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# IT'S JUST UOR WAY

The University of Reading community has been at the forefront of improving people's lives for more than a century.

We were educating and promoting women years before they could vote in the UK. Our leaders played a key role in decriminalising homosexuality in the mid-twentieth century. And we have led the world for decades in understanding and responding to climate change and the protection of our environment.

It's just UoR way. Today, we continue to lead by example – working together to make the world a better place. Our students and staff are continually discovering new ways to help shape all our futures for the better.



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# MEET OUR STUDENTS

The best people to speak to about whether Reading is right for you are those at the heart of the University.

We've invited some of our current undergrads to share what they think the best thing is about being a student at Reading. Look out for their top tips and firsthand experiences throughout the rest of the prospectus.

They're here to guide you through your research and help bring the University to life, but they have so much more to say than we can fit in here. Have a chat with them online and ask any questions you have about what it's really like to live and study here.

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**Chat to our students  
and read student blogs**

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"The best thing about being a student at Reading is that I am doing a course I love and am part of a student community that supports each other. The teaching and learning experience here gets more exciting every day."

**Aderinola, first year, BSc Real Estate with MSc in Urban Planning and Development**



"The best thing about Reading? The community and support. There are many support centres, so I am relaxed knowing there are people here willing to listen and help when I need it. University can be stressful at times, but knowing there is a support network there at any time makes me so happy and proud to be at Reading."

**Owain, second year, BSc Mathematics and Economics**

"There's more than one best thing! Having such a beautiful campus, doing an interesting course (I absolutely love the wide variety of modules on offer) and working with kind and supportive staff and students. The community is vibrant. There's always events and socials going on with plenty of new people to meet."

**Katharyn, finalist, BA History**



"Reading is a great place to be. I love the campus, how green but modern it is. It has a good vibe and a welcoming atmosphere. The Library is one of my favourite places on campus. I attended an Open Day and really felt this was the right place for me. I have found such a supportive and great group of friends here."

**Kit, third year, BA War, Peace and International Relations**

"The absolute best thing is that I get to study exactly what I want on a joint honours degree. It can be difficult finding the best mix of two subjects but my course is so well laid out. I fell in love with the Art studio when I first saw it in person and the campus is so beautiful. I love being a part of the University of Reading."

**Andreea, second year, BA Art and English Literature**





# GETTING TO KNOW US

Join a university with a passion for knowledge, a commitment to making a difference, and where people come first.

## BE PART OF SOMETHING

At the University of Reading, our people are everything. We're ready to welcome you to our vibrant, diverse and supportive community where our incredible colleagues will inspire you with their discoveries and guide you in making your own. Our historic and award-winning<sup>1</sup> parkland campus with modern facilities offers the spaces and places to make the most of life and connect with the people around you every day.

## BE YOUR BEST

We know you want to achieve your best – academically and personally – and we are here to help you do just that. Your academic tutor can help with your studies. Our student support services cover everything from financial advice and welfare support to accommodation and careers. Want valuable real-world opportunities to apply your learning? We've got that covered too – whether it's work placements, internships, part-time jobs, or volunteering opportunities. You can also study abroad during your degree.<sup>2</sup>

## BE BOLD

We are proud to be a research-intensive university. We work with governments, international agencies, businesses, and charities striving to tackle some of the biggest problems facing the world today, such as climate change, heart disease and international conflict – and we make it easy for you to get involved.



**1st for campus  
and facilities<sup>3</sup>**



**Top 30  
UK university<sup>4</sup>**



**98% of our  
research is of  
international standing<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Whiteknights campus has been awarded 12 consecutive Green Flag awards, 2011–2022, recognising it as one of Britain's top green spaces.

<sup>2</sup> Study abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. See page 162 for information.

<sup>3</sup> Top 20 Best UK Universities for Campus and Facilities, StudentCrowd University Awards 2022 (scores based solely on authentic student reviews).

<sup>4</sup> We're the 28th highest-ranking UK university out of 89 featured in the QS World University Rankings 2023. We're ranked 229th overall out of 1,422 institutions worldwide, maintaining our position among the top 20% of ranked institutions globally.

<sup>5</sup> The latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, combining the University's 4\* (world leading), 3\* (internationally excellent) and 2\* (internationally recognised) submissions.





# WORKING TOGETHER

Our University Executive Board and the students' union full-time officers work together to make a real difference to your student experience.

## COMBATTING THE COST OF LIVING

Elizabeth and Sheldon are leading a task force to support students with their finances, from money-saving advice to practical ways to help balance the bills and reduce the cost of campus life. Among the initiatives are the Warm Welcome low-cost breakfast scheme, opportunities to take up paid, part-time jobs on campus, and an expansion of emergency support supplying food and household essentials.

## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

As a community, we have a shared ambition to be recognised as the greenest university, and we're making real progress against our mission to be net zero carbon by 2030 (see overleaf). Harry and Oscar are planning a major sustainability summit, and together with Sheldon's role on the University's Environmental Sustainability Committee which is chaired by Mark, they're making sure that the issues most important to our students remain high on the agenda.

## STAND UP, STAND OUT

Reading's strength comes from the diversity of our community, where everyone can be themselves, and Jem and Parveen lead the way in campaigning for equity for all. In 2021, Parveen chaired a cross-University group on racial equality on campus, which produced 20 recommendations to improve racial justice for students and staff. Jem is a strong voice for fairness, supporting eight student diversity networks.

## SUPPORTING YOUR WELLBEING

We know starting university is a big change, but we don't want it to be daunting. We're here to help our students stay well mentally, physically, and socially. Poppy and Peter work together to ensure welfare, counselling and disability support services are available to students who need them. The students' union also offers support, with Harry helping students make the most of their life on campus.

*Who's who (left to right):* Harry (Activities and Opportunities Officer), Parveen (Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Richard (Chief Strategy Officer & University Secretary), Poppy (Welfare Officer), Oscar (Education Officer), Peter (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education and Student Experience), Robert (Vice-Chancellor), Sheldon (Reading Students' Union President), Elizabeth (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education and Student Experience), Dominik (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research), Mark (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Planning), Jem (Inclusion and Communities Officer)

Discover your students' union



# HELPING THE PLANET

At the University of Reading we don't just talk, we take action. Our ambition is to be recognised as the greenest university, so we're taking a lead in finding lasting solutions to save our planet.

## TAKING ACTION ON CAMPUS

We're not just green because of our beautiful campuses. We're ranked 4th in the 2022/23 People & Planet University League<sup>1</sup> and we're committed to reaching net zero carbon by 2030<sup>2</sup>. We've already reduced our carbon footprint by half, only 2% of our waste goes to landfill, and 100% of our electricity has come from renewable sources since 2009.

We're the first university in Europe to join the Menus of Change Universities Research Collaborative, which aims to provide healthy and sustainable meals on campus, and we've added several environmentally friendly, plant-based recipes to our menus.



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Images clockwise from bottom left: Our Partnering for the Planet website; sustainable grocery shopping on campus; Climate Stripes on display at the Reading Festival; Climate Canopy installation. Opposite page: working in partnership with Reading Buses and Reading Football Club – Climate Stripes bus and football strip.

## TAKING ACTION IN THE WORLD

The University is a world leader in climate science,<sup>3</sup> recently winning a Queen's Anniversary Prize<sup>4</sup>. Reading scientists played a central role in creating the latest UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report released in August 2021. And to lead change for the next generation,

we are working with the UK government's Department for Education and others to improve climate education for eight to 18-year-olds in schools.

Our climate experts are also working to inspire local people, organisations, and businesses to contribute to the fight

against climate change. We worked with Reading Borough Council to develop a Climate Action Plan for a net zero carbon town, and every year we host many public events showcasing this work, including as part of the annual Reading Climate Festival.



## YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

All of our undergraduate degrees include an optional module on climate change to empower you with the skills and knowledge you need to help build a sustainable future for all. And you can gain awareness of sustainability issues while enhancing your employability via the Reading Experience and Development Sustainable Action Award.

Many of our students also take up volunteering opportunities with organisations like ZSL Instant Wild and Zooniverse. Plus, you can take part in clothes swaps, get involved in our Sustainability Fayre, and get rewarded for taking positive actions via our sustainability engagement student platform, Doing #UoRBit.

Discover more about how we are Partnering for the Planet

<sup>1</sup> We're ranked 4th out of 153 UK higher education institutions for environmental and ethical performance and have received our fourth consecutive First Class rating.

<sup>2</sup> Read about how the University is planning to achieve its aims.

<sup>3</sup> We're ranked 4th in the world for Atmospheric Science (ShanghaiRanking 2022 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects) and 97% of our research in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences is rated world leading (4\*) or internationally excellent (3\*) in REF 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Awarded in 2021 for our work 'Tackling the Impacts of Climate Change – From Global to Local'.





# WHITEKNIGHTS CAMPUS

Our main campus, Whiteknights, is the hub of University of Reading life.

Set in 130 hectares of stunning parkland, it offers plenty of places to eat, shop, study and socialise – everything you need is in one place.

It is home to the Library, Reading Students' Union, two on-site museums, shops, cafes, and other amenities such as 3sixty, a large venue that hosts a variety of student-led events. The campus also houses many of our teaching and research facilities, including modern, well-equipped study areas, as well as several halls of residence.

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**Take a video tour  
of Whiteknights Campus**

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# LONDON ROAD CAMPUS

Our London Road campus is just a short walk from both Whiteknights campus and the town centre, and is a peaceful setting of traditional cloisters and green spaces.

A historic site – and one of the University's original campuses – London Road is home to the School of Architecture and the Institute of Education, as well as the Great Hall where our graduation ceremonies take place. The campus also hosts The Dairy, which serves local and global craft beers and food, and is a great place to socialise, play pool and watch sporting events.

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**Take a video tour  
of London Road campus**

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# CAMPUS LIFE

Enjoy a beautiful, award-winning environment<sup>1</sup> that caters to the diversity of our students.

## LIVING ON CAMPUS

Our halls of residence are safe, secure and all within a 15-minute walk from the centre of Whiteknights campus. If you choose to live in University accommodation, we offer a range of room types to suit different needs, preferences and budgets. Find out more on page 40.

## RECREATIONAL SPACES

It's easy to find a place to relax when you need a break. You can enjoy a walk or picnic in our flower meadow and apple orchard in the beautiful Harris Garden, grab a drink with friends in one of our coffee shops or student bars, and take a scenic stroll around the lake.

A short walk from Whiteknights is our London Road campus, full of quiet green spaces and only a few minutes from Reading town centre. If you get involved with our extra-curricular music programme, you'll spend time rehearsing and performing here.

## LOCAL AND GLOBAL FOOD

The University's cafes, bars and casual dining restaurants provide great spaces to socialise and grab a bite to eat between lectures – and you can relax knowing that they are run to the highest levels of sustainable practice.<sup>2</sup>

Whiteknights regularly hosts an international street food market featuring cuisines from all around the world, and vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options are available across campus. The students' union is also home to an East Asian food store and there's a Co-op supermarket conveniently situated on campus too.

## 3SIXTY

The largest venue in the students' union, 3sixty, hosts all kinds of events – including a weekly fresh fruit and veg market, vintage clothes fairs, jobs fairs, drama and dance performances, debates, and more. It is also home to the ever-popular union nights, becoming the largest nightclub in town – but only for our students.



**1st FOR CAMPUS AND FACILITIES<sup>3</sup>**



**Andrea says ...**

"Harris Garden is lovely all year round, and I love feeding the swans and ducks by the lake. You get to see the really cute babies in spring and summer!"



**Owain says ...**

"One of my favourite spots is the Library as it caters for all my needs, whether I want to study quietly or do group work. I like the gym at SportsPark too. I used it a lot in my first year to stay fit."



**Aderinola says ...**

"I like the Dol.che Vita cafe on Whiteknights; it's a nice place to relax with friends between lectures and they have a wide range of vegan ice creams."

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**Check out our campus facilities**

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<sup>1</sup> Whiteknights campus has been awarded 12 consecutive Green Flag Awards, 2011–2022.

<sup>2</sup> We hold the highest rating of 3\* for the Sustainable Restaurant Association's Food Made Good Accreditation 2022.

<sup>3</sup> 'Top 20 Best UK Universities for Campus and Facilities,' StudentCrowd University Awards 2022.



Reading Students' Union is an independent organisation, based on Whiteknights campus, that exists to improve the lives of all students at the University of Reading, every day. As a student, you are automatically a member of the union.

Every year, over 1,500 student representatives are elected to lead the students' union, including a team of full-time officers who are also members of the University's decision-making committees. There are lots of opportunities to have your voice heard and to be part of campaigning on the issues that matter to you, including through regular Student Council meetings.

The students' union is a place for everyone, providing opportunities, support and services for all students.

### CAMPAIGNS

Reading Students' Union exists to support students' needs and to campaign on the issues that matter at the University, in our local community, and the wider world.

Past campaigns have included improving mental health facilities and reducing period poverty. Ideas for change are always welcome.



# STUDENTS' UNION



Get involved with 80+ societies – including arts, dance, culture, faith, career, campaigns, causes and politics.

All societies welcome new members and are a great way to meet new people and make friends, develop your skills, discover new passions, and widen your experiences.

If you've got an interest that's not already catered for, you'll find plenty of support to set up your own society.

 **4th FOR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES<sup>1</sup>**

 **5th BEST STUDENTS' UNION<sup>2</sup>**

[Explore our student societies](#)

<sup>1</sup> 'Top 20 Best UK Universities for Clubs and Societies,' StudentCrowd University Awards 2022.

<sup>2</sup> 'Top 20 Best UK Universities for Students' Union,' StudentCrowd University Awards 2022.

# SOCIETIES



# SPORTS

At Reading, sport is a huge part of extra-curricular life, with the students' union offering more than 55 sports clubs for all interests and abilities.

Some sports clubs and teams compete in the British Universities & Colleges Sport leagues during the week, and come under the Reading Knights sports brand, while others are purely recreational.

## SPORTS FACILITIES

Focus on your health, wellbeing and training. Take part in gym sessions using our state-of-the-art equipment, participate in yoga and Pilates classes, high-intensity cardio sessions such as spin and box-fit, or five-a-side matches on our professional sports pitches.

Most of our facilities are based at the SportsPark on Whiteknights campus. It offers great membership rates for students. You can access:

- fitness gym, specialist exercise studios, squash courts, and a large multipurpose sports hall
- the SportsPark grounds, perfect for football, rugby, lacrosse and hockey
- TennisPark, our expanded tennis facilities, which offers three indoor and five outdoor courts.

## ROWING EXCELLENCE

Our Boat Club is one of the oldest and highest-achieving clubs at the University. We cater to all experience levels, from beginner to Olympian, and have professional coaching for everyone. Our fantastic boathouses are just 10 minutes from campus and have all you need to succeed.



You'll find a vibrant extra-curricular music programme at Reading that welcomes all students, regardless of subject, and caters for all tastes in music.

With so many ensembles and programmes to choose from, you're sure to find something to suit you, whether it's jazz band, choir, playing live gigs with your own band, or taking part in jam nights and masterclasses.

We have a number of ensembles that you can join, including:

- Orchestra
- Big Band
- Choir
- Percussion Ensemble.

Get involved in regular rehearsals, gigs and performances at the University and beyond, or continue private lessons with an expert team of teachers. Make use of dedicated music practice rooms and instrument storage facilities at London Road campus.

Reading Students' Union also runs a variety of student-led societies celebrating different genres of music – such as Band Society, Rock Society, Singer-Songwriter Society, and K-Pop.

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**Discover more about music at Reading**  
**Discover more about sport at Reading**  
**Discover more about rowing at Reading**

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# MUSIC



# READING TOWN

Reading is a global town: a centre of innovation, culture, creativity, and technology.

Sitting on the doorstep of one of the greatest capital cities in the world, it has a lively, international community of its own. The vibrant town centre boasts a huge variety of restaurants, bars, parks and entertainment, with stunning countryside close by. Grounded in rich history and heritage, the town is also home to the headquarters of international businesses and is a place to make connections and seize opportunities. That's why thousands of our graduates now call Reading home.



## BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACES

There's no shortage of places to unwind in Reading. Relax in the town's many parks or take in the leafy riverside walks. The river Thames flows through the centre of town, close to the Victorian Forbury Gardens which play host to a buzzing market of global cuisines every summer. The nearby Abbey Ruins hosts open-air theatre, cinema and other cultural events and is the perfect place to explore Reading's medieval history.



## MORE THAN A MUSIC FESTIVAL

Reading might be most famous for its music festival, but it also hosts dozens of food, drink, arts, theatre, comedy and music events throughout the year. It is one of the south-east's top shopping destinations, with The Oracle and

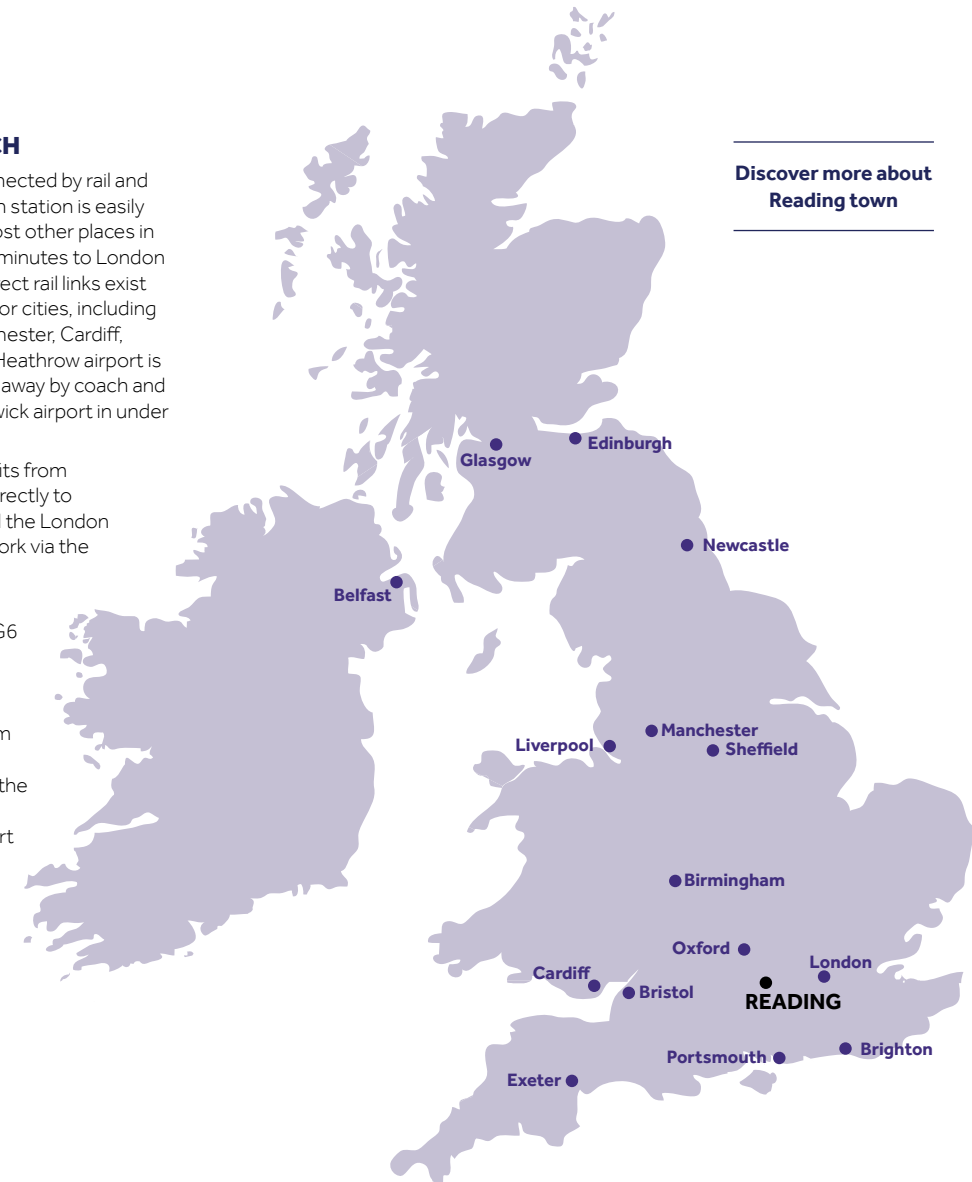
Broad Street home to many of the UK's top brands – great places to make use of your student discount. There are unique, independent businesses too, and an array of cafes and restaurants dotted along the riverside.

## EASY TO REACH

Reading is well connected by rail and road. The main train station is easily accessible from most other places in the UK: it's only 30 minutes to London Paddington, and direct rail links exist for many other major cities, including Birmingham, Manchester, Cardiff, Bristol and Exeter. Heathrow airport is around 45 minutes away by coach and you can reach Gatwick airport in under two hours.

Reading also benefits from being connected directly to central London and the London Underground network via the Elizabeth Line.

Both Whiteknights campus (sat nav RG6 6UR) and London Road campus (sat nav RG1 5AQ) are just a few miles from the M4 motorway. Getting to us from the town centre is easy too – enjoy the short walk or make use of the 24-hour bus service that brings you right onto campus.



Discover more about Reading town



# CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

Our courses are designed to give you a variety of opportunities and experiences. You'll choose what you study – and how you'll study.

We offer more than 200 courses in the arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities, and business. The majority have a modular structure so you can specialise in the areas that interest you most, while still developing core subject knowledge.

## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Take a subject you're already passionate about to the next level, or start a degree in an area you've never studied before. We have courses that progress from your school studies, but you can also start some courses without any previous knowledge or experience in the subject.

We accept a wide range of entry qualifications including, but not limited to, A levels, BTEC Extended Diploma and International Baccalaureate Diploma. Find out more on page 152.

## TOP TIPS

Choosing your degree can feel like a daunting task, but there are some key things to consider early on that can help you make your decision.

- **Decide how many subjects you want to study.** Degrees that focus on one subject are called 'single honours' and those that cover two subjects are called 'joint honours'. Whichever you choose, you'll do the same number of credits, but on a joint honours degree your time will be split between two departments. Reading has many joint courses to choose from so you're bound to find something that suits you.
- **Check the entry requirements.** If you've been predicted lower grades, don't rule yourself out straight away. **Take a look at our offer schemes on our website.** You can also check whether the degree is offered with an additional foundation year – these have lower entry qualifications and don't require subject-specific knowledge. A foundation year at Reading will prepare you for the step up from school to university, and you'll study subject-related modules alongside core skills such as academic writing and conducting research.

- **Research the extra opportunities available on the course.** For example, at Reading, every undergraduate course offers the chance to take part in a placement<sup>1</sup> – either as a mandatory or optional part of the course – as well as elements on career management. These can include work experience, internships, and professional placement years in the UK or overseas. Opportunities vary in length, from a few weeks to a whole year. At Reading, you can also apply to spend time studying abroad during your degree.<sup>2</sup>
- **Consider an accredited degree.** We offer a number of courses that are accredited by independent bodies, helping to kickstart your career and boost your professional development. These are particularly useful if you already know what industry you want to work in. Read about accreditations on the subject pages.

Not too long ago, our students were in your position. Here's their advice on choosing your degree.



Owain says ...

"I know it gets repeated a lot in school but pick something you love doing – it's so much easier to do the work and it makes you want to go to the library and read more after lectures."



Andreea says ...

"I highly recommend trying to go on taster sessions for the courses you want to study."



Aderinola says ...

"Speak to current students about what the course is like on a day-to-day basis and consider whether you would be interested in studying abroad or doing a placement, so you can apply for a course that offers these options."



Katharyn says ...

"Think about your current interests and potential careers. You should absolutely choose something you're passionate about, but be practical and make sure you'll gain the right skills and experience from it."



Sarah says ...

"First, what are your interests? Second, location – do you want to move far or stay close to home?"



Kit says ...

"Go to the universities, speak to the people who run and have been on the courses, and don't be afraid to ask as many questions as you can."

<sup>1</sup> While you'll secure optional placements through a competitive process, our Careers and Placements Team can help by providing resources, training and one-to-one support. Taking part in a Professional Placement Year will depend on a number of factors. See inside back cover for information.

<sup>2</sup> Study abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. See page 162 for information.



# HI, I'M RACHAEL

I am a final-year student studying food science and I recently spent my placement year at PepsiCo UK.

## Tell us about your role.

I worked as a product developer in Research & Development. There are lots of commonly known brands in the UK under PepsiCo, such as Walkers, Doritos, Quaker Oats, Gatorade and, of course, the beverage Pepsi.

## What did your job involve?

The team that I was in is part of the global function, focusing on building science and technology across a specific snack category portfolio. My role involved leading benchtop-to-factory trials, working on a range of projects, and liaising with suppliers whilst preparing sample prototypes.

## Why did you decide to do a placement year?

I wanted to be able to contextualise what I was learning in real-world projects within the food industry, and to get a feel for potential career pathways after university.

## How did you find your placement at PepsiCo?

The search for placements usually starts at the beginning of second year. In my case, I started looking online for different areas that food scientists could go into, as well as for food organisations that offered enriching opportunities.

## What support did you receive?

Alongside individual effort, I got support from the Careers Team at the University. They advise on career paths and offer a range of services to students considering taking a placement year, such as CV and cover letter workshops, fairs to network with potential employers, one-to-ones with career specialists, and mock interviews and assessment centres – all of which I found beneficial. It also helped that my academic tutor would visit whilst I was on placement to formally check in with me.

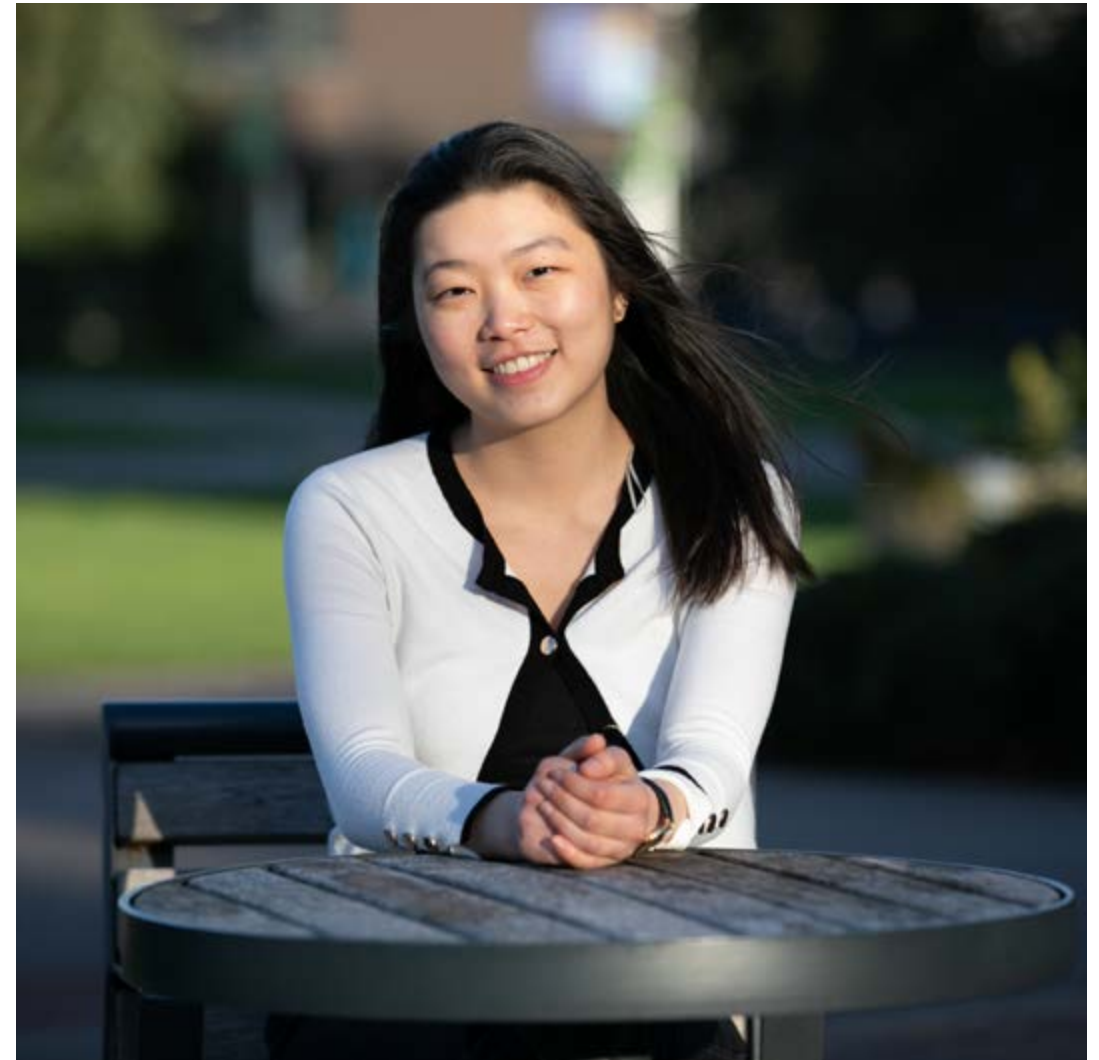
## How has your placement benefited you?

My placement year was extremely fulfilling. I was able to stretch myself and successfully lead projects of key priority for the business, as well as identify my likes and dislikes in the world of work. I was exposed to how a business operates and had the opportunity to network with individuals already working in the field. Being able to apply my acquired knowledge in the real world has given me a deeper understanding and appreciation of what I have been studying. Beyond that, I have developed transferable skills such as being adaptable and agile, managing uncertainties and challenging situations, and presentation and analytical skills – these will be useful in my future career, but are already proving valuable in my final year as a student.

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## Hear from more of our students

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# STUDY ABROAD

## Discover the world: study abroad with the University of Reading.

Depending on your course, you could spend a few weeks, a semester, or an academic year abroad at one of our international partner institutions.<sup>1</sup> This could be as part of a standard three-year degree, an extended four-year degree, or for a shorter period of time through field trips or summer schools.

Through Study Abroad, you could gain a wealth of transferable skills, explore a new country and culture, and gain a broader understanding of your subject by taking modules that are not necessarily offered at the University of Reading.

Some of our courses also offer the opportunity to study at our campus in Malaysia, which provides the same high-quality learning experience as our UK campuses in an exciting global environment.

As a Study Abroad participant, we'll support you before, during and after your time abroad. You won't pay any additional tuition fees to the partner institution. Plus, additional cost-of-living funding may be available, including funds to support students from lower-income households.

[Discover where you could study abroad](#)



## Whatever subject you study, you can learn a language through our Institution-Wide Language Programme (IWLP) at Reading.

You can start as a beginner or continue a language you already know to a higher level. It's a fantastic opportunity to broaden your skillset and can prove invaluable if you want to live or work abroad in the future.

We currently offer Arabic, British Sign Language, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Russian, and Spanish.

**Find out more about the Institution-Wide Language Programme.**

### Kit says ...

"I love my IWLP Arabic course. It is so fun to be able to learn a new language and gives me something extra that is amazing as part of my degree."

<sup>1</sup> Studying abroad is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook, including obtaining the relevant permissions from your academic school, and the availability of a suitable study abroad placement. To ensure your safety, travel and study overseas will also depend upon Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) guidance, as well as government and institutional policies in the host country. See page 162 for more information.

# LEARN A LANGUAGE



# TEACHING AND LEARNING



Owain says ...

"Before the term starts, I receive a module roadmap so

I can see what

we are going to be studying each week and prepare. My lecturers are extremely helpful and generous with their time; they really want me to succeed. Having an academic tutor has been absolutely amazing because it has given me someone to go to if I have any problems on my course. I meet with him every term and he always points me in the right direction."

We strive to create a caring and supportive learning community, providing students with an outstanding environment in which to develop knowledge and skills that will have a lasting benefit.

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Working in partnership with our students means that together we can create the best learning experience.

You can become a student rep to represent your fellow students' interests, and you'll have the chance to join student panels and focus groups to help shape your university experience. There are also opportunities to work with staff on both education and research projects. Past partnership projects include exploring the experience of LGBT+ students at Reading, as well as a wide range of Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) projects. UROP allows you to apply for paid research experience by pairing you with an academic for six weeks over the summer break.

## OUR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

You'll learn from academics with a real passion for their subject, informed by the latest research developments and industry expertise.

We're proud to have national leaders in higher education, including National Teaching Fellows who have been recognised for the quality of their teaching and for making an outstanding impact on student outcomes.

## YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

We strive to create a learning environment where everyone feels included, respected and supported to achieve their full potential. You'll have engaging and interactive face-to-face learning sessions combined with well-designed digital resources that can allow you to study more flexibly and bring variety and interest to your studies. Many of our degrees also have practical workshops, laboratory sessions or field trips to develop your skills and understanding.

To gain experience and new transferable skills, many students apply to go on a placement, an internship, or study abroad. There's also the opportunity to contribute to research, scholarship and practice.



## YOUR ACADEMIC TUTOR

When you join Reading, you'll have an academic tutor who will be your key contact during your studies. They'll be there throughout your degree to help you plan your academic development and reflect on your progress. They can support you with choosing your optional modules, connect you with key staff within your department, and help you make the most of the academic and personal development opportunities.

## PEER SUPPORT

You can also get help with some modules through our Peer Assisted Learning scheme. Weekly study sessions give you time to go over difficult material with students from the year above who have been through the topic before. You may also be able to consult an Academic Skills and Know-how Advisor, a postgraduate research student from your department who is trained to provide academic support.

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Discover more about  
academic support

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# LIBRARY AND STUDY SUPPORT

## The centrepiece of Whiteknights campus is our Library.

It provides access to thousands of digital resources, and inside you'll find extensive print resources spread over six floors.

The Library is open 24 hours a day<sup>1</sup> with staff there to guide you to the materials you need for your studies – and to help you make the best use of them.

Popular features include:

- group, quiet and silent study spaces to accommodate different learning styles
- a large cafe
- an outdoor seating and study area.

The Library is home to our Academic Liaison Librarians – there is one for every subject we offer at Reading – as well as our Study Advisers, who can help you develop the academic skills you need to be successful. Maths support is also available.

You can access help and support with any aspect of your studies, through one-to-one appointments, regular drop-ins, and workshops.

### Kit says ...

"I think the Library is one of the greatest assets that the University of Reading has. The support, study materials, group project areas and silent study areas are fantastic."

The University of Reading is home to a variety of special collections and three on-campus museums:

- Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology
- Cole Museum of Zoology
- Museum of English Rural Life.

From ancient pottery and medieval literature to the work of Samuel Beckett and the history of rural England, the University's museums and collections span an extraordinary range of subjects.

In addition to supporting your studies, they provide opportunities to get involved through events and activities, including volunteering. Our museums are all free to visit and open to the public, and other collections can be accessed via departments and our Special Collections reading room.

<sup>1</sup> Except Saturday nights.





# TRY US

Experience the University of Reading from wherever you are in the world.

## SUBJECT TASTERS

These free sessions allow you to explore subjects at degree level and can help you decide if you want to study it at university. Tasters can include lectures and practical sessions, and allow you to meet academics and other students. We offer a range of subject tasters, virtually and in person.

## FREE ONLINE COURSES

Experience what it's like to be taught by Reading academics. Explore a diverse and exciting range of free online courses developed by the University of Reading, in your own time and on any device. Topics include beginner's robotics, the future of farming, the history of punk, understanding the weather, tackling the climate crisis, Roman architecture, and many more.

## VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE HUB

Immerse yourself in our campuses and experience life with us through our virtual hub. Take virtual tours to see inside department buildings, the Library and other student facilities, view different types of rooms in halls, and explore our fantastic green spaces.

## WEBINARS

Access webinars, short videos and online advice sessions covering topics such as choosing a university, writing your personal statement, and the student experience at Reading.

We also provide a webinar series and newsletter specifically for parents and supporters to help them understand and support your journey to higher education.

## PODCAST

Listen to students and staff from the University of Reading chatting about their experiences and sharing their expertise on our Things I Wish I'd Known podcast series.

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**Access subject tasters,  
webinars and more**

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# HELLO, I'M TOBY

**Going to university wasn't necessarily part of my plans. I come from a low socio-economic background and would be the first in my family to enter higher education.**

But then I visited the University of Reading on an Open Day and I felt at home. It felt like I had been there for years.

Little did I know at the time, Reading would become the place where my future took flight, building passion for my subject and opening doors to life-changing opportunities.

I am now in the final year of my BA Primary Education (Music) degree and recently found out that I have been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship to study in the USA.

#### **How did I get from there to here?**

My goals have been facilitated by the University and the amazing wealth of opportunities it offers its students. I have participated in various student voice activities, such as being the senior course representative for the Institute of Education. Over the years, this role has helped me to develop my confidence and skills in leadership and communication, while also allowing me to champion changes in higher education.

The extra-curricular opportunity I am most enthusiastic about at Reading is the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme. This gave me vital research experience, and I worked closely with my supervisor to create assessment rubrics that can measure teachers' musicianship skills. This was a revelation – I was excited to do academic writing.

The skills that Reading helped me learn and use – both within and beyond my degree – had raised my aspirations and self-belief; I felt encouraged to look into postgraduate international study. Now, I am a Fulbright Scholarship recipient and will be studying music education at a world-class university in the USA in 2023/24.

Without the outstanding teaching and support I have received here, I wouldn't have been able to achieve this massive step towards my goal of improving primary music education for all children. Every lecture, seminar and tutorial I have attended has been led by passionate and knowledgeable staff – they lit the fire that motivates me to keep striving.

My advice to anyone who chooses to study at the University of Reading is this: be proactive, be resilient, be ambitious. Take advantage of all the opportunities that Reading offers and immerse yourself in university life. No matter how small you may feel, go for it. Your potential has no limits.

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**Hear from more of our students**

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# ACCOMMODATION

Moving to university is the start of a new adventure and it could be the first time you'll be living in your own place.

Our University accommodation is safe, secure, and located close to our Whiteknights and London Road campuses.

Our rent prices are all-inclusive, meaning that your utility bills, Wi-Fi and basic contents insurance are included.<sup>1</sup>

## BENEFITS

- **Variety.** We have nearly 5,000 rooms, including quieter lifestyle areas, and a number of adapted rooms for students with disabilities and special requirements.<sup>2</sup>
- **Flexibility.** Standard contracts are 40 weeks or 51 weeks. Choosing a 51-week contract means you'll keep your room over the summer vacation.
- **Security.** All halls have dedicated security patrols and CCTV.
- **Support.** Our 24/7 Halls Hotline ensures that any halls-related issues are dealt with quickly.

## ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE

You will be guaranteed a place in halls if you:

- are a new undergraduate who holds Reading as a firm UCAS choice<sup>3</sup>
- apply for accommodation by 1 August and satisfy any conditions of your academic offer by 6 September of your year of entry.

Other restrictions and requirements may apply; check online for full details.

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[Explore room options and costs](#)

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## CLEVER CUISINE

Enjoy a wide variety of meals made daily from fresh ingredients by a team of skilled chefs through our Clever Cuisine eating plans. We follow seasonality and a plant-forward approach, aiming to put fresh produce at the centre of your plate and using meat and fish from responsible sources.

Depending on the plan you choose, each week you'll receive a set amount of money to spend in our outlets, with exclusive discounts of up to 50% off. Overall, 90% of students who use our catering plans agree it makes their university life easier.<sup>4</sup> **Visit the Clever Cuisine website** to learn more.

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<sup>1</sup> The basic level of contents insurance covers items in your room for fire, theft and flood during term time only. You should check the insurance policy carefully to make sure it meets your needs – for example, bicycles are included, but only up to a certain value. The policy has several restrictions, such as your laptop not being covered when outside your room, but it can be extended and personalised – for example, to cover your bike or laptop and/or items anywhere in the UK.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to availability.

<sup>3</sup> In recent years, students who hold Reading as their insurance UCAS choice have also secured accommodation in our halls. However, you may need to consider private accommodation options if halls are oversubscribed in your year of entry.

<sup>4</sup> Clever Cuisine Student Survey 2021.





# CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Our award-winning<sup>1</sup> Careers Team is here to help you prepare for your future.

In a competitive graduate job market, an excellent careers service can help give you an edge. You'll start developing your employability as soon as you join Reading.

This commitment to proactivity has helped ensure that 92% of our undergraduates are in work or further study within 15 months of finishing their degree.<sup>2</sup>

You'll be able to call upon our support and resources for 24 months after graduating – particularly useful if you decide to take a break or go travelling after university.

## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

We'll help you identify your goals and explore potential career paths through:

- **Career and networking events.** We run hundreds of career events throughout the year, attracting local, national and international companies.
- **Online tools and advice.** Our digital employability tools ensure you get the best possible career and application support whenever you need it.
- **Alternative options support** such as postgraduate study, taking time out, or setting up your own business.

## GROW YOUR EXPERIENCE

You'll be encouraged to undertake as much extra-curricular work experience as possible, and we'll make sure you understand your options, deadlines,

and the process to secure the right experiences for you.

You'll have access to career coaching sessions, CV and application workshops, and interview skills training to help you harness the full benefits of your degree at Reading.

## Placements

Every undergraduate course at Reading offers the opportunity to take part in a placement<sup>3</sup> – either as a mandatory or optional part of the course – and an element on career management. In fact, many of our students choose to do a full academic year on a professional placement, and some even secure graduate roles at their placement organisation before they leave university.

## UROP

Get paid to work alongside academics on research at the University. Our Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) lasts six weeks over the summer break and is a fantastic way to discover if you want to pursue postgraduate study or a career in academia.

## Reading Internship Scheme

Exclusively for our undergraduate students, this scheme offers paid professional work experience for four to eight weeks. Past students have grown their skills and confidence through internships in areas such as marketing, fundraising, web design, sports coaching, social media, and community engagement, to name a few.

## Industry connections

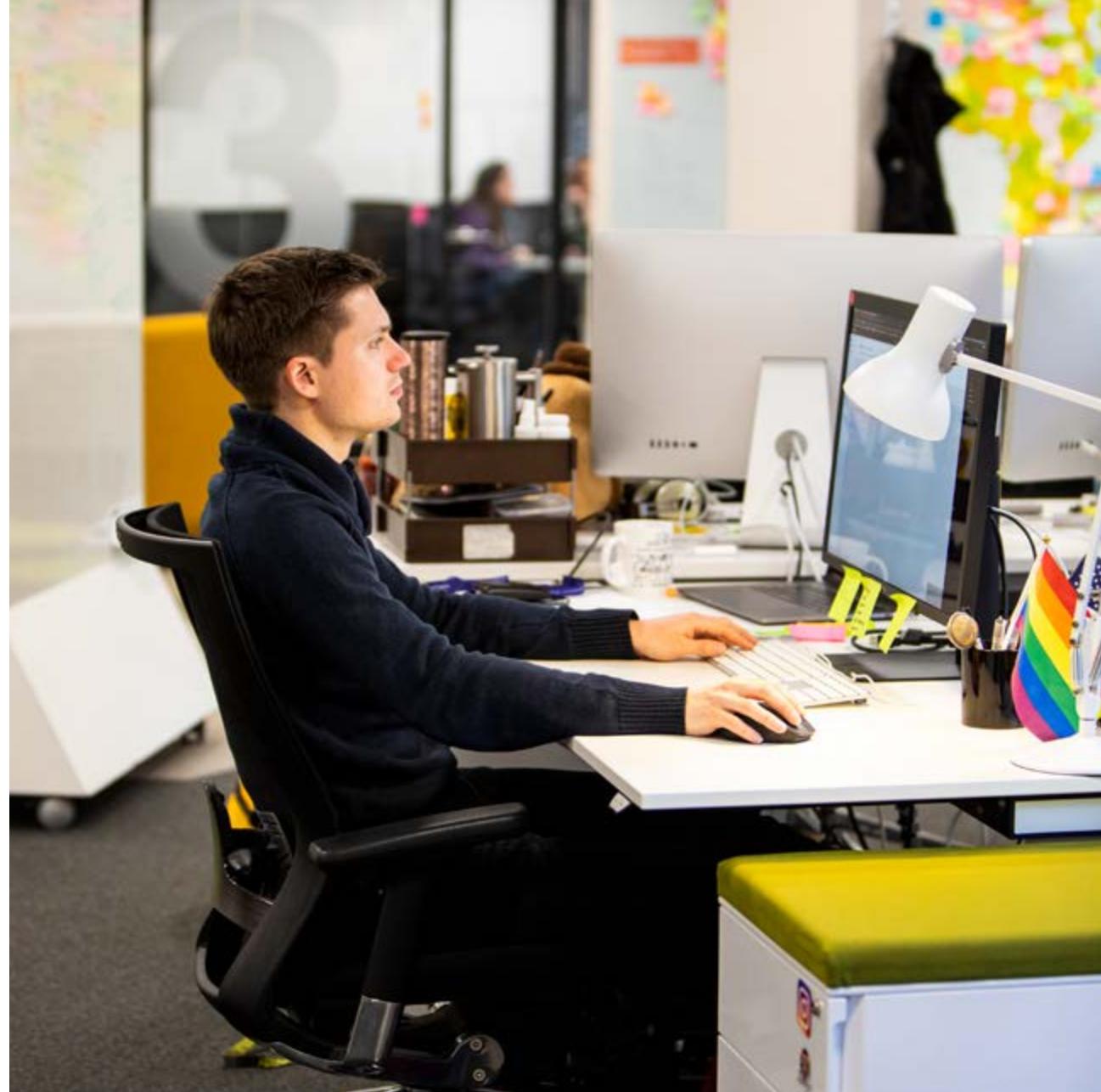
Our students have completed placements and internships at a wide range of organisations including:

Amazon	Marks & Spencer
Barclays	Microsoft
BBC	National Portrait Gallery
Bristol Zoo	NHS
Childreach International	Operation Wallacea
Clifford Chance	Oxfam
Department for Work and Pensions	Penguin Books
Disney	PepsiCo
EC Harris	Procter & Gamble
Environment Agency	PwC
EY	The Royal Mint
Google	The Telegraph
Harrods	UK Wolf Conservation Trust
HSBC	Waitrose
Huawei	Warner Bros.
Innocent	
Longleat Safari Park	
L'Oréal	

<sup>1</sup> 'Top 20 Best UK Universities for Careers Services,' StudentCrowd University Awards 2022. Our Careers Team also won the Supporting Student and Graduate Employability Award from AGCAS in 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree and other undergraduate responders.

<sup>3</sup> Taking part in a placement year/year in industry will depend on a number of factors. See inside back cover for more information.





## DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

Improve your employability through our skills development programmes.

### RED Award

Our Reading Experience and Development (RED) Awards encourage you to undertake activities to develop your skills beyond your degree. We have three official skills awards to choose from: the RED Award, which will support you to gain experience; the RED Sustainable Action Award, which will support you to demonstrate your understanding of sustainability and tackling issues facing the world today; and the RED Global Engagement Award, which will support you to become more globally and culturally aware.

### THRIVE Mentoring

Connect with a professional mentor in your second year and get advice on your career plans and aspirations. It's a useful way to expand your network and is a great addition to your CV, showing motivation and self-development, plus you'll lead the partnership to get the most out of it. Some mentees have gained experiences such as workplace visits, shadowing, interviews, and placements. Our alumni also mentor current students and provide careers guidance and opportunities.

### Entrepreneurship

Whatever your degree subject, you can participate in a range of extra-curricular activities through the Henley Centre for Entrepreneurship (HCfE). These include IDEAFEST, an annual student business idea competition, and the Summer Start-Up Boot Camp. HCfE also supports and sponsors Reading Entrepreneurs, the biggest non-sport student-led society on campus – perfect if you're considering starting your own business after graduation.

### Campus Jobs

Get experience and top up your income while studying. Through our Campus Jobs portal, you'll find thousands of advertisements for part-time, temporary roles on campus, with one-off opportunities and shift work available.



#### Emily says ...

"I enjoy attending events run by the Careers Team, especially their webinars. These cover a variety of topics ranging from being successful at interviews to using LinkedIn effectively. They have helped make the job application process feel significantly less daunting."



#### Katharyn says ...

"I have attended a number of sessions focused on potential careers. They often involve professionals in the field so are very useful for networking. I also completed the RED Award, which I found really useful for getting work experience and learning what I need in terms of skills and experience to enter certain careers."



#### Owain says ...

"I have been to a few lectures on writing my CV and cover letters, and have been in contact with the team for career advice. There are so many people at the University to help with applications and to give advice about future careers. This makes applying for placements and internships so much easier."

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**Discover more about our Careers support**

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# HI, I'M MARTINA

## University is not just an academic experience, it is a life experience.

Everyone in my cohort will have an undergraduate degree by the time we finish, but not everyone will have experienced what I have at Reading. That's what I've always focused on: being different, finding my skills and abilities, discovering my passions, and creating my own experience.

My university journey has been defined by the sense of building that the University of Reading promotes. By building, I refer to the idea of carving your own path and constructing the person that you want to be by the time you graduate with a great CV.

I started by completing the RED Award for employability while working part-time off campus. In my second year, I became the leader of the University's Community Champions scheme, which works to bring together the local community, its grassroots organisations, and the University itself. This role has been the biggest motivation behind everything I have worked on since then.

As a politics student, I've always been interested in advocating for changes to systemic inequalities, and the Community Champions scheme was the perfect opportunity to develop a genuine and practical understanding of how I could apply knowledge from my degree to real-life situations.

When I applied to study at Reading, I hadn't considered taking a placement year. In fact, I started my degree with the idea of finishing it as soon as possible, but I learned with time the importance of building skills and experience and the benefits of taking a year to figure out what direction I would like to follow. I did my placement year at the University of Reading, working on the strategy to address and narrow the awarding gap for students from minority groups, and it happened to be one of the best choices I've made so far.

I built on this experience through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) offered at Reading. Working alongside two academics on a project called Teachers Like Us, I investigated the barriers that minority high school students perceive to becoming teachers. This was my first proper research project and it was great; I now have experience working on political issues through the lens of formal research. My project won the Prosperity & Resilience award at the UROP showcase in 2022.

University is a place to focus on yourself and make the most of what student life has to offer. That's what has made my experience at Reading so good. There are departments and staff available to help you every step of the way, and personalised support to keep you on track. There are so many clubs and societies, projects, internships, work experience and other opportunities at Reading, so why not make the most of them?

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**Hear from more of our students**

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# SUPPORTING YOU

Before you even start your studies at Reading, we work hard to ensure you are supported as you transition into university life.

## BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

You can connect with one of our STaR mentors who are current students trained to support new students. We'll match you to a mentor who will email you before you arrive and help with any questions.

We can also help connect you with local services to set up support for any existing medical, mental health or general health needs you may have.



We provide a free suite of online courses to help you get ready for university:

- **Your Essential Guide to University Life** will help prepare you for the first few weeks of university so you can make the most of the opportunities on offer.
- **A Parent and Supporter's Guide to University Entry** helps your family and support network to understand the university application process, and highlights how they can support you through it. It covers key decision dates, making the most of visits, and where to find information on issues such as financial aid and support services.

### Find both of these courses on the FutureLearn website.

- **Study Smart** is for University of Reading offer holders. This online course explains what's expected of you as a student, and will help you to navigate the world of university education so that you can start your studies with confidence.
- **Stress-Free University Interviews** will be available for those who hold offers in interviewing subjects. It will help you to make the most of your skills, build your confidence, and enable you to practise those all-important interview techniques.

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE

To help you settle in, meet new people, and familiarise yourself with your course, you'll be able to take part in our autumn Welcome programme of activities.

- Join induction sessions and activities with your school.
- Create a bespoke schedule of optional social and enrichment activities.
- Take guided tours of campus and the local area.
- Attend careers and employer sessions.
- Get involved in dedicated events for our international community and networking opportunities.

You'll also have access to our official student app, making it easy to stay up to date and access all the information you need, including your timetable, support information, latest news and campus maps.





# SUPPORT SERVICES

You can rely on our wide range of support services. They work together to provide help and advice throughout your studies.

## CAREERS AND PLACEMENTS

Access career development support, one-to-one meetings and a range of online resources. See pages 42–45.



## CHAPLAINCY

Offers support to all students and acts as a signposting service for all faiths. Visit the [chaplaincy website](#) for more information.



## COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

Our dedicated **Counselling and Wellbeing Team** is here to support you through one-to-one meetings, group therapy sessions, and other online resources.

[Explore our support services](#)



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE

International students can get advice and guidance on a range of issues including visa support. See pages 52–57.



## STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From fees and scholarships to financial issues, our Student Financial Support Team can help. See pages 60–61.

## LIBRARY AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

All courses have a dedicated academic liaison librarian to help you find the resources you need. There is also the Study Advice Team to support your studies, and our Digital Technology Team can help with technical queries and keeping you connected.



## DISABILITY ADVISORY SERVICE

Seek advice and guidance for any disability, mental health condition, or specific learning disability. For more information, please email [disability@reading.ac.uk](mailto:disability@reading.ac.uk).



## HALLS ACCOMMODATION

Students living in University halls of residence are supported by hall wardens and mentors, the Halls Hotline and the Accommodation Office. See pages 40–41.



## MEDICAL CENTRE

When you arrive, register with the University medical practice, which is a short walk from Whiteknights campus.

## CHILDCARE

There are **excellent childcare facilities on and near campus**, including a pre-school and day nursery.



## WELFARE TEAM

The Student Welfare Team can help with a range of personal and welfare issues. For details, visit the [Welfare Team website](#).

**Find out about the support we can offer to care-experienced and estranged students.**

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Moving to a new country is a big step – but we're here to help.

## A TRULY GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Join more than 4,500 international students from around 160 countries.<sup>1</sup>



## AMONG THE TOP 30 UK UNIVERSITIES

We're the 28th highest-ranking UK university out of the 89 featured in the QS World University Rankings 2023.<sup>2</sup>



## SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer international students a range of generous scholarships to help support your studies. **Check what is available, eligibility guidance and how to apply for a scholarship.**



## CENTRAL LOCATION

Reading train station is only 30 minutes from London Paddington, and is connected directly to central London via the Elizabeth Line. It's also just 45 minutes from Heathrow airport by coach.

<sup>1</sup> Studying on UK-based programmes. Based on HESA Student Record 2021/22. Globally, we have more than 9,100 non-UK domiciled students studying with us.

<sup>2</sup> The University of Reading is ranked 229th overall out of 1,422 institutions worldwide and maintains its position among the top 20% of ranked institutions globally.

<sup>3</sup> Whiteknights campus has been awarded 12 consecutive Green Flag awards, 2011–2022.

## INDUSTRY LINKS

Located at the heart of the Thames Valley, Reading is home to many global businesses and organisations – including PwC, Microsoft and Jacobs – as well as thousands of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, providing opportunities for our students to network with industry.



## SAFE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

Our main campus is set in 130 hectares of beautiful parkland. It has been recognised as one of Britain's top green spaces,<sup>3</sup> and benefits from 24-hour security.





We aim to support you at every stage – ahead of your move to the UK, during your time with us, and beyond.

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

Make sure that all necessary paperwork is in place in good time by contacting the British Embassy, High Commission or Consulate in your own country for advice on the requirements for entry to the UK as a student.

Our pre-departure webinars can help you prepare for study in the UK. You can also request a virtual meeting with a member of our international recruitment team.

#### Find out more about virtual events.

In some countries, we also host face-to-face pre-departure events.

#### Find out if you can meet us in your country.

### STAR MENTOR PARTNERSHIP

You'll be partnered with a STaR mentor before you arrive at Reading. Mentors are current students and they can help you settle into life in the UK and at the University. **Find out more about our STaR mentors.**

### MEET-AND-GREET SERVICE

In past years, our meet-and-greet service has supported students arriving at London Heathrow airport during our autumn Welcome programme. We will advise you if this service is available to support your arrival in the UK.

### WELCOME PROGRAMME

A programme of social events, tours and information will help you settle into life in Reading and the UK. These include:

- academic events
- information sessions – covering everything from study advice to settling in
- maps of Reading
- guides to opening a bank account
- details of students' union events and more.

### VISA SUPPORT

Dedicated immigration advisers on campus provide specialist advice on visas, including working during or after your studies.

### UK HEALTHCARE

If you're from outside the UK and come here to study a programme that lasts longer than six months, you're entitled to medical treatment here in the UK. You may need to pay a healthcare surcharge as part of your immigration application.

#### Find out about immigration and healthcare.

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For any pre-departure enquiries, contact us via **+44 (0) 118 378 3838** or **ask us a question**.

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While you're here, we'll support you to thrive – both socially and academically. There are plenty of ways to stay in touch with your culture, gain a strong start in your studies, and feel at home, allowing you to make the most of your new life in the UK.

### DEDICATED SUPPORT

As well as all of the support described on pages 48–51, you can get help from our dedicated International Student Advisory Team.

### A TASTE OF HOME

Our cafeterias and restaurants on campus provide for different dietary needs, and self-catered accommodation will enable you to cook your own meals. Whiteknights campus regularly hosts an international street food market, offering different flavours from around the world. You can also buy supplies in the shops here on campus, and Reading town centre has a wide range of specialist food shops and restaurants from many countries.

### SOCIETIES

Meeting people from your own country and staying in touch with your culture is easy when there are so many student societies, including faith-based groups. Our societies are open to students from all countries, so no matter where you're from, you will be warmly welcomed within any group. **Head to the Students' Union website to find out more.**

"The University of Reading provides a comfortable and safe campus for students. My teachers are patient and good listeners, and always help to solve problems – academic or personal. Reading holds many memories and I am thankful for everyone I met there."

**Shiwei Zhang, recent graduate of the NUIST Reading Academy, a joint educational institute between the University of Reading and Nanjing University of Information Science & Technology (NUIST)**





# PRE-DEGREE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

## ACADEMIC PRE-DEGREE PROGRAMMES

### Pre-sessional English Programme

If you need to improve your English language level to join your chosen undergraduate programme, you can take a pre-sessional course at the International Study and Language Institute (ISLI). ISLI's intensive language and study skills courses help prepare you for your future studies. Check our website for information on campus-based and distance-learning courses (where available).

**Find out about our Pre-sessional English Programme.**

**Follow our International team on Facebook**  
**Follow our International team on Instagram**  
**Visit our Weibo page**  
**Find the International team online**

## International Foundation Programmes (IFPs)

The University offers IFPs for international students whose qualifications do not meet the normal undergraduate entry requirements. You can access IFPs through two routes, depending on the undergraduate degree subject you wish to study.

- Through the University of Reading **International Foundation Programme (IFP).**
- Through an **Undergraduate Foundation Programme (UFP)** with our University-based partner, ONCAMPUS Reading.

UFP students study on the University campus but are enrolled with and taught by ONCAMPUS, rather than the University of Reading. No matter the route you join through, you will be able to experience campus life here at Reading. Subject to successful completion of a University of Reading IFP or ONCAMPUS UFP, and meeting other relevant degree entry requirements, you will be guaranteed the opportunity for progression onto your chosen undergraduate degree at Reading.

The University of Reading IFP also offers a range of four-year undergraduate degrees with an integrated foundation year, which allow you to apply for a single visa to cover the whole duration of your degree.

See pages 118–121 or **visit the International Foundation Programme (IFP) website.**

## SUPPORT WHILE YOU STUDY

### Academic English Programme (AEP)

Throughout your degree, you can access a free programme to develop your academic English skills. Our AEP comprises academic writing, grammar and speaking-focused courses, academic language webinars and workshops, and our one-to-one consultation service. You may also have access to non-credit bearing AEP modules and courses that focus on academic communication in your own degree subject.

**Find out about our Academic English Programme (AEP).**

### Independent language learning

In addition to our tailored language support, we also offer a dedicated resource library and study centre for independent language learning. You can access audio and video resources in English, and materials in many other languages.

**Find out about the Self-Access Centre for Language Learning (SACLL)**



# VISIT US

If you like what you've seen so far, we'd love to show you more.

Nothing beats coming to visit us at Reading and seeing what we have to offer you, in person.

## CAMPUS TOURS

Explore our main Whiteknights campus, get a feel for the atmosphere, and see if you can picture yourself living and studying here. Campus tours run throughout the year and are usually led by our wonderful students.

**Book a campus tour.**

## COMING FROM OVERSEAS?

If you're an international student and would like to visit the University on a specific date, it's best to get in touch with us before your trip, so that we can discuss arrangements to meet with you. Please **send us an enquiry**.

## OPEN DAYS

Get a feel for what living and learning here is really like. Explore our campuses, attend subject talks, tour facilities and halls of residence, meet academic tutors and current students, and ask the questions that matter to you.

Come along to one of our 2023 Open Days:

**Friday 16 June**

**Saturday 17 June**

**Saturday 7 October**

**Saturday 14 October**

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**Book your Open Day place**

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### Katharyn says ...

"The Open Day I went to was really influential in my decision as I got to find out about the course from a more personal perspective. I was really impressed by the focus on sustainability and employability here, so I left feeling like Reading was able to fulfil my expectations of what I wanted my university experience to be."





# FEES AND FUNDING

## HOME STUDENTS<sup>1</sup>

### Tuition fees

- Home student fees for 2024/25 entry haven't been confirmed by the UK government, but we'll update our website once they have been.
- If you're eligible<sup>2</sup> for funding through student finance authorities – which most home students will be – you don't have to pay any tuition fees upfront. You can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of your degree, and this is paid directly to the University.
- You only start paying back the loan after you have left education and started earning more than the repayment threshold.<sup>3</sup>

### Maintenance loans

- Most home students are eligible to apply for a maintenance loan to help towards living costs, with differing amounts of funding available depending on where you study, where you choose to live, and your household income.<sup>2</sup>
- Home students can apply for a maintenance loan at the same time as a tuition fee loan. Maintenance loan money is paid directly to you in three instalments across the academic year.
- While a tuition fee loan covers the full tuition fees, a maintenance loan may not cover the total amount you need to pay for your living costs, so you will need to budget carefully.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS<sup>4</sup>

### Tuition fees

You will normally pay your tuition fees in two instalments per year. For 2024/25 entry, the fees are:

- £22,350 a year for non-laboratory courses and International Foundation Programmes
- £27,650 a year for subjects with significant laboratory study or workshop content.

You should make sure that you have enough money to cover all tuition and living costs well in advance of coming to Reading. There may be support available – consult your local British Council/ Education Counselling Service office.

### Vice-Chancellor Global Scholarships

We offer international students a range of generous scholarships to help support your studies. For 2023/24 entry, we provided 100 scholarships of £4,000 each in the form of yearly tuition fee reductions, awarded to students based on academic achievement.

**Check our website from December 2023 to see international scholarship details for 2024/25 entry.**

## BUDGETING

At Reading, you'll find lots of support to learn how to budget effectively, including access to specialist guidance from our Student Financial Support Team and students' union advisers.

Before coming to university, you'll need to budget for additional costs including:

- **course-related costs** such as books (most courses require compulsory texts), stationery and printing materials, field trips and other visits, and any specialist clothing and equipment<sup>5</sup>
- **living costs** such as food, travel, your mobile phone, clothes and personal care, gym membership, and entertainment
- **accommodation costs** in University halls or renting from a private landlord.

The average student spends around £924 per month according to the 2022 National Student Money Survey,<sup>6</sup> but this figure will depend on your lifestyle choices.

International students should also budget for visa application fees, the immigration health surcharge, and travel to and from your home country.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### We offer:

- a **Reading Bursary** of £1,100 per year if your household income is less than £27,000<sup>7</sup>
- a selection of **undergraduate scholarships** (most are awarded based on academic achievement)
- some non-repayable **grants and bursaries**, depending on your circumstances
- opportunities to gain **paid, part-time work on campus** through Campus Jobs
- support in finding and securing **paid summer placements and internships**
- **reduced tuition fees** for the year you're away from Reading if you spend a full academic year studying abroad or on a placement (currently 15% of the normal tuition fee).

Student finance authorities also provide additional support for students with disabilities and/or children, care-experienced and estranged students, and students with other dependents (for example, an adult you care for).

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**Check the latest fees and funding information**

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**1** Home students are those living in the UK or Republic of Ireland (including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) and EU nationals with settled status in the UK. Students granted home-fee status pay the same tuition fees as UK students and may be eligible for the same financial support from the UK government. **Check the UK Government website for student finance information.**

**2** Check your eligibility and apply for funding.

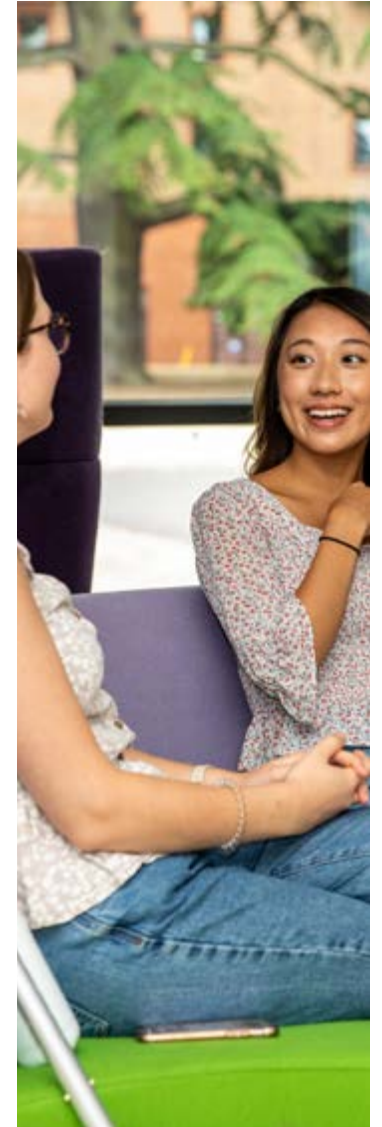
**3** Find out more about repaying your student loan.

**4** International students are those living outside of the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. This includes most EU nationals (those without settled status in the UK). International students are ineligible for home-fee status and financial support from the UK government. **Visit the UKCISA website For eligibility criteria and guidance on your fee status.**

**5** Ask us a question about additional course-related costs.

**6** Visit the Save the Student website for the Student Money Survey 2022 results.

**7** Available to enrolled, eligible full-time undergraduate home-fee students who are assessed as eligible for funding from student finance authorities. You can choose to receive the bursary in the form of a cash bursary or a partial fee reduction.









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#### COURSE LIST KEY

-  Interview and/or portfolio submission required
  -  EPQ accepted
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# COURSES



# ACCOUNTING



Study a broad range of accounting concepts and techniques alongside modules in business, management, and finance at Henley Business School.

You'll benefit from our:

- triple-accredited status from the UK, European and US accrediting bodies (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB)
- 40 years' experience of teaching and research in international business
- global network of more than 80,000 alumni across 165 countries.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Our courses provide exemptions and/or credit for prior learning that is recognised by the following professional bodies:

- Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

After graduating, you may choose to build on the professional exemptions obtained during your degree to qualify as an auditor or other types of accountant.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Combine the technical expertise you'll develop during your studies with valuable industry experience.<sup>1</sup> Previous placement employers have included 3M, BMW, British Airways, Cisco Systems, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, IBM, and PwC.

- Complete an optional paid placement year or study year abroad on BSc Accounting and Finance or BA Accounting and Management.
- Apply to transfer to our Malaysia campus for up to one year – and still complete your course in three years – on BSc Accounting and Finance.
- Benefit from three guaranteed paid placements with PwC on our four-year BA Accounting and Business (Flying Start) degree.

## CAREERS

We have a strong focus on employability and are proud to be joint 6th in the UK for graduate prospects.<sup>2</sup> Your degree can open up a wide range of employment opportunities including accounting, professional services, banking, consultancy, finance, human resources, IT, marketing, operations, management, and more.

Our BA Accounting and Business (Flying Start) degree can provide a guaranteed graduate job offer from PwC at the end of the programme,<sup>3</sup> and is one of the fastest routes to becoming an ICAEW Chartered Accountant in the UK.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Accounting and Business – The Flying Start Degree Programme	M NN41	AAB	DDD	34
		GCSE: grade 6/B in English and Maths		
BSc Accounting and Finance /with Placement Experience	NN43 /NN34	ABB including B in A level or AS level Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level or AS level Maths*	32 including 5 in SL Maths
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English		
BA Accounting and Management /with Placement Experience	NN24 /NN42	ABB	DDD	32
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths		
BA Accounting and Management with Foundation	NNF1	CCC	DMM	24

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Business & Management (see page 84)  
Finance (see page 106)

[View course information for Accounting](#)

<sup>1</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>2</sup> Accounting and Finance graduate prospects score, Complete University Guide 2023.

<sup>3</sup> PwC graduate job offers are subject to satisfactory completion of certain milestones throughout the course.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.

# AGRICULTURE



Address some of the most important global challenges in contemporary food production through the study of agriculture and agri-business.

At Reading, we have been educating agriculturalists for more than 125 years. Globally, we're the highest-ranking UK university for our subject area<sup>1</sup>, and we also rank highly in national league tables<sup>2</sup>. We're proud to have the top score for both teaching quality and student experience in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2023.

## FARMS

Our University farms, comprising 800 hectares of mixed farmland, are home to commercial livestock and crop enterprises, alongside modern research facilities, and are used for both teaching and research.

## LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

Our long-standing links with farmers and agriculture industry stakeholders will provide you with valuable opportunities for networking, research and regular industry field visits.

## OPPORTUNITIES

- **Go on a placement.**<sup>3</sup> Apply for a summer placement linked to our research, take a short professional placement, or spend up to a year working in industry.
- **Choose a pathway.** In BSc Agriculture, you can either continue with our broad-based course after your first year, or choose a specialist pathway leading to BSc Agriculture and Livestock Production, BSc Agriculture and Crop Science or BSc Agriculture and Horticultural Science.

## CAREERS

We'll help to equip you for a rewarding career in the agricultural and land-based industries such as farm and rural business management and consultancy, agronomy, livestock nutrition and consultancy, horticultural management, and overseas development work.

Our graduates have been employed by organisations with both a global and national profile, including the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB), Waitrose & Partners, Savills, and Frontier Agriculture.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Agricultural Business Management /with Placement Year	D4N2 /DN42	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Agricultural Business Management with Foundation	DN43	CCD	DMM	24
BSc Agriculture /with Placement Year	D400 /D401	BBB including an accepted science*	DDM including comparable science modules*	30 including an accepted HL science*
BSc Agriculture with Foundation	D402	BBB without a science* CCD with a science*	DMM	30 without a HL science* 24 with a HL science*

GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Bioveterinary Sciences (see page 82)  
 Environment (see page 102)  
 Food Business and Marketing (see page 124)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:  
 BSc Agriculture with International Foundation Year  
 BSc Agricultural Business Management with International Foundation Year

## View course information for Agriculture

<sup>1</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 – Agriculture & Forestry. We are ranked joint 11th in the world and are the only UK university in the global top 60.

<sup>2</sup> Ranked 4th for 'Agriculture and Forestry' in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2023, 9th for 'Agriculture and Forestry' in the Complete University Guide 2023, and 9th for 'Animal Science and Agriculture' in the Guardian University Guide 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

\* Acceptable sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology.



# ARCHAEOLOGY



Investigate evidence from past millennia through to the present day and examine issues critical to our shared global future: climate change and sustainability; human diets and health; and inequality, migration, and social identities.

## OUTSTANDING TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Join the top university in the UK for Archaeology research.<sup>1</sup> Our Department also has an outstanding track record for overall student satisfaction, with a score of 100% – the highest for Archaeology in the UK – in the National Student Survey 2022.<sup>2</sup>

## FIELDWORK AND FACILITIES

Past students have gained valuable hands-on experience through artefact study, laboratory activities, and excavations, including at our Field School. Learn a range of practical archaeological field techniques and develop the skills to analyse human and animal bones, objects and plant remains.

You'll study in our dedicated Archaeology building, with specialist equipment and purpose-built laboratories. You'll also have access to our three on-campus museums.

## OPPORTUNITIES

During your degree you will be able to work with experts on current research projects, spend a semester or entire year at a partner university overseas or undertake a professional placement.<sup>3</sup>

## CAREERS

Demand for archaeologists in the UK is rising.<sup>4</sup> Our degrees are designed to help you develop skills desired by a broad range of employers, giving you the edge to excel in your career, whether that is within or beyond the archaeology and heritage sectors.

Overall, 96% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>5</sup>

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Archaeology /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	V400 /V401 /V402			
BA Archaeology and Anthropology /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	VL46 /VL47 /VL48			
BA Museum Studies and Archaeology /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	PV14 /PV15 /PV16	BBB	DDM	30
BA Ancient History and Archaeology /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	VV41 /VV42 /VV43			
BA Archaeology and History /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	VV14 /VV11 /VV12	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject*

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Classics, Classical Studies and Ancient History (see page 88)  
Geography (see page 110)  
History (see page 114)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:  
BA Museum Studies and Archaeology with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Archaeology](#)

<sup>1</sup> The University of Reading is ranked 1st in the UK for research quality and research outputs in Archaeology (Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of REF 2021).

<sup>2</sup> The Department of Archaeology has scored consistently between 90–100% for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2010–2022.

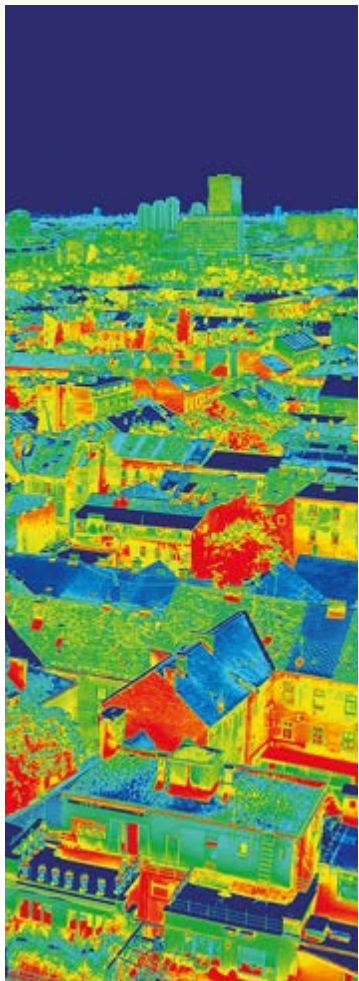
<sup>3</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>4</sup> Historic England Intelligence Assessment Report (National Infrastructure Development and Historic Environment Skills and Capacity 2015–33).

<sup>5</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes all Archaeology responders.

\* Humanities-based essay subjects include: Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies.

# ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING



Shape a more sustainable future for our built environment and learn about integrated approaches in the design, management, and operation of efficient buildings in an urban context.

Combine the creativity of architectural and building design with innovation in environmental engineering and energy systems.

Our courses provide opportunities to undertake paid industrial placements, and we are engaging with the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) and Energy Institute to work towards their accreditation.

Sustainability is an important theme in our programmes – from use of materials to environmental management and assessment – presenting a valuable opportunity to have a positive impact on our planet.

## TOP-RANKING DEPARTMENT

We are highly ranked in the UK for teaching and research in the built environment.<sup>1</sup>

Our multidisciplinary team of experts teach the best of current practice, enhancing your learning with their extensive industry experience and research excellence.

## FACILITIES

Use an array of digital technologies and software, including building information modelling (BIM), building energy and urban microclimate simulations, and 3D laser scanning. Our immersive virtual reality systems enable you to interact with 3D digitised environments.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

If you join in 2024, you may be eligible for an annual scholarship for each of the three years of the degree.<sup>2</sup>

## CAREERS

98% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating; of those in full-time employment, 98% are in graduate-level roles.<sup>3</sup>

Close, extensive links with industry enable you to build your professional network during your studies.

Employ your skills in a wide range of roles, including energy engineer, building designer, facility manager/engineer, project manager or construction manager.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BEng Architectural Engineering	K250	BBB including Maths	DDM including sufficient mathematical content (e.g. Engineering) or A level Maths studied alongside	30 including 5 in HL Maths
MEng Architectural Engineering	K260			

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Architecture (see page 72)

Real Estate and Planning (see page 144)

Surveying and Construction (see page 148)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:

BEng Architectural Engineering with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Architectural Engineering](#)

<sup>1</sup> The University of Reading is the joint 7th highest-ranking UK university for Architecture and Built Environment (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022; ranked 51-100 overall). We are ranked 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning (Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of REF 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Subject to conditions. Visit our website for information on CME scholarships.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Construction Management and Engineering responders.



# ARCHITECTURE



Apply imagination and innovation responsibly within a world of finite resources, and shape environments to leave a positive legacy for future generations as you join a new generation of architects.

Our BSc Architecture degree is prescribed by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) and validated by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).<sup>1</sup>

You'll study architecture in a real-world context. Our course explores the challenges facing tomorrow's architects, including rapid urbanisation, climate change and the depletion of natural resources.

Benefit from dedicated studio space – accessible seven days a week – plus a range of workshop and specialist computer facilities, and digital fabrication to support your studies.

Our cross-disciplinary approach – drawing on disciplines throughout the School of the Built Environment – supports you to develop the skills required to excel in architectural practice.

## JOIN A THRIVING COMMUNITY

- Joint 7th highest-ranking UK university for Architecture and Built Environment.<sup>2</sup>
- 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning.<sup>3</sup>

## INDUSTRY-RELEVANT TRAINING

The curriculum has been designed alongside recognised architects and industry experts.


Develop architectural expertise and experience a collaborative studio environment that reflects professional life.

Work on projects such as a live, full-size structure build with our industry partners, and attend field trips in the UK and abroad.

Plus, our established connections with leading local, national and international architects and construction companies allow you to make use of our network of partners for feedback, placements and training.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

If you join in 2024, you may be eligible for an annual scholarship for each of the three years of the degree.<sup>4</sup>

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Architecture	 K100	ABB	DDM	32
All suitable applicants will be asked to attend an interview and bring a portfolio of recent work				

## EXPLORE OUR STUDENTS' WORK

The End of Year Show provides excellent networking opportunities for our finalists, helping to secure work experience, placements, or jobs after graduation. You too will have the opportunity to showcase your project and design work, such as drawings, physical models, and computer-generated images, to industry professionals in your final year. **Visit our website to see examples of our students' work.**

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Architectural Engineering (see page 70)

Graphic Communication (see page 112)

Surveying and Construction (see page 148)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

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BSc Architecture with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Architecture](#)

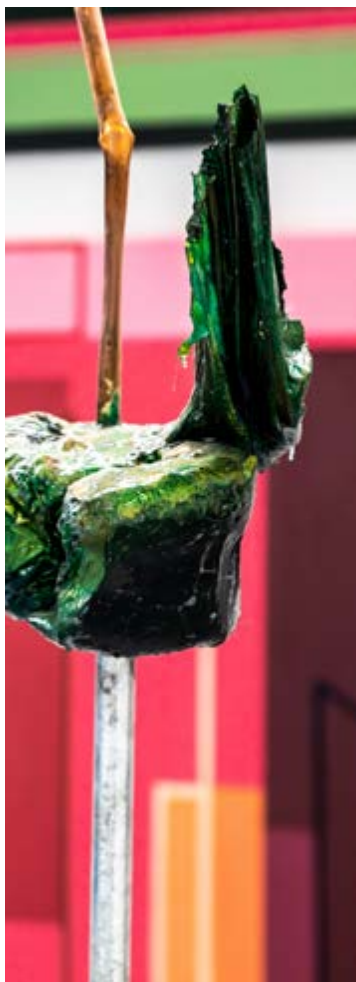
<sup>1</sup> Our BSc (Hons) Architecture degree is prescribed by ARB under the Architects Act 1997 until May 2025, and validated by RIBA until 2024. After this, normal practice is that accreditation is reviewed periodically.

<sup>2</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 (ranked 51–100 overall).

<sup>3</sup> Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Subject to conditions. [Visit our website for information on Architecture scholarships.](#)

# ART



Expand your expectations of what's possible in painting, sculpture, moving image and printmaking. Explore the exciting potential of new technologies and contribute to emerging art forms.

You'll learn from artists, curators and researchers who are active in the art world, across a range of flexible, diverse programmes with broad joint honours opportunities.

## DEVELOP AS AN ARTIST

Your learning will be enhanced by:

- a new art building and dedicated facilities, accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- talks, workshops and one-to-one feedback from art professionals
- international field trips and the opportunity to study abroad in places such as Berlin, Tokyo or Seoul<sup>1</sup>
- exhibitions, work placements, and events.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Past students have joined Modern Art Oxford, Studio Voltaire, Frieze Art Fair, the Institute of Contemporary Arts (ICA), the Seoul Institute of the Arts, and the Shanghai Institute of Visual Art, as well as schools and theatre companies.

## CAREERS

We have the sixth-highest graduate prospect score in Art and Design and are ranked 8th overall in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2023.

Many of our graduates develop successful careers as artists, writers and curators – including as participants in the Turner Prize and Venice Biennale, and as curators at influential museums. Others work in galleries, education, social media, art therapy, film and video production, journalism, advertising and teaching.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Fine Art	W101 	BBB, or 80 UCAS tariff points with Pass in Art Foundation	DDM	30, or 24 with Pass in Art Foundation
BA Art	W102 	CCC	DMM	24
BA Art and Creative Writing	QW32 	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA Art and English Literature	QW31 			
BA Art and Film	WW60 			
BA Art and History of Art	VW31 			
BA Art and Philosophy	VW51 	BBB	DDM	30
BA Art and Theatre	WW40 			
BA Art and Psychology	CW81 	ABB GCSE: grade 4/C in Science	DDM	32

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Film, Theatre & Television  
(see page 104)

Graphic Communication  
(see page 112)

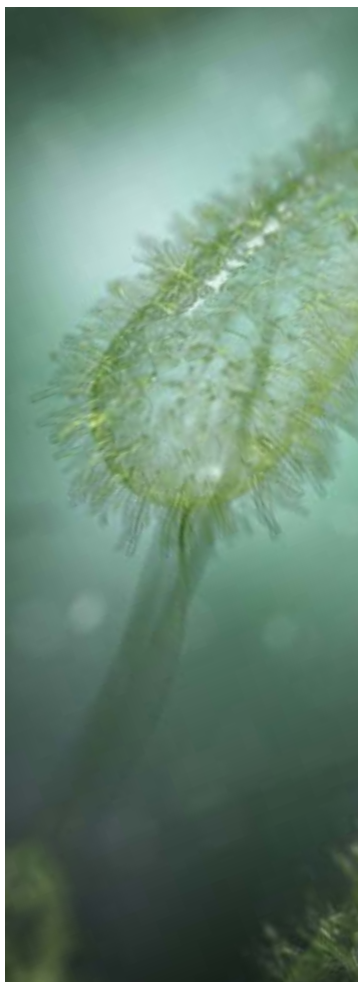
[View course information for Art](#)

<sup>1</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

\* Related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.



# BIOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY AND MICROBIOLOGY



Explore the exciting science of biology – the study of the living world, including our relationship with it – and understand how it underpins so many important human services and industries.

Whether you're keen to explore biology in all its breadth, or focus on a specialist discipline that fascinates you, you're sure to find a course to suit you.

## YOUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Join us and benefit from:

- **innovative research.** Our teaching staff will tailor your learning to reflect changing trends in biological research.
- **practical learning.** Develop key cellular, molecular and biochemical techniques on our hands-on courses.
- **considerable field experience.** Acquire important skills and techniques on campus and optional field trips.

## FACILITIES

We have invested £60m in our new Health and Life Sciences building, which houses:

- flexible, modular teaching labs
- research laboratory space
- the Cole Museum of Zoology.

Our award-winning<sup>1</sup> Whiteknights campus also acts as a living laboratory, creating many opportunities for fieldwork on site.

## CAREERS

Overall, 92% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>2</sup>

Our courses prepare you for a career in a wide range of sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, environmental management, manufacturing, laboratory work, science sales and management, science communication, publishing, and patenting. You may also decide to take up a research career or move into further study.

All our courses place an emphasis on developing transferable skills such as critical thinking, data analysis and communication skills. These skills are highly regarded by employers in both scientific and non-scientific job sectors.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Biochemistry /with Professional Experience	C700 /C702	ABB with B in Chemistry, or BBB with B in Chemistry and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Chemistry, or 30 with 5 in HL Chemistry and a second science*
BSc Biological Sciences /with Professional Experience	C100 /C101	ABB with B in Biology, or BBB with B in Biology and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Biology, or 30 with 5 in HL Biology and a second science*
BSc Microbiology /with Professional Experience	C500 /C502	BBB without Chemistry and a second science*	DMM	30 without HL Chemistry and a second science*
BSc Biochemistry with Foundation	C701	CCC with Chemistry and a second science*	DMM	24 with HL Chemistry and a second science*
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		
BSc Biological Sciences with Foundation	C102	BBB without Biology and a second science*	DMM	30 without HL Biology and a second science*
BSc Microbiology with Foundation	C501	CCC with Biology and a second science*	DMM	24 with HL Biology and a second science*
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Biomedical Sciences (see page 80)
- Chemistry (see page 86)
- Food Science (see page 108)
- Zoology and Ecology (see page 150)

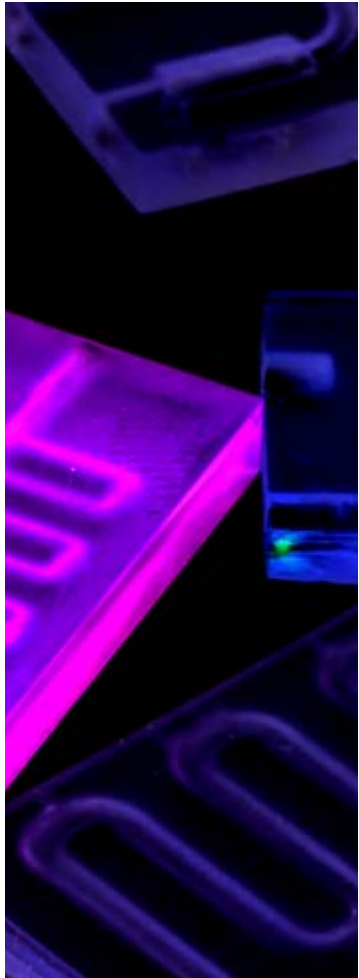
[View course information for Biology, Biochemistry and Microbiology](#)

<sup>1</sup> Whiteknights campus has won 12 consecutive Green Flag Awards (2011–2022).

<sup>2</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree responders from Biological Sciences.

\* Acceptable second sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Computer Science.

# BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING



## Apply engineering methods and approaches in healthcare and biology.

Our expert academics specialise in subjects such as wearable technology, robotics, biomaterial and medical imaging, giving you a unique insight into biomedical engineering.

As a future graduate engineer, you could develop the next generation of medical devices, health diagnostic systems and biocompatible prostheses.

## EXCELLENT STUDENT SATISFACTION

We have the highest overall student satisfaction score for Bioengineering, Medical and Biomedical Engineering subjects in the UK.<sup>1</sup>

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Take the opportunity to complete a one-year placement at the end of your second year, or a short summer placement, gaining valuable experience in the field and building your professional network.<sup>2</sup>


We have excellent relationships with multiple organisations in the world of biomedical engineering, including Royal Berkshire Hospital, GSK and Microchip Ltd.

## CAREERS

This interdisciplinary degree offers multiple paths to a career in the field. Depending on whether you focus on medical technology, theoretical research or clinical applications, you could specialise in areas such as neural engineering, biomaterials, medical imaging and image processing, or rehabilitation engineering.

*“Probably the best thing about this degree is the options that you have both whilst you’re studying and when you come out of it. You can focus on so many different subfields – robotics, cybernetics, biological gene expression, and the lab-based side of it.”*

**Amalia Theologou, BEng Biomedical Engineering graduate**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BEng Biomedical Engineering	 H160	ABB with B in Physics or Maths, or BBB with B in Physics or Maths and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Physics or Maths, or 30 with 5 in HL Physics or Maths and a second science*

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Biomedical Sciences (see page 80)

Computer Science (see page 90)

[View course information for Biomedical Engineering](#)

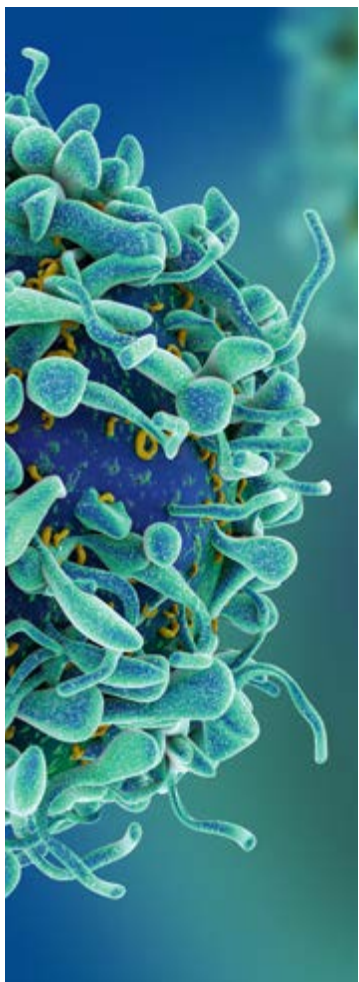
<sup>1</sup> National Student Survey 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

\* Acceptable second sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Computer Science.



# BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



Healthcare is a vital area of study, in which you can enhance wellbeing, prevent disease, improve diagnoses, develop new therapies and advance clinical practice.

We offer different programme options from 'bench to bedside', including:

- **Biomedical Science**, which focuses on understanding the inner workings of the body.
- **Medical Science**, with its clinical focus, is perfect for those who want to enter graduate entry medicine.
- **Physician Associate Studies**, which allows you to apply your learning and will train you to become a fully qualified physician associate (a healthcare profession with direct patient contact).

Depending on which programme you choose to study, you'll be encouraged to improve your understanding of disease and the development of new treatments.

## EXCELLENT LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

We have a well-established network of clinical and lab partners hosted on campus and regionally, including the Royal Berkshire Hospital and Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Berkshire & Surrey Pathology Services also have labs on our campus.

## LEARN FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

Our programmes have been developed in partnership with local NHS trusts and hospitals to ensure that you will have the skills and knowledge for a career in healthcare.

Whether your focus is on lab-based research or patient care, you will be taught by people with on-the-ground experience, from skilled NHS staff to academics whose research has improved outcomes and understanding in the sector.

## CAREERS

MPAS graduates can work within the NHS as physician associates, in both primary and secondary health services, after passing the national certification examination.

Graduates from Biomedical Sciences and Medical Science will leave with highly sought-after skills for the workplace, including transferable skills such as critical and evaluative thinking, and research and analysis training.

Our graduates have gone on to work for employers such as the NHS, Public Health England, and pharmaceutical or academic laboratories. Others have found work in scientific publishing or clinical trials, or have pursued postgraduate degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, and Physician Associate studies.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Biomedical Sciences /with Professional Experience	C741 /C743	ABB with B in Biology, or BBB with B in Biology and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Biology, or 30 with 5 in HL Biology and a second science*
BSc Medical Science /with Professional Experience	C750 /C752	ABB with B in Biology and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Biology and a second science*
BSc Biomedical Sciences with Foundation	C742	BBB without Biology and a second science*	DMM	30 without HL Biology and a second science*
BSc Medical Science with Foundation	C751	CCC with Biology and a second science*		24 with HL Biology and a second science*
MPAS Physician Associate Studies	BB96	AAB with at least a B in Biology and Chemistry	DDD including comparable science modules	34 with at least 5 in HL Biology and Chemistry
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		
		GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths		

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Biology, Biochemistry and Microbiology (see page 76)

Biomedical Engineering (see page 78)

Nutrition (see page 132)

Pharmacology (see page 134)

Pharmacy (see page 136)

[View course information for Biomedical Sciences](#)

\* Acceptable second sciences: Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Computer Science.

# BIOVETERINARY SCIENCES



Animal health and welfare are at the heart of all sustainable human-animal relationships – whether keeping them for food production, companionship or leisure.

Gain an in-depth knowledge of animal physiology – from molecular to whole organism level – and take a holistic approach to investigating and deepening your knowledge of the factors influencing animal health and welfare. You'll explore animal nutrition, behaviour, and environment, as well as disease threats.

## FIELDWORK

You'll have the opportunity to visit a range of animal-based organisations such as veterinary practices, zoos, equine centres, and farms to gain real-world experience.

## FACILITIES

You'll benefit from excellent teaching and first-class facilities, including campus-based labs and our renowned Centre for Dairy Research, the University's own farm animal research centre.

## EMPLOYABILITY BUILT IN

Your scientific research and transferable skills development is very important to us, which is why we have specialist, hands-on research modules and the opportunity to undertake an independent research project in the final year. You'll also receive excellent support for exploring the breadth of the industry and will develop employability skills throughout the course.

## CAREERS

You could pursue a wide range of animal and veterinary-related careers – from working in veterinary labs to becoming a researcher or animal nutritionist. You could enter a scientific, technical or management career in animal breeding, health and welfare, the pharmaceutical industry, animal charities, education or biotechnology sectors.

Our course is also a perfect stepping stone to a further degree in veterinary medicine, or a postgraduate degree in a more specialist aspect of bioveterinary science.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Bioveterinary Sciences /with Placement Year	D301 /D302	BBB including Biology and another science*	DDM including comparable science modules*	30 including 5 in HL Biology and another science*
BSc Bioveterinary Sciences with Foundation	D303	BBB without Biology and another science* CCD with Biology and another science*	DMM	30 without HL Biology and another science* 24 with HL Biology and another science*

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Agriculture (see page 66)  
Zoology and Ecology (see page 150)

[View course information for Bioveterinary Sciences](#)

\* Acceptable sciences: Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Computer Science, IT.



# BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT



Henley Business School provides a global, high-calibre learning community and guidance from distinguished industry experts. You'll benefit from our:

- triple-accredited status from the UK, European and US accrediting bodies (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB)
- 40 years' experience of teaching and research in international business
- global network of more than 80,000 alumni across 165 countries.

## SHAPE YOUR DEGREE

All our degrees give you a strong grounding across the main areas of business in your first year. From your second year, you can tailor your programme through specialised pathways in accounting, data analytics and digital business, entrepreneurship, or marketing, or focus on international dimensions of business and management. Alternatively, you can choose to stay with the general degree and personalise it through your choice of optional modules. You can decide what you want to do at the end of your first year.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS



You'll have the opportunity to complete a paid placement year where you can develop your network and gain professional experience.<sup>1</sup> Previous placement employers have included 3M, BMW, British Airways, Cisco Systems, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, IBM and PwC.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Our BSc Business and Management (Marketing) is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing. This professional qualification means you'll receive exemptions and/or credit for prior learning after you graduate.

## CAREERS

We focus heavily on employability and are proud to have the joint fourth-highest graduate prospects score in the UK.<sup>2</sup> Your degree could present a route into accounting, professional services, banking, consultancy, finance, human resources, IT, marketing, operations, management, and more.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Business and Management /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N100 /N101 /N102			
BSc Business and Management (Accounting) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N400 /N401 /N402			
BSc Business and Management (Data Analytics and Digital Business) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	NG12 /NG13 /NG14			
BSc Business and Management (Entrepreneurship) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N298 /N289 /N199	ABB	DDD	32
BSc Business and Management (Marketing) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	NN25 /N2N5 /N2N6			
BSc International Business and Management /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N120 /N110 /N111			
BSc International Business and Management with a Modern Language /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N1R9 /N1R8 /N1Q9		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths	
BA Modern Languages and Business	 R9N1	BBB	DDM	30
BA Philosophy, Business and Ethics	 VN51	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Business and Management with Foundation	N1F1	CCC	DMM	24

[View course information for Business and Management](#)

<sup>1</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>2</sup> 'Career after 15 months' score for Business and Management in the Guardian University Guide 2023.

# CHEMISTRY



Chemistry is the science that shapes the world we live in. You'll learn how to design, synthesise and analyse molecules – and apply that knowledge to anything from medicines to sustainable materials.

## GET INVOLVED IN OUR RESEARCH

We give you lots of opportunities to get involved in current research. Many of our students have been named on internationally recognised scientific papers while studying with us.

As an undergraduate you will gain hands-on experience in our £4.5m purpose-built Chemical Analysis Facility (CAF).

## INDUSTRY-FOCUSED DEGREES

As well as our core chemistry degrees, we have a number of specialised courses focusing on areas of chemistry in industries with a high demand for graduates with specific skills:

- **Pharmaceutical chemistry.** Learn how medicines are developed, how they work in the body, and how they can be formulated, analysed and tested.
- **Cosmetic science.** Learn about the application of chemistry in the design and development of cosmetics.

## PLACEMENTS

Spend a year working in a chemical or pharmaceutical laboratory, or studying at one of our partner universities overseas.<sup>1</sup> Past students have undertaken placements at Coty (Rimmel), GSK and Dow Corning.

## CAREERS

You will leave with a Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) accredited degree,<sup>2</sup> which ensures that you have the knowledge, skills and competence to progress within many chemistry careers.

You will also develop highly sought-after transferable skills including critical and evaluative thinking, problem-solving skills, research and analysis training, and great communication and interpersonal skills.

Past graduates have found work with organisations such as Pfizer, Evotec, Pharmaterials (now Quotient Sciences), Intertek, CEM Analytical Services, Thames Water, and the police force.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
MChem Chemistry /with a Year in Industry or Research	F103 /F105	ABB including B in Chemistry	DDD including comparable science modules	32 including 5 in HL Chemistry
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BSc Chemistry /with a Year in Industry or Research	F100 /F107			
BSc Chemistry with Cosmetic Science /with a Year in Industry	F111 /F112	BBB including Chemistry	DDM including comparable science modules	30 including 5 in HL Chemistry
BSc Pharmaceutical Chemistry /with a Year in Industry or Research	F108 /F109			
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BSc Chemistry with Foundation	F101			
BSc Chemistry with Cosmetic Science with Foundation	F113	BBB without Chemistry	DMM	30 without HL Chemistry
BSc Pharmaceutical Chemistry with Foundation	F110	CCC with Chemistry		24 with HL Chemistry
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Biochemistry (see page 76)
- Food Science (see page 108)
- Pharmacology (see page 134)
- Pharmacy (see page 136)

[View course information for Chemistry](#)

<sup>1</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>2</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.



# CLASSICS, CLASSICAL STUDIES AND ANCIENT HISTORY



Discover the fascinating civilisations of ancient Greece and Rome, their connections with other ancient cultures, and their importance today.

Choose from three programmes of study:

- **Ancient History.** Study the politics, economy, society, culture and religion of the classical world.
- **Classical Studies.** Read the literature of Greece and Rome in translation to learn about culture, art and thought.
- **Classics.** Explore a range of literary texts in Latin and Ancient Greek.

## WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Join a department where 95% of research is of international standing.<sup>1</sup>

Our research has significant impact on the global understanding of the ancient world, which feeds directly into your learning, and has resulted in 91% of our students agreeing they were satisfied with the teaching on their course<sup>2</sup>. We are ranked 16th in the UK for Classics and Ancient History in the Guardian University Guide 2023.

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

You can gain hands-on experience with our collection of Greek and Egyptian antiquities in the Ure Museum, undertake a placement to put your knowledge into practice, and apply to study at an overseas institution<sup>3</sup> in Europe, Canada, the USA or Australia.

## CAREERS

Overall, 93% of graduates from Classics are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.<sup>4</sup>

You'll develop transferable skills that will prepare you for your chosen career path. Past graduates have gone on to careers in fields including museums, publishing, communications, teaching, marketing and public relations, as well as pursuing further study. You could also work in sectors such as law, finance, media, the government and the Civil Service, libraries, and archives.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Ancient History	V110			
BA Ancient History and Archaeology /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	VV41 /VV42 /VV43	BBB	DDM	30
BA Ancient History and History	V117	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject*
BA Classics	Q800			
BA Classical Studies	Q810			
BA Italian and Classical Studies	QR83	BBB	DDM	30
BA Museum and Classical Studies	P1Q8			
BA Philosophy and Classical Studies	QV85			
BA Classical Studies and English Literature	QQ38	BBB including English Literature or related subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject**

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Archaeology (see page 68)

[View course information for Classics](#)

[View course information for Ancient History](#)

<sup>1</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Classics.

<sup>2</sup> National Student Survey 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree responders from Classics.

\* Humanities-based essay subjects include: Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies.

\*\* English Literature related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.

# COMPUTER SCIENCE



Computer science is driving the digital transformation of our society and culture.

Join a community of inquisitive thinkers working to solve twenty-first-century problems through technology.

## AN ENVIABLE LOCATION

Reading has the fourth-highest number of digital tech organisations in the UK.<sup>1</sup> Microsoft, Hewlett Packard (HP) and Intel are all headquartered nearby. It is also home to the Thames Valley AI Hub, which pulls together the incredible artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data community of experts in the area.

Learn about possible career paths from leading companies through placements, industrial projects or studying modules that have been shaped by industry.

## IMPACT AND RELEVANCE

100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable".<sup>2</sup> Our academics specialise in data science and artificial intelligence, advanced computational science, including for environmental science, and computational vision. We collaborate with organisations from various sectors, many with international reach, and feed our research into our teaching.

Our courses are accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS) – the Chartered Institute for IT.

## FACILITIES AND SOFTWARE

Our Department offers dedicated computing laboratories, with workstations running Windows and Linux operating systems. Our curriculum is supported by a variety of software packages, including tools for software/app development, systems modelling, data science, and mathematical manipulation.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

We encourage all our students to gain relevant work experience. Our dedicated team can help you secure a summer placement and/or a year in industry.

## CAREERS

93% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating. Of those in full-time employment, 100% are in graduate-level roles.<sup>3</sup>

Our graduates have joined employers ranging from small start-ups to multinational companies, such as Bank of America, J.P. Morgan and Microsoft.

"The University is in the middle of the UK's Silicon Valley, a major tech hub. This was a key factor for me. It's a massive advantage to be on the doorstep of so many companies."

**Jag, BSc Computer Science with Industrial Year**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Computer Science /with Industrial Year	G400 /G401	ABB GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths	DDM	32
BSc Mathematics with Computer Science /with Placement Year	GG14 /GG41	ABC including grade A in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	30 including 6 in HL Maths

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Biomedical Engineering (see page 78)

[View course information for Computer Science](#)

<sup>1</sup> The Data City, UK Emerging Tech Report, May 2020.

<sup>2</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Computer Science and Informatics.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Computer Science responders.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.



# CRIMINOLOGY



Criminology covers an extremely wide range of issues, from rule-making and rule-breaking to the impact of crime on individuals and communities.

Explore crime and criminal justice – from causes to controls to consequences – and examine the sociological and legal aspects of criminology through topics such as:

- the causes and organisation of crime
- processes of criminalisation and victimisation
- crime management and prevention
- representations of crime
- the politics of criminal justice policy
- probation, prisons, and punishment.

You'll gain a solid understanding of social science research methodologies and ethics, supported by a strong grounding in the relevant legal frameworks.

## SPECIALISED MODULES

You'll undertake discipline-specific modules covering various topics, such as victims and victimisation, crimes of the powerful, green criminology and climate justice, race, ethnicity and justice, women and justice, criminological theory, dilemmas and issues in criminological research, and financial crime.

In your final year, you'll consolidate your knowledge through a criminological dissertation on a topic of your choice.


## INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENT

Our flexible BSc Criminology degree is interwoven with the study of law. We are one of only a few UK universities to offer this approach, giving you the opportunity to deepen your understanding of the impact of law and legal systems on how, and what, is defined as crime.

You can tailor your studies to suit your interests and choose from a range of optional modules from other disciplines, including law, politics and international relations, history, human geography, economics and psychology.

## CAREERS

Our criminology degree will prepare you for a career in government and the Civil Service, as well as roles in criminal justice, social and charity work, non-governmental organisations, think tanks and investigative journalism.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Criminology	 M900	ABB	DDM	32

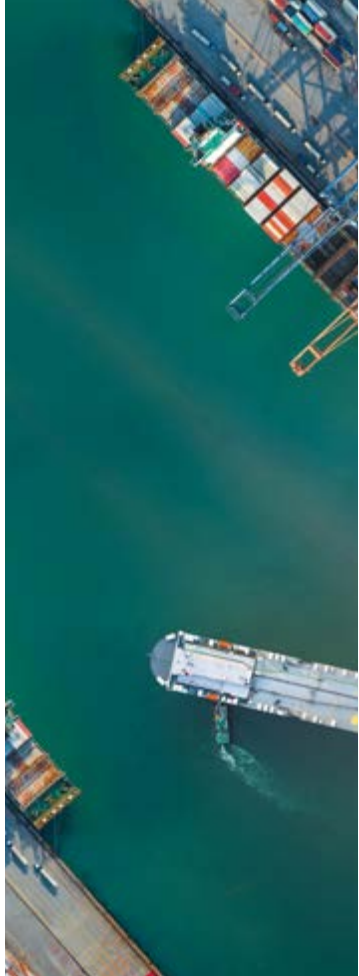
## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Law (see page 122)

Politics and International Relations (see page 140)

[View course information for Criminology](#)

# ECONOMICS



Why are so many rich countries in debt? Does money bring happiness? Why do people migrate? Almost all issues of public and private policy involve economics, as do our personal decisions.

Search for answers through our interdisciplinary approach, drawing on other subjects – finance, history, politics, environmental sciences, mathematics, and statistics.

## A DYNAMIC STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Your study of economics will be enhanced by:

- **varied learning styles.** Analyse theory and debate through lectures, exercises, group presentations, open debate, case studies, experiments and games.
- **research-led teaching.** Learn from our active researchers and experts. Their research informs policy decisions for governments, multinational organisations and international agencies like the UN. 100% of our research impact has been classed “outstanding” or “very considerable.”<sup>1</sup>
- **stimulating discussion.** Extend your study beyond the classroom through our Economics Society and our Conversations in Economics, which offer talks on a range of topics.

## PLACEMENTS AND STUDYING ABROAD

Extend your single honours degree by incorporating a placement or studying abroad at one of our partner universities in the USA, Europe, Australia or Canada,<sup>2</sup> and benefit from dedicated in-house placements and internship support, advice and training.

Our students have undertaken placements with Government Economic Service (Office for National Statistics, and Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)), Disney, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, NHS England, and Oracle.

## CAREERS

Overall, 92% of graduates from Economics are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.<sup>3</sup> Destinations of our past graduates have included the Civil Service Fast Stream, Goldman Sachs, Ofgem, and Deloitte. Our graduates enter fields such as finance, business, marketing, publishing, PR, media, and a wide range of other careers.

*“During my placement, I had the opportunity to travel to Mexico to deliver a conference, develop a project to increase prosperity in emerging economies, and even write briefs for a British prime minister.”*

**Emma Wilks, BA Economics, placement at the British FCDO**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Economics /with Placement Year	L100 /L103	ABB including B in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	32 including 5 in SL Maths
BA Economics /with Placement Year	L101 /L102	ABB	DDM	32
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics	LV12	GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BSc Business Economics /with Placement Year	L113 /L114	ABB	DDM	32 including 5 in SL Maths
		GCSE: grade 7/A in Maths. 6/B accepted if taking AS or A level Maths		
BSc Economics and Finance	LN13	ABB including B in Maths at A level or AS level	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level or AS level Maths*	32 including 5 in SL Maths
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English		

## ALSO OFFERED

- BSc Geography and Economics (Regional Science) (see page 111)
- BA History and Economics (see page 115)
- BA International Relations and Economics (see page 141)
- BSc Mathematics and Economics (see page 127)
- BA Modern Languages and Economics (see page 131)
- BA Politics and Economics (see page 141)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- See pages 118–121:
- BA Economics with International Foundation Year
- BSc Economics and Finance with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Economics](#)

<sup>1</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Business and Management Studies, and Anthropology and Development Studies.

<sup>2</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree responders from Economics.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.



# EDUCATION AND TEACHING



## Transform lives through education.

Study at the Institute of Education and benefit from our world-leading expertise, supportive environment and outstanding reputation with employers.

### A LEADER IN THE FIELD

- We are ranked 9th in the UK for Education.<sup>1</sup>
- 98% of our research is of international standing.<sup>2</sup>
- We have the second-highest score for graduate prospects in the UK.<sup>3</sup>

### BA PRIMARY EDUCATION (QTS) DEGREES

Build a strong identity as a teacher. You'll develop your expertise through a range of modules and school placements.

If you'd like to select a specialism, you can choose from Art, English, Mathematics or Music, where you can build your subject knowledge alongside pedagogical and leadership skills.

You will also develop an understanding of how to effectively incorporate climate and sustainability education into your teaching.

<sup>1</sup> Guardian University Guide 2023.

<sup>2</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Education.

<sup>3</sup> Complete University Guide 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree responders from the Institute of Education.

### EDUCATION'S PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL AND CREATIVE CONTEXTS

Explore current debates in contemporary education within a variety of contexts on our BA Education Studies course:


- **Sociology:** society and social justice, inclusion and inequalities, sustainability, and global perspectives in education
- **Creativity:** the Arts in different environments and educational contexts
- **Psychology:** theories of learning, and child and adolescent development.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY WHILE YOU WORK

If you already work with children, our Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning (aimed at those working with children up to the age of 11) enables you to study at one of our partner colleges for one afternoon or evening a week. The BA Children's Development and Learning allows you to top up our Foundation Degree to a BA (Hons) degree.

### CAREERS

Overall, 97% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course and, of those working full-time, 93% are in graduate-level roles.<sup>4</sup>

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Primary Education (QTS)	X1S2	BBB GCSE: grade 4/C in English, Maths and Science	DDM	30
BA Primary Education with Art (QTS)	X1W1	BBB including Art or related subject <sup>5</sup> GCSE: grade 4/C in English, Maths and Science	DDM including comparable subject modules <sup>5</sup>	30 including 5 in HL Art or related subject <sup>5</sup>
BA Primary Education with English (QTS)	X1Q3	BBB including English or related subject <sup>6</sup> GCSE: grade 4/C in English, Maths and Science	DDM including comparable subject modules <sup>6</sup>	30 including 5 in HL English or related subject <sup>6</sup>
BA Primary Education with Mathematics (QTS)	XG11	BBB including Maths or related subject <sup>7</sup> GCSE: grade 4/C in English, Maths and Science	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	30 including 5 in HL Maths or related subject <sup>7</sup>
BA Primary Education with Music (QTS)	X1W3	BBB including Music or related subject <sup>8</sup> GCSE: grade 4/C in English, Maths and Science	DDM including comparable subject modules <sup>8</sup>	30 including 5 in HL Music or related subject <sup>8</sup>
BA Education Studies	 X300	BBB	DDM	30
Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning	**	You must be working at least 2.5 days a week in a relevant setting and are normally expected to have obtained an NQF level 3 qualification in a work-related area. You need at least two years' experience of working within the Children's Workforce. You also need GCSE English at grade 4/C or Level 2 equivalent		
BA Children's Development and Learning	XX32	You should hold a relevant Foundation Degree and be working in the 0–11 age range for at least 2.5 days per week. An interview is required if you're not progressing from a Foundation Degree at one of our partner colleges		

[View course information for Education and Teaching](#)

<sup>5</sup> Related subjects: Art, Craft and Design, Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textile Design, Three-dimensional Design, Photography.

<sup>6</sup> Related subjects: History, Sociology, Philosophy, Drama.

<sup>7</sup> Related subjects: Further Maths, Economics, Statistics, Use of Mathematics.

<sup>8</sup> Related subjects: Music Technology or Performing Arts with a music focus. Practical Music at grade 8 or equivalent may be considered.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.

\*\* Applications must be submitted directly to our partner colleges and not via UCAS. See our website for details of IoE partner colleges.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS



Language is at the heart of human life and crucial to our understanding of ourselves as members of society and as individuals.

Our Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics has more than 50 years of excellence in the field and provided the first linguistics degree in the UK.

We offer a wide choice of modules on topical subjects, informed by our research. Our dynamic programme focuses on the way language is used in the real world. You will:

- analyse how language is used in different social contexts, including workplaces, political speeches, media communication, and social media interactions
- discover how language is acquired and how it is taught, and its role in the increasingly globalised world
- learn from experts in supportive, small groups. In the National Student Survey 2022, 92% of English Language and Applied Linguistics students agreed that our staff are good at explaining things.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

You'll be able to:

- spend a semester or a full academic year at a prestigious university overseas<sup>1</sup>
- undertake a work placement module, working on a professional communication project for a company or organisation
- participate in research projects through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme.

## CAREERS

You will graduate with the ability to be analytical, creative, critical, and capable of reflection and perspective, skills sought after by many employers.

100% of our leavers are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>2</sup>

*"Reading had the most to offer – the lecturers are really amazing. All the modules were interesting and there's quite a lot of variety in the first year – you get to explore what you want to do, which helps with your career development."*

**Katie Halley, BA English Language and Linguistics and MA Applied Linguistics graduate**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA English Language and Linguistics /with Placement Experience	Q310 /Q311	BBB	DDM	30
BA Modern Languages and English Language	RQ93			
BA English Language and Literature	Q301	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA English Language and Linguistics with Foundation	Q312	CCD	DMM	24

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Education and Teaching (see page 96)

Language Sciences (see page 142)

Speech and Language Therapy (see page 146)

[View course information for English Language and Linguistics](#)

<sup>1</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes all English Language and Applied Linguistics responders.

\* Related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.



# ENGLISH LITERATURE CREATIVE WRITING



Our rich literary heritage informs the way we think about the world. It expresses how we feel about ourselves and others and stimulates both intellect and imagination.

Join a diverse community of readers and writers studying a curriculum that is global, contemporary and comprehensive, spanning literature from every period of history, right up to the present. You'll learn from our expert academics in supportive, small groups.

We're ranked 11th in the UK for Creative Writing<sup>1</sup> and offer a wide choice of modules on topical subjects, informed by our research and our century-long history of innovation in English studies.

In the 2022 National Student Survey, 88% of our BA English Literature students agreed they were satisfied with the teaching on their course.

## OPPORTUNITIES

You can apply to spend a semester or a full academic year at one of our partner institutions overseas.<sup>2</sup> You'll also have the opportunity to undertake placements to help you decide on a career path and equip you with the skills you need to succeed.<sup>3</sup>

## CAREERS

You will graduate with the ability to be analytical, creative, critical, and capable of reflection and perspective – skills that are highly valued by employers. Overall, 89% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>4</sup>

"I've matured a lot at Reading. I've learned how to organise and motivate myself and to use all of the resources and support available to me. I'm doing something that I love, I'm doing a degree that fascinates me, and I'm receiving loads of support from my seminar leaders and academic tutor."

**Phaidra Robinson,**  
BA English Literature

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA English Literature	Q300			
BA English Language and Literature	Q301			
BA English Literature with Creative Writing	Q3W8			
BA English Literature and Film	QW36			
BA English Literature and Film & Theatre	QW34			
BA English Literature and International Relations	LQF3	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA English Literature and Politics	LQ23			
BA English Literature and Theatre	QW35			
BA Creative Writing and Film	WW86			
BA Creative Writing and Film & Theatre	WW48			
BA Creative Writing and Theatre	WW84			
BA English Literature with Foundation	Q302	CCD	DMM	24

## ALSO OFFERED

BA Art and Creative Writing (see page 75)	BA History and English Literature (see page 115)
BA Art and English Literature (see page 75)	BA Modern Languages and English Literature (see page 131)
BA Classical Studies and English Literature (see page 89)	BA Philosophy and English Literature (see page 139)

[View course information for English Literature and Creative Writing](#)

<sup>1</sup> Complete University Guide 2023.

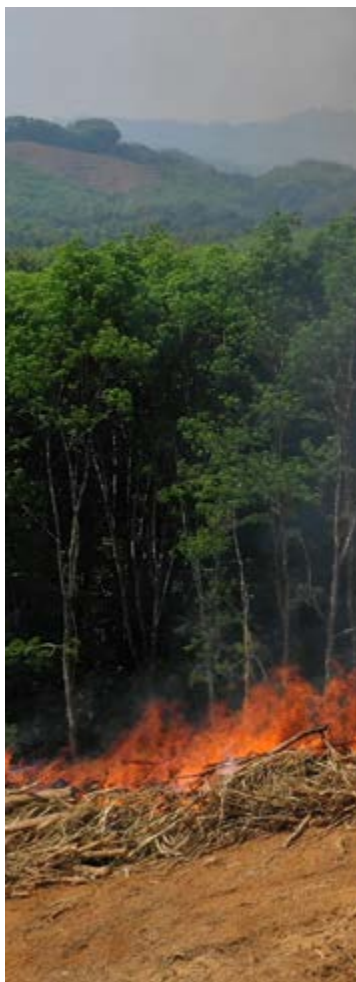
<sup>2</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

<sup>3</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree English Literature responders.

\* Related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.

# ENVIRONMENT



Investigate some of the world's most pressing environmental issues as you explore the processes, structures and materials of the Earth and how our natural world is managed.

## MAKE AN IMPACT

Study at a university that:

- has received a prestigious 2021 Queen's Anniversary Prize for our work on climate change
- is among the top 10 UK universities and top 100 in the world for Environmental and Physical Sciences<sup>1</sup>
- is ranked joint 11th in the world for Agriculture and Forestry, the highest-ranking UK university<sup>2</sup>
- is at the forefront of sustainability and ranks 3rd in the UK for research power in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences<sup>3</sup>
- offers courses accredited by the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).<sup>4</sup>

## PRACTICAL LEARNING

Home to more than 2,000 animal and plant species, our campuses offer multiple habitats for study: lakes, meadows, woodland, farmland and parkland.

We also offer field classes in the UK and overseas, enabling you to:

- explore field techniques
- develop skills in observation, data analysis and presentation
- gain teamwork and life skills.

Our links with organisations such as the Environment Agency, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Thames Water enable you to gain industry insight and experience through visits, talks and work placements.

Previous placement employers have included Kew Gardens, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, RSPB, and the Environment Agency.

## CAREERS

As demands on the planet's resources increase, so does the need for well-qualified graduates in this field.

You could enter a career in environmental protection or conservation, renewable energy or sustainability, environmental consultancy, corporate social responsibility, or land management and remediation.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Environmental Management and Sustainability /with Placement Year	F750 /D447	BBB including an accepted subject*  GCSE: grade 4/C in Biology or Chemistry or Combined Science if not taken at AS level or A level	DDM including comparable modules in an accepted subject*	30 including HL study in an accepted subject*
BSc Environmental Management and Sustainability with Foundation	F751	BBB without an accepted subject* CCD with an accepted subject*  GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level	DMM	30 without HL study in an accepted subject* 24 with HL study in an accepted subject*
BSc Environmental Science /with Professional Experience	F851 /F852	BBB including an accepted science**	DDM including comparable science modules**	30 including 5 in an accepted HL science**

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Agriculture (see page 66)  
 Geography (see page 110)  
 Meteorology and Climate (see page 128)  
 Zoology and Ecology (see page 150)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:  
 BSc Environmental Science with International Foundation Year

## View course information for Environment

<sup>1</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 – Environmental Sciences (we're ranked 61st overall and are the ninth-highest UK university); and Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 by Subject – Physical Sciences (we're ranked 81st overall and are the eighth-highest UK university).

<sup>2</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 – Agriculture and Forestry. We are the only UK university in the global top 60.

<sup>3</sup> Times Higher Education, institutions ranked by subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on our course webpages.

\* For Environmental Management and Sustainability, the accepted subjects are: Biology, Business, Chemistry, Economics, Environmental Science/Studies, Geography, Geology, Law, Maths, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology.

\*\* For Environmental Science, the accepted sciences are: Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Geology.



# FILM, THEATRE & TELEVISION



Study the films, TV shows and performances you love while developing industry-specific skills. You will join a community of multidisciplinary makers who learn through practice, with a focus on creativity, accessibility, sustainability, and social engagement.

Our Film, Theatre & Television community has strong connections with the creative world. Established industry partnerships, and networking opportunities with visiting practitioners who share knowledge of contemporary creative industries, will support you in building your professional identity.

Throughout your studies, you will have the opportunity to collaborate and create:

- short films
- television programmes
- commercially oriented content
- theatre performances.

You will acquire the ability to write, direct, design and produce, and develop industry-specific, wide-ranging skills in camera work, sound design, lighting, and post-production work.

## A CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Working with academics, industry professionals and technicians, you'll explore a diverse range of works, from popular entertainment to radical creative experiments. You'll also gain an understanding of the techniques and processes that shape film, theatre and television today, developing into a critically informed and socially aware creative practitioner.

## MINGHELLA STUDIOS

Our world-class facilities are the launchpad for your creative career, featuring three flexible theatre spaces, a multicamera film and TV studio, digital cinema, and dedicated recording studio and mixing suite.

## CAREERS

Overall, 95% of our graduates from Film, Theatre & Television are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.<sup>1</sup>

Our degrees produce successful playwrights, directors, producers, critics, writers, visual FX experts, cinematographers, and film and theatre makers. Graduates also enter marketing, media, advertising, journalism and teaching.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Film & Television	W600			
BA Film & Theatre	W480	ABB	DDM	32
BA Theatre & Performance	W400			
BA Art and Film	WW60			
BA Art and Theatre	WW40	BBB	DDM	30
BA Creative Writing and Film	WW86			
BA Creative Writing and Film & Theatre	WW48			
BA Creative Writing and Theatre	WW84	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA English Literature and Film	QW36			
BA English Literature and Film & Theatre	QW34			
BA English Literature and Theatre	QW35			

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Art (see page 74)

[View course information for Film and Television](#)

[View course information for Theatre and Performance](#)

<sup>1</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Film, Theatre & Television responders.

\* Related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.

# FINANCE



Prepare for a career in the financial markets with the ICMA Centre, home to the most extensive non-investment bank dealing room facilities in Europe.

## EXPERIENCE FINANCE IN ACTION

The ICMA Centre's three dealing rooms offer a real-life market simulation and are equipped with advanced simulation-based trading software, as well as Refinitiv and Bloomberg terminals. They're designed to help you learn the art of trading, build your own asset portfolio, and develop financial analysis skills.

## A GLOBAL LEADER

The ICMA Centre is part of Henley Business School, which has triple-accredited status from the UK, European and US accrediting bodies (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB). You'll also benefit from a global network of more than 80,000 alumni across 165 countries.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

All of our degrees offer the opportunity to complete a paid placement, enabling you to develop your network and gain industry expertise.<sup>1</sup>

Previous placement employers have included 3M, BMW, British Airways, Cisco Systems, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, IBM and PwC.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

All our finance programmes are affiliated with the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute. This is in recognition that our degrees cover at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge, the CFA Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, and other requirements.

## CAREERS

The University is joint 6th in the UK for graduate prospects in accounting and finance.<sup>2</sup> Our graduates have joined companies including J.P. Morgan, Credit Suisse, BlackRock, Refinitiv, Accenture, Goldman Sachs, HSBC and PwC.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Finance /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N300 /N303 /N304			
BSc Finance (FinTech) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N360 /N361 /N362			
BSc Finance (International Business) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N390 /N391 /N392	ABB including grade B in A level or AS level Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level or AS level Maths*	32 including 5 in SL Maths
BSc Finance (Investments) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N301 /N310 /N311			
BSc Finance (Sustainable Finance) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N370 /N371 /N372			
BSc Economics and Finance	LN13		GCSE: grade 5/B in English	
BSc Mathematics with Finance and Investment Banking /with Placement Year	G1N3 /G1N4	ABB including grade A in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	32 including 6 in HL Maths
BSc Finance with Foundation	N3F1	CCC	DMM	24

[View course information for Finance](#)

<sup>1</sup> Placements are subject to availability and dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>2</sup> Complete University Guide 2023.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.



# FOOD SCIENCE



Acquire the skills and knowledge to work in Europe's largest industry and ensure the safe and sustainable supply of healthy, delicious and high-quality food.

We are a world authority on food and human nutrition. Under one roof we have leading experts in all food and nutritional science disciplines, from flavour science and novel food processing technologies, to food-borne pathogens and gut microbiota.

## LEADERS IN FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

- We are in the top five UK universities for food science.<sup>1</sup>
- 97% of our students are satisfied with the teaching on their course.<sup>2</sup>
- Our courses are accredited by the Institute of Food Science & Technology and/or the Association for Nutrition.<sup>3</sup>

## FACILITIES

We have one of the largest ranges of dedicated food and nutrition teaching facilities in a UK university. These include a large pilot plant with processing equipment for food product development work, advanced sensory panel facilities, the Hugh Sinclair Unit of Human Nutrition clinical suites, and specialist laboratories for assessing human gut microflora.

## NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

All courses culminate in a final-year team project to develop new food products, which are presented to, and judged by, food industry specialists. Past products have regularly won prizes in UK and European competitions.

## CAREERS

All of our courses have been designed in collaboration with food industry partners, many of whom are alumni, making our graduates highly employable. That's why 98% of our Food and Nutritional Sciences graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>4</sup> Past graduates have joined PepsiCo, Mondelēz, Nestlé, Marks & Spencer, Unilever, and McCormick.

"Everyone in the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences is so friendly and approachable, and there's always help and support if you need it. The Department has great links with industry and the support around placements is really good. I always felt at home here."

**Hannah Pettit, graduate of the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences and Technical Manager at Ella's Kitchen**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Food Science /with Industrial Training	D610 /D615	ABB including B in one core science and one additional science*	DDM including comparable science modules (one science must be a core science)*	32 including 5 in two HL sciences (one must be a core science)*
BSc Food Technology with Food Bioprocessing /with Industrial Training	D622 /D621	BBB without a core science* CCC with a core science*	DMM	30 without a HL core science* 24 with a HL core science*
BSc Food Science with Foundation <sup>5</sup>	D611	GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Chemistry (see page 86)
- Food Business and Marketing (see page 124)
- Nutrition (see page 132)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- See pages 118–121:
- BSc Food Science with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Food Science](#)

<sup>1</sup> Ranked 5th for Food Science in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2023.

<sup>2</sup> National Student Survey 2022.

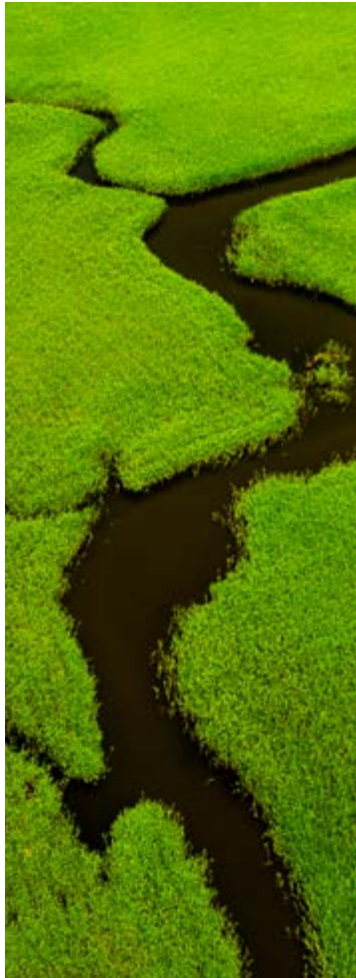
<sup>3</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on our course webpages.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Food and Nutritional Sciences responders.

<sup>5</sup> This foundation course run by the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences allows students to transfer to any of our food or nutrition programmes after passing the first year.

\* Core sciences: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Maths. Accepted additional sciences: Food Technology, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Home Economics, IT, Computer Science, PE.

# GEOGRAPHY



Investigate human-environment relationships and confront the biggest challenges of the twenty-first century.

You can tailor your degree to your interests by focusing on a particular theme or selecting a variety of topics to develop a broader programme of study.

## GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Learn with internationally recognised academics researching and teaching global topics such as development, sustainability, globalisation, climate change and governance, hydrology, landscapes and ecology, paleoecology, glaciology, and coastal environments.

The University has been awarded a prestigious 2021 Queen's Anniversary Prize in recognition of our world-leading research, teaching, stewardship and outreach on climate change.

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

During your studies, you will have the opportunity to develop work-related skills and gain valuable experience.

Year-long placements, summer internships or research projects could involve working with organisations such as Thames Water, the Environment Agency, the NHS, PwC, the Earth Trust, Natural England, or within the University.

Field classes in the UK and overseas will enable you to develop skills in field techniques and observation, data analysis and presentation, and teamwork and life skills.

All our courses give you the opportunity to study abroad either for a full year – by transferring onto a four-year degree with a year abroad – or for a single semester, normally in your final year.<sup>1</sup>

## CAREERS

95% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>2</sup>

Our graduates have entered careers in government departments, environmental agencies, water authorities, wildlife trusts, health services, surveying, international development, management consultancies, the media, and housing development.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Geography (Human) /with Professional Experience	L722 /L723			
BSc Geography (Human and Physical) /with Professional Experience	F841 /F842	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Geography (Physical) /with Professional Experience	F840 /F839			
BSc Geography and Economics (Regional Science) /with Professional Experience	LL17 /LL18	BBB	DDM	30
GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths				

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Archaeology (see page 68)
- Economics (see page 94)
- Environment (see page 102)
- International Development (see page 116)
- Meteorology and Climate (see page 128)

[View course information for Geography](#)

<sup>1</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Geography and Environmental Science responders.



# GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION



## Combine creativity, curiosity and innovation with a degree in graphic communication.

You'll acquire skills in digital design, coding, critical thinking, and historical analysis. We'll also help you expand your imagination and originality of vision.

Take advantage of opportunities to complete supervised assignments for real clients, and to work alongside experienced professionals on print, digital and online production processes.

Our course develops designers who think beyond visual surfaces. We value attention to detail, supported by industry-recognised expertise.

## RANKED 2ND FOR STUDENT SATISFACTION

We're ranked 2nd in the UK for overall student satisfaction<sup>1</sup> and 6th in the UK for Graphic Design<sup>2</sup>.

"I couldn't have asked for better preparation for life as a design professional. The combination of practical skills and high-level design thinking makes Reading graduates exceptional – which is why we keep employing them year after year."

**Charlotte Lloyd – Head of Design, Oxford University Press**

## LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

You'll benefit from our partnerships and contacts in the design world:

- Our lecturers bring knowledge of contemporary creative industries.
- We offer networking opportunities to help build your professional identity.
- Employers such as IBM Design and Oxford University Press are actively involved in our teaching and offer feedback on student projects.
- Choose to spend a year working in industry with our four-year degree.

Professional practice is integrated into your degree, providing you with outstanding career prospects when you graduate.

## CAREERS

97% of graduates from Typography & Graphic Communication are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>3</sup>

Recent graduates have gone on to careers in publishing, branding, digital design and motion graphics. Employers of our graduates include BBC Online, the Financial Times, Vodafone, Adobe, Oxford University Press, Sky, IBM, Meta, and Penguin Books.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Graphic Communication	W213	BBB	DDM	30

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Architecture (see page 72)  
Art (see page 74)

[View course information for Graphic Communication](#)

<sup>1</sup> National Students Survey 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Guardian University Guide 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes all Typography & Graphic Communication responders.

# HISTORY



Explore the past and what it means to be human as our academics take you on a journey through Britain, Europe, Africa, America, the Middle East and South Asia, spanning the past thousand years.

Learn about diverse societies, cultures and individuals while developing the skills to study and research history.

Immerse yourself in subjects including crusading, totalitarianism, magic and witchcraft, gender, race and colonialism.

## UNLOCK PEOPLE, PLACES AND PERSPECTIVES

Study history with us and discover:

- **inspirational teaching.** We are ranked in the top 125 universities in the world for History, Philosophy and Theology.<sup>1</sup>
- **a supportive atmosphere.** Small, interactive seminar groups encourage discussion and debate with academics and peers.
- **history in context.** Field trips and the opportunity to study abroad<sup>2</sup> enable you to examine new areas of history within their historical surroundings.

## A FOCUS ON EMPLOYABILITY AND PLACEMENTS

Our employability modules aim to prepare you for life after university by building your career-based skills, and our industry partnerships offer you the opportunity to gain workplace experience through placements.<sup>3</sup>

We have close links with Parliament, the National Trust, English Heritage, the British Museum, the Berkshire Record Office, the Museum of English Rural Life, and Reading Museum.

## CAREERS

Overall, 92% of graduates from the Department of History are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.<sup>4</sup>

Employers of past graduates include the Museum of London, Parliament, the Civil Service, BBC News, BBC Radio Berkshire, KPMG, Price Forbes & Partners, Department for Education, Deloitte, and the National Trust.

“The diverse range of topics available at Reading were incredibly appealing and stood out against other universities that I was interested in. I enjoyed doing topics such as ‘Rebel Girls’ and ‘Battleaxes and Benchwarmers – Early Female MPs.’”

**Sean Atkinson, BA History and MA History**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA History	V100			
BA Ancient History and History	V117			
BA Archaeology and History /with Professional Placement /with Study Year Abroad	VV14 /VV11 /VV12			
BA History and English Literature	QV31	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject*
BA History and International Relations	VLC2			
BA History and Philosophy	VV15			
BA History and Politics	VLD2			
BA Modern Languages and History	R9V1			
BA History and Economics	LV11	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject*
GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths				

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Archaeology (see page 68)

Classics, Classical Studies and Ancient History (see page 88)

[View course information for History](#)

<sup>1</sup> Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

<sup>3</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree History responders.

\* Humanities-based essay subjects include: Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies.



# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Understand the complex processes of global change as you explore critical contemporary issues: how to create a better life for people, the sustainability of the planet's resources, poverty reduction and food systems, and the challenges of inequality.

You'll help address real-world problems around economic growth, social change, and political transformation, and acquire practical knowledge about the developing world.

## DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO

In the international development sector, it's typical to build up a portfolio of work through volunteering and UK or overseas experience.

You'll be encouraged to undertake volunteering and placements locally or internationally,<sup>1</sup> and will also have the opportunity to study a language as part of your degree.

## TAUGHT BY ACTIVE PRACTITIONERS

You'll be taught by industry experts who are actively engaged in development research and participatory projects across the world, meaning you'll learn about some of the most pressing global issues such as gender equality, food security and the impact of climate change on developing countries.

## CAREERS

By developing knowledge and skills in the social and natural sciences, as well as quantitative and qualitative analysis, you'll be well-equipped for a career in:

- business, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility
- the charity sector
- aid agencies
- government departments
- research institutions.

Our students have gone on to achieve success across a broad range of careers. Some choose to work within the private sector, exploring issues in corporate responsibility and sustainability, while others work in key management roles at leading UK charities, or abroad within the United Nations' environment and development programmes.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc International Development /with Placement Year	L900 /L901	ABB	DDD	32
BA French and International Development	LR08	BBB	DDM	30
BA Spanish and International Development	LR09			
Study French/Spanish at beginner's, intermediate or advanced level, depending on your experience				

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Environment (see page 102)

Geography (see page 110)

Politics and International Relations (see page 140)

[View course information for International Development](#)

<sup>1</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES



International Foundation Programmes (IFPs) are intensive access programmes for international students who do not meet the requirements for direct entry to the University of Reading's undergraduate programmes.

An IFP supports the development of valuable skills to enhance your future studies, including critical thinking, effective communication, the ability to produce high-quality work, and interpretation and analysis of information sources.

## TWO DISTINCT ROUTES

At Reading, you can access IFPs through two routes, depending on the undergraduate degree subject you wish to study:

### University of Reading International Foundation Programme (IFP)

The IFP offers a pathway to a wide range of undergraduate degrees including law, pharmacy, computer science, architecture, quantity surveying, and many more. Visit [www.reading.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp) for the full list. You'll choose your IFP modules according to the undergraduate degree you hope to study afterwards.

The IFP has two entry points – September and January – and both options provide the same quality and benefits. Students wishing to progress onto a science or architecture degree will need to take the IFP September start. You will be taught from day one by subject experts at the University of Reading, as well as having individual tutorial support from the IFP team.

### ONCAMPUS Reading Undergraduate Foundation Programme (UFP)

If you want to study art, design, film, television, theatre, graphic communication, business, or economics, you should apply for a UFP in Art and Design or in Business and Economics through our University-based partner, ONCAMPUS Reading.

Students taking a UFP will be enrolled with and taught by ONCAMPUS but will study on the University of Reading campus, enabling you to experience campus life at Reading with access to student facilities such as the Library, SportsPark and students' union. You'll be supported by highly qualified ONCAMPUS teachers and support staff, both inside and outside the classroom. Your personal tutor will meet with you regularly to ensure you are on track to succeed on the programme.

**Find out more and apply on the ONCAMPUS website.**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer <sup>1</sup> IELTS	Also required
University of Reading International Foundation Programme (IFP) September entry – 10 months	N1Q3	A UKVI IELTS of between 5.0 and 6.5 overall, with no skill below 4.5–5.5, depending on your intended degree course. We will accept a non-UKVI IELTS or GCSE/IGCSE English Language at grade C if you do not require a visa to study in the UK	Five GCSE/IGCSEs at grades 9–4 (A*–C)
University of Reading International Foundation Programme (IFP) January entry – 7 months	Q3N1	A UKVI IELTS of between 5.5 and 6.5 overall, with no skill below 4.5–5.5, depending on your intended degree course. We will accept a non-UKVI IELTS or GCSE/IGCSE English Language at grade C if you do not require a visa to study in the UK	Five GCSE/IGCSEs at grades 9–4 (A*–C)
ONCAMPUS Reading Undergraduate Foundation Programme (UFP) Multiple entry points – 3 to 4 terms	See ONCAMPUS Reading website	IELTS of 5.0 or equivalent, with no skill below 4.5. You must be 17 years or older to enrol. Students under 18 years of age are subject to Guardianship arrangement and an Under 18 Supplement	Completion of 11–12 years of schooling with good grades

## GUARANTEED PROGRESSION AT READING

Successful completion of an IFP or UFP, along with meeting other relevant degree entry requirements, provides a guaranteed opportunity to progress onto your chosen undergraduate degree at Reading. Alternatively, you could pursue undergraduate studies at other highly ranked universities.

[View course information for International Foundation Programmes](#)

<sup>1</sup> View alternative country-specific entry requirements on our website.



## FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH AN INTEGRATED FOUNDATION YEAR

We also offer a range of four-year programmes specifically for international applicants who don't meet the academic requirements for direct entry onto one of our degrees.

These combine a foundation year (Year 0) with your chosen three-year undergraduate degree. This allows you to apply for a single four-year visa that covers the whole duration of your studies.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will typically need:

- GCSE grades 9–4 (A\*–C) in five subjects, or equivalent qualifications
- a minimum overall score of 5.5 in IELTS, with no component below 5.5, or equivalent qualifications.

We recommend visiting [www.reading.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp) for the latest information on tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements, and accepted equivalent qualifications.

Full course descriptions can be found on our website.

[View course information for International Foundation Programmes](#)

Course	UCAS
BSc Agriculture with International Foundation Year	D403 (September entry)
BSc Agricultural Business Management with International Foundation Year	D4N3 (September entry) D4N4 (January entry)
BEng Architectural Engineering with International Foundation Year	K251 (September entry)
BSc Architecture with International Foundation Year	K101 (September entry)
BSc Building Surveying with International Foundation Year	K231 (September entry) K232 (January entry)
BSc Construction Management with International Foundation Year	K221 (September entry) K222 (January entry)
BSc Construction Management and Surveying with International Foundation Year	K291 (September entry) K292 (January entry)
BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing with International Foundation Year	CN86 (September entry) CN87 (January entry)
BA Economics with International Foundation Year	L1F1 (September entry) L1F2 (January entry)
BSc Economics and Finance with International Foundation Year	LN14 (September entry) LN15 (January entry)

Course	UCAS
BSc Environmental Science with International Foundation Year	F850 (September entry)
BSc Food Business and Marketing with International Foundation Year	DL62 (September entry) DL63 (January entry)
BSc Food Science with International Foundation Year	D661 (September entry)
LLB Law with International Foundation Year	M1Q3 (September entry)
BSc Mathematics with International Foundation Year	G102 (September entry)
BSc Mathematics with Finance and Investment Banking with International Foundation Year	GN13 (September entry)
BSc Meteorology and Climate with International Foundation Year	F792 (September entry)
BA Museum Studies and Archaeology with International Foundation Year	PV18 (September entry) PV19 (January entry)
BA Politics and International Relations with International Foundation Year	L257 (September entry) L256 (January entry)
BSc Psychology with International Foundation Year	C803 (September entry)
BSc Quantity Surveying with International Foundation Year	K241 (September entry) K242 (January entry)

# LAW



Gain a deep understanding of the law in a way that combines critical analysis with highly practical learning.

You will be taught by academic experts specialising in a range of different areas, including:

- criminal law
- contract law
- environmental law
- commercial law
- international law.

Overall, 99% of our research is of international standing,<sup>1</sup> and our research feeds directly into our teaching.

## LEARNING BEYOND YOUR DEGREE

You'll have many opportunities to build professional and practical skills through problem-based learning projects, commercial awareness training and work experience. You'll take part in client interviewing, negotiation and mooting competitions, with work placements offered as prizes.

Additionally, we host one of the largest pro bono programmes in the UK. You can work with local charities and organisations, giving legal advice and support to real people with real problems.


## STUDY ABROAD

You have the option to spend an additional year studying overseas and experience legal studies in an entirely different context to the UK.<sup>2</sup>

## CAREERS

Your degree aims to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the legal profession. You can choose to take professional exams after graduation, and work as a solicitor or barrister. Outside law, our graduates are successful in accountancy firms, local government, finance, marketing, and a wide variety of other fields.

Past graduates have worked with global corporations, national and European businesses, as barristers in chambers, and for the Crown Prosecution Service.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
LLB Law	 M100	AAB	DDD	34

If you wish to spend a year studying abroad, you will need to apply for the three-year LLB Law and then request to transfer onto the four-year LLB Law with International Legal Studies once enrolled. You can study within or outside Europe, subject to the availability of placements with our partners.

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Criminology (see page 92)

Politics and International Relations (see page 140)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:

LLB Law with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Law](#)

<sup>1</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Law.

<sup>2</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.



# MARKETING



We offer three innovative and distinct marketing degrees – all accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).<sup>1</sup>

Each offers a stimulating mix of academic and practical knowledge in core areas of marketing, and a focus on responsibility and sustainability.

## CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR AND MARKETING

Use consumer psychology – the cornerstone of all marketing activity – to understand how businesses, service providers, policy think tanks and trade organisations can succeed. Explore the motivations, decisions and behaviours of target audiences, examine consumer interaction with social, economic and cultural environments, and devise marketing strategies and digital campaigns.

## FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING

Gain an in-depth understanding of business, marketing and economics in the food industry – one of the most fundamental, innovative sectors of the global economy. Understand challenges, conduct consumer research, and develop solutions in areas such as new product marketing and digital marketing, in partnership with real-life businesses.

## BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT (MARKETING)

Join Henley Business School to develop your knowledge in core areas of strategy, finance, operations, data analysis and people management, and specialise in areas such as branding, digital marketing, consumer behaviour, and marketing communications. You'll have the flexibility to increase or decrease the amount of marketing-specific content throughout your studies.

## ACCREDITATION

CIM accreditation means you'll receive exemptions from all but one of the CIM's Certificate-level qualification exams, helping to fast-track your professional development.

## CAREERS

We are proud to have the joint-highest score in the UK for career prospects.<sup>2</sup>

You'll graduate with the ability to understand, interpret, and predict marketing and business actions – valuable skills in the working world. Employers of our graduates include Mars, Waitrose, Microsoft, Mercedes, Unilever and Disney.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing /with Placement Year	CN85 /NC58	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Food Business and Marketing /with Placement Year	D670 /DL61	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Business and Management (Marketing) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	NN25 /N2N5 /N2N6	ABB	DDD	32
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths		
BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing with Foundation	CN88	CCD	DMM	24
BSc Food Business and Marketing with Foundation	DL64	CCD	DMM	24

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Business & Management (see page 84)  
 Food Science (see page 108)  
 Psychology (see page 142)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:  
 BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing with International Foundation Year  
 BSc Food Business and Marketing with International Foundation Year

## View course information for Marketing

<sup>1</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.

<sup>2</sup> 'Career after 15 months' score in the Guardian University Guide 2023 – Marketing and Public Relations.

# MATHEMATICS



Study a subject that's essential to modern society – from the development of new technologies, to numerical modelling of financial systems, to understanding the mathematics of climate change.

## RESEARCH IMPACT

You'll learn from staff who are passionate about maths and experts in their fields. 98% of our research is classed as world leading or internationally excellent and 100% of our research impact is "outstanding" or "very considerable"<sup>1</sup>. Staff bring their research and consultancy experience into their teaching to enhance your learning and understanding, and keep you updated with the latest developments in mathematics.

## INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Join a collaborative and inclusive community where you'll benefit from:

- varied teaching and assessment methods
- small-group, problem-solving tutorials
- an academic tutor to support your academic, personal and professional development
- weekly drop-in sessions with staff
- the opportunity to learn coding and programming skills.

## ACCREDITATION

With the exception of our BSc Mathematics and Economics courses, our degrees are accredited by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, the body that awards Chartered Mathematician status.<sup>2</sup>

## PLACEMENTS AND STUDY ABROAD<sup>3</sup>

Our dedicated placements team can help you gain relevant work experience through a summer placement and/or a year in industry.

Depending on your course, you could also spend two weeks, a term/semester, or an academic year studying abroad. This could be part of a standard three-year degree, an extended four-year degree, or at a summer school.

## CAREERS

92% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating. Of those in full-time employment, 91% are in graduate-level roles.<sup>4</sup>

Your degree could lead to a broad variety of careers including data science, finance, consultancy, software engineering, technology, teaching, and jobs in the pharmaceutical industry.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Mathematics /with Placement Year	G100 /G101	ABC including grade A in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	30 including 6 in HL Maths
MMath Mathematics /with Placement Year	G103 /G104			
BSc Mathematics and Statistics with Data Science /with Placement Year	GG13 /GG17			
BSc Mathematics with Computer Science /with Placement Year	GG14 /GG41	ABB including grade A in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	32 including 6 in HL Maths
BSc Mathematics and Economics /with Placement Year	GL11 /GL12			
BSc Mathematics with Finance and Investment Banking /with Placement Year	G1N3 /G1N4			

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:

BSc Mathematics with International Foundation Year

BSc Mathematics with Finance and Investment Banking with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Mathematics](#)

<sup>1</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Mathematical Sciences.

<sup>2</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.

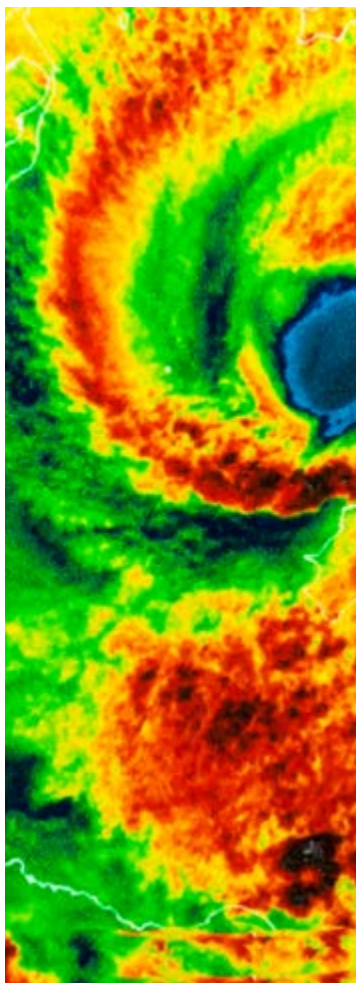
<sup>3</sup> Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Mathematics and Statistics responders.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.



# METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATE



Improving the ways we predict and understand weather and climate requires talented scientists who are committed to pushing frontiers.

Reading is ranked 4th in the world for Atmospheric Science<sup>1</sup> and has been awarded a prestigious 2021 Queen's Anniversary Prize in recognition of our world-leading research, teaching, stewardship, and outreach on climate change.

Join us as we contribute to major international research efforts in areas such as forecasting severe weather, understanding climate change and improving climate models, and predicting solar flares that impact our atmosphere.

You'll learn from our world-leading academics and gain the skills you need to make your own contribution to addressing environmental challenges.

Our MMet Meteorology and Climate course also offers a year in Oklahoma, the largest school of meteorology in the United States.

## ACCREDITATION

Our meteorology degrees are approved by the Royal Meteorological Society as appropriate academic training for meteorologists seeking the qualifications of Chartered Meteorologist or Registered Meteorologist.<sup>2</sup>

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

You will benefit from:

- high staff-to-student ratio
- opportunities to participate in cutting-edge research projects, sometimes with external companies, as well as placements
- 100% overall student satisfaction score in the Department of Meteorology.<sup>3</sup>

## CAREERS

100% of our meteorology graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating; of those who reported their main activity to be full-time employment, 92% were in graduate-level roles.<sup>4</sup>

Meteorology and climate science graduates are increasingly in demand. Organisations such as the UK Met Office, as well as insurance and renewable energy companies, are major employers of our graduates. Other alumni have gone on to become broadcast meteorologists, progressed to careers in scientific research, and undertaken further study.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Meteorology and Climate	F790	ABB including grade B in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	32 including 5 in HL Maths
MMet Meteorology and Climate with a Year in Oklahoma	F791	AAB including grade A in Maths and B in Physics	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	34 including 6 in HL Maths and 5 in HL Physics

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Environment (see page 102)

Geography (see page 110)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:

BSc Meteorology and Climate with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Meteorology and Climate](#)

<sup>1</sup> ShanghaiRanking 2022 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects.

<sup>2</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.

<sup>3</sup> National Student Survey 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes undergraduate (first degree), postgraduate (taught) and postgraduate (research) Meteorology responders.

\* The BTEC Extended Diploma cannot be accepted on its own to cover the Maths subject requirement.

# MODERN LANGUAGES



## Open the door to a world of opportunities with a languages degree.

Join a vibrant student community and immerse yourself in a variety of cultures while studying one, two or three of our core languages. These include French, German, Italian and Spanish, and can be taken from beginner's, intermediate or advanced level.

You can also combine up to two core languages with one of our additional languages. These include Arabic, British Sign Language, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Russian, or Spanish.<sup>1</sup> All can be taken from beginner's level.

We offer a wide choice of modules on topical subjects, informed by our research.

## OPPORTUNITIES

You can:

- **spend a year abroad.** Study at a partner university, or work on a professional placement or as a language assistant.<sup>2</sup>
- **work with expert researchers.** 100% of our research is of international standing.<sup>3</sup>
- **get the support you need.** In the National Student Survey 2022, 90% of our students agreed that staff in the Department of Languages and Cultures are good at explaining things.

## CAREERS

Overall, 88% of our leavers are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>4</sup>

Our recent graduates have gone into careers including media, translation, teaching, research, business and finance, the arts, and marketing. Recent employers include Sony Europe, the Civil Service, Oxford University Press, BNP Paribas, Dow Jones, Vodafone and PwC.

## LANGUAGE LEVELS

- **Single honours BA Modern Languages.** If studying two or three core languages, only one can be entered at beginner's level with no previous knowledge or language qualifications. You will need at least a grade 6/B at GCSE in the other core language(s) you've selected.
- **Joint honours degrees.** You can study one of our core languages at beginner's level with no previous knowledge or language qualifications. Alternatively, if you are already studying the language, we offer intermediate and advanced entry options.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Modern Languages	R900			
BA Modern Languages and English Language	RQ93			
BA Modern Languages and International Relations	R9L2			
BA French and International Development	LR08	BBB	DDM	30
BA Spanish and International Development	LR09			
BA Italian and Classical Studies	QR83			
BA Modern Languages and Business	R9N1	BBB	DDM	30
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths		
BA Modern Languages and Economics	R9L1	BBB	DDM	30
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA Modern Languages and English Literature	R9Q3	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA Modern Languages and History	R9V1	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject**

## ALSO OFFERED

BSc International Business and Management with a Modern Language (see page 85)

BA Modern Languages (three years; R901) – for students unable to spend a full year abroad. Contact us for details.

[View course information for Modern Languages](#)

<sup>1</sup> In rare cases, timetabling constraints may make certain three-language combinations unavailable. Our range of languages is dependent on availability. For more information, [ask a question on our website](#).

<sup>2</sup> Find out more about [Study Abroad on our website](#).

<sup>3</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Modern Languages and Linguistics.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes

undergraduate and postgraduate Languages and Cultures responders.

\* English Literature related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.

\*\* Humanities-based essay subjects include: Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies.



# NUTRITION



The science of nutrition is vital to our individual and collective wellbeing and, with greater importance now placed on healthy eating, so is the role of the nutritionist.

Learn about the links between nutrition and health, from individual to societal level. Study diet-related diseases, the impact that nutrients can have on the body, and how public health advice is underpinned by clinical evidence.

You'll be encouraged to pursue your interests, whether you're keen to study nutrition and health from a food science, public health, product development, or consumer angle.

## WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH<sup>1</sup>

We are in the top five UK universities for food science<sup>2</sup> – a world authority on human nutrition, food chemistry, chemical engineering, microbiology, and food law.

Your learning will be enhanced by changing sector trends, emerging technologies and the industry experience of our experts.

## ADVANCED FACILITIES

Develop key practical and laboratory skills in the Hugh Sinclair Unit of Human Nutrition, which has an international reputation for research into the relationship between food and chronic diseases.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

- Our curriculum is accredited by the Association for Nutrition (AfN). Upon graduation, you'll be eligible to apply to become a Registered Associate Nutritionist via the direct-entry pathway, a marker of your status as a nutrition professional.
- Our courses are also accredited by the Institute of Food Science & Technology; as a graduate, you'll be recognised as a professional food scientist or food technologist.

## CAREERS

You'll be well-equipped to work in varied roles throughout the food industry, nutrition education or public health, or pursue further study to become a qualified dietician.

Overall, 98% of graduates from Food and Nutritional Sciences are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating; of those in full-time employment, 88% are in graduate-level roles.<sup>3</sup>

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Nutrition /with Professional Training	B5D7 /B5D8	ABB including B in one core science and one additional science*	DDM including comparable science modules (one science must be a core science)*	32 including 5 in two HL sciences (one must be a core science)*
BSc Nutrition and Food Science /with Professional Training	BD46 /BDK6			
BSc Food Science with Foundation <sup>4</sup>	D611	BBB without a core science* CCC with a core science*	DMM	30 without a HL core science* 24 with a HL core science*
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level				

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Biology (see page 76)
- Biomedical Sciences (see page 80)
- Food Science (see page 108)

[View course information for Nutrition](#)

<sup>1</sup> In the latest REF 2021, 30% of our research is world leading (4\*) and a further 65% is of international standing (combining 3\* and 2\*) – Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences.

<sup>2</sup> We are ranked 5th in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Based on our analysis of HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Food and Nutritional Sciences responders.

<sup>4</sup> This foundation course run by the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences allows students to transfer to any of our food or nutrition programmes after passing the first year.

\* Core sciences: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Maths. Accepted additional sciences: Food Technology, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Home Economics, IT, Computer Science, PE.

# PHARMACOLOGY



Discover how drugs work within the body and how the body responds, as well as how drugs are developed and used to treat major diseases.

Our programme was designed with support from the pharmaceutical industry to respond to the growing demand for industrial and research pharmacologists.

We also provide a focus on mathematical modelling of pharmacological systems and analysing large biological data sets – key requirements for future pharmacologists.

## EXPERT TEACHING

We have experts and internationally recognised researchers who are all working on wide-ranging aspects of drug research and will help you to develop your own skills.

Your training will follow the British Pharmacological Society guidelines and you'll work alongside other scientists in a lab setting, gaining hands-on experience in developing new medicines.

## PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES

You'll have access to our modern suite of teaching laboratories and research facilities, including our new, state-of-the-art Health and Life Sciences building, where you'll learn:

- organ bath pharmacology
- cell-based assays
- molecular techniques.

## STRONG LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

You have the option of undertaking a year-long placement in a research and development department in a professional setting, getting invaluable real-world experience and insights while working alongside industry experts. We are located near the headquarters of several pharmaceutical companies, offering great opportunities for networking, and future career opportunities.

## CAREERS

In the UK, pharmaceuticals remain the highest research and development spending sector,<sup>1</sup> creating a need for well-trained pharmacologists in various areas.

Our Pharmacy and Pharmacology graduates have the highest median salary of such graduates 15 months after graduating.<sup>2</sup>

If you wish to qualify to work as a pharmacist, please refer to page 136 for our MPharm Pharmacy courses.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Pharmacology /with a Year in Industry	B210 /B211	BBB including Biology and Chemistry GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths	DDD including comparable science modules	30 including 5 in HL Biology and Chemistry
BSc Pharmacology with Foundation	B212	BBB without Biology and Chemistry CCC with Biology and Chemistry GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level	DMM	30 without HL Biology and Chemistry 24 with HL Biology and Chemistry

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Biomedical Sciences (see page 80)

Chemistry (see page 86)

Pharmacy (see page 136)

[View course information for Pharmacology](#)

<sup>1</sup> In 2020, the pharmaceutical sector invested £5bn (Office for National Statistics, Business enterprise research and development, UK: 2020 report).

<sup>2</sup> Based on *The Sunday Times* 2021 Good University Guide's analysis of 2019 graduate salaries six months after graduating.



# PHARMACY



## Explore the fascinating world of medicines through our MPharm degree.

Gain the skills you need to be a pharmacist and become an expert in medicine. You'll learn how the right medicine in the right dose at the right time can change people's lives. You'll train to work as a pharmacist alongside other healthcare professionals in this rapidly evolving role.

### AN INNOVATIVE, THRIVING ENVIRONMENT

We are known for our:

- **strong links to the healthcare sector.** We work closely with local healthcare providers and pharmaceutical companies.
- **student-focused environment.** 88% of our students agreed that staff in the School of Pharmacy are good at explaining things.<sup>1</sup>

### COLLABORATION WITH HENLEY BUSINESS SCHOOL

All MPharm students will benefit from lectures in business and leadership, run by the triple-accredited Henley Business School. Develop your knowledge and understanding in key areas of management, invaluable in any career path you choose to follow.

### PLACEMENTS

You'll gain insight into professional practice through observational visits and placements in hospitals, community pharmacies and GP practices throughout your degree. Placements are embedded throughout your undergraduate degree starting from your first year.

### PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES

You'll learn multidisciplinary patient-centred care in our Clinical Skills Suite and build experience with professional dispensing software and real medicines. You'll also complete hands-on practical sessions in purpose-built labs and research facilities to master the science underpinning pharmacy.

### CAREERS

Only an MPharm degree will allow you to work as a dispensing pharmacist, but it can also open doors to a variety of other careers. Our MPharm graduates have gone on to work in technical writing, pharmaceutical and patent law, education and research.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
MPharm Pharmacy	M B230	ABB including B in Chemistry and another science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 including 5 in HL Chemistry and another science*
		GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths		
MPharm Pharmacy with Foundation	M B231	BBB without Chemistry and another science*	DMM	30 without HL Chemistry and another science*
		CCC with Chemistry and another science*		24 with HL Chemistry and another science*
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		

### YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Biomedical Sciences (see page 80)
- Chemistry (see page 86)
- Pharmacology (see page 134)

[View course information for Pharmacy](#)

<sup>1</sup> National Student Survey 2022.

\* Acceptable sciences: Biology, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Computer Science, IT.

# PHILOSOPHY



Examine some of our fundamental ideas about truth and reality, right and wrong – and apply them to problems in the real world.

We teach in a wide range of areas, including applied philosophy – such as business ethics and the philosophy of law – and traditional areas of western and non-western philosophy.

## A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING

Study with us and benefit from:

- **teaching grounded in real-world issues.** Our academics apply their research, which is informed by current events, directly to their teaching.
- **a variety of assessment methods.** Instead of sitting exams, you will be assessed in the ways that best suit your needs and understanding.
- **highly flexible degrees.** We offer single honours courses as well as joint honours degrees, including our popular BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics and BA Philosophy, Business and Ethics.

## PLACEMENTS

You will have the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement during the degree, forming all or part of an optional module. Alternatively, you could transfer to a four-year programme and complete a year-long professional placement.<sup>1</sup>

## CAREERS

We're joint 7th in the UK for graduate prospects<sup>2</sup> and, overall, 88% of our leavers are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating<sup>3</sup>.

Your degree will help develop your skills in clear thinking, logical analysis, critical assessment of argument and persuasive writing. These skills are valued in careers such as law, politics, management and marketing, among others.

Past graduates have worked for KPMG, the Civil Service, IBM, PwC, Lloyds, museums, charities, schools and universities.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Art and Philosophy	VW51			
BA Ethics, Value and Philosophy	V590			
BA Philosophy	V500	BBB	DDM	30
BA Philosophy and Classical Studies	QV85			
BA Philosophy and International Relations	VL52			
BA Philosophy and Politics	LV25			
BA Philosophy and English Literature	VQ53	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA History and Philosophy	VV15	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject**
BA Philosophy, Business and Ethics	VN51	BBB	DDM	30
		GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths		
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics	LV12	ABB	DDM	32
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA Psychology and Philosophy	CV85	ABB	DDM	32
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science		

<sup>1</sup> Placements are dependent on the student securing the opportunity and are subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> Complete University Guide 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes undergraduate and postgraduate Philosophy responders.

\* English Literature related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.

\*\* Humanities-based essay subjects include: Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies.

[View course information for Philosophy](#)



# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



**Why is the world not solving the climate emergency? Are our societies descending into authoritarianism? Why did Vladimir Putin initiate a major war in Ukraine?**

Learn about the fundamental elements of politics and international relations, address some of the contemporary world's most pressing problems, and explore the ethical and moral issues that arise when political authority is exercised.

Your studies will be informed by our world-leading research – 97% of our research outputs are rated world leading or internationally excellent<sup>1</sup> – and led by academics and guest speakers who have direct experience in politics and international affairs.

## VARIED LEARNING METHODS

In our small-group seminars, you'll have plenty of opportunities to develop, present and discuss your own ideas, as well as interact directly with our academics.

We provide extensive research training to our undergraduate students, including how to collect and make sense of various types of data.

We offer many different types of assignment, including policy briefs, simulations, group presentations, and producing a politics radio show.

## PLACEMENTS

You can undertake a short placement as part of a module or over the summer holidays, or undertake a year-long placement in industry and turn your degree into a four-year course.<sup>2</sup>

We have a dedicated placement coordinator who will provide you with one-to-one support in applying for opportunities.

## CAREERS

Overall, 91% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>3</sup>

Past graduates have put their political analysis skills to use in various governmental departments, political research units, think tanks, non-governmental organisations and Parliament. Others have gone into media, management consultancy and banking.

*"The broad aspects of the course follow many real-world topics, from the study of world economies to political theories. I had the opportunity to go on a placement year abroad which enhanced my understanding of the world and allowed me to experience the true operations of businesses firsthand."*

**Enrico Scaffidi-Argentina, BA International Relations and Economics**

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Politics and International Relations /with Placement Year	L258 /L259			
BA War, Peace and International Relations /with Placement Year	L252 /L253			
BA Modern Languages and International Relations	R9L2	BBB	DDM	30
BA Philosophy and International Relations	VL52			
BA Philosophy and Politics	LV25			
BA Politics and Economics /with Placement Year	LL12 /L2L1	BBB	DDM	30
BA International Relations and Economics /with Placement Year	LL21 /LL22			
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics	LV12	ABB	DDM	32
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA English Literature and International Relations	LQF3	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA English Literature and Politics	LQ23			
BA History and International Relations	VLC2	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject**
BA History and Politics	VLD2			

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:

BA Politics and International Relations with International Foundation Year

## View course information for Politics and International Relations

<sup>1</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Politics and International Studies.

<sup>2</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on the student securing the opportunity.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Politics and International Relations responders.

\* English Literature related subjects: English Language, English Language and Literature, Drama and Theatre Studies, Creative Writing.

\*\* Humanities-based essay subjects include: Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies.

# PSYCHOLOGY



Explore the inner workings of the world's most complex system – the human brain – and how this supports human thought and behaviour.

Master the core areas of psychology to gain accreditation from the British Psychological Society.<sup>1</sup> Upon completion of your degree, you will also attain Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, the first step to becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Gain practical experience as you learn how to devise and run your own experiments, and develop a wide range of transferable skills, including critical thinking, data handling, and analytical and problem-solving skills.

## RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The School has a long-standing reputation for research excellence. Overall, 99% of our research is of international standing<sup>2</sup> and 100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable"<sup>3</sup>. Our academics are highly regarded researchers and clinicians, whose expertise will feed into your learning.

## MODERN FACILITIES

Our specialist facilities include:

- equipment for MRI and fMRI scanning, eye-tracking, electrophysiological recordings, and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
- on-site clinics that offer insights into autism and speech and language disorders, including an NHS clinic that looks into anxiety and depression disorders
- highly regarded research centres, including the Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics, the Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health, the Charlie Waller Institute, and the Centre for Literacy and Multilingualism
- specially designed research laboratories, including a VR lab and labs for testing babies and young children.

## CAREERS

Overall, 93% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.<sup>4</sup>

With the opportunity to undertake professional placements during your course, you could enter diverse careers within the NHS, the Civil Service, education, charities, HR, management, consultancy, publicity, finance and journalism.

Upon graduation, you could also pursue further training to become a professional psychologist.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Psychology /with Professional Placement	C800 /C810	AAB GCSE: grade 4/C in Science	DDD	34
BSc Psychology with Neuroscience	C8B1	AAB GCSE: grade 6/B in English, Maths and Science	DDD	34
BSc Psychology and Language Sciences	C820	AAB GCSE: grade 5/B in English and grade 4/C in Science	DDD	34
BA Art and Psychology	CW81 	ABB	DDM	32
BA Psychology and Philosophy	CV85	GCSE: grade 4/C in Science		
MSci Applied Psychology (Clinical) <sup>5</sup>	C801 	AAA GCSE: grade 6/B in English, Maths and Science	DDD	35
BSc Psychology with Foundation	C802	CCC GCSE: grade 4/C in Science	DMM	24

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

Marketing (see page 124)  
Speech and Language Therapy (see page 146)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

See pages 118–121:  
BSc Psychology with International Foundation Year

## View course information for Psychology

<sup>1</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.

<sup>2</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

<sup>3</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Psychology responders.

<sup>5</sup> Applicants will have sufficient relevant experience from working and/or volunteering in clinical practice, or in a setting that has provided relevant transferable skills. See course webpage for full details.



# REAL ESTATE AND PLANNING



## Develop the skills needed to manage and influence the future built environment.

You'll undertake project work based on real-world scenarios, gaining insight into real estate valuation and asset management, real estate finance and town planning.

Guided by world-leading academics, you'll graduate with a high-quality degree and a direct route into the real estate and planning professions.

### LEADER IN THE FIELD

Join a department that:

- ranks 1st in the UK for Land and Property Management<sup>1</sup> and has been consistently in the top three since 2008
- has the top score in the UK for graduate prospects in Land and Property Management.<sup>1</sup>

### PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

All of our courses have full accreditation from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The postgraduate qualification offered through the Real Estate with Urban Planning and Development course is also accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).<sup>2</sup>

### CAREERS

You could become a real estate adviser, property developer or planning consultant. Past graduates have helped decide the future of the Olympic Park, worked on the planning of a new city for 30 million people in China, and made land-purchase decisions for High Speed 2 (HS2).

Our professional careers development adviser will support you to identify work placements, internships and career opportunities. The Reading Real Estate Foundation offers one-to-one industry mentoring and runs regular industry events, such as an annual Real Estate and Planning Careers Fair and an evening lecture series.

Despite the sector being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, 90% of our graduates from the School of Real Estate and Planning are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating; of those in full-time employment, 92% are in graduate-level positions.<sup>3</sup>

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Real Estate	N231			
BSc Real Estate with MSc/ Diploma in Urban Planning and Development	K400	AAB	DDD	34
BSc Investment and Finance in Property	N380			
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths		
BSc Real Estate with Foundation	N2F1	CCC	DMM	24

### YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

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Finance (see page 106)

Surveying and Construction (see page 148)

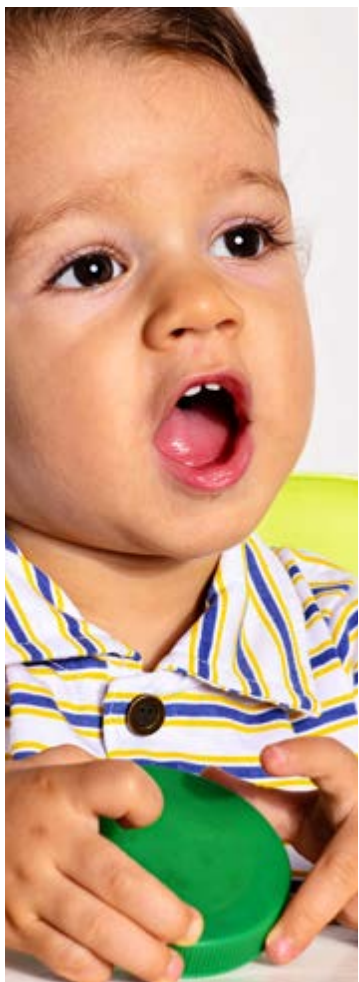
[View course information for Real Estate and Planning](#)

<sup>1</sup> Complete University Guide 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.

<sup>3</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Real Estate and Planning responders.

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY



Prepare for a career as a qualified speech and language therapist and gain valuable experience working with a wide range of patients at one of the top five universities in the UK for Speech and Language Therapy.<sup>1</sup>

Your studies will be supported by:

- **wide-ranging staff expertise.** The majority of our staff are practising speech and language therapists, who will provide insights into the latest developments in clinical practice.
- **involvement in impactful research.**<sup>2</sup> Our staff are actively engaged in research on a wide range of topics, providing you with access to current thinking and groundbreaking research to inform your practice.

## CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

We offer clinical placements with a variety of client groups and clinical settings, including NHS and education services. By the end of your degree, you will have amassed up to 600 hours of clinical experience of observing and treating patients with communication and swallowing problems. This is more than the minimum number required by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

## SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Make use of our:

- in-house speech and language therapy clinic
- sound recording room
- assessment and resources room.

The University of Reading is home to one of the longest-standing, purpose-built, campus-based speech and language therapy clinics within a UK university. Our modern, on-site clinics are open to adult and paediatric clients with a wide range of speech, language and communication difficulties.<sup>3</sup>

## CAREERS

100% of our clinical language science graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of completing their course.<sup>4</sup>

Past employers have included the NHS, educational settings, and a variety of private, voluntary and independent services.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
MSci Speech and Language Therapy	B62M	AAB	DDD	34
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English, Maths and Science		

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

You will need to demonstrate a strong understanding of the profession of speech and language therapy, and of the NHS constitution, and be aware of the clinical populations that therapists typically work with. This can be achieved through personal research or experience of working with children or adults with or without communication disorders. Previous applicants have gained prior experience through voluntary or paid work – for example, in local hospitals, schools, charities, elderly care homes, or play schemes. Experience shadowing/observing speech and language therapists in clinical settings is welcomed but not essential. Suitable candidates will be invited to interview.

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Biology (see page 76)
- Biomedical Sciences (see page 80)
- English Language and Linguistics (see page 98)
- Psychology (see page 142)

[View course information for Speech and Language Therapy](#)

<sup>1</sup> Ranked 5th in the Complete University Guide 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 100% of our research impact has been classed as “outstanding” (4\*) or “very considerable” (3\*) in the latest REF 2021 – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

<sup>3</sup> Read more about our Speech and Language Therapy clinic on our website.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree responders from Clinical Language Sciences.



# SURVEYING AND CONSTRUCTION



Join a sector that is critical to the UK economy and help shape the built environment in which we live.

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of the disciplines underpinning construction: economics, law, and building technology. This cross-disciplinary, collaborative approach mirrors the working environment of construction.

Close, extensive links with industry enable you to build your professional network during your studies, and our focus on sustainability means you'll learn how surveying and construction can have a positive impact on our planet.

## A LEADING CENTRE FOR CONSTRUCTION

- **Research-intensive learning.** We are one of the UK's top-ranking institutions for building.<sup>1</sup>
- **Expert guidance.** Our staff shape policies for government, industry bodies and professional institutions.
- **Industrial placements.** You can undertake a paid industrial or summer placement.
- **Flexible courses.** Choose a pathway that suits your interests, deciding which degree you will graduate with after your second year.

## ACCREDITATION

Our degrees are accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).<sup>2</sup>

## FACILITIES AND SITE VISITS

Access an array of resources, digital technologies and software, including building information modelling (BIM), building energy and urban microclimate simulations, 3D laser scanning, and immersive virtual reality systems.

You also have the opportunity to visit construction sites, practitioner offices, manufacturing facilities and large-scale urban developments.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

If you join in 2024, you may be eligible for an annual scholarship for each of the three years of the degree.<sup>3</sup>

## CAREERS

98% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating; of those in full-time work, 98% were in graduate-level roles.<sup>4</sup>

Our graduates work as quantity surveyors, building surveyors, commercial managers, construction managers, project managers, consultants, and estate managers.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Building Surveying	K230			
BSc Construction Management	K220			
BSc Construction Management and Surveying	K290	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Quantity Surveying	K240			

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Architectural Engineering (see page 70)
- Architecture (see page 72)
- Real Estate and Planning (see page 144)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- See pages 118–121:
- BSc Building Surveying with International Foundation Year
- BSc Construction Management with International Foundation Year
- BSc Construction Management and Surveying with International Foundation Year
- BSc Quantity Surveying with International Foundation Year

[View course information for Surveying and Construction](#)

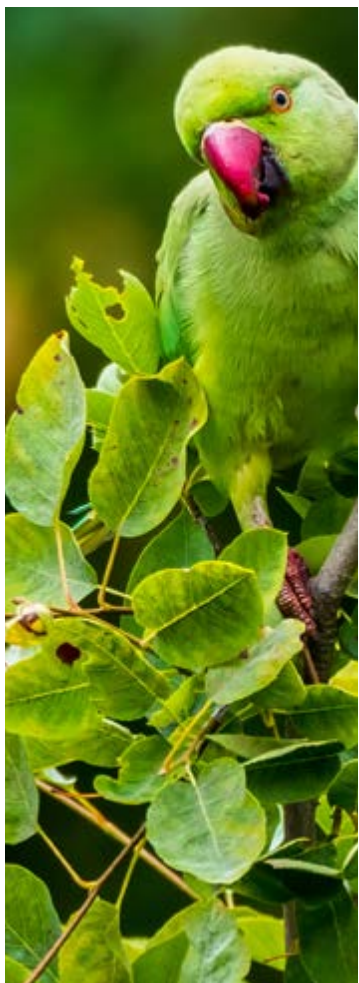
<sup>1</sup> The University of Reading is the joint 7th highest-ranking UK university for Architecture and Built Environment (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022) and we are ranked 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning (Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Up-to-date information can be found on the course webpages.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to conditions. Visit our website for information on CME scholarships.

<sup>4</sup> Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20; includes first degree Construction Management and Engineering responders.

# ZOOLOGY AND ECOLOGY



Discover how living things behave, evolve and interact with their environment. Explore animal life at all levels, gaining the expertise to investigate and address global issues affecting biodiversity, ecosystems, and habitat and wildlife conservation.

## LIVING LABORATORY

Our Whiteknights campus is home to more than 1,500 different animal species, 600 different plant species, and multiple habitats: a lake, meadows, woodlands and extensive parkland. It offers a unique learning environment for practical classes, allowing you to step straight from the laboratory into the field.

Beyond the campus, the University owns a number of large farms, parkland, riverways, and a mature and newly planted woodland nature reserve where you will be able to take part in field studies and research activities.

## COLE MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

The Cole Museum of Zoology contains more than 3,500 specimens and satellite collections and is used in multiple practical classes and for outreach.

Our student volunteers help to maintain and develop the collection, and some have gone on to careers in museums.

## CAREER-FOCUSED DEGREES

Our programmes will equip you with the necessary skills and experiences to start a career in the field.

- **Placements.** You'll have the option to undertake either a year-long industrial placement<sup>1</sup> or a short placement module.
- **Fieldwork.** You'll be able to participate in field trips at home and overseas covering topics such as tropical ecology, marine biology and conservation, and palaeontology.<sup>2</sup>
- **Sector links.** You'll be taught by experts in their field including practising ecologists and ecological consultants.

## CAREERS

Our graduates have gone on to work in a variety of sectors, including conservation, veterinary science, animal welfare, education, wildlife management, ecotourism, agriculture, ecological consultancy, natural history museums, the Civil Service, local government conservation units, and animal charities.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Ecology and Wildlife Conservation /with Professional Experience	CD94 /CD96	ABB including B in an accepted science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 including 5 in an accepted HL science*
BSc Ecology and Wildlife Conservation with Foundation	CD95	BBB without an accepted science* CCC with an accepted science*	DMM	30 without an accepted HL science* 24 with an accepted HL science*
BSc Zoology /with Professional Experience	C300 /C302	ABB with B in Biology, or BBB with B in Biology and a second science**	DDD including comparable science modules**	32 with 5 in HL Biology, or 30 with 5 in HL Biology and a second science**
BSc Zoology with Foundation	C301	BBB without Biology and a second science** CCC with Biology and a second science**	DMM	30 without HL Biology and a second science** 24 with HL Biology and a second science**
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying science at A level				

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

- Agriculture (see page 66)
- Biology (see page 76)
- Bioveterinary Sciences (see page 82)
- Environment (see page 102)
- Geography (see page 110)

[View course information for Zoology](#)

[View course information for Ecology](#)

<sup>1</sup> Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on the student securing the opportunity.

<sup>2</sup> Additional costs are associated with residential field trips.

\* Acceptable sciences for Ecology and Wildlife Conservation: Biology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Applied Science, Geology.

\*\* Acceptable second sciences for Zoology: Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Applied Science, Geology, Computer Science.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Every course has its own entry criteria, known as an offer. Our typical offers are expressed in terms of A level, BTEC Extended Diploma and International Baccalaureate Diploma requirements, but we accept a range of other qualifications and consider all applications on a case-by-case basis.

You'll need to demonstrate a good general education, usually equivalent to at least grade 4 (or C) at GCSE in English and Maths. In addition, some of our courses require higher GCSE grades than this, or may require GCSE or equivalent qualifications in additional subjects. We may be able to consider alternative subjects at GCSE in place of English or Maths for some courses. Please check with our Admissions Team.

Some of our courses also require you to have a certain amount of existing knowledge in a subject, which is called a subject-specific requirement. These are specified in the typical offers on the subject pages of this prospectus.


Please note, however, that our typical offers are only an indicator. We sometimes update them throughout the year, so check online for the latest information. We also consider each application on individual merit, so don't rule yourself out.

If you're unsure whether your predicted grades meet the required standard, get in touch for advice from our Admissions Team (see page 162).

## FIRM CHOICE OFFER SCHEME

Many of our courses are part of a firm choice offer scheme. If you apply for a participating subject area and select Reading as your firm choice on UCAS, we will guarantee you a place if you achieve one grade lower than the published offer. Check our course webpages to see if the courses you're interested in are part of this scheme.

## EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

In recognition of the excellent preparation for higher education that the EPQ provides, many of our subject areas now include achievement in the EPQ as part of a formal offer. Look out for this symbol  on the subject pages of this prospectus to see where this applies.

## CONTEXTUALISED OFFER

We recognise that some students are more likely than their peers to face barriers to higher academic achievement at school. The University of Reading is committed to ensuring that none of our applicants are disadvantaged in accessing our degree programmes because of their background. We make contextual offers to applicants who meet certain criteria outlined on our website. Depending on your predicted grades and if you meet this criteria, you'll receive a contextual

offer that is two grades lower than the published offer for the course you're applying for.

## INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

We accept a wide range of overseas qualifications and you can **find country- and region-specific information on our website**.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If you're a non-native English speaker, you may need to demonstrate your English language proficiency through a recent IELTS (or equivalent) score.

**View the English language levels generally required for our courses on our website.**

A highly recommended way to meet the English language levels required is to take a pre-sessional English course with us. You can start at different points throughout the year and study for as long as it takes to reach your target English language level.

**View information on our Pre-sessional English programme.**

**Check what offer you could get.**

# EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS

Below are some common alternative qualifications and their A level equivalents. Please note that these differ for subjects in the School of Biological Sciences, the School of Chemistry, Food & Pharmacy, and the Henley Business School due to their course requirements – check our website or contact us for more information.

Qualification	Required grades (A level grade = alternative qualification grade)	Qualification	Required grades (A level grade = alternative qualification grade)
<b>BTEC Level 3 (QCF or RQF)</b>		<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	
Subsidiary Diploma or National Extended Certificate	A* = Distinction* C = Merit A–B = Distinction E = Pass	Diploma	A*AA = 37 points ABB = 32 points AAA = 35 points BBB = 30 points AAB = 34 points BBC = 28 points
Diploma or National Diploma	A*A* = D*D* BB–BC = DM A*A = D*D CC = MM AA–AB = DD	<b>Scottish</b>	
Extended Diploma or National Extended Diploma	AAA–AAB = DDD BBC–BCC = ABB–BBB = DDM DMM	Highers	AAA = AAAAB BBB = AB BBB AAB = AAABB BBC = BBBBB ABB = ABBBB
<b>BTEC Nationals Level 3 (NQF)</b>		<b>Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate</b>	
National Award	A–B = Distinction E = Pass C–D = Merit	(awarded from 2017 onward)	A* = A* B = B A = A C = C
National Certificate	AA–AB = DD CC = MM BB–BC = DM	<b>Access to Higher Education Diploma</b>	
National Diploma	AAA–AAB = DDD BBC–BCC = DMM ABB–BBB = DDM	If a course has a subject-specific requirement, you must be taking at least 12 Level 3 units in this subject	
<b>T Levels</b>			
If a course has an A level subject-specific requirement, you'll need these alongside the T level qualification <sup>1</sup>	AAB/ABB = Distinction overall with grade C in core component BBB = Merit overall with grade C in core component		

<sup>1</sup> There are some exceptions. See the Accepted Qualifications section of our website.

# HOW TO APPLY

# 1

## FIND A COURSE

Browse the courses in this prospectus and on our website to identify which one(s) you'd like to apply for. We'd also recommend visiting us to find out about the courses on offer – see how on page 58.

# 2

## BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

**Register on the UCAS website** and complete the application pages online, using the UCAS codes in the course list and our institution UCAS code **R12**.

UCAS opens in early September. The deadline to submit your application for equal consideration is 31 January 2024.

Many of our courses will continue to consider applications after this date.

# 3

## WRITE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

You'll be asked to submit a personal statement to support your application. This is your opportunity to tell us more about why you want to study the course and what interests, skills and experience you have that demonstrate your passion for the subject.

# 4

## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

When you're happy with your application and have added the required information such as qualifications, personal statement and reference, you can submit your application.

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UCAS charges a one-off application fee. For 2024 entry, it costs £27.50 and you can add up to five choices to your application.

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# 5

## OUR ASSESSMENT

Our Admissions Team will assess your application and decide whether we can offer you a place. Assessment varies from course to course. Some, for example, may require an interview or portfolio submission. Check the subject pages of this prospectus to find out.

In general, we will use the information supplied in your application form, including personal statement, predicted/achieved grades, and the reference supplied by your school or college.

# 6

## RECEIVE A DECISION

You can track the progress of your application on UCAS Hub. We carefully consider every application, so don't worry if you don't hear back straight away. If your application is successful, you'll receive an offer from us. There are two types: conditional and unconditional. A conditional offer means your offer is subject to achieving your grades or providing further information. An unconditional offer means that you have already met the course requirements.

# 7

## ATTEND A VISIT DAY

Visit Days for Reading offer holders normally include a tour of the campus and facilities, a visit to a hall of residence, and the chance to meet academic staff and current students. They usually take place during February and March in your year of entry.

# 8

## RESPOND TO YOUR OFFER

Once you have heard from all the universities that you have applied to, you can decide which offer you want to accept. Most people choose two: a 'firm' (or first) choice; and an 'insurance' (or second) choice. If you meet the conditions of your offer, you'll automatically be accepted onto your firm choice course.



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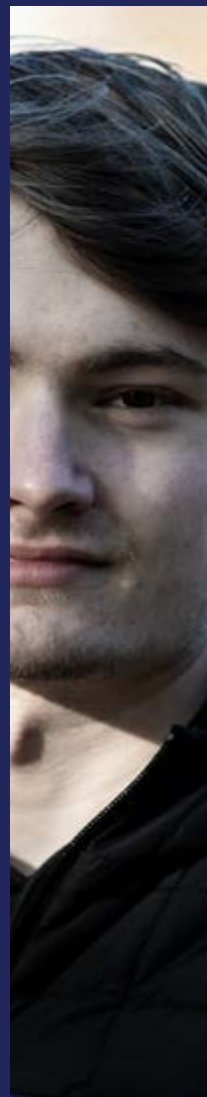
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