

Programme Specification

MSc in Real Estate Investment and Finance (Flexible)

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For students entering in 2020/21

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	MSc in Real Estate Investment and Finance (Flexible) - 6 years
Accreditation	RICS
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

The MSc Real Estate Investment and Finance Part time programme is a blend of academic rigour and applied practical analysis. The programme aims to provide students with the specialist knowledge and skills necessary to enhance their careers in the UK or international real estate industry. Its specific objective is to provide students with a structured but flexible learning framework to enable them to understand real estate investment and financing decisions. It also aims to provide students with a range of transferable skills applicable to other possible future career paths.

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
REMB05	Real Estate Investment Appraisal	20	M
REMB19	Real Estate Securities	20	M
REMB22	Real Estate Portfolio Management	20	M
REMB31	Corporate Finance	20	M

Students will select 100 credits of option modules available in Real Estate.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The flexible MSc programme in Real Estate Investment and Finance Part time is designed within a 180 credit modular structure. The programme is delivered through 3-5 day full time block release attendance at the University for each module followed by internet-based learning.

Additional costs of the programme

There are no textbooks which you must buy and students are encouraged to discuss the purchase of textbooks or other resources with the module convenor before purchasing. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs.

A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks, electronic resources and computer facilities, are available through the Central Library and the Business School Academic Resource Centre.

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost per A4 page of £0.05 (black and white) and £0.30 (colour). Essential costs in this area will be low as most coursework is submitted electronically. Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations.

The estimates were calculated in 2018.

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 any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the programme. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Placement opportunities

There are no placements available on this programme.

Study abroad opportunities

Teaching and learning delivery

Students attend the University for short blocks of attendance when there are opportunities to experience a range of learning methods. Each module uses a variety of teaching and learning styles including: lectures by academics and practitioners, case studies, group work, seminars, workshops and individual tutorials. Students are expected to contribute their own knowledge and experience in order to extend the learning opportunities.

Following attendance at the University, the students' learning experience is enhanced via the Blackboard online environment.

All modules are designed to deliver level 7 outcomes. Each unit progresses through the material quickly and obtains level 7 student achievement as measured by the summative assessments in each module. Within each of these modules, the overall aim is to move towards students being able to understand the knowledge obtained and be critically aware of the theoretical and practical implications of the material.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 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 270 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

The Masters degree programme is included within the University/Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) partnership arrangement and graduates are able to enter the RICS APC two year programme leading to professional membership of the RICS.

Assessment

Students may be assessed by a range of methods including individual and group assignments, essays, literature reviews, reports, presentations and examinations.

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

The flexibility of the programme means that there are no stages or parts to the degree. Students work towards the Masters qualification by fulfilling requirements for the 180 credits

Classification

The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

Mark Interpretation

70 - 100% Distinction

60 - 69% Merit

50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

Failing categories:

40 - 49% Work below threshold standard

0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

For Masters Degree

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits; and
- ii. a mark of 60 or more for the dissertation; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iv. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits; and
- ii. a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iv. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits; and
- ii. a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iv. the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.

In addition, for all classifications of the Masters degree, students must gain a mark of 40 or more in all compulsory modules.

For PG Diploma

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 70 or more over 120 credits; and

- ii. In addition, the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iii. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 60 or more over 120 credits; and
- ii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iii. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 50 or more over 120 credits; and
- ii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.

In addition, for all classifications of the PG Diploma, students must gain a mark of 40 or more in all compulsory modules.

For PG Certificate

To qualify for a **Postgraduate Certificate**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 50 or more over 60 credits; and

the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 10 credits.

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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