

## Programme Specification

### BSc Accounting and Finance - September Entry

For students entering Part 1 in September 2017

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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.**

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	3 years
Accreditation	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

### Programme information and content

This programme aims to provide you with a degree-level education in accounting and finance. The study of accounting and finance progresses through the programme so that students obtain a critical grasp of core theory along with thorough knowledge, and skills of application and analysis related to these disciplines. This study embeds international and ethical considerations widely, with optional modules grounding the study of accounting and finance in a broader understanding of the business environment. The programme offers the opportunity to apply for credit for prior learning for a range of professional accounting papers. As a result the programme will prepare students for professional leadership in their chosen employment sector.

Part 1:	Introduces you to the basic underpinnings of financial and management accounting, finance and financial markets, supplementing this with broader business-related modules.
Part 2:	Provides you with the opportunity to build on the core knowledge gained at Part 1, with compulsory modules to develop deeper knowledge and application of that knowledge in the core strands of financial accounting, management accounting and finance.
Placement/Study abroad year:	One year work placement aims at developing professional practice skills that form the basis for students' future careers, providing hands-on experience in professional practice, or a related career in accountancy or finance, developing transferable skills and overall improving graduate prospects.
Part 3:	Gives you the opportunity to study compulsory modules that deepen the theoretical and practical knowledge, application, and critical evaluation of the core strands, and optional modules provide flexibility for students to explore areas of particular interest. Students will also continue to enhance transferable skills.

**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
AC101	Introduction to Accounting	30	4
AC103	Introduction to Business and Finance	20	4
AC106	Introduction to Management Accounting	10	4
IC101	Introductory Securities and Markets	20	4
IC102	Introductory Finance/Trading Simulation I	20	4
IC104	Introductory Quantitative Techniques for Business and Finance	20	4

**Part 2 Modules:**

Module	Name	Credits	Level
AC201	Management Accounting	20	5
AC216	International Corporate Financial Reporting	20	5
IC201	Corporate Finance	20	5
IC204	Portfolio Management	20	5

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules and are subject to modules available at the University of Reading Malaysia at that time.

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

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MM284	Work Placement	120	5

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
AC301	Advanced Financial Reporting	20	6
AC302	Advanced Management Accounting	20	6
IC301	Derivative Securities/Trading Simulation III	20	6
IC303	Management of Risk	20	6

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules and are subject to modules available at the University of Reading Malaysia at that time.

**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.

### **Additional costs of the programme**

For University of Reading Malaysia students who study in the UK additional costs may be associated with the selection of optional modules.

Additional costs for the programme may be incurred for the purchase of textbooks and/or for site visits or field trips in Malaysia. Students will be notified of all additional costs.

### **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.

**Student Mobility:** Students at the University of Reading Malaysia have the option to spend time at our UK campus studying on the same degree programme. Students may study for a term or a full academic year in either Part 2 and/or Part 3. Transfer in the Placement Year does not guarantee a work placement in the UK (see above). Transfer to the UK is dependent on the student successfully completing all required assessments in the prior year. Costs of study in the UK will be notified in advance.

### **Teaching and learning delivery:**

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and practical workshops.

### **Accreditation details**

The programme has been approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education via the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA).

### **Assessment**

The programme will mainly be assessed through a combination of written examinations and coursework, although other methods may be used. Information about module assessment can be located in the relevant module descriptions.

## **Progression Requirements:**

### **Part 1**

- (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) obtain at least 40% in 80 credits including AC105A and AC105B (average across both) or AC101, IC101 and IC102 and any other individual modules to total 80 credits
- (ii) achieve not less than 35% in the remaining individual modules.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if he or she leaves 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) obtain at least 40% in individual modules amounting to not less than 80 credits; and
- (ii) obtain 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.

### **Placement Year**

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.

Those students studying this programme at the University of Reading Malaysia, are additionally required to complete the Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU) programme prior to graduation, in accordance with Act 555 of the Malaysian Office for Education.

### **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:

Please select the appropriate weighting

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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