

## Programme Specification

**International Foundation and Language Programme**

**For students entering in September 2016**

**UCAS Code: NQ13**

**FFIFLP**

**This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	1 years

### **Programme information and content**

The International Foundation and Language Programme (IFLP) is an extended international foundation programme designed with an emphasis on improving English language and academic study skills. The Programme aims to provide access to higher education in Britain to international students who do not possess the normal entry requirements of GCE Advanced level qualifications or the equivalent and in addition, have not met the linguistic entry requirements of the International Foundation Programme. This is achieved through the provision of high quality teaching which is sympathetic to the needs of students from a wide range of educational backgrounds. On completion of the Programme, students can expect to be equipped with the subject specific and general study skills which will enable them to cope with the demands of undergraduate study.

**Transferable skills:** During the course of their studies at Reading, all students will be expected to enhance their academic and personal transferable skills. In following this programme, students will have had the opportunity to develop such skills, in particular relating to communication, interpersonal skills, learning skills, numeracy, self-management, digital literacy and problem-solving, and will have been encouraged to further develop and enhance the full set of skills through a variety of opportunities available outside their curriculum. The Foundation and Language Programme seeks to introduce students to these skills through the provision of a credit-bearing Academic Skills module. The key skills relate to Team-Working, Problem-Solving, Critical Thinking, IT skills, Essay Writing, Research and Referencing, Presentations, Academic Culture and Examination Technique.

**Programme content:** The Programme offers a range of subjects made up of 40 credit modules. The profile which follows states which modules must be taken (the Compulsory part), together with a list of modules which are chosen according to the students' intended degree programme (the Required modules) and a list of modules from which students may make a selection (the Optional modules). Students must choose modules totalling 180 credits.

### **Module information**

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

**Foundation Modules:**

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IF0ACA	Academic Skills	20	0
IF0IE0	International English Plus	40	0
IF0IE1	International English A	40	0

**Required modules**

Students must take at least TWO of the following as specified for their intended degree programme.

Module code	Module Title	Credits	Level
BI0BIO	Foundation Programme: Biology	40	F
CH0CHE	Chemistry	40	F
CH0ISS	IT and Statistics	40	F
EC0ECO	Economics	40	F
EC0MEB	Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business	40	F
EN0IF	International foundation Programme in English Literature	40	F
GV0ENS	Environmental Science	40	F
LW0LAW	Law	40	F
MA0FMC	Further Mathematics and Computer Science	40	F
MA0MAA	Mathematics	40	F
MM0IBM	Introduction to Business and Management	40	F
PH0PHY	Foundation Physics A	40	F
PO0POL	Politics	40	F
PY0PSY	Psychology	40	F
PO0SOC	Sociology	40	F

**Teaching and learning delivery:**

Summary of Teaching and Assessment Teaching is delivered through lectures, seminars and individual tutorials. Some science modules also include practical classes in the laboratory. Most modules are assessed by a mixture of coursework and formal examinations. Some are assessed by formal examination only. The criteria for assessment are published in the handbook in the form of grade descriptions. The assessment objectives are: Knowledge and understanding Interpretation, analysis and application Evaluation Organisation and presentation Practical skills (Science modules only).

## **Progression requirements**

Passes are at three levels: Grade I with Distinction (70%), Grade I (60%) and Grade II (40%). To pass the Programme, students must achieve an average of at least 40% in modules totalling 120 credits with a maximum of 40 credits of these modules with a mark below 35% and a pass in the Academic Skills module. To progress to degree study in the University students must also satisfy the following progression and English Language requirements. Most individual degree programmes specify the modules in which a Grade I pass is required. These are listed in the International Foundation Programme handbook.

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	Grade I with Distinction
60% - 69%	Grade I
40% - 59%	Grade II
0% - 39%	Fail

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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