ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The General Entrance Requirement

1. To ensure that its students have a reasonable level of education across a range of subjects, the University expects all entrants to satisfy a minimum general entrance requirement.

The University prospectus and website should provide clear guidance on the general entry requirements as well as any particular subjects, skills or experience needed for specific programmes of study. The website should be considered the most up-to-date source of information. Further information on undergraduate programmes is also contained in the profiles offered via the UCAS website and these can be found at: search.ucas.com

2. Entry Requirements – Undergraduate Programmes:

(a) The University welcomes applications from appropriately qualified applicants offering a wide range of national and international qualifications. Entrants to full-time programmes will generally be expected to have passed at least two subjects at General Certificate of Education Advanced level (GCE A level) or equivalent in other qualifications. The university considers a wide range of qualifications as equivalent to GCE A level, and therefore acceptable for entry. More information on equivalent qualifications can be found on both the UCAS and University website.

(b) International Qualifications

The equivalence of international qualifications will be determined having regard to independently published guidelines recognised within the United Kingdom higher education sector, such as UK Naric and UCAS. (NB: For admission to the University of Reading International Foundation Programme for international students only, the minimum entry requirements are: Passes at Grade C/Grade 4 (for reformed GCSE results graded from 1 August 2017 onwards) or better in five subjects at GCSE, or a good result in the applicant’s school leaving qualification (where that qualification is equivalent to GCSE).

(c) Admission on Recognition of Prior Learning

(i) Acceptance of prior learning for credit purposes is at the discretion of the University and its Schools.

(ii) Certificated credit obtained from another institution can be recognised in one of two ways:

- Exemption from individual modules within or from a maximum of two thirds of the total credits for the relevant award, subject to an upper limit or 240 credits of an undergraduate programme
- Transfer of credit and marks in substitution for specific modules within an undergraduate programme, which is normally permissible only in respect of Part 1 of undergraduate programmes.
Exemption from individual modules is not normally permissible where the module contributes to the classification of an undergraduate qualification.

(d) European Credit Transfer Scheme (ECTS)
The University operates the European Credit Transfer Scheme.

(e) Admissions on the Basis of Prior Experiential Learning

(i) The assessment of Prior Experiential Learning is at the discretion of the University and its Schools.

(ii) The evidence for acceptance of prior experiential learning must demonstrate that the experiential learning meets the coverage of the relevant modules in terms of the outline content and assessable learning outcomes of the module, and is appropriate to the level of the module.

(iii) PEL will normally be limited to a maximum of an upper limit of 120 credits for undergraduate programmes.

3 Entry Requirements – Postgraduate Taught Programmes

(a) The University welcomes applications from appropriately qualified applicants, having normally achieved an undergraduate honours degree (or international equivalent) in the first- or second-class range, with an upper-second class honours or higher being preferred.

(b) Applicants with appropriate professional experience and/or qualifications may also be considered for postgraduate degree programmes.

4 English Language Qualifications

Applicants should hold a sufficient level of competence in English Language and most programmes require GCSE English Language at minimum Grade C/Grade 4 (for reformed GCSE results graded from 1 August 2017 onwards) or equivalent. Applicants whose first language is not English will normally be required to achieve one of a number of English Language qualifications approved by the University and the United Kingdom Visa and Immigration authority, as applicable. The level required will be dependent on the programme of study to be undertaken. Information on specific levels and acceptable qualifications will be published on the University website.

General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) requirements
The University will normally expect applicants to be able to demonstrate competency at GCSE level (or equivalent) including but not limited to and where applicable, English Language & Mathematics.

Applicants who have queries about qualifications not listed here, or about admission criteria, should contact the Admissions Office for advice.

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