POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT READING
Study for a career with real world impact

SPEIR is an exciting and dynamic place to learn. We encourage you look at current real world issues and understand the forces shaping our world today. You will graduate with knowledge of recent developments in the global economy and how these are linked with political changes at the national and international level. The specialist expertise in economic and political analysis prepares you for challenging international roles.

The school’s diverse staff are leading scholars in their fields, and have been trained in institutions across the world. All are highly regarded specialists, as well as excellent teachers. Our experts are actively involved in research that informs policy decisions and our staff have undertaken projects for international governments.
KEY FEATURES

ENRICHING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
You will be taught through a variety of student-centred teaching methods, from traditional lectures to simulation activities and multimedia online tutorials.

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH
You will learn in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere with a high level of individual care. Our staff of distinguished professors and lecturers are involved in innovative, cutting edge research and pass on their enthusiasm and expertise.

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE
You will benefit from small, interactive seminar groups engaging in dynamic discussion with students from around the world.

COMMITMENT TO STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY
With a dedicated Development Officer on hand to help you search, secure and succeed in placement opportunities and build networks for your future.
With a history spanning three centuries the University of Reading is ranked by The Times and rated in the top one per cent of the world among the UK’s most research-intensive institutions. Our students come from all over the world, giving you support from a wide network, and encouraging lively debate.

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Research is at the heart of everything we do. Our current expertise spans:

• econometrics
• macroeconomics
• banking and finance
• development economics
• emerging markets
• spatial and housing economics
• diplomacy
• globalisation strategy and defence
• political and economic integration
• public ethics

We are home to around 50 full-time academic staff in seven leading research centres, the majority of whom are widely published and research-active experts in their respective areas. Our staff also undertake funded research projects and provide consultancy services to multinational organisations, governments and international agencies.

OUR RESEARCH CENTRES

• Centre for the Study of Development Economics and Emerging Markets
• Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy
• The Centre for Institutional Performance
• The Economic Analysis Research Group
• The International Centre for Housing and Urban Economics

OUR RESEARCH GETS RESULTS

In 2014 we performed highly in the Research Excellence Framework results. These annual reports rank the research of UK higher education institutions according to their impact on society, economy, culture, and the research environment itself. The image below displays the University’s excellent quality of research.

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‘Success at a post-graduate level can indicate to employers that you have a high level of skills; for example the ability to analyse, problem solve, communicate and research effectively … Postgraduates from SPIER have gone on to work to a wide variety of roles working for NGOs business, Higher Education and also to take a PhD.’

Kevin Thompson  
Careers Adviser specialising in Politics, Economics and International Relations

A TRULY INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Throughout your studies you will be working in groups featuring students from all over the world, further emphasising the international nature and relevance of your degree. This global dimension adds significant value to both the academic and social experience, allowing you to network with, and learn from, fellow students from a wide range of backgrounds, and share different perspectives and experiences.

OUR GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Our School has strong connections to influential external organisations.

Our links with Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology enables students studying in Nanjing, China to join us here at Reading for their final year of study.

We also offer an exciting double MA Security Studies in conjunction with MGIMO University in Russia. This allows students to spend a year in Moscow.

Our courses are internationally recognised. Both our interdisciplinary Masters in Public Policy and MSc Economics of Climate Change are accredited by Climate-KIC, one of the largest and most innovative organisations focussed on climate change. Studying with us puts you at the forefront of real world policy making.

AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

27% World-leading

1* Recognised nationally

2* Recognised internationally

4* World-leading

3* Internationally excellent

Overall quality profile: how the University’s research results break down by category and percentage
OUTSTANDING CAREER PROSPECTS

BEGIN A REWARDING CAREER
A postgraduate degree from our School provides the backbone for a fulfilling career in a variety of sectors. Whether you’re beginning a new career path or enhancing your existing skills, our mixture of careers support and academic training will help you get where you want to be.

The table below displays University-wide graduate destinations collected from recent data. Overall, 93% of 2013 Reading graduates are in employment, voluntary work or study, and 71% are in graduate level work or further study. These figures put Reading above the sector average.

SUPPORTING YOUR DEVELOPMENT
Studying with us means benefiting from an academic and university-wide support network. Below are our key features, to help you prepare for your future career.

Placement opportunities
You will have the opportunity to undertake a placement whilst completing your studies, and have access to ongoing support from our dedicated School Placement Officer.

The Careers Centre
Our award-winning Careers Centre provides professional support and information to students and alumni. On-campus events ranging from career fairs and employer-run workshops to CV advice sessions and mock interviews help to build your confidence and skills and provide you with an invaluable edge when entering the highly competitive graduate job market. For more information, visit www.reading.ac.uk/careers

Practical course content
With regular workshops, seminars and strong connections to government analysts and policy makers, our postgraduate courses apply theoretical knowledge to real life situations – helping you prepare for life after graduation.

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
A degree in Politics, Economics or International Relations prepares you for a wide range of options after graduation.

The most common sectors our graduates enter are:
• banking
• accountancy and taxation
• business/management consultancy
• UK and overseas governments
• international agencies.
• politics and government
• journalism
• law
• social work
• charity sector
• diplomatic service

FURTHER ACADEMIC STUDY
A number of our graduates each year continue along an academic path, working towards a PhD. Each of our masters programmes provides a strong grounding for future doctoral study and we offer full studentships and additional sources of funding to leading PhD candidates.

WHERE DO OUR GRADUATES GO?

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TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

HOW WILL I LEARN?
• Lectures combined with interactive tutorials.
• Engagement with the latest news and cutting-edge research, applying your knowledge and abilities to real-life situations.

HOW WILL MY COURSE BE STRUCTURED?
• A combination of core and optional modules, which vary depending on your choice of degree. This provides you with greater flexibility, allowing you to tailor your masters towards your own interests.
• You will complete up to 10 taught modules during your degree, totalling 180 credits.
• One module usually equates to 20 credits or 200 hours of work, of which there are typically 20 hours of lectures and 180 hours of guided independent study.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?
• Written assignments, group presentations and formal examinations.
• The exam period is during the summer term, between April and June. You will submit a dissertation or applied research project in September.
• Our assessments are designed to develop your communication, leadership, team working, and presentation skills, whilst testing both your knowledge and your ability to apply concepts to real-life situations.

WE’RE HERE TO HELP

Academic support
• A wide range of ongoing support, from application to graduation and beyond.
• A dedicated personal tutor who you can meet with to discuss any issues or questions during your studies.

A strong community
• Social events organised at key times during the year.
• Group events to fit in with your studies, such as weekly topical lunchtime debates.
• University wide support networks, such as Peer Support and Student Wellbeing Services.

‘During my studies at Reading I have developed key skills of presentation, critical evaluation, independent research and project preparation with strong support from my lecturers ... I had the opportunity to listen and interact with accomplished business leaders, managers and diplomats’

Stela Cani
MA Business and Management in Emerging Markets
## COURSE LIST

### ECONOMICS
- MSc Business economics
- MSc Emerging and developing economies
- MSc International Economic Development
- MSc Business Economics in Emerging and Developing markets
- MSc the Economics of International Business and Finance
- MSc the Economics of Climate Change
- MSc Law and Economics
- MSc Banking and Finance in Emerging and Developing Economies
- MSc Banking and Financial Systems in the Global Economy

### POLITICS
- MA Diplomacy
- MA International Relations
- MA International Security Studies
- MA Strategic Studies
- Double MA Security Studies with MGIMO, Moscow

### COMBINED ECONOMICS AND POLITICS
- MA in public policy
This Masters course provides an advanced insight into business, both at organisational and industry level, focusing in particular on areas including international business strategy, regulation and key research methods.

You will utilise techniques and evidence in order to understand how industries are structured, how organisations behave within them and the impact of these factors on their performance.

This course is designed for graduates either seeking to continue their studies on to the PhD level in the area of business economics or seeking career opportunities that require greater analytical skills.

The latter may include working as a researcher at think-tanks, working in consultancy organisations and positions within government that require greater research/analytical skills.

### CORE MODULES

- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- Economics of corporate strategy
- Topics in business economics
- Small business economics
- Regulation
- Strategic diversity and the political economy of multinationals
- Dissertation or applied research project

### OPTIONAL MODULES

In addition, students must take 40 credits (20 credits if doing the dissertation module) of electives chosen from:

- The economics of the multinational enterprise
- The microeconomics of banking
- The economics of financial markets
- The economic foundations of corporate finance
- Advanced econometrics
- Business and financial forecasting

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**MSc BUSINESS ECONOMICS**

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MSc
EMERGING AND DEVELOPING ECONOMIES

This Masters programme combines theory and practice to provide you with a strong grounding in international development both in the fast growing emerging economies of Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as in relation to the problems of development in countries across the world. It encourages you to analyse the political economy of development, the strategic behaviour of organisations, governments and consumers in developing and emerging economies.

CORE MODULES
• Microeconomic policy
• Macroeconomic policy
• Research methodology
• Quantitative research methods
• Economic development in emerging markets
• Microeconomics for Developing Countries
• Macroeconomics for Developing Countries
• Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules, spanning areas including development, international finance, international business, and small business economics.

COURSE DETAILS
12 months (full-time)
24 months (part-time)

Start date October

Scholarships available
Find out more at
www.reading.ac.uk/Study/fees/pg-feestable.aspx

Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics
This Masters course explores the highly significant interdependence between international business and economic development. You will examine both the collaborative and confrontational roles of multinational enterprises and the process of economic growth, development and transformation.

Utilising key techniques and evidence, you will also develop an understanding of how MNEs, competing on a global scale, interface with national or regional economies, with differing and specific needs.

**CORE MODULES**
- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- The economics of the multinational enterprise
- Strategic diversity and the political economy of multinationals
- Economic development in emerging markets
- Microeconomics for Developing Countries
- Macroeconomics for Developing Countries
- Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules spanning areas including international finance, small business economics and development.
MSc
BUSINESS ECONOMICS IN EMERGING AND DEVELOPING MARKETS

This specialist Masters programme explores the economics of business in emerging and developing economies. You will examine whether businesses are different in emerging and developing economies and if so, how? How might such differences be dealt with both by managers in these businesses and also by policy makers who wish to maximise the benefits of these businesses. With the growth of many of these economies and the globalisation of the world economy, understanding the operation of businesses within them has become crucial for economic progress. Utilising key techniques and evidence, students will develop an understanding of how firms, competing both on a global and local scale, interface with national or regional economies, with differing and specific needs.

CORE MODULES
• Microeconomic policy
• Macroeconomic policy
• Quantitative research methods
• Research methodology
• Small business economics
• The economics of the multinational enterprise
• Economic development in emerging markets
• Microeconomics for Developing Countries
• Macroeconomics for Developing Countries
• Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules, spanning areas including corporate strategy, urban economics, regulation and banking.

COURSE DETAILS
12 months (full-time)
24 months (part-time)

Start date October

Scholarships available
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Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics
MSc
THE ECONOMICS OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE

CORE MODULES
• Microeconomic policy
• Macroeconomic policy
• Research methodology
• Quantitative research methods
• The economics of the multinational enterprise
• Strategic diversity and the political economy of multinationals
• Microeconomics of banking
• The economic foundations of corporate finance
• Dissertation or applied research project

In addition, those students choosing to do the applied research project must take the Economics of Financial Markets module.

This Masters course provides you with an in-depth knowledge of the inter-relationships between the areas of finance and multinational organisations. You will examine multinational organisations and develop a strong understanding of the key economic issues underlying financial markets, assets and institutions. In addition, you will learn the basic theories which underpin financial systems, with a specific emphasis on their inter-relationship with international business firms.

COURSE DETAILS
12 months (full-time)
24 months (part-time)

Start date October
Scholarships available
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Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics

‘I chose the University of Reading because of its world-class reputation in Business and Economics, its strong careers links with the corporate world and its close proximity to London – a global financial centre.’

Morgan MacQuarrie
MSc Economics of International Business and Finance
MSc
THE ECONOMICS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE

This Masters course combines a strong economic foundation and a wide range of interdisciplinary options (ranging from climate science to environmental law and carbon management) to help students to develop an understanding of the many facets related to climate change. You will be introduced to the theory and practice of economic analysis of real-world environmental problems and examine the economic management of a range of depletable and non-renewable resources, as well as recycling policy. After working on a range of practical case studies illustrating the effects of the adoption of more pro-environmental behaviour, you are then offered a programme of placements with key institutions to provide them with the opportunity to work on real applications over the summer period.

This course is accredited by Climate-KIC, the main climate innovation initiative for the EU.

CORE MODULES
• Research methodology
• Quantitative research methods
• Economic theory for climate change
• Climate change and economic policies
• Regulation
• Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules spanning areas including carbon management, energy resources, environmental law, and sustainable design and development. These electives are interdisciplinary and are offered by the School of Law; School of Human and Environmental Science; School of Agriculture Policy and Development; School of Mathematics, Meteorology and Physics; School of Construction Management and Engineering; Soil Sciences; Biological Sciences.

COURSE DETAILS
12 months (full-time)
24 months (part-time)

Start date October

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Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics.
The MSc programme in Law and Economics aims to attract highly qualified individuals who plan to further their careers by combining these two complementary fields and developing expertise in modern economic theory and techniques, and the structuring of modern commercial transactions. The programme is designed to provide essential tools and concepts for all students interested in the intersection between law and economics. A postgraduate law and economics degree will open many doors in more specialised areas of employment, such as law firms, European and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academia, the media (journalism and broadcasting), the civil service, and other branches of public service.

CORE MODULES
Students must take either of the following modules:
- Advanced issues in international commercial law
- International corporate finance and the law

In addition, you must take one core module from the following:
- Regulation
- Microeconomic policy
- Project skills

A variety of optional modules from the Department of Economics and the School of Law are also available.
This specialist Masters programme will assess how banks and financial institutions function in developing and emerging economies. They will also consider the role played by finance in facilitating or blocking economic development. Core modules provide a critical understanding of current theories and empirical research in finance as well as economic development.

CORE MODULES

- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- The economics of financial markets

This MSc at Reading has exceeded all of my expectations. The course has provided me with knowledge in the evolution and development of banking and financial systems in emerging markets, as well as macroeconomic development. Lecturers and tutors are professional yet supportive, and motivate students to aim high and achieve their objectives.'

Maksat Sahatov
MSc Banking and Finance in Emerging and Developing Economies
MSc
BANKING AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

CORE MODULES
- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- Microeconomics of banking
- The economics of financial markets
- The economics of financial regulation
- International money and finance
- Dissertation or applied research project

In addition, those students doing the applied research profile will choose an optional module.

COURSE DETAILS
12 months (full-time)
24 months (part-time)

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Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics and quantitative methods

This Masters course provides you with an understanding of the various components of, and financial services provided by, those institutions, assets and markets which constitute the global financial system. You will explore key issues in a global context and develop a detailed understanding of the economic foundations of banking and financial markets. In addition, you will learn how to apply the theories related to financial systems to real world situations.
MA DIPLOMACY

The main aim of this programme is to introduce students to theoretical and practical approaches to the study of international diplomacy, through the study of a core module in Contemporary Diplomacy and to encourage interdisciplinary scholarship. In particular this degree programme encourages the ability to delineate and evaluate issues, select relevant materials and produce arguments encompassing policy, existing practice and knowledge at an advanced level. It also seeks to develop those practical, generic and personal transferable skills necessary to conduct independent research.

CORE MODULES
- Contemporary diplomacy
- Advanced Research Methods in Politics and International Relations
- Dissertation

OPTIONAL MODULES
- The political economy of civil war
- International relations theory
- International security studies
- Key concepts of strategy
- Strategic theorists
- Strategic practise
- The origins and causes of war
- Conflict in the Middle East
- Terrorism in a globalising world
- The politics and economics of immigration
- Governance, security, development
- Building peace after civil war
- Themes and issues in contemporary international relations
- Seminar series on case studies in politics and international relations
- Work placement and project
- Philosophical issues in the social sciences
- Introduction to research methods in politics and international relations
- International institutional law and dispute settlement
- International criminal law
- Israel/Palestine: international law and human rights questions
- Law of armed conflict
- The use of military force
- Public international law

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Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent
The programme aims to provide students with a deeper knowledge and theoretical understanding of the academic discipline of International Relations than that provided at the undergraduate level. It seeks to acquaint them with the current debates in the field and their relationship to contemporary problems of world politics. It also aims to cultivate critical analysis of International Relations. It offers the opportunity for specialisation in various aspects of international politics, strategic studies, international political economy, international law, international organisations, and area studies.

**CORE MODULES**
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- Themes and issues in contemporary international relations
- Advanced research methods in politics and international relations
- Dissertation

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
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- **Entry requirements**
  2.1 honours degree, or equivalent
The programme aims to equip students with a thorough understanding of key theories, concepts and scholarly debates related to international and global security, broadly defined, and their relationship to contemporary security problems. As well, it aims to provide students with empirical knowledge of specific security issues, especially since the Cold War period, and with the ability to critically analyse these. Opportunities for specialisation are offered in various areas of strategic studies, diplomacy and conflict resolution, and the international relations and politics of particular regions.

**CORE MODULES**
- International security studies
- International relations theory
- Advanced research methods in politics and international relations
- Dissertation

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The MA in Strategic Studies offers a comprehensive education in both the theory and practice of strategy. In the current challenging strategic environment, a dedicated study of this subject is required for all those who seek to understand modern warfare and how military force can be used in the pursuit of policy objectives. The programme also provides an invaluable education for those who are currently engaged, or seek a career, in the defence profession. The MA in Strategic Studies provides a thorough analysis of contemporary strategic issues and the challenges of defence planning in the modern world. This analysis is aided by an exploration of the great works of strategic theory, and an examination of some of the most significant historical case studies in the practice of strategy.

**CORE MODULES**
- Strategic theorists
- Strategic practice
- The practice of strategy in history
- Dissertation
- Advanced research methods in politics and international relations

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- The political economy of civil war
- International relations theory
- International security studies
- Contemporary diplomacy
- Key concepts of strategy
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Postgraduate students on a visit to the Imperial War Museum
This Bologna-style two-year Master’s degree is taught entirely in English. Students can elect to take a Russian course when in Moscow, which can be a beginner’s course. The course consists of the larger British-style modules taught over 20 weeks and smaller modules as taught at MGIMO. The subject area covers general topics in the area of international relations and contemporary international affairs, but allows students to specialise on subjects relating to Russia in an international context or else on more general sub-areas such as diplomacy, media, business economics.

**CORE MODULES**

**Reading**
- International relations theory
- International security studies
- Dissertation
- Advanced research methods in politics and international relations

**Moscow**
- International political analysis
- Political process in contemporary Russia
- International conflicts and Russia’s foreign policy
- Russia and the USA in contemporary international relations
- Foundations of Russia’s foreign policy
- Innovation and R&D strategies
- Language module
- Megatrends and global affairs
- International organization and global governance
- Regions in international relations (East)

You will also select optional modules in both Reading and Moscow, spanning areas including international political economy, strategy, diplomacy, history of Russia, Russia-EU relations and political process in contemporary Russia. Students are required to write a dissertation (in English) and to do an Internship (mostly in Moscow).
Public Policy affects all areas of our lives, including decisions on health, welfare, housing, education, security, international development, energy and climate change, to name just a few. Our MA in Public Policy will give you the tools to understand and assess every public policy issue. Our programme is interdisciplinary: it uses traditional and modern insights from both economics and politics to develop essential skills needed in policy making. We are proud to have strong interactions with UK government analysts and policy makers. You can also focus on one of the specialist areas, including welfare policy, sustainable environments, global governance and international development.

This course is accredited by Climate-KIC, the main climate innovation initiative for the EU.

Particular features of the programme include

- **Learning experience:** Our programme gives you a good understanding of public policy in the UK, which can be applied in other countries
- **Practical experience:** Gain exposure to policy makers, with classes led by leading practitioners and seminars with politicians and government officials
- **Placement option:** The opportunity to study abroad or undertake a professional work placement whilst you study. You will also receive tailored careers support from our School Placement Officer

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- **Entry requirements**
  2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, in related subject

### CORE MODULES

- Economics of public policy
- Politics of public policy
- Research training
- Dissertation or applied research project and placement/internship

### OPTIONAL MODULES

You will also select from a wide range of optional modules allowing you to specialise in areas including:

- Global and regional governance and institutions
- Security and rights in the modern world
- International development and emerging markets
- Sustainable environments
- Welfare and social policy
UK QUALIFICATIONS
You are generally expected to have obtained a UK upper second-class honours degree. Certain programmes have additional requirements, please see individual pages for details.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
If your first language is not English, you will be required to provide evidence of proficiency. The table on the right provides an outline of acceptable tests and the appropriate level required for entry.

Qualification title Qualification short name Score required International English Language Test Score IELTS 6.5 Test of English as a Foreign Language (paper-based version) TOEFL (paper-based) 570 Test of English as a Foreign Language (internet-based version) TOEFL (internet-based) 88 Test of English for Educational Purposes TEEP 6.5.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES
We offer both pre-sessional (taken before commencing your degree) and in-sessional (taken during your degree) language courses, designed to prepare you for academic study if English is not your first language. For further information contact www.reading.ac.uk/international

HOW TO APPLY
The quickest and easiest way to apply for Postgraduate study at the University of Reading is through our online application service. This allows you to complete your application information, attach electronic copies of your academic transcripts, certificates and other supporting information and also provides a facility for an email request to be sent to your referees enabling them to send your supporting references directly to us.

Apply using the website www.reading.ac.uk/pgapply
If you are unable to apply online you can request a paper application form by telephoning +44 (0) 118 378 5289 or writing to: Admissions Office University of Reading Miller Building Whiteknights Reading RG6 6AB UK

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
• We offer bursaries of £2500 to those interested in studying on our postgraduate courses. Find out more at www.reading.ac.uk/web/FILES/economics/PGfund1.pdf
• To find out more about the University’s funding options, visit www.reading.ac.uk/Study/fees/pg-feestable.aspx
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We are ideally located in the thriving town of Reading at the heart of the employment-rich Thames Valley, just 25 minutes by train from central London. Our students thoroughly enjoy life at the University and living in Reading, both of which have plenty to offer. There is something for everyone and you won’t have to go far to find it.

**OUR WONDERFUL LOCATION**

The University is located within a thriving commercial town in the heart of the Thames Valley, often referred to as the Silicon Valley of the UK. Reading and the Thames Valley are established as a growing hub for the business world and are home to many global business, including Honda, Deloitte and EY. Our local amenities include the concert hall, the Madejski Stadium, and the world-famous Reading festival. With bustling shops, restaurants and just half an hour’s train journey from the centre of London, this is an outstanding place to study and live.

**CAMPUS AND STUDY FACILITIES**

The Whiteknights campus is also home to a number of cafes and restaurants, central campus shop and sports park. Winner of four Green Flag Awards and voted 6th out of more than 1,500 UK public spaces eligible to be included in its People’s Choice Award 2014, the University is the most highly rated campus in the scheme and the only one to appear in the top 10.

Our students spend much of their time on campus learning and studying. We provide a wide range of leading facilities and services to help you excel throughout your degree. Our library at the centre of campus houses over a million items, including a wide range of texts spanning all areas of business and management. You will also find silent study areas, group study rooms and PC suites.

**STUDENTS’ UNION**

At the centre of campus is our popular Students’ Union. A hive of activity, day and night, it provides easy access to services, shopping and a ready-made social life. The Students’ Union also runs a wide range of clubs and societies, ranging from martial arts and music to international and degree subject-related groups. And, if you can’t find anything that grabs your attention, you can receive support to set up your own club or society. A wide range of advice and support services are provided by the Students’ Union, which also serves as a voice for the student community, organising a series of campaigns throughout the year to raise awareness of key issues.
ACCOMMODATION
If you chose to live on campus The University of Reading has ten halls of residence, providing nearly 4,000 rooms. All halls of residence are conveniently located on bus routes and within a mile of the centre of campus, and each hall has its own distinctive character, providing an enjoyable environment in which to study and relax. A variety of accommodation is available ranging from a self-catered room with shared bathroom facilities to an en-suite, fully catered room. All rooms feature broadband internet access. Postgraduate students who apply and accept an offer of a place by the appropriate deadline, usually 1 August, are guaranteed a place in halls.

‘With outstanding sports facilities on the main Whiteknights campus, quality accommodation and all facilities within walking distance, students need never leave.’

The Financial Times

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We couldn’t be easier to find. We’re just off the M4 motorway at junction 11, and easily accessible from the M3, M40 and M25. The centre of London is only 25 minutes by train, and Heathrow, 30 minutes by car or public transport.

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'As a postgraduate student, I enjoyed most how students were treated as part of the department and bound into its activities. At weekly seminar series with noted academics and policy-makers, it was a brilliant opportunity to informally chat with other students and members of staff. The seminar classes are small and students encouraged to speak and argue their stance. I found this really helpful to try our arguments for essays and just to practice debating. I think this was one of the most critical transferable skills I learned, to think critically and to make reasoned arguments.'

Birte Gippert
International Relations MA, Sessional Lecturer