

# PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

**BSc Investment and Finance in Property**

**UCAS Code: N380**

**For students entering Part 1 in September 2016**

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

<b>Awarding Institution</b>	University of Reading
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	University of Reading
<b>Length of Programme</b>	3 years
<b>Accreditation</b>	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

## Programme information and content

The Programme aims to provide you with a sound financial and management education to enable you to develop a career as a chartered surveyor or outside the property profession; to enable you to engage confidently in the commercial property and other asset markets; to emphasise the value of inter-disciplinary working; to provide you with a structured but flexible learning framework; and to ensure that the skill areas covered by the programme are applicable to a range of occupational and professional needs.

**Part 1:** Introduces you to the fundamental principles of core subject areas including building, economics, law, investment appraisal and planning. A series of projects in real estate and planning will then enable you to develop skills and apply the knowledge gained through the taught modules.

**Part 2:** Provides you with deeper knowledge of core topic areas and more specific application of those areas to the property industry. Areas covered include property valuation, real estate economics, planning and management. As in part 1, in-depth project work will enable you to develop skills and apply knowledge gained through the taught modules.

Part 3: Gives you the opportunity to specialise in real estate investment and finance. Modules will cover aspects such as portfolio construction, management and the different modes of investing in real estate as an asset class. It also provides the opportunity to develop your quantitative skills in an applied setting.

## Module information

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

### Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IC103	Introductory Economics for Business and Finance	20	4
LW101F	Introduction to Property Law	10	4
LW1A05	General Introduction to Law	10	4
RE1IAP	Investment Appraisal	20	4
RE1IPB	Introductions to Planning and Building	20	4
RE1PREP	Projects in Real Estate and Planning (1)	40	4

### Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits
LW2APL	Applied Property Law	10
RE2MRES	Management in the Real Estate Sector	20
RE2PLP	Planning Law and Practice	20
RE2PREP	Projects in Real Estate and Planning (2)	30

RE2REEI	Real Estate Economics and Investment	20
RE2VAL	Property Valuation	20

### Modules during a placement year or study year (if applicable):

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

### Part 3 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
RE3FM	Finance and Markets	20	6
RE3ISM	Investment Strategy and Management	20	6
RE3IVP	Investment and Finance Projects	30	6
RE3SQT	Statistics and Quantitative Techniques	10	6

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Henley Business School and modules from elsewhere in the University.

## Additional costs of the programme

Costs are indicative, but will vary according to module choice and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. The estimates were calculated in 2016.

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget approximately £300 a year. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

Subject to your module selection, you may be required to purchase sundry materials (i.e. printing). Many students find it advantageous to have their own personal computing facilities though there are central facilities available.

## Optional modules

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

## Placement opportunities

### **Placements:**

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement as part of your Programme. This will form all or part of an optional module. You will be required to find and secure a placement opportunity, with the support of the University.

### **Study Abroad:**

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a Study Abroad placement during your Programme. This is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook, including obtaining the relevant permissions from your School, and the availability of a suitable Study Abroad placement. If you undertake a Study Abroad placement, further arrangements will be discussed and agreed with you.

## Teaching and learning delivery

You will be taught through seminars and lectures.

Total study hours for each Part of your programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is Part 1 - 192 hours, Part 2 - 228 hours, Part 3 - 192 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

## Accreditation details

### **Assessment**

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework, oral examinations, practical examinations.

### **Progression Requirements:**

#### **Part 1**

The University-wide rules relating to 'threshold performance' are as follows:

- (i) Obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1; and**
- (ii) Obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.'**

In order to progress from Part 1 to Part 2, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

- (i) achieve at least 40% in modules totalling 100 credits and at least 35% in the remaining 20 credits**
- (ii) obtain marks of at least 40% in RE1IAP and RE1IPB**

**Marks below 35% in Part 1 modules will not be condoned.**

**The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.**

#### **Part 2**

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to:

- (i) Obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2;**
- (ii) Marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and**
- (iii) Marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.**

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

- (i) marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to not less than 120 credits.**

**The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 2 qualifies a student for a Diploma of Higher Education if he or she leaves the University before completing the subsequent Part.**

#### **Year Abroad**

**Students are required to pass the placement year in order to progress on the programme which incorporates the placement year. Students who fail the placement year transfer to the non-placement year version of the programme.**

#### **Classification**

## Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below Honours Standard
0% - 34%	Fail

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

### Three-year programmes

Part 2 one-third

Part 3 two-thirds

### Four-year programmes, including placement year:

Normally:

Part 2 one-third

Placement Year not included in classification

Part 3 two-thirds

(where students fail a placement year which does not contribute to classification they transfer to the three-year version of the programme)

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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