

Programme Specification

BSc Finance and Business Management

For students entering Part 1 in September 2024

For students entering Part 1 in April 2024

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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 Malaysia
Length of Programme	3 years
Accreditation	Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute MQA National Education Code: 0488
QAA Subject Benchmarking Group	Finance; Business and Management

Programme information and content

The programme aims to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for a career in business, management and the financial services industry. Students on this programme will gain a deep understanding of financial concepts, markets and the financial services industry in general, as well as an understanding of the main business and management concepts and solutions. The programme has a practical focus and it explores real-world financial and business applications. Students have the opportunity to learn about various specialized areas of Finance and Management and can tailor their studies to suit their interests. The programme and its variants are delivered at University of Reading Malaysia, but students at the University of Reading Malaysia have the option to spend time at our UK campus studying on the same degree programme. Additionally, the knowledge and skills gained within the programme offer the students the opportunity to continue their studies at graduate level.

Part 1:	The aim of Part 1 is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of Finance and practical tools that they will need to cope with the challenges of the fast-paced financial services industry. The students will learn about financial markets, Ethics in the financial industry, concepts of Economics and Accounting, as well as about Quantitative Techniques in Finance.
Part 2:	The aim of Part 2 is to provide students with a deeper understanding of the core concepts in portfolio management, financial modelling, marketing and corporate finance. Also, students can choose from a wide range of optional modules.
Part 3:	The aim of Part 3 is to provide students with an understanding of more advanced topics in finance, such as risk management and derivative products. It also gives students the opportunity to specialise in some of the most exciting areas of finance and business according to their preferences and professional aspirations.

Programme Learning Outcomes - BSc Finance and Business Management

During the course of the Programme, you will have the opportunity to develop a range of skills, knowledge and attributes (known as learning outcomes) For this programme, these are:

Learning outcomes	
1	Demonstrate an appropriate academic knowledge of the fundamental concepts at the core of Finance as well as in specific areas of Finance and Business Management;
2	Analyse qualitative information and process quantitative data;
3	Demonstrate critical thinking skills;
4	Recognise and value diversity and multiculturalism by engaging in team-working;
5	Discuss their roles and responsibilities as individuals to support organisational activity which encourages positive outcomes and results in a fairer and inclusive society;
6	Explain the global context in which organisations operate;
7	Recognise the need for continuing professional learning and development throughout their studies and career;
8	Demonstrate confident, credible communication regardless of the mode of transmission;
9	Evaluate and/or apply leading edge practices in finance;
10	Discuss and/or demonstrate sound business practice;

You will be expected to engage in learning activities to achieve these Programme learning outcomes. Assessment of your modules will reflect these learning outcomes and test how far you have met the requirements for your degree.

To pass the Programme, you will be required to meet the progression or accreditation and award criteria set out below.

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
IC101	Introductory Securities and Markets	20	4
IC102	Introductory Finance/Trading Simulation I	20	4
IC103	Introductory Economics for Business and Finance	20	4
IC104	Introductory Quantitative Techniques for Business and Finance	20	4
IC105	Ethics in Investment Management	20	4
MM1F27	Business in Practice: Accounting for managers	20	4

Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IC201	Corporate Finance	20	5

IC204	Portfolio Management	20	5
IC212	Financial Modelling	20	5
MM218	Marketing Essentials	20	5

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

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
IC303	Management of Risk	20	6
IC317	Derivative Securities	20	6

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

Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU) modules:

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 compliance with the Malaysian regulatory requirements.

Placement opportunities

Study Abroad:

Student mobility/ transfer: The programme offers the option for the students at the University of Reading Malaysia to spend time at our UK campus studying on the same degree programme. Students may study for a semester or a full academic year in either Part 2 and/or Part 3. 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.

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your programme can be found online in the Course Catalogue. 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.

Teaching and learning delivery:

You will be taught primarily through a mixture of lectures, tutorials, seminars, computer-based workshops and trading sessions, depending on the modules you choose. Some modules may include group work.

Elements of your programme will be delivered via digital technology.

The scheduled teaching and learning activity hours and amount of technology enhanced learning activity for your programme will depend upon your module combination. In addition, you will undertake some self-scheduled teaching and learning activities, designed by and/or involving staff, which give some flexibility for you to choose when to complete them. You will also be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module study hours including 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

The BSc Finance & Business Management programme has been approved by the CFA Institute.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework, tests, practicals and oral examinations. Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions.

Progression

Part 1

To achieve a threshold performance at Part 1, a student will normally be required to:

- (i) Obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1;
- (ii) Obtain a mark of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to not less than 80 credits taken in Part 1; and
- (iii) Obtain marks of at least 30% in modules amounting to 120 credits.

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

Part 2

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

- (i) Obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 2; and
- (ii) Obtain marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits taken in Part 2; and
- (iii) Obtain 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;

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

The classification method is given in detail in the [Assessment Handbook](#).

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.

Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. Estimates were calculated in 2024.

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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