INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

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China

Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?
I chose the IFP at Reading because I wished to enter Henley Business School. As far as I know, it is one of the best business schools in England.

How was your support before and after arrival?
Before I came to the UK, I was worried about forgetting some important documents, but the IFP answered all of my questions through email. Now that I am here, I have had help from the Information Technology Department, from my academic tutors, and can also get help from other students whenever I need it.

What is your favorite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?
The best thing about the IFP is that the teachers are very kind and I think the modules that I take now will help me a lot when I take my undergraduate degree.

My favourite thing about the University of Reading is the campus environment, because I love the open space and the greenery everywhere.

Find out more about student life on the IFP:
reading.ac.uk/ifp
Faris Al-Said
Oman

Faris Al-Said also comes from Oman and wants to study Law for his Undergraduate Degree.

Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?

I chose the IFP at the University of Reading because my brother came here for the same course. When I came to Reading to visit my brother I fell in love with the campus, the scenery, everything.

What is your favorite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?

The best thing about the International Foundation Programme at Reading is the IFP Away Day – when you go for a full day of activities and canoeing. It is really fun.

My favourite thing about the University of Reading is probably the dorms. It’s nice to live in a building and be surrounded by friends and potential friends.

Another great thing about Reading is that it’s only 30 minutes away from London and I’ve already been a couple of times.

Right now on my Law course we are studying Delegated Legislation, and I find that to be the most interesting part of the course.

Another nice thing about the IFP is that you can meet so many people from different countries and so many different cultures all in one place – it’s amazing!

If you’re thinking about doing Foundation, come to Reading.

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Oluwasemilore Akande
Nigeria

I would like to study Psychology at the University of Reading because for a long time now I have always been interested in human behaviour and why we do the things we do.

Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?
I chose the IFP at the University of Reading because while I was doing my research, the IFP was the most inviting in terms of having support for Foundation students and I did hear a lot of good reviews from former IFP students.

How was your support before and after arrival?
The support before arriving at Reading was very comforting. I did receive a lot of emails about what to expect from the IFP at Reading. I also got emails from my Star Mentor (student mentor) asking me if I had any questions. I was told where to meet up and where to register.

The support after arrival was equally as comforting as the support before arrival. All the Welcome Week activities helped me settle in well.

What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?
The best thing about the IFP is that there are many social events which allow us to showcase all our different cultures.

On the IFP games night we got to play different games from all around the world – it’s a way that we can talk to our peers about our culture and we learn different things about each other.

My favourite thing about the University of Reading is that it is a campus university. Everything is really accessible so we don’t have to walk miles to get somewhere.

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For my undergraduate degree, I want to study Business and Management, because I have always enjoyed it in my High School years.

**Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?**

I chose the IFP at the University of Reading because it is a great University, with a great location with a very nice campus, and great rankings, and I was advised to come here by my friend. He took the Foundation year at Reading, progressed to his Undergraduate Degree and is now taking his placement year at the University of Reading.

**How was your support before and after arrival?**

The University supported me and helped me settle in and the staff were great – they kept emailing me to update me on events and things to do in the first week, and that really made me feel settled-in and comfortable.

**What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?**

The best thing about the IFP is that I meet new people and learn new things. It is a really nice experience to start university.

My favourite thing about the University of Reading is definitely the campus, it’s a huge campus and it is really nice - very unique compared to others in the UK. Also the people here are very nice, kind and supportive. It would be really easy to settle in and make friends here.

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Sara Mattar
Egypt

Sara Mattar is now in her final year as an undergraduate at Reading studying Consumer Behaviour and Marketing.

**Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?**

I felt I was really young to go into the first year of a degree and I thought the IFP would give me an experience to be around people who are similar to me. I felt like the IFP was preparing me to enter first year as I was moving to another country.

**How was your experience on the IFP?**

The IFP helped us with support and coursework, how to submit an essay, how to handle exams, and they provided us with lots of activities and events like ice-skating.

**Why did you choose Reading for your undergraduate degree?**

I thought that Consumer Behaviour and Marketing would be better than just Marketing. As the University was highly ranked and not a lot of universities offer this course, I thought it would be different graduating with this dual Marketing degree.

**What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University?**

The best thing about the IFP is the variety of cultures. You get to make friends that you would never have expected to make, from different countries.

There are three things that I love about the University of Reading: the campus, how close it is to London, and that there are over 100 societies and clubs where you can try anything.

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Carlos Cheng
Hong Kong

**Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?**
I chose the IFP at the University of Reading because it is my goal to become a Chartered Surveyor. I believe that the Henley Business School at the University of Reading is the perfect opportunity for me to become a Chartered Surveyor.

**How was your support before and after arrival?**
The support before arrival on the IFP was amazing. There was a Hong Kong exhibition and a pre-departure event where I was able to ask about entry requirements and to ask a lot of questions about the environment of the University.

The support after arrival was great. From the moment I arrived, there were many volunteers to help guide me straight to my accommodation. Within my modules, teachers offer tutorial sessions, which I find really helpful and useful.

**What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?**
The best thing about the IFP is the diversity of the people. There are many people from around the world and I have met a lot of new friends. If you’re a sports lover, you would definitely love the IFP because it has a lot of sport teams. I chose Footsal because it is a very fun and exciting team.

The best thing about the University of Reading is the campus – not only is it big – there are a lot of facilities. It is also convenient. It is only ten minutes away from downtown where you can go for movies and shopping and it only takes ten minutes from my dorm to reach my classes.

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Angel Gyezaho
Uganda

I want to study Law for my undergraduate degree because I am passionate about Law and I want to change the judiciary system in my country.

Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?
I chose the IFP at the University of Reading because I want to do my undergraduate degree at Reading and spending a year here would make it more familiar for me.

How was your support before and after arrival?
I got support from my Star Mentor and we kept emailing and he made me feel really comfortable about coming here. It was good to know someone who could give me first-hand information about being here.

When I arrived, my mentor introduced me to people in my hall so I had friends already on the first day, and that made me feel really at home and not lonely.

What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?
The best thing for me about the IFP is the teachers. They are so nice. It is nice to have teachers who really care and they do as much as they can to support you.

My favourite thing about the university is the green. There is so much green everywhere and it is so beautiful, and there’s a lake. It makes me feel at home.

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Saife Al-Dean
Kuwait

Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?
I chose the IFP at Reading because I wanted to study Computer Science and I didn’t want to do two years of study to get to A Level standard: Foundation is more intensive than AS Level. I felt that the University had good reviews. I chose Reading University specifically because of Computer Science.

How is your experience of the IFP?
I really like it, it’s very different. There are lots of life changes on the IFP. You become more independent, you socialise more. Everything is completely different to school. On the IFP you have more freedom, more fun. At the same time you must work hard. It’s all about discipline and about having a balanced life. On the IFP people won’t be telling you to do this and that – it all comes down to you. It’s all up to you if you want to go on a different path.

What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?
The best thing about the IFP is freedom and your friends and being at the University of Reading gives you a lot of motivation. It’s a completely different life.

The friends I made are from the Gulf Region and we all socialise together because we are from the same world.

My favourite thing about the University of Reading is that my friends are very cool people – they keep me going.

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Christopher Langat  
Kenya

Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?
I chose the IFP at Reading firstly because it is a renowned university, secondly because the standard of teaching is very high and I knew if I chose this course at Reading I would get the academic skills and all the knowledge for my Undergraduate Degree, and thirdly because I want to study Accounting and Business at Henley Business School.

How was your support before and after arrival?
I arrived late for the programme but everyone was very helpful. The support at the University of Reading was very good as I was able ask around to locate different buildings and classrooms and ask many people who were there to help me find my way.

When I was choosing my course modules my teachers were able to give me the right information to make the best decision.

What is your favourite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?
The IFP were very welcoming to the international students. There were team-building events, which allowed us to interact with one another so that we didn’t feel alone. The teachers were very good at giving us information and were very kind.

The Student Union is very good and it has a lot of clubs, and secondly the town centre which is located near to the University, has shopping malls and cafes, restaurants and many things you can do.

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Why did you choose the IFP at Reading?
I chose the IFP because of the prestigious position of the University of Reading in general and in the field of Finance and Investment. I am planning to study Finance and Investment Banking for my Undergraduate Degree.

How was your pre and post arrival experience?
The staff are very kind and provide the support that students need. Actually, they feel happy to help students at any time, and the support before and after arriving at the University of Reading has been great.

What is your favorite thing about the IFP and the University of Reading?
The best thing about the International Foundation Programme at Reading is that there are so many events and activities, which is a nice opportunity to have fun and make new friends.
My favourite thing about the University of Reading is that you can find everything that you want on campus – so you can spend your whole day at the University. Also there are many Halal food options provided.
REASONS TO CHOOSE THE IFP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF READING

- Access to over 250 undergraduate courses: www.reading.ac.uk
- Progress to degrees in Business, Finance, Accounting, Science, Law, Architecture and many more
- A university owned foundation programme with 35 years’ experience
- 96% IFP pass rate*
- Reading is ranked 205th worldwide and 29th in the UK** with 150 years of history
- Only 30 minutes from London by train
- Meet friends from a diverse mix of nationalities and cultures
- Choose to start in either September, January or July***
- Study subject modules relevant to your degree
- Teaching is by expert University of Reading lecturers
- Reading IFP is recognised by many leading UK universities****
- IFP Country Scholarships available: reading.ac.uk/ifp
- Live on an award-winning campus in our University halls of residence
- Access to all the University’s academic, welfare, social and sports facilities

Find out more from our IFP videos: reading.ac.uk/ifp

*Nearly 100% of students pass the programme and around 80% gain access to their chosen degree at Reading.

**QS World University Rankings 2020

***September and January IFP entry points; July and September International Foundation and Language Programme (IFLP) entry points

****Reading is part of the University Pathway Alliance enabling IFP students to progress to a number of high ranking UK universities.
**POPULAR DEGREES AVAILABLE TO IFP STUDENTS**

- BSc Accounting and Finance
- BA Business and Management
- BSc Finance and Investment Banking
- BSc Real Estate
- LLB Law
- BA Economics
- MPharm Pharmacy
- BSc Food Science
- BSc Chemistry
- MSci Speech and Language Therapy
- BSc Psychology
- BSc Architecture
- BEng Architectural Engineering
- MEng Architectural Engineering
- BSc Construction Management
- BSc Quantity Surveying
- BSc Building Surveying
- BSc Biological Sciences
- BEng Biomedical Engineering
- BSc Agriculture
- BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing
- BSc International Development
- BSc Mathematics
- BSc Mathematics and Statistics
- BSc Computer Science
- BSc Meteorology and Climate

*IFP students can choose from over 250 undergraduate degrees at the University of Reading and these are some of the most popular. For a full list see reading.ac.uk*
PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY POINTS

The International Foundation Programme (IFP):
• **IFP September (9 months):** for all degrees* including Business, Law, Sciences and the Built Environment degrees
• **IFP January (7 months):** for Business, Law and Built Environment degrees with the exception of Architecture and Architectural Engineering.

The International Foundation and Language Programme (IFLP):
• **July (11 months):** 8 weeks of English language before joining the September IFP
• **September (11 months):** 11 weeks of English language before joining the January IFP

The four-year LLB Law with International Foundation Year (M1Q3):
• For students who do not have the qualifications for direct entry onto the three-year LLB Law course. See www.reading.ac.uk/ifp for programme details, fees and entry requirements

*Except Film theatre, art and design degrees.
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