influence on developments across campus, whether that be academic or operational. You can elect your fellow students to fulfil roles such as Vice-President (Community), Sports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



Community



Rugby



Summer Ball

Feeling social? Follow us to find out the latest news and join in the conversation.

Facebook: @myrausu  
Twitter: @rausu\_official  
Instagram: @RAUSU\_  
#YourRAUSU

Find out more  
[rausu.co.uk](http://rausu.co.uk)



**'The RAU is my home away from home. The mix of the beautiful campus and surrounding areas with the great social side made me feel extremely welcome.'**

**Lewis Bebb**  
RAUSU President  
BSc (Hons) International Business Management



Netball



Choir



African Caribbean Society

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
- Fishing
- Food and Wine Society
- Football
- Hockey
- Horse riding
- Lacrosse
- Netball
- Polo
- Racing Club
- Real Estate Society
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Running Club
- Shooting
- Snow sports
- Team chasing
- Young Farmers Club
- and more...

Not seen what you're looking for?  
Just contact the RAUSU to find out  
how to start a new club or society.

# A world of experiences

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 1,100 students from more than 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 Armenia, Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, New Zealand, South Africa, the USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe amongst others. Overseas universities, government bodies and organisations have forged strong connections with the RAU since its early days, and former students have gone on to work for governments, brand-leading companies and set up their own businesses.

We understand that you 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, and explore the local area and places of interest, such as Oxford, Bath, or London. If English is not your first language, the English for Academic Purposes sessions work on both oral and written academic English skills to prepare you for university study in the UK.

 Find out more [rau.ac.uk/international-orientation](https://rau.ac.uk/international-orientation)

## English language requirements

All students are required to hold a recognised English language qualification of at least Grade 4 (or Grade C for older 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. For admissions details and how to apply turn to page 66.



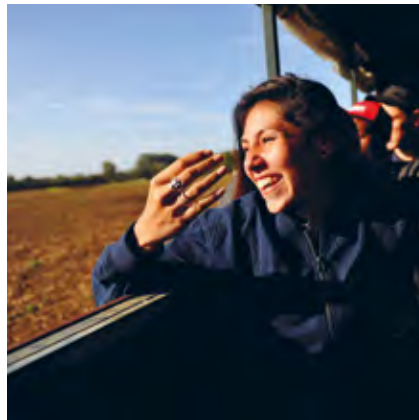
**'The RAU has helped me develop a strategic and operational mindset in sustainable agriculture and food security in a way that shaped and expanded my own opinions and I am able to influence local, national and global decision-making processes.'**

**Peter Aluoch**  
MSc Sustainable Agriculture  
and Food Security  
Country Programme Coordinator  
for Agribusiness at Self Help Africa

### Visas and immigration

The University offers assistance to 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. 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, we will provide personalised 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.



### Student support

All postgraduate students, both UK and International, 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 healthcare staff at the University surgery to ensure students broaden their knowledge in a supported environment.

Full details on student support and information for disabled and dyslexic applicants can be found on page 20.



# Fresh thinking for land-based business

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

## The Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Programme

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 became just the sixth university to be made a Centre of Excellence by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (IOEE) in 2019. 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.

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 us to organise networking events, enterprise workshops, mentoring services, work placements and inspirational talks.

## 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

Our 'Think it' challenge allows students to submit a short filmed business pitch. However, for those with more established business ideas, we hold our annual Dragons' Den style Grand Idea business plan competition. Students pitch to an expert judging panel in the hope of winning £2,500 to invest in their business. Once you have graduated and your new business is more established, you could enter our 'Hatched' competition and win up to £50,000 to take your enterprise to the next level.

## Mentoring

Our mentoring programme has been established for many years. Our external mentors provide 10 hours of support for students and are paired according to their skills, sector and experience.

## 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.

## 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.



**'The RAU has entrepreneurship in its DNA, and I've been inspired and privileged to watch that characteristic bloom in its students over the years.'**

### Levi Roots

Founder, Reggae Reggae Sauce and RAU Grand Idea Competition Judge

## One of the first universities to be made a Centre of Excellence by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (IOEE) in 2019



# 82%

Success rate for businesses, compared with 44% nationally\*

\*Office for National Statistics 2018

### Enterprise Society

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

### Cirencester Growth Hub

The Cirencester Growth Hub is open to students and provides desk and meeting space for students running their own business alongside their degree. The space provides a professional environment from which to run a business, and the chance to interact with, and become a part of, our start-up community.

### Social Enterprise Project

Students can get involved with the University's social enterprise projects, 'Muddy Wellies' ale and our own 'Cotswold Hills' wine which is produced from the University's vineyard. These projects provide a chance to develop your enterprise skills and gain real life business experience and the proceeds go to our First Steps Fund, supporting budding student entrepreneurs. In 2018/19 we provided over £14k of funding/prizes to students starting their own businesses.



Awarded Enterprising Learning Provider of the Year at the Small Firms Enterprise Development Initiative (SFEDI) and Institute for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (IOEE) awards 2019



Find out more about our enterprise programme at [rau.ac.uk/enterprise](http://rau.ac.uk/enterprise) or [cotswoldhills.org.uk](http://cotswoldhills.org.uk)

# Learning without boundaries – farms on your doorstep

Benefit from practical learning space right on your doorstep. There are a number of farms located near the campus which provide our students with the ideal field laboratory.

More than 100 agricultural businesses generously allow us and our students to learn from their activities and experiences.

We continue to develop strategic partnerships with local and regional farming enterprises, providing our students with an enhanced range of up-to-date best practice farming operations off-site.



Coates Manor Farm

Nearby Coates Manor Farm and Kemble 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, which enables them to understand all aspects of farm management.

The mix of enterprises include cattle, sheep, 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. Current projects include an investigation into reduced cultivation and improvements in soil organic matter and fertility. Field and plot trials are undertaken on the farms by commercial companies on an ongoing basis and the farms provide several demonstration and trial areas.

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

## These farms are part of the Higher-Level Stewardship Scheme







Kemble Farms Ltd, just half a mile away from the RAU

#### **Coates Manor Farm**

Coates Manor Farm is within walking distance of the campus and 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**

Fossehill Farm is adjacent to Coates and provides livery stabling for students and associated exercise facilities. 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.

 Find out more [rau.ac.uk/farms](http://rau.ac.uk/farms)

# Innovation for the land – our facilities

A constantly evolving University with cutting edge facilities which encourage research and innovation nationally and internationally.

## John Oldacre Rural Innovation Centre

The Royal Agricultural University, with generous support from the Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust, has invested £1.2m into the future of its students and the wider community with the John Oldacre Rural Innovation Centre.

This rural centre of excellence enables the sharing of the very latest in scientific knowledge and technological innovation between those undertaking the applied research and those involved in agricultural production.

As a 'knowledge hub', the centre provides a major on-farm resource for the wider rural sector and the local community, including classrooms, a demonstration area, community space and meeting rooms.

 Find out more [rau.ac.uk/ric](https://rau.ac.uk/ric)

## Rural skills training

The John Oldacre Rural Innovation Centre offers dedicated rural skills training to equip students with the hands-on skills highly sought after by employers. This training and access to a range of modern equipment adds considerable value to your learning experience.

The centre caters for a wide range of abilities and a diverse range of programmes are available to supplement existing experience. Courses include:

- All-terrain Vehicle (ATV)
- Chainsaw Operation
- Dry Stone Walling
- Emergency First Aid
- Hedge Laying
- Pest Control
- Pesticide Application
- Rough Terrain Forklift
- Tractor Operation

All courses lead to certification, either from the RAU or, where applicable, from recognised awarding bodies, and aim to complement your academic studies. The centre is registered as a Lantra-approved training centre.

 Find out more [rau.ac.uk/rural-skills](https://rau.ac.uk/rural-skills)



John Oldacre Rural Innovation Centre



Alliston Centre

### Alliston Centre

In July 2018 we opened the doors to a new £4.2m centre for regional businesses and agritech entrepreneurs; the Alliston Centre.

Named after the late Professor John Alliston, who was Emeritus Professor of Agriculture at the RAU, it is a base for Gloucestershire businesses and a headquarters for innovators working across the UK's agriculture and land-based industries.

Based on our Cirencester campus, the building is used by Farm491, the University's expanding agritech innovation and incubation hub, and Cirencester Growth Hub – part of the Gloucestershire Growth Hub network – supporting local enterprises to achieve their potential, expand and create jobs.

The Growth Hub was funded by a £1.25m grant from the GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and by the RAU.



### Farm491

Farm491 is a leading UK based agritech incubator and innovation space offered by the University. 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.

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

To support this, Farm491 has launched a new three year long European regional development funded programme called Inspiring Agritech Innovation (IAI). The programme provides a comprehensive range of business support activities to aspiring agritech entrepreneurs to develop, launch and grow their ventures into sustainable businesses.

 Find out more [farm491.com](https://farm491.com)



Farm491 offers a range of membership options including:

**Virtual** – for innovators not requiring physical space, mentoring and business support is provided by the Entrepreneurs in Residence.

**Flexible** – mentoring and business support plus access to dedicated hot-desking facilities in the Alliston Centre.

**Workshop** – mentoring and business support plus a workshop space at Harnhill Manor Farm for innovators needing space to build or test their ideas.

**Resident** – mentoring and business support plus a full-time office for two to eight people in either Trent Lodge or the Alliston Centre.

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

# A place to call home

Whether you choose to live on our Cirencester campus surrounded by the rolling hills of the Cotswolds or off campus in the heart of the town, 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 1,100 students, we are more like a community than a campus.

The 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



### Halls of residence

There are three accommodation areas within our Cirencester 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 area. 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](http://www.urbanfox.info)

### Free with your accommodation:

- 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

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

### Application

Applications will be made through the myRAU applicants portal. If you are an overseas student then you will need to contact the accommodation team who will then apply on your behalf. 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 pre-payment has been received.



### Contact the Accommodation Team:

[accommodation@rau.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@rau.ac.uk)  
 01285 889823  
 Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm  
 Find out more:  
[rau.ac.uk/accommodation](http://rau.ac.uk/accommodation)

# Supporting you to be your best

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. Our dedicated Student Support Services Team, located in the Student Hub, is committed to looking after your physical, mental and emotional health throughout your RAU journey.

Whether it's to do with money, accommodation, mental health or just your general wellbeing – we are here for you if you need a little extra support.

## Personal tutors

You will be allocated a member of academic staff who will be your personal tutor during your time at the RAU. After your first meeting at the start of your course you'll have further scheduled meetings to discuss your progress and to offer guidance on your studies, but you can see your tutor at any time for advice, support or just to talk through any concerns you have.

## Wellbeing

Wellbeing drop-ins provide you with the ideas and resources to help you get the most out of University life. Appointments last for up to 30 minutes and no issue is too big or small - students can drop in anytime during the day for a cuppa and a chat.

## Counselling

The University provides a free and confidential in-house counselling service offering you confidential, individual counselling and short wellbeing sessions to help with personal and University related issues.

## Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy is here for all faiths and hopes. There are events going on throughout the year for many faiths as well as just general events for people to socialise and relax. The Chaplaincy is here also to support you as an individual, whether you just feel like a chat or have something bigger on your mind.

## University Health Centre

The Health Centre is available for medical advice, routine treatment or attention for illness or accident while you are at the University.

## STARs

Our student community share our caring ethos in the form of their own peer support group, known as STARs (Support Team Advisor Representatives). These student mentors are all second or third-year students offering peer support. Look out for them in their yellow t-shirts around campus!

## Disability support

Disability support covers dyslexia and a wide range of other specific learning differences (e.g. dyspraxia, dyscalculia, ADD, ADHD, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome etc) as well as all physical, medical and mental health conditions that might affect your studies and life at University.

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.

Some modules may 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 DSA at your earliest convenience via your student funding body.

## Disabled Students' Allowance

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

 Contact our Disabilities and Inclusive Learning Advisor [enable@rau.ac.uk](mailto:enable@rau.ac.uk)



**You are our priority**

## The Student Hub

A brand-new Student Hub has been created in the heart of the campus to make it easier for students to access the University services they need. The hub has been created in the Emrys Jones Centre and includes staff from Student Support Services, Disability, Registry, Careers and Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and Industry Engagement. There will also be confidential meeting spaces for students to talk to staff.

**‘We provide an important link between the University support structures. We are your first point of contact for the majority of questions you may have – whatever the issue, we will be able to point you in the right direction.’**

**Julie Tottle**  
Student Support Services Manager

# Resources designed around you

The RAU provides a variety of internal resources designed to encourage students to excel in their personal, professional and academic lives.

## 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. Our careers team is on hand to offer you information, advice and guidance.

We aim to help everyone capitalise on the skills, experiences and qualifications gained at the RAU.

Careers services include:

- One-to-one guidance from our professionally trained Careers Advisor
- Access to a wide range of job vacancies on the University's online job portal, available both to current RAU students and recent graduates
- An email careers service offering advice on specific queries and a CV checking service
- Skills training sessions
- Employer-led events throughout the year including our annual Careers Fairs, open to all students.

All lecture presentations and other teaching resources are available on Gateway, our virtual learning environment, which you can access from anywhere in the world, at any time of the day or night. You'll also have access to the myRAU mobile and desktop app and support from a dedicated IT Service Desk.

## 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.

Our collections

- 24/7/365 access to thousands of 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


## IT services

Here at the RAU, we know IT will be an integral part of your life, both for learning and for relaxing and communicating with family and friends. You can bring your own laptop, tablet and smartphone and use our network for both academic purposes and for personal internet access. Free copies of Microsoft Office 365 will be available to download onto your devices.

We have four computer rooms, one open 24 hours a day, and two areas equipped with screens for collaborative working, while Wi-Fi access is available across the whole campus.







**You will find a wealth of knowledge, either in print or online, plus a dedicated team of library staff ready to help you**

# Create your own path

We offer different options for you, from Masters degrees to a PhD by Research. Find out more about each option below.

## MSc - Master of Science

- One year full-time
- Part-time options from two years also available

This is usually studied after an undergraduate honours degree or equivalent. A master's degree can be a great option if you want to further your knowledge in the area you studied at undergraduate level, explore other areas of interest, or improve your career prospects.

## MBA - Master of Business Administration

- One year full-time
- Two to four years part-time depending on the course

This is usually studied after an undergraduate honours degree or equivalent. A MBA programme can help prepare you to enter management and leadership positions within your area of business, further progressing your career.

## Graduate Diploma or Certificate

- One year full-time
- Two to four years part-time depending on the course

This is usually studied after an undergraduate honours degree or equivalent. These qualifications begin at the same level of study as a masters degree, but are shorter and do not

involve completing a dissertation or final project. These are ideal if you require a postgraduate qualification to boost your career prospects, but you perhaps don't require as much academic research. On some courses it may be possible to return at a later date and complete your studies to gain a full Masters degree. These are outlined on the individual course pages.

## Master of Science by Research (MScR)

- One year to two years full-time
- 18 to 36 months part-time

This is usually studied after an undergraduate honours degree or equivalent. The research programme includes training in research skills to help you design your research programme to investigate key challenges. On completion you will receive a Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods.

## PhD

- 36 to 48 months full-time
- 48 to 72 months part-time

This is usually studied after a Masters degree or an equivalent academic qualification from a comparable international institution. The PhD by Research programme is a research project submitted as a thesis and examined in a viva voce. RAU PhD by Research programmes are validated by the University of Gloucestershire.

## Part-time study

There are part-time study options available on many of our courses, allowing you the flexibility to fit around your other commitments. These are outlined on the individual course pages.

## Blended learning

A number of our courses are delivered through a blend of distance learning and short intensive courses on site. These courses have been specifically designed to fit around a busy working life and offer you flexibility. These are outlined on the individual course pages.

## Sustainability

When we design and validate our courses we aim to ensure that everyone who studies here will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and attributes to work and live in a world where balancing economic, social and environmental factors is vital.

All of our courses include learning that is relevant to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 90% of the scientific papers published by RAU researchers since 2014 contribute to one or more of the SDGs with most focused on SDG 2 to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

# Pioneering graduates from the RAU



**'The course has given me a large tool-box of skills as well as credibility to communicate with farmers and other stakeholders within the agriculture sector.'**

Pascal Hegglin  
Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

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**'The connections you make with people – lecturers and fellow students are invaluable. You make friends and contacts for life. Once you have been here you are RAU for life.'**

Catherine Dowson  
MBA Advanced Farm Management

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**'This course offered the opportunity to cement my existing experience into a respected industry-recognised qualification and fast-track my path towards RICS chartered status.'**

Rachael Lipscombe  
MSc Real Estate

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For further information visit  
[rau.ac.uk/study](https://rau.ac.uk/study)

## **Pascal and David established their own start-up initiative with Farm491, named The Consumer Brand.**

Pascal Hegglin and David Poussier  
Graduate Diploma in Agriculture



# Agriculture courses

## Confidence cultivated.

### Our courses

#### MSc

MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation

MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy

#### Graduate Diploma

Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

Whether you aim to become an agri-tech entrepreneur, government or NGO policy advisor, a farm director, consultant or a full-time researcher, our postgraduate courses are designed to help you develop into an industry leader.

You might choose to focus on emerging innovations and technologies, gaining in-depth knowledge of automation, connectivity and the value and power of data processing. You can then apply this understanding to areas like pre and post-harvest production and compliance with supply change regulation and legislation.

Or you could tackle the policy challenges intensifying in the post Brexit era, on a new course designed with industry partners like Velcourt, the National Trust and the National Farmers Union, ensuring you can influence decision-making in food and agriculture sectors.

If you are passionate about sustainability, international development and the future of our global food supply we can give you the confidence and skills to engage with the public, the media and on the political stage.

Perhaps you're a professional who wants to change career and bring your fresh perspectives to agriculture? Our Graduate Diploma can be completed in one year.

The RAU's Farm491 agritech hub provides all students with unparalleled access to on-farm/applied product development initiatives, and you could benefit from around 100 agricultural businesses allowing our students to learn from their experiences and activities.

**Christopher Brough**  
Acting Head of School  
Agriculture, Food and Environment



**‘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.’**

Industry endorsement  
Dr Syed Shah  
R&D Manager, Agrii

# MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation

If you have an entrepreneurial spirit or want to start a career in an emerging industry, this course will help you develop the knowledge and skills 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.

## Course structure

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

You 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 September. Modules cover a range of topics including business development, crop production technology, and the environment.

In the Research Project, you will 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 and some modules have an exam as part of the assessment.

## Industry experience

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.

This course is also recognised by the Institute of Agricultural Engineers, a professional membership organisation that brings together academics, practitioners and industry to share knowledge and promote professionalism in the advancement and application of technology in the landbased sector.

## Indicative modules

- Crop Production Technology
- Livestock Production Technology
- Production Resource Management
- Environmental Technologies
- Computing and Information Technology in Precision Agriculture

## Campus

Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

## Career prospects

Graduates go on to pursue careers within sectors such as high-tech agriculture and environment, Government and international agencies and entrepreneurial initiatives in roles such as:

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

## Accreditations

This course is recognised by the Institute of Agricultural Engineers

## Related courses

- MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy
- Master of Science by Research
- PhD

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-ati](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-ati)

**‘I was drawn to the MSc at the Royal  
Agricultural University as it combined the  
aspects of international development  
with practical agricultural knowledge.’**

**Paul Jefferies**

MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, Tea Buyer and Blender, Typhoo





# MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

This course will equip you with the specialist knowledge and skills needed by governments, NGOs, commercial companies and farms, as they respond to some of today's biggest challenges within the agriculture and food sectors in the developed and developing world.

Issues such as resource constraints and environmental uncertainty requires a radical shift in our production and consumption habits. If you're driven by a desire to shape public and political attitudes, this is the ideal environment in which to develop the strategic and operational skills to achieve just that.

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.

## 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. You 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 starts in October and is completed 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. You will gain a broader and deeper understanding of the relevant issues through lectures, case studies, seminars and research projects.

## Industry experience

Practical exercises will prepare you for a successful career, including producing a magazine or a podcast, preparing tenders and organising a national conference.

Explore integrated agricultural systems through a field trip designed to stimulate discussion about integrated farm management in temperate countries.

CPD workshops explore professional development and will show you how agricultural and rural development policies may be put into practice.

## Indicative modules

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

## Campus

Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

## 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

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-safs](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-safs)

## Related courses

- MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy

A top-down photograph showing three hands of different skin tones gently holding a small, vibrant green plant seedling with several leaves. The hands are positioned around the base of the plant, which is being held just above a surface of dark, rich, textured soil. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the soil and the smooth skin of the hands.

**‘This course was developed  
in order to respond to the  
challenges and opportunities  
for sustainable food and  
agriculture.’**

Philip Hudson, Programme Manager

# MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy

A dynamic course for a rapidly-changing sector, this programme has been created in conjunction with 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. This course will help you develop the knowledge you need to begin and boost a career in the agriculture and food industry.

The agri-food industry has always been important to the future of people and the planet but now that importance has taken on a new urgency. If you are interested in change and making it happen, then this course is for you. It explores policy and strategy and influencing the future direction of the agriculture and food industry.

## Course structure

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 as well as your module teachers. An experienced online team have built a course packed with engaging multimedia content and opportunities to collaborate with other students.

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 or four years.

This flexibility means that you can live at home and study in evenings and weekends alongside work.

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.

## Industry experience

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.

During the programme, you will have the opportunity to explore organisations that are shaping policy; covering areas including climate change, consumer trends, public health, animal welfare and future food security.

## Indicative 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
- Facing the Global Challenges in Food and Agriculture
- Environment and Rural Economy

## Distance Learning

Short residential periods are held in Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time blended learning study available. Graduate diploma and certificate options available

September or February start available

## Programme Manager

### Philip Hudson

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

## Career prospects

Graduates are highly likely to go on to pursue a career within the food or an allied industry.

Careers could include:

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

## Related courses

- MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-sfap](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-sfap)

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

**Daniel Robertson**  
Graduate Diploma in Agriculture

# Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture

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 studies.

Both programmes share the same common core modules designed to provide a broad overview and insight into agriculture and its related industries, and which are delivered in a concentrated structure on one day per week.

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

## Course structure

For the diploma you will complete three compulsory modules, followed by four modules selected from a wide range of undergraduate modules allowing you to tailor the course to your future career goal. The course may be studied full-time over one academic year, or part-time over two, three, or four years.

For the certificate you will study the three compulsory modules which cover agricultural management, farm business management and applied agricultural science. The certificate is offered on a part-time basis, one day a week over one or two years.

As well as lectures, farm walks, and visits, you will work on case studies, assignments, and management projects. You will gain a basic knowledge of agriculture by completing some pre-course reading before starting the programme.

## Industry experience

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

Not only will you gain a detailed understanding of the UK agricultural industry, you will have the opportunity to undertake a range of practical rural skills training courses at our cutting-edge John Oldacre Rural Innovation Centre. £250 of rural skills training is included in the cost of the course.

## Indicative modules

- Farm Business Management
- Agricultural Management
- Sustainable Management of Soil and Water
- Advanced Dairy Food Chains
- Rural Business Diversification
- Farmland Ecology
- Advanced Crop Production

## Campus

Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

**Nigel Warner**

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

A period of relevant practical work experience within the agricultural industry is recommended as a means of enhancing understanding of the industry, but is not a prerequisite of joining the programme.

## 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

## Related courses

- MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

For full details please visit:

[rau.ac.uk/pg-gda](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-gda) (Diploma)

[rau.ac.uk/pg-gca](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-gca) (Certificate)

## **Catherine is Practice Manager at Bromyard Vets in Herefordshire.**

Catherine Dowson  
MBA Advanced Farm Management

# Business courses

## A head for business.

### Our courses

#### MSc

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MSc Business Management

#### MBA

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MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture

Our unique proposition which sets us apart from other Business Schools is the development of rural entrepreneurial leaders.

If you are an aspiring entrepreneur or keen on developing a successful career in business or agribusiness, we will support you to achieve just that. Our strong network of alumni have gone on to pursue careers worldwide and for prestigious companies, from Mitsubishi Motors to Unilever.

You will be taught by academics who are experts in their subject area and bring this industry experience into the classroom, ensuring you develop the knowledge and skills the industry is looking for.

You can also gain industry insight from guest speakers through our award-winning Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Programme (see page 12), which has

supported many students in starting their own successful businesses. Previous guests have included Julian Dunkerton (Entrepreneur and Founder of Superdry), William Chase (Founder of Tyrrells and Chase Distillery), and Levi Roots (Founder of Reggae Reggae Sauce).

Our programmes include a range of opportunities for you to enhance your employability through placements and work-based learning, giving you valuable experience and a chance to put your learning into practice.

You could benefit from a course which has dual accreditation from the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), so in addition to your degree you will receive a separate qualification from the CMI, enhancing your CV for potential employers. Annual membership to the CMI is free for one year after graduation.

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

**Dr David Bozward**  
Head of School  
Business and Entrepreneurship



**I decided to pursue this Masters in Business to gain the academic experience to push my brand further and create a sustainable and strong business.**

Maria Perry  
MSc Business Management  
Founder of Glitta Glo





# MSc Business Management

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.

Benefit from an accredited degree which offers one-to-one coaching sessions 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.

## Course structure

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 receive one-to-one support when required such as taking a business idea further.

You will develop a range of skills through a unique mix of elective routes covering management studies, international business, food chains, farm business, equine management and rural development.

Modules are assessed by individual and group coursework with minimal assessment by examination.

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.

## Industry experience

This course has been designed and is run by academics and 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.

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.

## Indicative modules

- Business Strategy
- Personal and Organisational Change
- Marketing, Planning and Strategy
- Economics and Policy
- Financial Management
- Research Methods
- Entrepreneurship
- Adaptive Management in a Complex World

## Campus

Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

## Career prospects

Our graduates have gone on to pursue careers within companies worldwide and within the following areas:

- Wealth management
- Finance
- Marketing
- Farm management
- Equine business
- Consultancy

## Accreditations

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

## Related courses

- MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- Master of Science by Research
- PhD

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-bm](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-bm)



# MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture

You will experience a challenging and unique business education that emphasises reflective and innovative leadership and business decision-making in the land-based and agri-food sectors.

With a number of global challenges from our growing populations to the greater use of technology and automation, an MBA has never been more necessary. 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.

You will gain critical academic and business discipline skills that will enable you to make sustainable strategic and operational business decisions and increase productivity through innovation. You will also leave with the ability to be globally competitive, encourage investment and enhance growth in the rural economy and international agri-food supply chains.

## Course structure

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 as well as receive coaching. An experienced online team have built a course packed with engaging multimedia content and opportunities to collaborate with other students.

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.

## Industry Experience

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.

## Indicative 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

## Distance Learning

Short residential periods are held in Cirencester

**Full-time or part-time blended learning study available. Graduate diploma and certificate options available**

September or February start available

## Programme Manager

**Dr David Bozward**

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

## Career prospects

Graduates could pursue careers within the following areas:

- Food retailing i.e. buying, merchandising and supply chain and logistics
- Management consultancy
- Advertising and marketing
- Public relations
- Agricultural banking

## Related courses

- MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy
- MSc Business Management
- Master of Science by Research
- PhD

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-isfa](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-isfa)

**Rachael has successfully  
secured a role at  
Dalcour Maclaren as  
a Graduate Surveyor.**

Rachael Lipscombe,  
MSc Real Estate

# Real Estate and Rural Estate Management courses

## Real value.

### Our courses

#### MSc

MSc Real Estate

MSc Rural Estate Management

Pursue a rewarding and diverse career in property, either in urban real estate or rural estate management.

The School of Real Estate and Land Management will provide you with courses that have been industry informed by our practitioner contacts and professionally accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to ensure you are well qualified to enter this exciting sector.

Both programmes have a proven and successful track record of preparing graduates for the job market and for the subsequent qualification as a chartered surveyor.

Lecturers, many of them RICS qualified surveyors with extensive professional and academic experience, will help you to gain the deeper knowledge, understanding and application of core subjects you will need in practice. These include valuation, law, planning and development, property and investment management, as well as practice specific topics such as farm business and

rural enterprise management, environmental and woodland management, property market research and property IT applications. You will also gain industry insight through site visits, case-studies and contact with local and national practitioners.

Real Estate graduates have gone on to work for internationally renowned firms such as CBRE, Jones Lang Lasalle, Knight Frank and Savills, as well as developers and property investment companies and the Government's Valuation Office Agency.

Our Rural Estate Management students also work for globally recognised firms such as Savills, Strutt and Parker and Knight Frank, national, regional and local firms, as well as a range of land and property owners from the Crown to charities such as the National Trust and a range of private owners. The RAU alumni also provide a formidable network of contacts that can help you in your future career development.

Start building your career on a solid foundation, blending your passion with our dedication on our beautiful Cotswold campus.

**Professor Neil Ravenscroft**  
Head of School  
Real Estate and Land Management



‘The course is varied and engaging, as are the lecturers, who are equally knowledgeable and encouraging; giving the priceless benefit of teaching the profession from experience.’

Rachael Lipscombe  
MSc Real Estate, Graduate Surveyor, Dalcour Maclaren



## MSc Real Estate

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. In this critical sector, industry looks for independently-minded and competent graduates with domestic and international awareness.

This rigorous and challenging programme will equip you with the intellectual mindset, vocationally orientated knowledge and professional competencies to evaluate markets, property investments and development projects.

If you are seeking a career in real estate, this RICS accredited course provides routes to complete professional status. You will gain a well-regarded mixed general practice real estate qualification, with the possibility of international, residential and other specialisms.

### Course structure

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

You will study nine modules including your Dissertation. There are four modules in the first (autumn) semester followed by five modules in the second (spring)

semester including research to support your Dissertation which is submitted in September.

You will develop essential teamwork skills via interactive discussions, collaborative projects and industry exposure.

### Industry experience

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 you multiple opportunities for professional development including site visits, industry guest speakers and the possibility of obtaining Certification in the use of Argus investment and development software.

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

### Indicative modules

- Real Estate Context
- Principles and Application
- Planning Theory and Practice
- Construction and Project Management
- Professional Practice
- Investment and Development Appraisal

### Campus

Cirencester

### Full-time or part-time study available

### Programme Manager

**Matthew Smith**

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### Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

### 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:

- Agency or Consultancy
- Valuation
- Investment /Asset Management
- Corporate Real Estate / Facilities Management
- Residential / Social Housing
- Development / Infrastructure

### Accreditations

Accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-re](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-re)

**‘The RAU has longstanding relationships with private estates and both regional and national surveying firms which gives fantastic prospects.’**

Megan Horder  
MSc Rural Estate Management  
Graduate Land Agent, Strutt & Parker



# MSc Rural Estate Management

If you're looking to fast track your way to a career as a Chartered Surveyor, specialising in the management of rural land and property, then look no further. This accredited course is highly regarded by the profession in which our graduates secure roles. This includes national, regional and international property firms, as well as with private and public property owners.

This MSc will also open doors to a variety of careers outside the rural land management profession, including planning, rural conservation, urban, heritage and leisure property management, property fund and investment management, environmental consultancy, research and education.

## Course structure

This course covers a diverse range of subject areas including valuation of rural property, law, farm and rural estate business management, land use and rural planning and development of land and buildings and conservation.

The course may be studied full-time over 12 months, or part-time over a longer period. You will study four modules in the first (autumn) semester followed by four modules in the second (spring) semester, and complete your Dissertation by the end of September. You will attend lectures and group tutorials as well as benefit from a range of practical sessions and site visits.

You will be assessed through coursework and exams which will take place in January and June.

## Industry experience

You will gain additional insights into the management of rural property through visits to local farms, commercial properties, and rural estates.

Due to our partnership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), you can 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.

The University has excellent links with industry and many employers attend our annual property careers fair, giving valuable insight into their organisation as well as setting out their graduate opportunities.

## Indicative 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

## Campus

Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

David Lewis

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## Entry requirements

The standard minimum entry requirement will be a UK Honours degree usually at 2:1 level or equivalent. A 2:2 may also be considered. Please see page 66 for full details.

Students are strongly encouraged to undertake professional experience in the property sector prior to starting the course. Some practical farming work experience is also helpful.

## Career prospects

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

- Valuation and the sale of land and rural property
- Management and letting of land and property
- Rural planning and development
- Compulsory purchase and compensation claims
- Auctioneering of land, property and livestock

## Accreditations

Accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-rem](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-rem)

# The Cultural Heritage Institute and RAU Swindon

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

For 175 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.

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 school invites you to grow along with us. It is going to be an exciting journey.

## Our postgraduate courses

[MBA Cultural Heritage Leadership](#)

[MSc Archaeological and Heritage Practice](#)

[MSc Historic Environment Management](#)

[MSc Conservation and Management of Historic Buildings](#)

[MSc Historical Archaeology](#)



\*artist's illustration

## RAU Swindon

RAU Swindon is the home of the Cultural Heritage Institute and is 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 a 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](mailto:geraint.coles@rau.ac.uk).



\*artist's illustration



# MBA Cultural Heritage Leadership

This MBA is for those managing and leading cultural heritage organisations. This challenging programme emphasises contextual understanding, innovation, entrepreneurship, evidence-based decision making and reflective leadership. At its heart is how you run heritage organisations: how you innovate, how you make change happen, how you keep them engaged with their audiences and ultimately how they can be made sustainable.

You will benefit from the combination of MBA building blocks including entrepreneurial, managerial, human resource, legal and financial skills – with specific issues facing the heritage sector. You will cover World Heritage Site case studies including Venice and focus on advancing sustainable heritage; balancing the needs of communities and their cultural inheritance with economic growth.

## Course structure

This course has been specifically designed to fit around a busy working life and is delivered through a blend of short intensive courses and distance learning. It can be taken over one, two or four years.

The residential courses are held at Cirencester in September and March. Each block consists of two weeks tuition covering four modules. You will also benefit from extended guided distance

learning built around an online programme of activities supported by video conference seminars and one-to-one sessions with your course tutors.

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 interest.

Coaching will be available to all MBA students, providing an opportunity for personal and professional growth.

## Industry experience

The programme has been designed to enable you to use your own industry experience; analysing issues relevant to your employment as well as engaging with other heritage organisations and projects through our professional fellows.

You will be invited to participate in optional activities including a CHI Seminar Series with guest speakers drawn from across the heritage sector.

## Indicative modules

- Developing your Leadership and People Skills
- Facing up to Challenging Environments: Economics, Society, Politics and Policy
- Improving your Decision-Making with Data and Technology
- Developing Sustainable Business Strategies

## Distance Learning

Short residential periods are held in Cirencester

## Full-time or part-time blended learning study available. Graduate diploma and certificate options available

September or February start available

## Programme Manager

**Dr Geraint Coles**

geraint.coles@rau.ac.uk

## 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.

Entry is also subject to an interview either in person or online.

## Career prospects

Includes senior management roles in:

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

## Accreditations

This MBA is jointly taught with the School of Business and Enterprise, we are one of only six universities in the UK to be recognised as a Centre of Excellence by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs.

For full details please visit:

[rau.ac.uk/pg-chl](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-chl)



# MSc Archaeological and Heritage Practice

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

You will benefit from a programme that critically considers contemporary issues, challenges and developments in archaeology and heritage while giving you access to a toolbox of skills from project management to remote sensing to the recording and analysis of historic buildings.

Designed in collaboration with industry professionals, 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.

## Course structure

The programme is delivered in Swindon where you will have access to the Historic England Archive and Library, the National Collections Centre and the Swindon Museums. Teaching is based around intensive day-long blocks supported by distance and self-directed learning; you can take the course full-time over one year or part-time over two to six years, giving you flexibility around your working life.

You will complete eight taught modules with varied assessments which take a pragmatic approach to archaeological and heritage practice and are designed with employment in mind. You will also produce either a dissertation focusing on a particular 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. For those in employment the professional product can be built around a negotiated work output.

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.

## Industry experience

Throughout the programme you will benefit from opportunities to work with commercial consultancies and heritage organisations such as Wessex Archaeology and through mentoring from heritage professionals drawn from across the sector.

## Indicative modules

- The Practice of Archaeology
- The Challenge of Change: Context, Significance, Planning Policy and Law
- Cultural Heritage Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Archaeological Landscape Investigation, Survey and Recording

## Campus

Swindon

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

**Dr Geraint Coles**

geraint.coles@rau.ac.uk

## 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.

## 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 and River Trust
- Local Government Heritage Roles
- Education
- Heritage based regeneration and tourism

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-ahp](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-ahp)



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# MSc Historic Environment Management

Join the next generation of historic environment management professionals capable of working with skill and sensitivity across the public, private and charitable sectors.

The Historic Environment is everything that we have inherited from the past, from historic buildings to archaeological sites, and from objects to oral history and song. This course will enable you to place heritage in context and give you the tools to manage the historic environment in an integrated and sustainable fashion.

This course is concerned with the ways in which our common inheritance can be explored, protected, conserved, stewarded, interpreted, sensitively re-purposed and re-used. It will tackle the issues which arise from rapid social, economic and environmental change.

## Course structure

The programme is delivered in Swindon where you will have access to the Historic England Archive and Library, the National Collections Centre and the Swindon Museums. Teaching is based around intensive day-long blocks supported by distance and self-directed learning; you can take the course full-time over one year or part-time over two to six years, giving you flexibility.

You will complete eight taught modules with varied assessments which are

designed with employment in mind.

You will also produce either a dissertation focusing on a particular topic of interest or a professional product of comparable standard and complexity. For those in employment the professional product can be built around a negotiated work output.

The CHI emphasises an exciting hands-on collaborative learning style where you are encouraged and enabled to contribute to knowledge generation and communication. There will be plenty of academic support with face-to-face lectures, seminars and studio sessions with tutors who are all heritage professionals with considerable experience in both academia and the heritage sector.

## Industry experience

Throughout the programme you will benefit from opportunities to work with commercial consultancies and heritage organisations such as Wessex Archaeology and through mentoring from heritage professionals drawn from across the sector.

## Indicative modules

- The Present Past: The Idea of Heritage
- The Challenge of Change: Context, Significance, Planning Policy and Law
- Cultural Heritage Research
- Heritage Interpretation
- Management and Leadership for Cultural Heritage
- Management of Historic Buildings and Heritage Sites

## Campus

Swindon

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

**Dr Geraint Coles**

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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.

## 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 and River Trust
- Heritage Tourism
- Teaching and Education

For full details please visit:

[rau.ac.uk/hem](http://rau.ac.uk/hem)



# MSc Conservation and Management of Historic Buildings

Buildings are a direct link to the past – to the people who built them, to the people that lived in them and to economies and societies that produced them.

Even the simplest structure encapsulates a huge body of evidence about the past. To protect and steward a building's heritage requires an understanding of its nature, structure, historic context and significance, the ways in which the building can be legally protected and the conservation tools which are available for its repair and upkeep. It also requires an understanding of how a given structure can be managed for a sustainable future. This blending of conservation and management skills lies at the heart of this course.

## Course structure

The course has three main strands: the first focuses on the investigation and understanding of historic buildings, the second looks at the conservation and preservation of buildings, and the third strand focuses on how historic buildings are managed.

The programme is delivered in Swindon where you will have access to the Historic England Archive and Library, the National Collections Centre and the Swindon Museums. Teaching is based around intensive day-long blocks supported by distance and self-directed learning; you

can take the course full-time over one year or part-time over two to six years, giving you flexibility.

You will complete eight taught modules with varied assessments which take a pragmatic approach to building conservation and are designed with employment in mind. You will also produce either a dissertation focusing on a particular topic of interest to you or a professional product of comparable standard. For those in employment the professional product can be built around a negotiated work output.

## Industry experience

This programme is designed to provide a broad based introduction to the rapidly changing discipline of historic building conservation. You will benefit from opportunities to work with heritage organisations and projects and also gain practical conservation skills through optional short courses with our practical training associates.

## Indicative modules

- Buildings in the Landscape
- The Challenge of Change: Context, Significance, Planning Policy and Law
- Cultural Heritage Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Survey, Recording and Analysis of Historic Buildings
- Historic Building Conservation in Practice
- Conservation of Historic Building Interiors: Fixtures, Fittings, Collections

## Campus

Swindon

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

**Dr Geraint Coles**

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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.

## Career prospects

Roles include:

- Investigation, recording, analysis and protection of historic buildings
- Conservation and restoration of historic buildings
- Management of public engagement with, and access to, historic buildings
- Advising on the interpretation and display of historic buildings
- Development, adaptive reuse and regeneration of Historic buildings
- Management of Heritage-Led Regeneration and Place Shaping

For full details please visit:

[rau.ac.uk/pg-cmhb](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-cmhb)



# MSc Historical Archaeology

The Archaeology of the Historical period covers some of the most significant global changes affecting humankind including the rise of the maritime world empires, western colonial expansion, the industrial revolution and the development of mass conflict. This course explores the period from c.1500 to 2000 and critically considers contemporary issues, challenges and developments.

Through this programme you will prepare or develop your career or further research in historical archaeology. It will provide you with a robust philosophical, theoretical and ethical framework for exploring the remains of the recent past.

## Course structure

The programme consists of eight taught modules and a dissertation. The modules are designed to provide a thorough grounding in the key themes – a foundation from which you can build your own interests. Assessments are varied and include publications, conference papers and research reports.

The programme is delivered in Swindon as a series of intensive day-long blocks supported by distance and self-directed learning. For much of the programme you will also be encouraged to work on research projects often in collaboration with other students and tutors. You can take the course full-time over one year or part-time over two to six years, giving you flexibility.

The course employs an exciting engaged and hands-on collaborative learning style where you are encouraged and enabled to contribute to knowledge generation and communication. Learning is underpinned with engagement with real objects, sites and landscapes.

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

## Industry experience

The programme begins with a short field course which will introduce to you the core theory, practice and controversies of historical archaeology through the investigation of an historic environment.

## Indicative modules

- Historical Archaeology in Theory and Practice
- Cultural Heritage Research: Design, Methodology and Management
- Archaeological Landscape Investigation, Survey and Recording
- Survey, Recording and Analysis of Historic Buildings
- Exploring Artefacts and Materialities
- The Emergence of the Modern World and the Archaeology of Colonialism
- Shaping Modern Britain: The Archaeology of Industry and Transport
- Modern Conflict Archaeology

## Campus

Swindon

## Full-time or part-time study available

## Programme Manager

**Professor Mark Horton**  
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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.

## 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 and River Trust
- Heritage Tourism
- Teaching and Education

For full details please visit:  
[rau.ac.uk/pg-ha](http://rau.ac.uk/pg-ha)

**The RAU has been at the forefront of agricultural education for 175 years, delivering educational excellence and contributing to the global agricultural sector.**

# Research degrees at the RAU

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.

We are doing some really exciting studies around food security, food safety, rural-urban food linkages and opportunities to add value in the food supply chain. These PhDs have the opportunity to make a real difference to people's lives and their access to nutritious, affordable food.

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, local 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.

**'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  
Equine Research Group

## Master of Science by Research (MScR)

This one-year full-time MSc by Research programme includes training in research skills to help you design your research programme to investigate the key challenges facing the agriculture, land management or equine industries and on completion will give you a Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods. The whole programme is completed when your research is written-up in a thesis and is successfully defended 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 has two elements, completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods and a one-year research project submitted as a thesis and possibly 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.

## Why study at the RAU?

The full-time PhD by Research programme is a three-year research project submitted as a thesis and examined in a viva voce.

- 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 giving you access to a large and subject-diverse postgraduate network

## 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

## 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

## 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.

# Planning your finances

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.

Students may be able to apply for a postgraduate loan with Student Finance England.

 Find out more  
[gov.uk/postgraduateloan](https://www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan)

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

## 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.

Please note: these scholarships and awards are applicable for 2020 entry. Scholarships and bursaries are subject to change; for the most up-to-date information please visit our website.

[rau.ac.uk](https://www.rau.ac.uk)

## Scholarships and bursaries

The University offers a wide range of generous scholarships from the RAU Outstanding Achievers Scholarship to the Sir Emrys Jones Memorial Trust award. Details about these can be found on the fees and funding page on our website.

 Find out more  
[rau.ac.uk/study/pg/funding](https://www.rau.ac.uk/study/pg/funding)

## 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  
[thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance](https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance)
- Enhanced Learning for the Armed Forces Scheme

 Find out more  
[enhancedlearningcredits.com](https://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com)

The RAU offers scholarships, awards and bursaries to assist those students to achieve their full potential.



# How to apply

We have an active policy of equal opportunity in the recruitment of students and seek applicants from all backgrounds, cultures and faiths. We welcome students with disabilities and endeavour to make all reasonable adjustments to ensure equal access to Higher Education.

## Conditions of entry

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 may 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 programme 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.

## How to apply

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 which may include an interview.

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 in your application.

Please note that PhD and MScR applicants should contact the Admissions Office for more information about how to apply.

## 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.

## Disabled Persons Policy

The University is committed to achieving equal opportunities for all of its students and actively encourages potential students who may be disabled or have specific learning needs to apply.

Please see page 20 for more information.

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A photograph of two young women walking along a paved path lined with large, mature trees. The woman on the left is wearing a light-colored blouse and a brown skirt, while the woman on the right is wearing a red and black plaid jacket over a white hoodie and black leggings. They are both smiling and looking towards each other. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. A yellow horizontal bar is positioned below the women, extending across the width of the page.

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