INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
AT READING
Your pathway to success
WELCOME FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

One of the first universities to establish a course of its type in the UK, the University of Reading’s International Foundation Programme provides students from around the globe with the support, skills and ideal learning environment in which to begin their higher education journey.

The University of Reading has a long tradition of welcoming international students. In fact, our first international student arrived in 1904 from Kenya. Since then, we have welcomed thousands of talented students from more than 125 countries worldwide and our international body is now nearly 4,000. This creates a stimulating, vibrant and multi-cultural environment of which all members of the University benefit from and are proud of.

As befits one of the world’s top 1% universities, Reading is an institution renowned for its academic excellence, its world-class facilities and the fantastic student experience it provides. Students, staff and the wider community enjoy the friendly atmosphere of our stunning campuses one of which, our Whiteknights site, was once again voted one of the best open spaces in the country. Students on the IFP form a very important part of our ‘community’.

We want to ensure all our students receive the most rewarding and enjoyable university experience possible. Indeed, Reading was one of the first UK universities to recognise that students from overseas may require extra support and training. Our IFP is now an internationally recognised and respected access course with a high success rate. Nearly 100% of IFP students pass the programme and 76% successfully qualify for a degree programme at Reading. Others may go on to find degree courses at other top-ranking universities in the UK and around the world.

Whatever your destination, the IFP will provide you with the academic training, language and study skills to start undergraduate studies with knowledge and confidence. It is the ideal launch pad for a successful career. I sincerely hope you choose Reading and look forward to welcoming you to our campus.

Sir David Bell KCB
THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

The International Foundation Programme at the University of Reading offers international students without British A level qualifications or the equivalent, the opportunity to prepare for undergraduate studies on our beautiful campus.

Our long established reputation for academic excellence and student support means that well motivated and hard-working students will have a head start at joining undergraduate programmes here at Reading or other leading institutions.

KEY BENEFITS OF THE READING IFP

- Teaching by experienced academics from the faculty of your chosen degree
- Access all academic, social and sports facilities at the University
- Choose from a wide range of subjects that lead to all degrees
- A guaranteed place at the University of Reading upon successful completion of the IFP
- Live in modern accommodation on an award winning campus
- Join the IFP in either September or January, or the IFLP in July
- Guidance and support from your Personal Tutor
- Win one of our scholarships, awards and prizes

Programme overview

The IFP prepares students for undergraduate study in three ways:

- Provides academic training in subjects related to your chosen pathway
- Develops your English language abilities
- Gives you the transferable academic skills needed for undergraduate studies and beyond

We offer pathways to all degrees at the University of Reading. A small number of degrees require students to pass an interview or psychometric assessment, and we prepare students fully for these.

Students who have met the English language progression requirements for their chosen degree take three 40 credit academic subjects. Students who have not yet met the English language requirements for their chosen degree study 40 credits of English and 100 credits in academic subjects. All students study 20 credits of Academic skills.

We typically have students from over 30 different countries on our programme. Students leave the IFP well prepared for the academic challenges they will face on their degree course with friendships that will last a lifetime and at ease with life both on campus and in the UK.

‘I am glad the IFP provided an all-encompassing environment to study in and am now more confident to advance to my degree, both academically and socially.’

Wen-Yi Ong (Singaporean) IFP student Sept 2015 - June 2016.

Progressed to BSc Investment and Finance in Property. Winner of the IFP Award for Academic Excellence.
The University of Reading is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world. We are a global University that enjoys a world-class reputation for teaching, research and enterprise.

We are committed to maintaining a supportive, challenging and high-quality experience for students and staff alike and to preserving the heritage and beauty of one of the most beautiful university campuses in the UK.

Campus life at the University of Reading has much to offer our 17,000 students. Contemporary study facilities, halls of residence, support services, cafés and bars are centrally located on one of the most attractive university campuses in the UK.

Whiteknights Campus is just a short walk or bus ride from the centre of Reading with its lively mix of culture, nightlife, shops and eating-places.

Our main Whiteknights site is set in 130 hectares of beautiful parkland. With its green open spaces, lake, rare trees and wildlife it is an exceptional environment in which to study, live and relax.

The University of Reading is a great place for sports enthusiasts, with some of the best-equipped facilities of any UK university and almost 50 clubs. Whether you are a complete beginner or a serious player you can participate in your favourite sport.

The University library is a storehouse of information with over 1 million volumes, 3750 periodical subscriptions, plus archives, manuscripts and multimedia materials. We provide skills training to help students, researchers and teaching staff make the most of library facilities.

Information technology is an integral and vital part of teaching and learning right across the University. Our first-class facilities include 24 computer rooms – some open 24 hours – and free wi-fi is available across the campus.
OPPORTUNITIES
From the first day of arrival the IFP provides opportunities that make it easy for you to meet and make friends with other students. Throughout the year there are many specially organised events for IFP students. These fun events help you make new friends, gain new experiences and enjoy your time in the UK. Popular activities each year are paintball, bowling, laser tag, ice-skating and a trip to Thorpe Park for thrilling rides. Social events such as the Christmas meal and the International Evening with fashion show and live music are also highlights of the year.

AWAY DAY
Social events, whilst highly recommended are optional; however one very special event that all IFP students take part in is the IFP Away Day. On this day, students and staff go to an activity centre in the beautiful Berkshire countryside to try different activities. These help develop problem solving, communication and team working skills in a new environment. Activities include kayaking, climbing, orienteering and learning new skills such as archery. The day is free for students, includes a meal and is often described by students as simply amazing!

SPORTS AND RUSU
As a student on the IFP you are a full member of the University with access to all the sports facilities as well as the clubs and societies that are offered in the students union.

STUDENT-STAFF COMMITTEE
For students who wish to develop debating and leadership skills you have the opportunity to join the Student-Staff Committee of the IFP. The committee meets once a term to discuss matters relating to the programme and members are responsible for representing the interests of their fellow classmates.
STUDENT VOICES

‘I had a wonderful academic experience at the foundation level as lecturers were so friendly and always entertained discussions, debates and answered questions. This gave me a sense of confidence, assurance and academic security knowing that academic assistance was readily available through the numerous, seminars, tutorials, and drop-in sessions. Although it was quite intense, it provided a great way for me to get incorporated into the British educational system and have the right academic values and transferrable skills required for successful undergraduate studies.’

Anita Omonuwa (Nigeria)
- Graduated with First Class Honours and the second highest Law score in the University.
- Winner of the 2010 IFP Award for Academic Excellence.
- 2016: Anita now works for a top law firm in Nigeria.

‘Thanks to a great year on the IFP I now feel more confident and ready to start my undergraduate course. On the IFP I was able to take courses that allowed me to gain a lot of knowledge and important transferable skills, which will tremendously benefit me in my undergraduate course. The teaching was excellent and support was always given to the students. Studying on the IFP has always given me the opportunity to meet interesting people from all over the world and become close friends with them. I really enjoyed being around people with different cultures and different backgrounds. It was a year filled with hard work, fun and lots of great memories I will never forget.’

Nora Linjawy (Saudi Arabian)
- IFP Student Sept 2015 – June 2016
- Winner of an IFP Merit Award
- Progressed on to BSc Food and Nutritional Science

‘I have had such a wonderful experience through my IFP year. It was such an outstanding year where studying in such a friendly, competitive and enthusiastic environment were its main characteristics. I am very proud and happy that I have done it.’

Humaid Al Saqri
- Progressed onto LLB Law
- Sponsored student
‘I live in Greenow hall, it’s just a 5 minute walk from our main campus. It’s a really nice experience to live over there, you get to know many people and the people are really friendly. I have many flatmates who are from the UK. You become like a family with your flatmates.’

Zeeshan Abbasi (Pakistan)
IFP Student (January 2013) Hoping to progressed onto Business & Management

‘The location is really good, I barely leave here. I’m always in Reading, but it’s good that it’s really close to London too, so it’s easy to go back and forth. Reading’s got the shopping malls and Broad Street, so it’s a really nice town.’

Derin Adetunji (Nigeria)
June 2016 graduated from BA Business and Management 2016 with First Class honors. IFP student Oct 2012 - June 2013

ACCOMMODATION

At Reading we offer a wide range of accommodation options. Our halls provide you with a home away from home where you will find yourself part of a supportive community. Each hall has its own distinctive character offering a safe and secure environment in which to study, socialise and relax. We also run a halls liaison scheme with designated IFP tutors ensuring that our students are settled and happy in their accommodation.

The benefits of living in halls accommodation include:

• Accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within easy walking distance
• A range of accommodation choices to suit your needs. Choose from different room types, catered or self-catered options and residency periods
• ‘Halls hotline’ Available 24/7, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently
• Communal areas and hall committees which help create a sense of community and ensure a friendly and sociable environment – a great place to meet new friends!

Students who are 17 or over at time of entry to the IFP are eligible for University accommodation. Applicants are welcome to apply, but will only be considered once they have reached their 17th birthday and subject to completing a guarantor form.

Please contact accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk for more details.

READING TOWN

Situated in the Royal County of Berkshire, Reading and its surroundings offer students a wonderfully diverse and vibrant place to live with easy access to London and the stunning southern counties of England. Reading is a leading shopping destination and a hub for successful international companies at the heart of the Thames Valley.

The town, which has a population of 235,000, has a proud history of welcoming people from across the globe and international students often comment on its friendly multicultural vibe and homely feel.

SHOPPING

Reading’s thriving town centre is a short walk or bus ride away from the University’s Whiteknights and London Road campuses. There you’ll discover two big shopping centres, the Oracle and Broad Street Mall with big brand names.

MUSIC

The world-famous Reading Festival, held every August, is the second largest UK music festival after Glastonbury. It attracts 80,000 fans every year who enjoy watching headline acts from around the world.

CINEMA

Reading has two multi-screen cinemas showing all of the latest releases – Vue in the town centre and Showcase cinemas which is located at the eastern edge of Reading and only a ten minute bus journey from the Whiteknights campus. Reading’s only independent cinema, Reading Film Theatre, is based on the University’s Whiteknights campus and shows the best independent, art house and foreign language films twice-weekly during term time.
BUSINESS PATHWAY

The University of Reading is an excellent place to study Business courses as it is one of the top 10 business schools in the UK overall.

MODULES

Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded business undergraduate programmes typically study three of the following four modules:

- Economics
- Mathematics for finance, economics and business
- Introduction to business and management
- International English*

*International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the faculty linguistic requirements.

Other recommended modules for students wishing to progress to a business-related degree include Law, Environmental science, Sociology, Politics, Psychology and Information systems and statistics.

All students take a module in Academic skills.

DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees in the Henley Business School including:

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Henley is a world-renowned international business school based in the UK. Operating in 17 countries; ranked among the top schools in Europe; and being one of only 57 business schools in the world to hold triple-accredited status, Henley has a truly global reputation and reach. It is known for developing outstanding business professionals and leaders – and our distinctive approach is proven to deliver results. Focused, distinctive and engaging in every sense, Henley is best placed to make an impact on your career and life.
LAW, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE PATHWAY

MODULES

All of our modules are designed and taught by University departments and are therefore tailored with your future degree in mind. Students who wish to progress onto Law typically study three of the following six modules:

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*International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the faculty linguistic requirements.

Other recommended modules for students wishing to progress on to a Law degree include Introduction to business and management, Information systems and statistics and Psychology. All students take a module in Academic skills.

DEGREES

These modules also qualify you for a range of other degrees in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences including:

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Many of our degrees in these areas are very highly regarded. Archaeology is one of ten of the University of Reading’s academic subjects which are ranked among the ten best in the country; has an excellent reputation having been ranked 8th (out of 94 universities) in the Complete University Guide and 11th in the Times Good University Guide in recent years.

‘I chose the University of Reading because of its good reputation for Politics and International Relations studies. The course modules are very interesting and challenging. In the first year, the course covers basic political and IR ideologies, theories and political systems but there are also many optional modules for the different interests of students so students who have not studied Politics and International Relations before can also enjoy the course.’

Ibuki Hosono
Graduate of BA Politics and International Relations
SCIENCE AND LIFE SCIENCE PATHWAY

MODULES

Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded degrees in Science and Life Sciences typically study three of the following six modules:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental science
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- International English*

*International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the faculty linguistic requirements.

Other recommended modules for students wishing to progress onto a Science and Life Sciences degrees include Further mathematics and computer science, Information systems and statistics, Introduction to business and management and Economics.

All students take a module in Academic skills.

DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees in the Faculty of Sciences and Life Sciences including:

- Agriculture
- Animal Science
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Environmental Sciences
- Food Science
- Food Technology with Bio-processing
- Geography
- Language Sciences and Psychology
- Microbiology
- Nutrition with Food Consumer Sciences
- Pharmacy
- Psychology
- Speech and Language Therapy

We also have many more Science and Life Science degrees. Visit [www.reading.ac.uk](http://www.reading.ac.uk) to see a full list of related degrees.

Agriculture is ranked first in the UK (The Sunday Times and The Times Good University Guide 2016).

Pharmacy has a 96% student satisfaction rate (National Student Survey 2015).
REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PATHWAY

MODULES
Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded degrees in Real Estate & Planning or Construction Management take three of the following modules:

- Mathematics for finance, economics and business
- Mathematics
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Information systems and statistics
- Law
- Politics
- Economics
- Introduction to business and management
- Environmental science
- International English*

*International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the faculty linguistic requirements.

All students take a module in Academic skills.

DEGREES
These modules qualify you for a range of degrees including:

- Building Surveying
- Construction Management
- Investment and Finance in Property
- Quantity Surveying
- Real Estate
- Rural Land and Asset Management

Our departments in these areas are very highly regarded. Real estate and planning is 2nd in the UK for ‘Land and property management’ (The Complete University Guide, 2014) and 4th in the UK for ‘Town and country planning and landscape’ (The Times Good University Guide, 2013).
MATHEMATICS AND METEOROLOGY PATHWAY

MODULES

Mathematics
Further mathematics and computer science
Physics
Information systems and statistics
International English*

* International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the faculty linguistic requirements.

All students take a module in Academic skills.

DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees including:

Computer Science
Environmental Physics
Mathematics
Meteorology

The University’s Department of Meteorology has been awarded a prestigious Regius Professorship by HM The Queen. A Regius Professorship is a rare privilege, with only two created in the past century. It is a reflection of the exceptionally high quality of teaching and research at an institution.

ARCHITECTURE PATHWAY

MODULES

Art for Architecture
Mathematics
Chemistry
Biology
Physics
Environmental science
International English*

* The IFP English Language requirement for entry on the Architecture Pathway is IELTS 5.0, with no skill below 4.5. Students with an IELTS score below IELTS 6.5 (or any sub-skill below 5.5) must take International English as a compulsory module.

DEGREES

These modules qualify you for the BSc Architecture degree.
JANUARY ENTRY

The International Foundation Programme has two possible entry points. In addition to our well-established September – June programme, we also offer a January – August IFP.

MODULES

The January-start programme offers the same quality and benefits of the established IFP in a slightly more intensive format. We believe that this additional entry point provides greater flexibility to qualified and motivated students needing a foundation pathway. Successful completion of this seven-month programme can guarantee a place on an undergraduate degree programme in October of the same year. Modules available are:

Introduction to business and management
Economics
Law
Mathematics for finance, economics and business
Information systems and statistics
International English*

*International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the faculty linguistic requirements. All students take a module in Academic skills.

DEGREES

On successful completion of the January Pathway, students can progress onto degrees in some of the top ranking departments in their field including:

Accounting and Economics
Accounting and Finance
Business Economics
Economics
Economics and Econometrics
Economics and Finance
Entrepreneurship
Entrepreneurship and Management
Finance and Investment Banking
Finance and Management
Finance and Psychology
Agricultural Business Management
Food Marketing and Business Economics
Accounting and Business
Accounting and Management

Business, Management, Finance and Accounting degrees are delivered by the University of Reading’s Henley Business School, which is among the top 1% of business schools worldwide.
In order to qualify to proceed to the degree programme of their choice, students must have achieved the following level of English on completion of the Foundation Programme:

- IELTS 7.5 (with no skill below 7.0) for a degree in Speech and Language Therapy
- IELTS 7.0 or 60% in the International English module for most degrees in Arts and Humanities and in the School of Law
- IELTS 6.5 or 55% in International English for most degrees in all other Faculties including the Henley Business School except for BA International Business and Management
- Students whose English is below the undergraduate entry requirement at the start of the International Foundation Programme will be required to take either the 20-credit or 40-credit International English module.

By the end of the module, it is expected that students will be able to:

- Present ideas, arguments and information with clarity and reasonable accuracy both orally and in written form using appropriate academic register and conventions
- Identify key information, comprehend texts at both sentence and paragraph level and make notes from listening and reading material.

The module aims to help students develop their study skills in order to be successful on the International Foundation Programme and as undergraduate students.

By the end of the module, it is expected that students will be able to:

- Produce written work which is well-organised, relevant and makes use of appropriate terminology and academic style
- Demonstrate good communication skills in written and/or oral form
- Identify problems, apply their knowledge and skills in finding solutions and evaluate these solutions
- Think critically, in order to recognise and express well-reasoned arguments in academic writing
- Interpret and analyse a range of information beyond mere description
- Work as a member of a team by cooperating with others, negotiating, listening to others in the group, sharing responsibilities/tasks and meeting deadlines.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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*Please note that other English Language qualifications may be used dependent on visa requirements and nationalities: [www.reading.ac.uk/admissions/ad-EnglishTests.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/admissions/ad-EnglishTests.aspx)

QUALIFYING FOR YOUR DEGREE

You are guaranteed a place on your chosen degree at Reading if you meet the progression requirements set out by the University departments for their degrees. These vary from degree to degree.

If you do not meet these requirements, you may be able to progress to a degree at another UK university. Students from Reading IFP have gone onto degrees at universities such as Bath, Bristol, Durham, Nottingham and Southampton. Your Personal Tutor will provide assistance with applying to alternative universities.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be made directly to the Admissions Office at the University of Reading or through UCAS. All application details can be found at: [www.reading.ac.uk/ifp-howtoapply.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp-howtoapply.aspx)

You will need to provide us with your up to date academic transcripts or grades, a reference and a short personal statement explaining why you want to join the IFP at Reading and what it is that you hope to study for your degree. Fees for both tuition and accommodation can be paid in full at the start the programme or in instalments as agreed by the university.
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMME (IFLP)

A full time, campus-based programme, offering all the advantages of the existing IFP to students with a lower English level.

About the International Foundation and Language Programme (IFLP)

The IFLP is a 180-credit extended international foundation programme designed with an emphasis on improving your English language and academic study skills.

The programme provides a head-start in terms of English language and study-skills development and the opportunity to familiarise yourself with UK university life before taking on additional subject modules.

What does the International Foundation and Language Programme offer?

From July to September, you will focus on improving your English and developing your study skills, and then you will move on to your chosen degree pathway for the remainder of the programme.

MODULES

Your study pathway will comprise five modules:

- International English Plus
- International English
  (this is in addition to International English Plus)
- Academic skills
- And two 40-credit subject modules
  (depending on your degree choice) from the following list:

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On successful completion of the IFLP your place on a University of Reading degree of your choice is guaranteed for the September entry.
FIND OUT MORE

VISIT US
You are very welcome to visit us in Reading on an individual basis at any time; please contact us to make an appointment. We can arrange for you to visit hall accommodation and to meet an academic member of staff on your visit as well as provide a campus tour.

ONLINE
For further details visit:
www.reading.ac.uk/foundation

IN YOUR COUNTRY
We have an extensive network of agents throughout the world that can help you in your application to the University of Reading. Their details can be found at:
www.reading.ac.uk/study-Int-Agents.aspx