

Programme Specification

BSc Finance and Investment Banking

For students entering Part 1 in September 2019

UCAS Code: N302

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This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	3 years
Length of Programme with placement/year abroad	
Accreditation	This degree is an official Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme partner and has been granted the IMC advantage from the same institution.

Programme information and content

The programme aims to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to continue their studies at a graduate level and to perform well at the entry level in the finance industry.

Part 1:	Introduces you to the fundamental concepts and practical tools that you will need to cope with the challenges of the fast-paced financial services industry.
Part 2:	Provides you with the core thematic knowledge and necessary transferable skills to succeed in the world of banking, asset management or corporate finance.
Part 3:	Gives you the opportunity to specialise in some of the most exciting areas of finance according to your own preferences and professional aspirations.

Module information

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
AC105A	Introductory International Financial Accounting A	10	4
AC105B	Introductory International Financial Accounting B	10	4

IC101	Introductory Securities and Markets	20	4
IC102	Introductory Finance/Trading Simulation I	20	4
IC103	Introductory Economics for Business and Finance	20	4
IC104	Introductory Quantitative Techniques for Business and Finance	20	4
IC105	Ethics in Investment Management	20	4

Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits
IC201	Corporate Finance	20
IC203	Debt Markets and Instruments	20
IC204	Portfolio Management	20
IC205	Introductory Econometrics for Finance	20
IC206	Financial Modelling/CMS	20

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Henley Business School and modules from elsewhere in the University.

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

Part 3 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits
IC301	Derivative Securities/Trading Simulation III	20
IC303	Management of Risk	20

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Henley Business School and modules from elsewhere in the University.

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Additional costs of the programme

Costs are indicative, but will vary according to module choice and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. The estimates were calculated in 2016.

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget approximately £300 a year. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

Subject to your module selection, you may be required to purchase sundry materials (i.e. printing). Many students find it advantageous to have their own personal computing facilities though there are central facilities available.

Placement opportunities

Placements:

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement as part of your Programme. This will form all or part of an optional module. You will be offered the opportunity to find and secure a placement opportunity, with the support of the University.

Study Abroad:

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a Study Abroad placement during your Programme. This is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook, including obtaining the relevant permissions from your School, and the availability of a suitable Study Abroad placement. If you undertake a Study Abroad placement, further arrangements will be discussed and agreed with you.

Teaching and learning delivery:

through lectures, seminars, workshops and invited practitioner talks.

Total study hours for each Part of your programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is Part 1 - 240 hours, Part 2 - 192 hours, Part 3 - 180 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

Accreditation details

Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework, oral examinations, practical examinations.

Progression Requirements:

Part 1

The University-wide rules relating to 'threshold performance' are as follows:

- (i) Obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1; and
- (ii) Obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.'

In order to progress from Part 1 to Part 2, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

- (i) obtain a mark of at least 40% in all Part 1 modules with the exception of IC105 in which a mark of 35% must be obtained.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Part 2

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to:

- (i) Obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2;
- (ii) Marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and

(iii) Marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

(i) marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to not less than 120 credits.

Year Abroad

Students are required to pass the placement year in order to progress on the programme which incorporates the placement year. Students who fail the placement year transfer to the non-placement year version of the programme.

Classification

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below Honours Standard
0% - 34%	Fail

The weighting of the Parts Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

Three-year programmes

Part 2 one-third

Part 3 two-thirds

Four-year programmes, including placement year:

Normally:

Part 2 one-third

Placement Year not included in classification

Part 3 two-thirds

(where students fail a placement year which does not contribute to classification they transfer to the three-year version of the programme)

For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

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