

School of Humanities
School of Literature and Languages



University of
Reading

ARTS AND HUMANITIES FOUNDATION YEAR

Programmes on offer

School of Humanities

- BA Classics with Foundation
- BA History with Foundation
- BA Philosophy with Foundation

School of Literature and Languages

- BA English Literature with Foundation
- BA English Language and Linguistics with Foundation

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

Our Arts and Humanities Foundation Year has been designed to build your subject knowledge and academic skills. It will prepare you to join one of these established undergraduate courses:

- BA Classics
- BA History
- BA Philosophy
- BA English Literature
- BA English Language and Linguistics.

This is an excellent route to a degree in these disciplines if you do not have the typical entry qualifications. Following successful completion of the Foundation Year, you may be eligible to join one of our many joint degree programmes. *

BREADTH AND DEPTH

The Foundation Year will equip you with a thorough grounding in studying at the University of Reading. Your core modules will provide you with subject-specific knowledge and study skills including writing, critical thinking and research. You will cover familiar topics, and explore new and exciting areas:

- **The Academic Skills module** in which you will develop successful study skills, including academic writing, research and referencing, critical thinking, teamwork, effective study techniques and time management
- **The Persuasive Writing module** in which you will study the ways in which writing shapes our lives; you will have the chance to explore writing for social media, journalistic writing and political persuasion
- **The Identities module** explores ideas of identity under four themes: national/ race identity, gender, changing identities and a sense of self. It covers a wide range of texts and objects, including film, novels and novellas, poems and plays and cultural documents
- **The Perspectives module** will develop your ability to study and understand problems, events, objects and texts from a variety of perspectives: historical, moral and self-reflective.

SUPPORTIVE LEARNING

Through a combination of lectures, seminars and workshops, you will be taught by academic staff who also deliver material on our BA programmes. There will also be opportunities for you to work alongside students in their first year of an undergraduate degree in Arts and Humanities.

You will be able to access our full range of facilities and support throughout the programme and will be assigned an academic tutor to support your learning throughout the year and provide guidance as you progress.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal entry requirements to our foundation programmes. Each application will be considered on an individual basis.

*Progression criteria and entry requirements vary by course. Transfer to a joint honours programme or other programmes in either School upon successful completion of the Foundation Year will be considered on a case by case basis. Please ensure that you check the course of interest for specific entry requirements.

"I definitely saw the year as a massive opportunity. Academically, I have learnt things in the foundation year that have improved my achievement and ability for the rest of my course... I will go into the first year of my degree feeling grounded, comfortable and sure of myself both personally and academically; something I wouldn't have been able to do had I gone straight into part 1."

Joanna Vernon,
BA History with Foundation

Ask us your questions at www.reading.ac.uk/question