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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.

By joining the University of Reading, you'll become part of a community that leads by example, striving together to create a world that is profoundly improved.

Whether it's through groundbreaking research or impactful community initiatives, we are driven to make a genuine difference in the world. Together, we can shape not only our individual futures, but also the collective future of our society and planet.

Join us and be a catalyst for change, making a meaningful contribution to building a better world for everyone. It's just UoR way.



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GETTING TO KNOW US

WHO ARE WE?

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.

WHERE ARE WE?

Situated in the heart of the Thames Valley economic hub, and with London Paddington less than a 30-minute train ride away, our historic and award-winning¹ parkland campus provides the spaces and places you need to make the most of your time here, and to connect with the opportunities and people around you every day.

WHY CHOOSE US?

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. Join us and become part of a community that is committed to making a difference.



1st for campus and facilities²



169th in the world and top 30 in the UK³



98% of our research is of international standing⁴



95% of our taught postgraduates are in work or further study⁵

¹ Whiteknights campus has been awarded 13 consecutive Green Flag awards, 2011–2023, recognising it as one of Britain's top green spaces.

² 'Best UK Universities for Campus and Facilities', StudentCrowd University Awards 2022 (scores based solely on authentic student reviews).

³ We're the 26th highest-ranking UK university out of 90 featured in the QS World University Rankings 2024. We're ranked joint 169th overall out of 1,497 institutions worldwide.

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

⁵ Within 15 months of the end of their course. Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21, of 2,480 postgraduate taught leavers, of which 44% responded.

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, and we're taking a lead in finding lasting solutions to save our planet.

TAKING ACTION

We're not just green because of our beautiful campuses. We're ranked 4th in the 2022/23 People & Planet University League¹ and we're committed to reaching net zero carbon by 2030². 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 Menu 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.



Images: Climate stripes (created by Professor Ed Hawkins at the University of Reading in 2018) projected onto the Tate Modern; Climate stripes projected onto the White Cliffs of Dover; Gaia by Luke Jerram, displayed in Reading Town Hall as part of the Reading Climate Festival.

- 1 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.
- 2 Read about how the University is planning to achieve its aims at our [Sustainability](#) pages.

LEADING CHANGE

The University is a world leader in climate science³, recently winning a Queen's Anniversary Prize⁴. Reading scientists played a central role in creating the 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.



Images: Sir Alok Sharma, MP Reading West and President of COP26, speaking at our Reading Climate Festival event 'Empowering young people to tackle the greatest challenge of their generation'; Vice-Chancellor and Professor Joy Singarayer (Head of Meteorology) receiving the Queen's Anniversary prize at St James's Palace in 2022.

- 3 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.
- 4 Awarded in 2021 for our work 'Tackling the Impacts of Climate Change – From Global to Local'.
- 5 Visit our [Tackling Climate Crisis course](#) at Futurelearn.

GETTING INVOLVED

We want to empower all of our students with the skills and knowledge needed to help build a sustainable future for all. Sign up to our free online Planet Partners short course⁵ to learn what you can do to take meaningful action against the climate crisis. You can also 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



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 master's students to share what they think the best thing is about being 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 our students online and ask any questions you have about what it's really like to live and study here.

Ask our students about master's study at Reading

"Reading is a high-ranking institution and has a wide range of module choices that appeal to me. In addition, I was attracted by the open and inclusive environment, one which promotes a sense of wellbeing and belonging."

Xianying, MA Education



"The best part of studying at Reading is definitely the diversity and sense of community. Since it's a university town, you frequently run into familiar faces and you eventually make friends with them. The campus is absolutely beautiful and there are loads of green spaces, making it a welcome sight for sore eyes."

Taaha, MSc Investment Management



"I studied music for my undergraduate degree several years ago, but I had been wanting to study psychology for a long time. Reading's reputation, and the friendly and forthcoming interactions I had with staff before applying, made it the obvious choice for me. I've now been offered the opportunity to stay on at Reading for a PhD in social psychology."

Nathan, MSc Psychology Conversion

"The best thing about being at Reading is the exposure to different, exciting things all the time. Combine this with meeting new people and learning new things, I feel that Reading offers a holistic and happy university experience."

Richard, MSc Food Science

"My undergraduate lecturer is an alumna and she always said very nice things about the University of Reading. The quality of research that comes out of the University also encouraged me to apply, as well as the good accommodation, campus life, networking opportunities, and the beauty of the whole University area. Being close to London was also a factor."

Selina, MSc Nutrition and Food Science



READING TOWN

Reading is a global town: a centre of innovation, cultural diversity, 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, welcoming cultural diversity. The vibrant town centre boasts a huge variety of restaurants offering cuisines from around the world, 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.



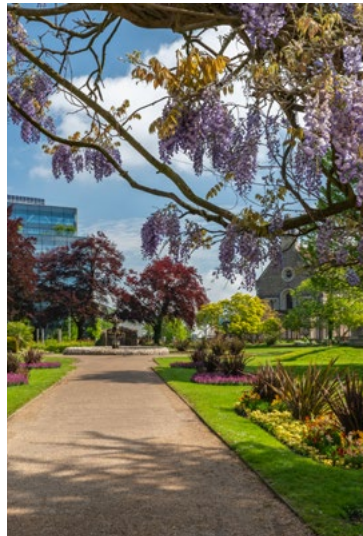
GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The University is located in a region with a buoyant economy¹, providing a wealth of career opportunities for our students. International organisations such as Microsoft, Oracle, Procter & Gamble, and PwC have long been located here. The arts and creative industries have made Reading their home, too, with

a major new film and TV studio complex, Shinfield Studios (image above), located on the University's land. With its ability to capture investors' attention², Reading provides the opportunity to progress your career, no matter in which industry your ambitions lie.

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.



EASY TO REACH

Reading is very well connected by rail and road. The main train station is easily accessible from most places in the UK. The regular fast trains to London Paddington take just 23 minutes, while the addition of the new Elizabeth Line means that travel from Reading to central London is equally simple.

Access to the UK's two major airports is also convenient: Heathrow Airport is easy to reach by rail or road in less than an hour and Gatwick Airport in under two.

Both Whiteknights campus and London Road campus are just a few miles from the M4 motorway. Getting to us from the town centre is straightforward – enjoy the walk or make use of the 24-hour bus service that brings you right onto campus.

FASTEST TRAIN TRAVEL TIMES

Reading to London Paddington: 23 minutes

Reading to Oxford: 20 minutes

Reading to Bristol Parkway: 48 minutes

According to Great Western Railway

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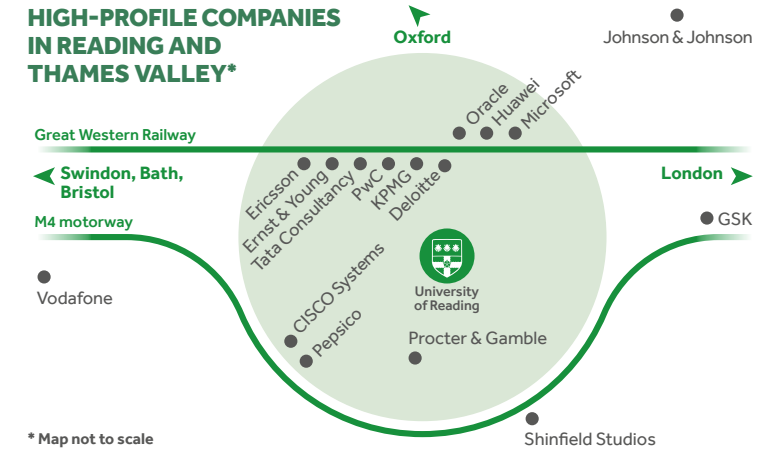


Supporting Higher Education in London

Discover more about Reading town



HIGH-PROFILE COMPANIES IN READING AND THAMES VALLEY*



* Map not to scale

1 Reading is in the top 10 UK cities for good economic growth in the DEMOS-PWC Good Growth for Cities Index, May 2023 report.
2 Reading is ranked 3rd overall, 1st for business friendliness, and 6th for economic potential in the Small European Cities category of fDi's special report: *European Cities and Regions of the Future 2023, The Best and The Brightest Among Europe's Investment Destinations*. Globally, Reading is ranked the 13th non-capital city overall out of 116 locations in fDi's latest *Tier 2 Cities of the Future 2020/21* report.

MOVING TO THE UK

Join more than 4,500 international students at a university steeped in over 150 years of history.

We have years of experience in welcoming students from across the world and we're here to help make your move to Reading as simple as possible.



BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Attend our pre-departure support webinars, covering a wide range of topics including student visas and immigration, applying to Reading, scholarships, student life and accommodation. You can also book a virtual one-to-one meeting with a member of our international recruitment team for personalised advice. Explore our **Virtual Events**.
- Make sure you are familiar with the student visa requirements and allow sufficient time for your visa application processing and return of your documents. See current information on the **Student Route visa requirements**. If you have any questions about your student visa application, please contact the **International Student Advisory Team**.
- In some countries, we also host face-to-face pre-departure events. Check if we'll be near you to **meet us in your country**.
- You'll be partnered with a **STaR international mentor** before you arrive at Reading. Mentors are current international and/or postgraduate students who can help you settle into life in the UK and at the University. Find out more at.
- Explore our webpages dedicated to **international students**.

If you have any questions, send us an enquiry

ARRIVING IN THE UK

Getting to us from international airports London Heathrow and London Gatwick is easy. The journey between Reading train station and London Heathrow takes only 45 minutes by direct RailAir coach, and London Gatwick is less than two hours away by train.

SETTLING IN AT READING

Our Welcome programme of events, tours and information sessions will help you settle into life in Reading and the UK. These include academic and social events, information sessions covering everything from study advice to feeling at home, maps of Reading, guides to opening a bank account, and more.

Once you've settled in here, you can take full advantage of our excellent transport links to explore nearby London, Oxford and Windsor – or further afield (see page 13).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Visa support.** Dedicated immigration advisers can provide specialist advice on student-related visas and information on visa conditions associated with student visas, including hours and type of work permitted during your studies. You can also find information on the Graduate Route post-study work visa, which provides an opportunity for eligible international graduates to stay in the UK and work for two years with a master's degree or three years with a doctoral degree. See **Graduate Route information**.
- **UK healthcare.** Overseas students studying in the UK on a programme that lasts longer than six months are entitled to medical treatment here. You may need to pay a healthcare surcharge as part of your immigration application. Visit the **healthcare immigration application site**.
- **Independent information and advice.** See up-to-date **advice for international students** including immigration, fees and wellbeing.



MEET AYOMIPO



For me, the University of Reading should be everyone's top choice.

Why did you choose Reading?

Because of its ranking, the easy access to London, and the interesting cultural and social activities. I also chose Reading because of the rich modules available in my area of specialisation. My course is centred around international commercial law, with a pathway in information technology. The world is becoming a global village with innovations and inventions in the area of technology, and I am interested in how trade, finance and other commercial sectors are affected by this.

Why did you decide to do a master's degree?

For exposure to novel areas of research that I was unable to get during my undergraduate study. Also for interactions with professionals, and for the extra-curricular activities and volunteering opportunities as a master's student. For example, I have helped to train children for an interschool mock trial competition at Reading's Crown Court, which fuelled my knowledge about how the adjudicatory system works in the UK.

Did you meet us before submitting your application?

Yes, I attended an in-person information session back in Nigeria. It was helpful in giving me knowledge about the University's campus, facilities, other faculties like Henley Business School, and a deeper insight into my chosen course of study.

Did you have any worries before coming to Reading?

My main worry was the culture shock, being an international student. However, the diversity and inclusion at the University have allayed all my worries, from the lecturers to the student representation, cultural events and so on.

I signed up to have a STaR mentor (a current student) who helped me a great deal to settle in. We met a couple of times, and the sessions were informative and helpful. The Welcome Week activities organised by the School of Law and the wider University also helped me to meet other students.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I hope to join the labour market in Reading or neighbouring cities and to requalify as a lawyer in the long run. I enjoyed the data privacy module on my programme and I believe that the master's degree will help me succeed as a data protection expert in the near future.

MEET SIVA



Established for over 20 years, our Students in Schools scheme places student volunteers in local schools, to help school children flourish and University students develop their personal and employability skills.

Siva, a food technology master's student from India, shares his experiences.

Why did you decide to volunteer?

I have always had a passion for teaching and working with children. The scheme allowed me to contribute to – and build a strong network within – the local community and make a positive impact on the lives of young students.

Tell us about your role.

I have volunteered at a primary school and have been involved in various activities, including teaching basic English and math skills to Year 1 students. I have also helped the staff during physical education periods, helping the students with their exercises and ensuring their safety.

What have you gained from taking part?

Overall, participating in the scheme has given me a sense of fulfilment and a deeper understanding of the educational environment. Interacting with school students from diverse backgrounds and abilities has improved my adaptability, communication, leadership and problem-solving skills.

What is the best thing about the scheme?

The opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of young students. Witnessing their progress and growth, both academically and personally, is incredibly rewarding. My proudest moment so far has been when I observed a struggling student improve their math skills over time through my guidance and support. Seeing their confidence and enthusiasm for learning flourish has been truly gratifying.

GET INVOLVED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

With around 150 languages spoken in schools in the local area, Reading's international students are perfectly placed to support children with little-to-no English. Last year, our volunteers worked with young people whose native languages included Arabic, Mandarin, Polish, Turkish, Spanish, Hungarian, Russian, Hindi, Korean and Italian. Find out more about **Students in Schools**.



WHITEKNIGHTS CAMPUS

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

Set in 320 acres 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 – all of which are within a 15-minute walk from the Library.

Our Doctoral and Researcher College is also found at the heart of Whiteknights campus. Based in Old Whiteknights House – a beautiful, modernised Victorian building – it is the centre of all doctoral activity and provides dedicated space for our postgraduate researchers. Discover more on page 132.

Take a video tour of Whiteknights campus



LONDON ROAD CAMPUS



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

It's a historic site – one of the University's original campuses – and is home to the School of Architecture and the Institute of Education. It is also the base for the University's music programme with dedicated practice rooms, instrument storage facilities, and the main performance venue, The Great Hall – which is also the primary venue for our graduation ceremonies.

The campus has two on-site cafes including The Dairy, which serves local and global craft beers and food, and provides a friendly place to play pool and watch sporting events.

Take a video tour of London Road campus



Our beautiful Greenlands campus, on the banks of the river near Henley-on-Thames, dates back to the early nineteenth century.

Used by the University's Henley Business School, it's the base for some of our part-time, post-experience master's degrees, including Henley's Executive Master in Business Administration (EMBA) programmes and the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA). It also hosts a comprehensive range of Executive Education and corporate learning programmes, and many applied research centres.



GREENLANDS CAMPUS

CAMPUS LIFE

Enjoy a beautiful, award-winning environment¹ 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 42.



1st FOR CAMPUS AND FACILITIES²

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.

You'll have access to fantastic recreational facilities at **SportsPark**, including a fitness studio, SoccerPark and TennisPark.

Just 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 study sessions – and you can relax knowing that they are run to the highest levels of sustainable practice.³

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.



Anjana says ...

"Reading has a really diverse community. As an international student, this has definitely made me feel welcomed and helped me explore a lot of different cultures."



Richard says ...

"When I visited the University, I liked the feel of the campus and how everything was within walking distance. I really like Harris Garden: this is a serene spot bursting with colourful and exotic plants, perfect for a quiet moment, a picnic or a nice walk with your friends."



Titilope says ...

"The postgraduate community at Reading has been nothing short of amazing! I feel like I'm home. Everyone is keen to help and all my lecturers are friendly, down to earth and approachable. I have found a small circle of like-minded friends and attend games nights at St George's Hall."

READING STUDENTS' UNION

When you enrol at Reading, you automatically become a member of the students' union, an independent student-led charity based on the Whiteknights campus. They work to create positive change for students and deliver essential services, and they support 80+ societies – including arts, dance, culture, faith, career, campaigns, causes, and politics – and 55+ sports clubs for all interests and abilities. Through the union, you can also get involved in student media outlets and a range of volunteering opportunities.

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.

[Explore our campus facilities](#)

- ¹ Whiteknights campus has been awarded 13 consecutive Green Flag Awards, 2011–2023.
- ² 'Best UK Universities for Campus and Facilities'; StudentCrowd University Awards 2022 (scores based solely on authentic student reviews).
- ³ We hold the highest rating of 3* for the Sustainable Restaurant Association's Food Made Good Accreditation 2022.

THE LIBRARY

The centrepiece of Whiteknights campus is our Library.

It provides access to thousands of digital resources, and inside you'll find substantial print resources spread over six floors. The Library has extensive opening hours with staff there to guide you to the materials you need for your postgraduate 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 serving a wide selection of grab-and-go and dine-in options
- 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 succeed on your programme. Maths support resources are also available.

Titilope says ...

“The Library has got to be one of the best things about Reading. It's great knowing I can access virtual resources from anywhere. The study advice service is really impressive and has helped me to surmount all my academic challenges when it comes to assignments.”

MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

In addition to our fantastic Library, the University of Reading is home to a variety of 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.

If you don't need to use them for your studies via departments or the **Special Collections Service**, you can still get involved through events, activities and volunteering opportunities.



GLOBAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Join our culturally diverse community of more than 8,200 postgraduate students from 120 countries.¹

At Reading, you'll have plenty of opportunities to learn about different cultures and study new languages, beyond what may be required by your degree. And if English isn't your first language, you can access a free programme to develop your academic English skills.



LEARN A LANGUAGE

Whether you want to boost your employability by broadening your skillset, prepare for living or working abroad in the future, or simply for your own personal development and enjoyment, learning a foreign language alongside your postgraduate degree can be a fantastic experience. Through our **Institution-Wide Language Programme (IWLP)** at Reading, you can join fellow students as a beginner or continue a language you already know to a higher level.

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

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

If you need to improve your English language level to meet the requirements of your academic offer, you can take a Pre-Sessional English (PSE) course at the University's International Study and Language Institute (ISLI).

These academic language and skills courses help you to reach the English language level required for your degree programme. You develop key academic language skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as developing your knowledge of academic culture. By engaging in the kind of tasks and assignments

you are expected to complete in your academic departments, you will also become familiar with the expectations of higher education in the UK.

By taking this course, you may also be entitled to a combined CAS,² covering your PSE course and degree programme, that could allow you to progress directly from your PSE course onto your degree programme. We will confirm if you are eligible when considering your PSE application.

If you have already met the language requirement for your course, we also offer a four-week Postgraduate Success Programme³ to help you prepare for academic life and enable you to get the most out of your master's degree.

Discover more about our
Pre-Sessional English courses

ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAMME

The **Academic English Programme (AEP)** is run by ISLI and is free to all fee-paying international students.

Our courses, webinars and one-to-one consultations will help you develop your academic language and skills while you study. Our lecturers are experts in academic language and literacy, and we work closely with academic departments across the University to ensure our courses focus on the language and communication skills you will need for your degree.

For doctoral researchers, ISLI delivers a number of courses specifically focused on the language and skills needed to write a doctoral thesis. These are run in collaboration with the Doctoral and Researcher College.



GLOBAL STUDY LOUNGE

Catering to all students and the wider University community, our **Global Study Lounge** is a multi-purpose facility that supports and facilitates global engagement and intercultural communication through its programme of events and volunteering opportunities. The Global Study Lounge offers students a place to study and socialise, and supports teaching and learning by hosting Academic English surgeries and academic tutorials in a space that brings together learners from across the University.



Hardeep says ...
"As an international student, I was worried how I would

adapt to the new environment and country. However, the moment I reached here, the support and guidance available to me made everything smooth and easy."



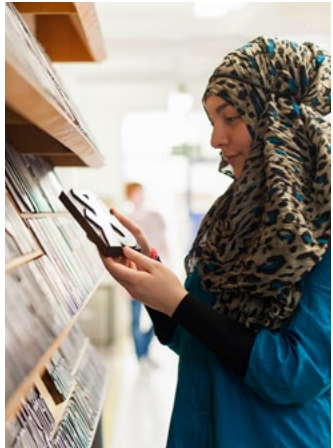
- ¹ Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) returns (UK and offshore postgraduate taught students included), 2021/22.
- ² A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) is a unique number which confirms you have been accepted on a course of study in the UK. It is an electronic document generated using the Home Office's system and is essential in order to make a successful student visa application.
- ³ For international students with an unconditional offer of postgraduate study from the University of Reading.

FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

At the University of Reading, our programmes span academic and vocational study, with many of our master's courses offering professional accreditation.

STUDIES TO SUIT YOU

- Specialise in the subject you studied at undergraduate level, or broaden your horizons with a new one – you can apply for many of our master's programmes even if you haven't studied the subject for your undergraduate degree.
- Choose between full-time and part-time master's programmes to suit your needs and commitments.
- Fit professional qualifications around your employment demands.



DEGREE OPTIONS

We offer a number of different postgraduate qualifications at Reading, including:

Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), Master of Laws (LLM)

These programmes are made up of 180 credits, which are usually achieved through a mix of compulsory and optional modules. Depending on the programme, you'll be assessed through a combination of coursework, exams and a dissertation.

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip), Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

A postgraduate certificate is made up of 60 credits while a postgraduate diploma is 120 credits. For the diploma, you'll take all of the taught elements of the master's programme but you won't complete a 60-credit dissertation or research project. The modular nature of our degrees often means that you can build credits towards a master's qualification over a number of years. PGDips and PGCerts are only available in a few areas – please check the subject pages.

MA/MSc/LLM by Research

These programmes are based around a research project. It is a significant element of the degree and accounts for around two-thirds of the total credits, although you may also undertake a small number of taught modules. These programmes are perfect preparation for doctoral research.

Master of Research (MRes)

These programmes have a greater research component than an MA/MSc/LLM, but less than is required for an MA/MSc/LLM by Research. The dissertation and research methods modules make up more than half of the credits, but you'll still have some taught elements.

Professional development programmes

These span a variety of sectors and are designed for people in specific fields and roles. They can be delivered in a day or over longer periods of time as needed. Check our course webpages for full details.

Doctoral research programmes

Be supported to deliver research that matters. Find out about our PhD and professional doctorate opportunities on page 130.

UNIVERSITY OF READING | ONLINE

From summer 2024, we are introducing the opportunity to **study a number of master's degree programmes fully online.**

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



Hardeep says ...

"Look for the modules that are of interest to you and a university that has a green campus. It definitely keeps you calm and makes the study experience worthwhile."



Richard says ...

"Ultimately your master's degree is a springboard for future study or the next step in your career. Whether you want to go on to study a PhD, elevate your career or take a side step (like me) to enter into a new field, it is important to remember to choose the best academic universities for your subject. Once you have come up with a shortlist, visit each one and go with your gut feeling!"



Serwah says ...

"Look for a community where your growth and enrichment as a student and as a person is their priority, and do lots of research to make sure your personal goals align with the institution's values."



Ayomipo says ...

"Carefully research the schools offering modules that are tailored towards the field or sector you wish to gain expertise in. Contact lecturers for more insight, if desired. The campus environment is also an important consideration, as this is where you will spend most of your time. For me, the University of Reading should be everyone's top choice."



Xianying says ...

"First, make sure to attend university events virtually or in person. Then, seek advice from previous students. Finally, do not be shy to ask staff if you have any questions about modules or the programme."



Taaha says ...

"Don't just look at overall university rankings. Even if a uni is not ranked within the top 10 overall, particular departments and subjects could be highly ranked. I think the city in which you study will have a lot of impact on your university experience as well, so it's essential to consider this factor."

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Master's study at Reading combines guided teaching with independent learning. You'll be encouraged to work alongside our staff to shape your own postgraduate educational experience and you'll have access to a wide range of people, opportunities and services to support your studies.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

You'll learn from academics who have a wealth of experience and expertise and whose teaching is informed by the latest research developments and professional practice.

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

We're committed to creating an enriched learning environment within a supportive and inclusive community, thriving primarily on face-to-face learning. We also use the opportunities that technology provides to deliver teaching in environmentally sustainable ways, respecting diversity, enabling participation, and removing barriers.



MORE THAN A MASTER'S

You'll be encouraged to apply what you've learned through various opportunities to contribute to research, scholarship and practice. Many of our master's students choose to enhance their experience by applying for placements and internships to gain new transferable skills. You can read more about these opportunities on the subject pages.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

When you start your master's, you'll be allocated an academic tutor who is a member of academic staff in your school or department. They will meet with you at least once a semester to:

- help you develop plans to support your academic progress and personal development
- connect you with other staff in your field of study
- work with you to decide which development opportunities will most benefit you
- direct you to other University support services as appropriate
- provide tailored references for future academic or professional pursuits.

In addition, you'll have access to a robust network of support from across the University.

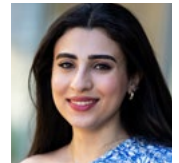
- **Support centres.** Located across Whiteknights and London Road campuses, you can drop in for academic and non-academic advice and support.
- **Academic liaison librarians.** This is your main point of contact with the Library – there is an expert for every subject offered at Reading. They can help you find the best materials to support your studies and show you how to save time by making the most of all Library services.
- **Study advisers.** This team will support you to develop your academic skills for postgraduate study. They offer one-to-one sessions, webinars, and online resources.
- **Academic English Programme.** Our free courses, webinars and one-to-one consultations for international students will help you develop your academic language and skills while you study.
- **Maths support.** If your programme or research draws on maths or statistics skills that you might not have used recently, our maths support guide provides links to an extensive range of e-resources and video tutorials which you can access at any time.



Taaha says ...

"I was very impressed by the teaching methodology followed at

Reading. Using a combination of lectures and seminars to deliver the course content was really interesting as I was able to apply what I learned in the lecture in my seminar sessions. In addition to that, since the classes were recorded and were available to view at any point, this gave me great flexibility, especially during the revision sessions."



Selina says ...

"We have been given some independence to learn on our own but

we aren't left alone, which has taught us to be true researchers with support always available. My department is home to some of the UK's famous nutritionists and food scientists who have made major contributions to their fields, ranging from being top-cited researchers to having developed nutrition policies for Public Health England."

BOOSTING YOUR EMPLOYABILITY

You'll receive career support throughout your studies, and for an additional 24 months after the end of your programme.

You'll benefit from one-to-one advice sessions with career consultants, workshops, events and digital resources. You will also be supported when applying for jobs or graduate schemes, or exploring other options after completing your master's, such as PhD study or setting up your own business.

This focus on employability contributes to the success of our master's graduates: 95% of our taught postgraduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course and, of those working full time, 96% are in graduate-level roles.¹

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

- **Attend career events.** We run hundreds of career events throughout the year, where you can improve your interview skills, explore a variety of different industries, and meet with potential employers.
- **Connect with employers.** We have links with a wide range of large national and international recruiters who offer employment opportunities locally.
- **Volunteer.** Make a difference and enhance your CV through the University's volunteering schemes, which include opportunities to help out within the local community.
- **Get part-time work.** There are countless opportunities for temporary, short-term or part-time work right here on campus through our Campus Jobs portal. In 2021/22, around 30% of Campus Jobs workers were undertaking postgraduate study.
- **Get recognition.** Our Reading Experience and Development (RED) Awards encourage you to pursue activities – such as volunteering, work experience, and training courses – to develop your skills beyond your degree. We have three skills awards, including ones focused on sustainable action and global engagement activities.
- **Connect with our alumni.** When you graduate, you'll become a lifetime member of our global community of Reading alumni. But they're also there for you during your studies: you can join networking events, attend alumni talks, and connect with Reading graduates who are already working in your chosen industry or job role.

[Discover more about our Careers support](#)

BECOME A KTP ASSOCIATE

The Knowledge Transfer Centre at the University of Reading manages the national, government-backed **Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP)** programme – an exciting opportunity for our graduates to spend two or three years working on an innovation project that brings together university research and business to develop novel products, systems and services.



DAN'S STORY

While Dan was working on his master's research in typeface design, the Department of Typography & Graphic Communication was embarking on a knowledge transfer partnership (KTP) with a company that aligned perfectly with the content of his studies.

Having already spent time in Monotype's archives during his research, Dan found that he could apply his newfound research skills and understanding of non-Latin typographic issues directly to Monotype's business activities.

"What was useful about the KTP experience at Monotype was that my project required me to get to know people all over the company and understand different parts of the business, where a typical design position might not allow that much exposure to the company's overall activity."

After two years as a KTP associate, building his professional experience further and making useful industry connections, Dan was well prepared for his next role as a Senior Type Designer at Adobe.

"All my experiences and study at Reading – both the MA and the KTP – led me quite directly to that opportunity."

Read more about **Dan's experiences at Reading**.

¹ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21, of 2,480 postgraduate taught leavers, of which 44% responded.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN PRACTICE

Whether you're aiming to start your own business, join an SME, work for a multinational corporation, or just want to understand more about business and innovation, our student entrepreneurship initiatives can help give you the tools, knowledge and confidence you need to succeed.

Activities at the Henley Centre for Entrepreneurship (HCfE) and the wider University are aimed at giving you plenty of opportunities to put entrepreneurship into practice.

HCfE, which is part of the triple-accredited Henley Business School (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB), hosts numerous exciting events and competitions that all students across campus can get involved in – no matter what subject you're studying.

HCfE is also heavily involved in the delivery of entrepreneurship education within Henley Business School and across the University, conducting several modules that are open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students. HCfE faculty also support and supervise PhD students pursuing doctoral research in the area of entrepreneurship.

IDEAFEST

IDEAFEST is an annual student business idea competition that motivates you to work on developing an idea that could someday be commercialised – with prize money awarded to the best concepts.



Finalists, like master's student Maymon Madathingal, are granted professional mentoring to

develop their business ideas, as well as a place on the Henley Summer Start-Up Boot Camp.

Maymon became an IDEAFEST finalist in 2023 with his idea, TalkieSpace, a platform where movie enthusiasts can ask owners of cinemas and other suitable facilities to play their favourite films on big screens.



AWARD-WINNING IDEA

The £500 second place IDEAFEST award went to Nor El Islam Messedad, an MSc Data Science and Advanced Computing student and Chevening Scholar, for BloodMatch, a health-tech platform that connects compatible blood donors with patients in need of a match. Nor was also chosen as a Greenshoots award winner.

START-UP BOOT CAMP

As a master's student, you can apply for a coveted spot on the annual Henley Summer Start-Up Boot Camp, a free, week-long course that helps students, alumni and local entrepreneurs gain the skills to set up a business from scratch. The course covers everything you would need to know as an aspiring business founder, from building a website to finding a target audience and making sales with minimal budget.

GREENSHOOTS SEED FINANCE AWARD

Greenshoots is an initiative to nurture and support start-ups set up by current students or recent graduates of the University of Reading or Henley Business School. Start-ups founded within the last three years that show the potential to grow and become sustainable businesses are awarded a cash prize to help them reach the next level.



READING ENTREPRENEURS

Join Reading Entrepreneurs, the biggest non-sport student-led society on campus. It runs events throughout the academic year, including guest speaker talks, lectures and the Entrepreneurship Conference, an annual networking event that features successful business leaders sharing their insights on starting and growing a business.

EXPERT ADVICE WHEN YOU NEED IT

- **Visit the Business Idea and Start-Up Clinic.** HCfE's Clinic offers appointments to help you take your business idea or start-up business to the next level by providing one-to-one advice from a business expert. The Clinic can also provide support after you graduate.
- **Get support from a network of alumni with significant entrepreneurial and business leadership experience.** Mentors can offer invaluable advice and guidance to both students and recent graduates starting their own business, and many develop long-term professional relationships with their mentees.
- **Pitch your idea to Henley Business Angels (HBA) after you graduate.** HBA is a network of experienced business leaders, successful entrepreneurs and investors, and supports new business ventures launched by graduates from the University of Reading and Henley Business School, as well as local entrepreneurs with connections to our institution.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP HUB

Make use of dedicated workspace to develop your business idea alongside your studies. Work among like-minded students, who are all aiming to establish their business from the ground up, share ideas and build partnerships.

IDEAL LOCATION FOR BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

Located at the heart of the Thames Valley, Reading town is home to many global businesses and organisations – including PwC, Microsoft and Jacobs – as well as thousands of SMEs and start-ups. Collaborative research projects, placement schemes, and networking opportunities are just some of the many ways you can interact with industry during your postgraduate degree.

Discover more about entrepreneurship initiatives

MAKING CONNECTIONS



When you graduate, you'll join a strong and successful alumni community connected by a common goal: to use their unique experiences at Reading to make their mark on the world – and to help make the world a better place.

You'll become a member of a global community of more than 300,000 graduates which spans over 150 countries. You'll be part of an international network of leaders, innovators and change-makers at varying stages of their careers, across a broad spectrum of industries – from business, government, education, science and research to sport, media, culture, arts and the third sector.

No matter where your aspirations lie, you'll have plenty of opportunities to connect with Reading graduates during and after your studies.

Here are just a few of their inspiring stories.

Learn more about Reading's alumni network and explore many more of our graduates' stories

A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

Mabel Senaa Bonsuuri is the Founder of iHelp Africa, a non-profit operating in the Volta region of Ghana. She completed her MSc Applied International Development at Reading in 2022.

Mabel founded iHelp Africa with a mission to improve the standard of living for the vulnerable in society, such as children, teenage mothers, substance users, and women, and to provide them with a platform that helps them become responsible and meet their potential.

One of iHelp Africa's projects is combatting period poverty, an issue that Mabel is passionate about and determined to help tackle through the One Girl One Box project.

"The main purpose of the One Girl One Box project is to help provide teenage girls with menstrual hygiene products in order to reduce absenteeism in schools. Ensuring that girls receive an education helps shape a brighter future for them and their families, as their education

becomes a springboard through which the entire family can break out of poverty."

The project has already supported more than 700 girls across 15 rural communities in Ghana.

Find out more about Mabel's inspirational voluntary work as she helps change the lives of young girls in Ghana.





OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Jamie Gane is a maths teacher, adaptive athlete and motivational speaker. He completed a PGCE in Secondary Mathematics in 2020.

Nine months after undergoing a below-knee amputation, Jamie was back on the judo mat, his passion for sport well and truly reignited. He competes internationally under the Adaptive category, without the use of his prosthesis, winning silvers at his first British Judo Championships and the World Judo Games in 2019.

The same year, he joined Reading for a PGCE in Secondary Mathematics to pursue his passion for teaching, soon becoming a full-time maths teacher alongside his sporting career. He enjoyed his PGCE so much that he has since returned to Reading for an MA in Education.

Jamie combines his two passions through motivational speaking at schools and organisations that invite him to discuss the practical and mental challenges of life as an amputee. His ambition is to be a role model to other young people who are in similar situations – to inspire them to believe they can overcome obstacles and see the opportunities open to them in the world of work and sport.

“The biggest issue I face, which is nice in some respects, is that by simply attending an event I can inspire some people. However, I’d rather inspire people because I’ve done inspirational things, rather than just by turning up. For example, I’d like to impress people for my abilities in my sport, rather than simply by competing as an adaptive athlete.”



Jamie also competes internationally in Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) and has completed more courses than any other UK adaptive athlete, including more than 110 Tough Mudders. He also recently won Gold at the European OCR Championships. His aim is to get it classified as an Olympic sport – and, ultimately, into the Paralympics.

Find out more about **Jamie’s endeavours.**



PROTECTING THE FUTURE

David Nangoma recently achieved his childhood dream of becoming a park ranger. He works for African Parks, which manages Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve.

David initially came to the University of Reading for a short postgraduate course, but ended up returning six months later for a master’s degree in the School of Biological Sciences on a British Chevening Scholarship.

His interest in wildlife and plant sciences began in his childhood when he was raised in the Serengeti National Park by his grandad. This led him to pursue studies and a career in conservation.

Since graduating from Reading, David’s career has taken him to Malawi’s biodiversity hotspots including the Lake Chilwa Wetland, Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust, and African Parks.

At African Parks – a non-profit conservation organisation that manages 22 protected areas in 12 countries on the African continent – David’s previous role was to connect with the local community and get them onside with the importance of conservation.



“In my new role [as Park Manager], I have been tasked with managing a protected area with a restored Miombo woodland ecosystem ... where neighbouring communities are provided with opportunities for enhancing their livelihoods, and stakeholders fully support conservation efforts.”

For the first time in decades, local communities are beginning to experience the benefits of the reserve. David has already achieved so much, but he still feels there is a long way to go.

“All I want to say to the world is ‘let’s be strong advocates to protect our ecosystems’.”

Read more about **David’s work.**

A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE

Peter Ogodoro is one of three Reading graduates to be shortlisted for the British Council Study UK Alumni Awards 2022/23.

The award scheme recognises inspirational alumni who are using their UK education to make a real difference. Peter became a finalist due to the remarkable impact he has had within the teaching community in Nigeria – and, increasingly, around the globe.



Committed to creating positive social change, Peter founded the Nigerian Teachers community in 2016, which has a membership of more than half a million people. The community is a free continuing professional development platform that connects teachers from Nigeria and around the world and provides them with more effective tools.

“The mission is to overcome rote learning in the country’s education system and put the learning needs of children and young people at the centre of the jobs that teachers do.

“The platform provides peer-generated free resources that empower teachers to reduce the gaps in their knowledge and skills in a grossly under-resourced education system.”

Peter has gone on to become one of Nigeria’s leading education analysts and respected voices by the media due to his accomplishments in the education industry.

A life-enhancing experience

After graduating with a master’s degree in Business Administration in Nigeria, Peter was eager to enhance his skills further. It was destiny that he encountered the University of Reading at an education fair where he discovered our master’s degrees in International Development.

“I applied to study at Reading and found that decision life-enhancing, both for me and the people my work is benefiting. I had course mates from diverse countries and belonged to a community of staff and students from about 150 countries.

This enabled me to develop an international network that gave me my career wings.

“Some of my course modules were taught by industry practitioners including broadcasters from the BBC. I went on guided tours of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the British Museum, and several other places that exposed me to the history of global education and development.

“I also volunteered as a peer supporter as part of the Counselling and Wellbeing unit of the University of Reading, which gave me access to amazing values and skills including the empathetic disposition that is now driving my professional work.”

Building on his master’s degree

After working for the Nigeria Police Force training their spokespeople, military counterparts and paramilitary agencies across the country, Peter returned to Reading to pursue a PhD in Education.

“My doctoral training built on my master’s training to provide me with knowledge, skills, values, and the international network that gave birth to the Nigerian Teachers online platform.

“I attended over 70 workshops organised by the University’s Doctoral and Researcher College [formerly known as the Graduate School]. I also benefited from several international special leadership development

programmes in about 10 research-intensive institutions that included the universities of Cambridge and Sheffield in the UK, and the Federal Institute for Educational Research, Innovation and Development of the School System in Austria.

“Those uncommon opportunities gave me not only skills but also access to a network of education researchers and practitioners. The platform that the University of Reading provides is indeed a unique international currency with which its beneficiaries can purchase amazing opportunities to bless humanity in incredible ways.”

Read more about Peter and the Nigerian Teachers community.



ACCOMMODATION

As a postgraduate student, the need for independent study and other demands on your time mean that where you live is really important.

Our University accommodation is safe, secure, and no more than a 15-minute walk from Whiteknights campus.

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

BENEFITS

- **Variety.** Choose from quieter lifestyle areas, single-sex flats, accommodation for mature students, couples and families, and a number of adapted rooms for students with disabilities and special requirements.²
- **Flexibility.** Standard contracts are 40 weeks or 51 weeks. Choosing a 51-week contract means you'll keep your room over the summer.
- **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 GUARANTEED

You will be guaranteed a place in halls if you:

- are a new full-time postgraduate who has accepted an offer from the University
- apply for accommodation by 1 August and satisfy any conditions of your academic offer by 4 September of your year of entry.

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

[Explore University accommodation and costs](#)

PREFER PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION?

There are plenty of private options near the University. The students' union can help find the right place for you at their [Housing advice](#) page.

CLEVER CUISINE

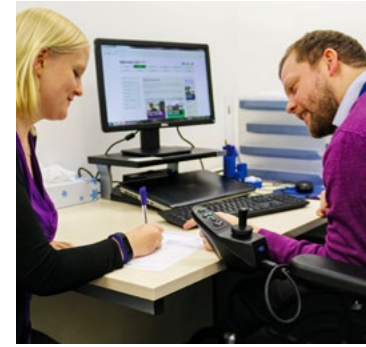
You can enjoy a wide variety of meals on campus through our Clever Cuisine eating plans, with meals made daily by a team of skilled chefs using fresh, seasonal, and responsibly sourced ingredients.

Clever Cuisine Meal Plans are already included in the weekly rent of some hall rooms, and they can be added to any other room during the application process. No matter where you choose to live, the meal plans are available to any student enrolled at Reading, even if you opt for private accommodation.

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 75%. Visit [Clever Cuisine](#) to learn more.

- ¹ The basic level of contents insurance covers items in your room for fire, theft and flood for the duration of your halls contract. 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.
- ² Subject to availability.





WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

We pride ourselves on being a friendly, welcoming and supportive university. Your wellbeing as a student is our priority, and you can access personal and academic support whenever you need it.

If you start your studies in September, you can take part in our Welcome at Reading celebration the week before teaching starts, attending sessions dedicated to postgraduate, mature, and international students, as well as social and networking events and a bespoke postgraduate Library tour. Don't worry if you start at a different point in the year, as you'll still receive our welcome guide and help to settle in.

We have a wide range of support services that 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. Find out more on page 32.

CHAPLAINCY

The **Chaplaincy** offers support to all students and acts as a signposting service for all faiths, with information about places of worship, both on campus and in Reading.

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.

DISABILITY ADVISORY SERVICE

The Disability Advisory Service offers advice and guidance to students with any disability, mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty. With your permission, the team can liaise with appropriate staff to coordinate support for you. For more information, please email the **Disability Advisory Service**.

HALLS ACCOMMODATION

Students living in University halls of residence are supported by hall wardens and mentors, the Halls Hotline and the Accommodation Office. See page 42 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE

Get help settling into life and study in the UK, as well as visa and immigration advice. See page 14.

LIBRARY AND IT SERVICES

All subjects have a dedicated academic liaison librarian to help you find the materials you need. There are also Study Advice and Research Engagement teams to support your studies, and our IT Team can help with any technical queries you have. See page 24.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From fees and scholarships to financial issues, effective budgeting and more, our Student Financial Support Team can help. See page 46.

WELFARE TEAM

The Student **Welfare Team** can help you with a range of personal and welfare issues, including homesickness, family and relationships, drugs and alcohol, and more.

CHILDCARE

If you have children, there are excellent **childcare facilities** on and near campus, including a pre-school and day nursery.

MEDICAL AND GENERAL HEALTH

You'll be encouraged to register with the University Medical Practice and the University Dental Centre, which are both located a short walk from our Whiteknights campus. Royal Berkshire Hospital is also nearby.

Find out more about
Wellbeing and Support services

FUNDING YOUR MASTER'S

Money shouldn't be a barrier to your success. Here you'll find important information about financing your master's study.

Our Student Financial Support Team and students' union advisers can also provide guidance to help you budget for your studies to ensure you have enough funds to cover all course-related, living and accommodation costs.

TUITION FEES

The cost of your master's degree will depend on your programme of study and your fee status.

UK/home¹ and international fees for the 2024/25 academic year are listed within the subject pages of this prospectus and, unless otherwise stated, are for full-time study. For part-time courses, fees are calculated at 50% of the standard fee, or pro rata for modular programmes.

Many of our programmes require a deposit to secure your place. This information will be included in your offer letter.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

University of Reading scholarships

- **Centenary Scholarships.** These are open to all eligible master's students and take the form of a partial fee waiver.
- **Subject Scholarships.** These are course-specific across 15 subject areas and also applied in the form of a tuition fee reduction.

Centenary and Subject Scholarships are competitive and typically awarded on the basis of previous academic accomplishment. For 2023/24 entry, awards were valued at £2,000 for UK/home-fee-paying students and £4,000 for international-fee-paying students. To apply, you first need to hold an offer of admission to one of our participating master's programmes for full-time or part-time study.²

We will confirm details for 2024/25 entry, including application deadlines and award amounts, on our website in December 2023.

Visit the [master's scholarships](#) page.

Henley Business School also offers a substantial scholarship fund to UK and international students applying for their master's courses. Visit the [Henley PG scholarships](#) page for information.

Some academic departments offer other scholarships and bursaries – you can read about these on the subject pages in this prospectus and on our master's scholarships webpage.

Sanctuary Scholarships

We are committed to welcoming and including sanctuary seekers across our teaching, research and community activities. As part of this commitment, over the last few years we have offered Sanctuary Scholarships to students with refugee, humanitarian-protected, or asylum-seeker status – to help with the costs of higher education through bursaries and fee waivers. We hope to be able to continue to offer these scholarships for new students enrolling in 2024/25. Please check our website from December 2023 for details.



"Being awarded a scholarship is such an encouragement and means I can prioritise my academic and career progression over worrying about finances. My advice for others is to just be honest about your motivations and past successes. Don't worry about sounding cringey – if it's the truth and you've worked hard on it, say that!"

Anna, Centenary Scholarship recipient in 2022/23

OTHER AWARDS

On top of the University of Reading scholarships, we have links with a number of other funding schemes awarded by external organisations, such as Chevening Scholarships, Commonwealth Shared Scholarships, Felix Scholarships, British Council GREAT Scholarships, and private donor awards. Check our website for details.

ALUMNI DISCOUNT

If you completed your undergraduate degree with us, you're entitled to a discount on your master's degree at Reading. You'll automatically receive £1,500 off the cost of your full-time tuition fees, or if you're a part-time student studying over two years, you'll receive a £750 discount each year.

MASTER'S LOANS FOR UK STUDENTS

You can currently borrow up to £12,167 through a repayable government loan scheme for master's programmes starting on or after 1 August 2023.³ Loans are available for students under the age of 60 who don't already have a master's qualification or a higher level qualification, such as a PhD.

PART-TIME WORK

Supplement your income while studying. Our Campus Jobs portal advertises many temporary and short-term work opportunities at the University. See page 32 for more information.

[Find out more about financial support and advice](#)

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, in line with government guidance, will pay the same tuition fees as UK students and may be eligible for the same financial support from the UK government.

² Flexible learning (modular) master's programmes are excluded.

³ You will need to repay your postgraduate master's loan at the same time as any other student loans you may have. Further eligibility criteria apply, and loan amounts are subject to change for master's programmes starting in 2024/25. See the [Government master's loan page](#) for more information.

HOW TO APPLY



The quickest and easiest way to apply for master's study at the University of Reading is through our online application service.

The service allows you to complete your application form and attach electronic copies of academic transcripts, certificates, and any other supporting information.

It also provides a tool for sending an email request to your referees, enabling them to send your supporting references directly to us.

OTHER WAYS TO APPLY

You can request a paper application form by telephoning **+44 (0) 118 378 5289** or writing to

**Admissions Office,
University of Reading,
Miller Building, Pepper Lane,
Whiteknights, Reading,
RG6 6EE, UK.**

PGCE APPLICANTS

Candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) courses should **submit an application via the Department for Education**.

[View further application guidance](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Please check the course webpages for the following programmes which have application deadlines:

- **MA Education**
- **MSc Physician Associate**
- **MSc Speech and Language Therapy**

There is no specific deadline date for other programmes, and applications will be considered until the programme is full. However, we recommend that you apply as early as possible.

International applicants also need to ensure that there is enough time to make any visa applications. Most of our programmes start at the beginning of the autumn semester (September) but there are a number that start at a different time of the year (for example, February/March) or have multiple start points throughout the year.

See our current version of the **terms and conditions that will apply if you accept an offer at the University**. They set out when, for example, we might make changes to your programme, and we advise reading these before making an application.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are normally required to have a good undergraduate honours degree (typically 2:1 or above, though some programmes accept 2:2) or the equivalent from a university outside the UK. If you have other qualifications and a number of years' relevant work experience, then you may also be eligible to apply.

You can study for many of our master's programmes even if you haven't studied the subject at undergraduate level, meaning you don't need any previous knowledge or experience in the subject area before applying – a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons or pursue a change of career.

However, some programmes do have additional subject-related or other entry requirements. These are specified in the subject pages of this prospectus, as well as on our course webpages.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEVELS

If you're a non-native English speaker, you will need to let us know your current level of English (through your most recent test score) when you apply and we will be happy to advise you on the best route to a University of Reading degree.

Our typical English language requirements (depending on the programme) are:

- an overall score of 7.0 in the IELTS or equivalent with no individual element below 6.0
- an overall score of 6.5 in the IELTS or equivalent with no individual element below 6.0
- an overall score of 6.5 in the IELTS or equivalent with no individual element below 5.5.

If there is an English proficiency condition stated in your offer, the best way to meet the language requirement is to attend our **Pre-Sessional English (PSE) programme**. By taking this course, you may also be entitled to a combined Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), a single visa that entitles you to progress directly from your PSE course on to your degree programme. See page 26 for more details.

Please see **Acceptable English Language tests** for information on the range of tests and qualifications that we accept as evidence of English language ability.

GET HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Our team of experienced admissions staff can help you throughout the application process. Please do not hesitate to **ask us a question**.

VISITING US

There are plenty of ways to find out more about what it's like to live and study at the University of Reading.

MASTER'S EVENTS

We run regular virtual and in-person events for prospective master's students, offering opportunities to meet academic staff and students from a range of programmes, and to ask questions about accommodation, student finance, the application process and much more.

Discover upcoming events

CAMPUS TOURS

These are usually led by current master's students who will show you all the key places you should know about on campus. Book onto a **campus tour**.

You can also follow our audio campus tour at a time that suits you.

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**.

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE HUB

Nothing beats coming to visit us in person. However, we've made it easy for you to experience the University of Reading from the comfort of your own home.

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.

MEET US IN YOUR COUNTRY

There are also **opportunities to meet us in your own country or region**, including at virtual fairs.

International students can **book a virtual one-to-one meeting** with a member of our international recruitment team to get advice and support on applying to Reading.

"I attended an in-person open day prior to studying at Reading, and it 100% cemented my decision to apply, principally due to speaking with current students and finding out what the experience was like in reality. They were so open and interesting, and also proved the calibre of the course. Also, seeing the campus in the flesh really helped to visualise what the experience would be like for me. So far, it has exceeded expectations."

Marina, MSc Real Estate





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ACCOUNTING



Henley is among an elite group of business schools that holds triple-accredited status from the UK, European and US accrediting bodies (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB).

At Henley Business School, you'll have access to:

- leadership and management expertise that has been developed through theory and practice
- applied research from our six research centres
- our collaborations with industry.

PIONEERING HISTORY

Founded in 1945, Henley is one of the UK's first business schools and has been developing leaders for more than 75 years. We combine the best of academic knowledge with practical development for aspiring individuals and ambitious organisations. Today, we have graduates spread across 165 countries, and a focus on the contemporary issues shaping our changing world.

PRE-EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

If you join us after your undergraduate degree, you will take an applied approach to your studies in accounting, finance and business, informed by current trends in digitalisation and data analytics that will provide you with experience in linking theory to practice.

ACCREDITATION

Our master's programmes in accounting are accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). On successful completion of either programme, you'll be exempt from four ACCA applied knowledge and applied skills exams: Business Technology (BT), Management Accounting (MA), Financial Accounting (FA), and Corporate and Business Law (LW). In addition, you'll be granted exemptions from four CIMA professional exams: BA1 to BA4.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Henley Business School offers a substantial scholarship fund to UK and international students applying for their master's courses. Visit [Henley PG scholarships](#).

CAREERS

Our careers consultants at Henley Careers & Professional Development will work with you to explore your strengths and identify obstacles and opportunities. We host careers events throughout the year, including workshops, employer and professional events, online courses, and one-to-one career coaching.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Accounting, Financial Management and Digital Business	Full time: 12 months Start: September Fees: Home: £14,100 International: £26,000 IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0
MSc International Accounting and Finance	Full time: 12 months Start: September Fees: Home: £15,300 International: £27,500 IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

CHAT WITH THE HENLEY TEAM

Talk to current postgraduate students at Henley, or [arrange a virtual meeting with Henley staff](#).

[View course information for Accounting](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Business (see page 66)
- ▶ Finance (see page 94)

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD ECONOMICS



The Graduate Institute of International Development, Agriculture and Economics (GIIDAE) provides a truly globalised learning experience.

Based in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, you'll study alongside students from over 40 countries. We've provided internationally recognised teaching and research expertise in agriculture and related fields for more than 125 years. Reading is the highest-ranking UK university for agriculture and forestry and is ranked joint 16th in the world.¹

INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENT

GIIDAE offers a range of postgraduate programmes related to agriculture and the rural environment, the food chain, applied economics and marketing, climate change, and international development. Our interdisciplinary programmes focus on the complex real-life challenges that global communities and businesses face when working towards a more sustainable future.

Develop the analytical and practice-based skills that will help you to combat these challenges. Depending on your chosen degree, you'll receive rigorous and stimulating training in:

- agricultural and environmental sustainability, including the role of agriculture and horticulture

in human development, food and nutritional security, livelihoods and ecosystem services, and advances in agricultural technology

- agricultural economics and development finance
- economics, consumer behaviour and marketing in the context of food
- research methods and skills to plan, manage and conduct an in-depth field- and/or lab-based independent research project – perfect if you wish to embark on a research career or doctoral studies after your master's.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For 2024/25, you can apply for a **GIIDAE Scholarship** as well as central University scholarships (see page 46). There is a range of funding options available to students through GIIDAE and our partners.

CAREERS

You'll be well prepared for a career in policy, practice and research in agriculture and related areas.

Take advantage of opportunities to network through field trips, debates, workshops, and events with visiting speakers. Placements and research dissertations will allow you to showcase your skills and put your learning into practice. You can also join the THRIVE mentoring programme and be paired with a professional mentor in your chosen field.

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 – Agriculture & Forestry. We are the only UK university in the global top 60.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Agriculture and Development Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350	Normally an undergraduate honours degree (2:2 or above). Knowledge of agriculture or horticulture is desirable. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
MSc Agricultural Economics MSc Food Economics and Marketing MSc Development Finance MSc by Research Agricultural and Food Economics (full time only) Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months (excluding MSc by Research) Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above), plus an intermediate knowledge of microeconomics and quantitative methods. For MSc Development Finance, your degree should include a significant element of economics/accounting or finance. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5 Please note: If you have little or no training in economics, you may be admitted if you attend our pre-sessional economics course.
MSc Consumer Behaviour Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
MSc by Research Agriculture, Ecology and Environment Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,600 International: £24,150	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a subject relevant to agriculture, ecology, geography or environmental sciences. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

MEET GIIDAE'S INSPIRING GRADUATES

Read our alumni stories.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ International Development (see page 100)
- ▶ Marketing (see page 104)

[View course information for Agriculture and Agri-food Economics](#)

ARCHAEOLOGY



Join our inclusive community – and develop expertise in your chosen specialism – in Reading's Department of Archaeology, which has an international reputation for research excellence.

The University of Reading is ranked 1st in the UK for research quality and research outputs in Archaeology¹, and 100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable"².

We are in the top 100 universities in the world for Archaeology.³

DEDICATED FACILITIES AND COLLECTIONS

You'll study in our dedicated Archaeology building, and use our purpose-built teaching laboratories that contain a rich collection of artefacts, ecofacts, human remains and animal bones.

You'll also have access to the University's Chemical Analysis Facility and our three on-campus museums.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

SKILLS-FOCUSED STUDIES

You will acquire the skills needed for professional employment and doctoral study. Our MA students develop a strong research base that links social and scientific archaeology, and gain technical skills in key archaeological methods and techniques.

CAREERS

Our archaeology master's degree provides you with the skills to pursue graduate-level employment in archaeological and related consultancies, museums, commercial and government agencies, research, teaching, and heritage agencies, such as Historic England and the National Trust.

Overall, 97% of graduates from Archaeology are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.⁴

Many of our postgraduates continue their academic careers through doctoral research.

Course	Entry requirements
MA Archaeology	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in archaeology, history, environmental studies or any related field.
	Start: September
	IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
	Fees:
	Home: £10,800
	International: £22,350

FROM UNDERGRADUATE LAW TO A MASTER'S IN ARCHAEOLOGY – AND ON TO A REWARDING CAREER IN THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTOR

Read about Matt's journey at Reading.

[View course information for Archaeology](#)

"The Department arranges associated projects that provide valuable links with industry and opportunities for global networking. These international communities of archaeologists are tight-knit and Reading's academics are very well connected with all the major institutions."

Matt, MA Archaeology graduate

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Classics and Ancient History (see page 72)
- ▶ History (see page 98)

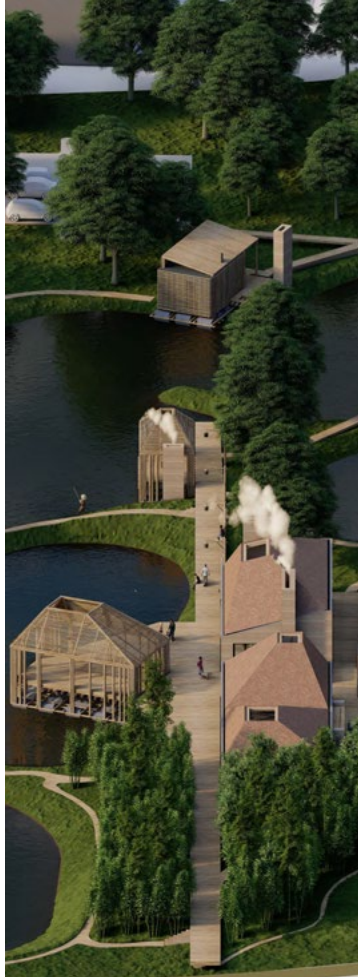
¹ Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021.

² REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Archaeology.

³ Ranked 51–100 in the QS World Rankings by Subject, 2023.

⁴ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Archaeology responders.

ARCHITECTURE



Take the next step in becoming a qualified architect in the UK – and prepare for the challenges of twenty-first century architecture.

The University of Reading is ranked 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning¹, and 100% of our research is of international standing². We are the joint 5th-highest UK university for Architecture and Built Environment in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2023.³

Learn from our talented and internationally diverse team, who combine vast professional experience with original academic research.

STRONG INDUSTRY LINKS

We've worked closely with industry partners to ensure our curriculum is responsive to this ever-changing profession.

The Architects Registration Board (ARB) has prescribed our Master of Architecture as a Part 2 course under the Architects Act 1997 until December 2028. Our professional course is also validated by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

DEDICATED STUDIO

The heart of the School of Architecture is our remodelled historic building on the London Road campus. You'll have access to:

- studio space, seven days a week
- a purpose-built, 3D digital design environment
- workshops equipped with 3D printers for digital model making, as well as facilities for ceramics and screen-printing.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students with a first-class honours degree enrolling on this programme for 2024 entry have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship worth £1,000 for each of the two years of the programme.⁴

CAREERS

In addition to key professional skills, you'll receive a strong foundation in research methods to prepare you to join PhD programmes in architecture and related disciplines.

On completion of our Master of Architecture programme, you will be required to complete a period of professional experience, and the related examination, to be eligible to achieve statutory registered status as an architect in the UK.

Course	Entry requirements
Master of Architecture (MArch) Early application is recommended as places are limited	<p>Full time: 24 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: Home: £9,250 per year International: £26,950 per year</p> <p>You must have achieved a 2:2 or higher on a Part 1 ARB validated (prescribed) award. If you hold a qualification obtained outside the EU, or a non-recognised UK qualification, you will need to pass ARB's own Prescribed Examination at the relevant level to be eligible for this programme.</p> <p>You will be invited to submit a sample portfolio as part of your application, showing evidence of your creative ability, problem-solving skills, architectural knowledge and potential for postgraduate study. If you are invited to interview, you will be able to present a full portfolio.</p> <p>IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5</p>

DRAWING A PORTRAIT OF READING THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Watch students and staff from the School of Architecture work with the local community on a **vision for the future of Reading town.**

[View course information for Architecture](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Art (see page 62)
- ▶ Construction Management and Engineering (see page 76)

¹ Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021.

² REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Architecture, Built Environment and Planning.

³ We are ranked 51–100 in the world overall.

⁴ This scholarship is subject to conditions, including successful progression between each academic year. Visit [master's scholarships](#) for more information.

ART



Develop your individual creative practice alongside internationally acclaimed artists.

You'll engage with exhibition and curatorial initiatives, theoretical texts and publication projects.

Your learning will be enriched by:

- **varied learning styles.** From small group seminars and studio crits, to lectures and tutorials, a diverse range of visiting artists will share their expertise.
- **real-world experience.** Learn from staff who are actively engaged as artists, curators and writers.
- **opportunities to study abroad.** Past students have travelled to Finland, Switzerland, France, Czech Republic, Hungary, USA, Australia, Canada, Taiwan, and China on our International Study Visit.

STUDIO COMMUNITY

We're an active, social department. You'll have 24-hour access to art studios and opportunities to partake in a programme of cross-disciplinary events, performances, screenings and shared discussions.

LINKS TO INDUSTRY

Our Asia network has offered exciting opportunities to exhibit in Japan, China and South Korea. You'll gain professional experience when working with our visiting curators and through our partnerships with local galleries and Community Arts organisations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

MA Fine Art equips you with the skills to establish yourself as a contemporary artist in the international field. It also offers you the time and expertise necessary to develop your career as a writer, curator, or within the cultural industries. Overall, 94% of graduates from Art are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.¹ We also provide teaching experience and mentoring opportunities for those interested in teaching, or museum and gallery education.

Course	Entry requirements
MA Fine Art Early application is recommended as places are limited	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). You should include a portfolio of current work, a written statement about your practice and a programme of research you wish to pursue. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

FINDING THE FREEDOM TO FLOURISH

Find out how MA Fine Art graduate Fangru benefited from our close connections with industry, contact with practising artists and supportive teaching to develop her own creative freelancing business in Shanghai.

[Read graduate Fangru's story.](#)

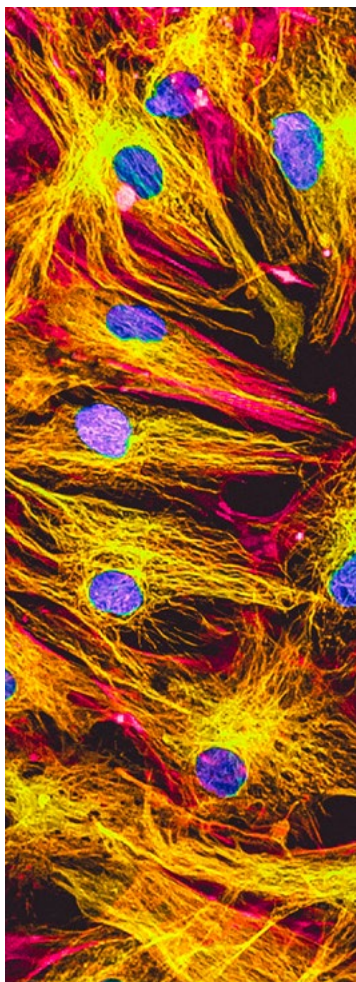
[View course information for Art](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Film, Theatre & Television (see page 92)
- ▶ Typography & Graphic Communication (see page 128)

¹ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research responders for Art.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



Take a cross-disciplinary, quantitative approach to research in the biomedical sciences.

In addition to your taught modules and research project, you'll gain hands-on training in important techniques such as:

- confocal microscopy
- molecular cloning
- cell culture
- bioinformatics.

RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

You will have the opportunity to conduct a research project in areas such as cancer, virology, stem cell biology, thrombosis or neurobiology, supported by staff who are experts in their fields.

Your studies will benefit from facilities including:

- a purpose-built imaging suite with confocal and super-resolution microscopes
- computing facilities for computer-intensive work in phylogenetics, bioinformatics, protein structure, evolution and population biology
- dedicated biomedical research and teaching laboratories in our new £60m Health and Life Sciences building.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for the University of Reading Centenary Scholarship. See page 46 for further funding information.

CAREERS

Graduates of our MSc by Research Biomedicine programme typically go on to pursue PhD studies, a research career, or work in the pharmaceutical industry.

"The teaching staff are really inspiring, as they are all undertaking their own research in the labs. It allows me to expand my thinking to future therapies, technologies, and techniques in medical research, and to look beyond the things I learned during my undergraduate degree."

Salma, recent graduate

Course	Entry requirements	
MSc by Research Biomedicine	Full time: 12 months	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a related subject such as biomedical sciences, biological sciences, biochemistry or microbiology. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
	Start: September	
	Fees:	
	Home: £12,550 International: £26,950	

FROM MASTER'S TO MEDCOMMS: WORKING IN THE WORLD OF MEDICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

Read graduate Edd's story.

[View course information for Biomedical Sciences](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Pharmacy and Professional Health Services (see page 110)
- ▶ Physician Associate (see page 114)

BUSINESS



Join an elite business school that holds triple-accredited status from the leading UK, European and US accrediting bodies: AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB.

At Henley Business School, you'll have access to:

- leadership and management expertise that has been developed through theory and practice
- applied research from our six research centres
- our collaborations with industry
- the wide business network in the Henley Centre for Entrepreneurship.

PIONEERING HISTORY

Founded in 1945, Henley is one of the UK's first business schools and has been developing leaders for more than 75 years. We combine the best of academic knowledge with practical development for aspiring individuals and ambitious organisations. Today, we have graduates spread across 165 countries, and a focus on the contemporary issues shaping our changing world.

PRE-EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

If you join us after your undergraduate degree, you will take an applied approach to your studies in business and management that will provide you with experience in linking theory to practice.

POST-EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

If you already have a degree and some business experience, our master's-level frameworks will enable you to deepen your understanding and application of your specialty. New knowledge and real-life student-led projects will help develop your confidence so you're ready to face new organisational challenges and drive change.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Henley Business School offers a substantial scholarship fund to UK and international students applying for their master's courses. Visit [Henley PG scholarships](#).

CAREERS

Our careers consultants at Henley Careers & Professional Development will work with you to explore your strengths and identify obstacles and opportunities. We host careers events throughout the year, including workshops, employer and professional events, online courses, and one-to-one career coaching.

Our MSc International Human Resource Programme is approved by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), providing a route to CIPD membership.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation	<p>Full time: 12 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees:</p> <p>Home: £14,100</p> <p>International: £25,000</p>
MSc International Human Resource Management	<p>Normally a good second-class honours degree or above for MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation, MSc International Business and Digital Transformation, and MSc International Business.</p> <p>Full time: 12 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees:</p> <p>Home: £14,100</p> <p>International: £25,000</p>
MSc International Business and Digital Transformation	<p>Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) for MSc International Human Resource Management, MSc International Business and Finance, MSc Management, MSc Digital Marketing, MSc Marketing (International Marketing), and MSc Marketing (Sustainable Marketing).</p> <p>Full time: 18 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: See website</p> <p>IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0</p>
MSc International Business and Finance	<p>Please note, MSc International Business and Digital Transformation is a dual-degree programme delivered in partnership with POLIMI Graduate School of Management in Milan, Italy.</p> <p>Full time: 12 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees:</p> <p>Home: £15,300</p> <p>International: £27,500</p>
MSc Management	Full time: 12 months
MSc International Business	Start: September
	Fees:
	Home: £14,500
	International: £27,000
MSc Marketing (International Marketing)	Full time: 12 months
MSc Marketing (Sustainable Marketing)	Start: September
MSc Digital Marketing	Fees:
	Home: £14,100
	International: £26,000

You may also be interested in

- ▶ Digital Business (see page 78)
- ▶ Finance (see page 94)
- ▶ Marketing (see page 104)

[View course information for Business](#)

BUSINESS EXECUTIVE PROGRAMMES



THE HENLEY EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAMMES

Focus on responsible and sustainable leadership with a global perspective while achieving our world-class MBA. Henley offers two study routes:

- Executive MBA – Global: an immersive study journey via Henley-based, in-person modules, online workshops and practical study visits overseas, bringing you significant leadership development and career focus, and rich international networking experiences.
- Flexible Executive MBA: an efficient programme experience, enabling you to gain an MBA over 27 months total with short in-person modules at Henley approximately every two months.

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION OPEN PROGRAMMES

Henley also offers a wide range of open programmes, which develop your capabilities in leadership, management, strategic planning, organisational change and executive coaching. A strong practical focus means you can immediately apply what you have learned to drive results for yourself and your organisation.

Programmes are organised into four broad areas: Leadership, Coaching and Behavioural Change, Strategic Management, and People and Organisational Change.

Study modes vary and include masterclasses, short courses, part-time/flexible degrees, and professional certificates, with a mix of online and on-campus study options. For information, visit [Henley Open Programmes](#).

APPRENTICESHIPS

Enhance skills and build capacity within your workforce. Visit [Henley Apprenticeships](#) for the latest information on our higher- and degree-level apprenticeship programmes in leadership, management and digital technology solutions.

Courses	Entry requirements
Executive MBA – Global	<p>Part time: 21 or 27 months</p> <p>Start: March and October</p> <p>Fees: See Henley MBA</p>
Flexible Executive MBA	<p>Part time: 27 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: See Henley MBA</p>

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) and a minimum of three years' management experience.

Applicants without a degree but with at least five years' management experience will be considered. Those with a professional qualification may also be considered.

IELTS: 7.0 overall with no element less than 6.0

CHAT WITH THE HENLEY TEAM

Talk to current postgraduate students at Henley, or [arrange a virtual meeting with Henley staff](#).

[View course information for Business Executive Programmes](#)

CHEMISTRY



Conduct synthetic, computational or analytical research in your specialist area of chemistry with guidance from an experienced researcher in our Department of Chemistry.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

You'll be joining a department where 100% of our research is of international standing¹, and 100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable"². Areas of expertise include:

- biomedical, molecular and analytical chemistry
- materials and interfaces for the future
- soft matter.

We also collaborate on interdisciplinary projects with colleagues from other departments within the University as well as industrial organisations.

PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES

You'll receive hands-on training in our purpose-built Chemical Analysis Facility, which provides instrumentation in the areas of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction, mass spectrometry, thermal analysis, electron microscopy and molecular spectroscopy.

STRONG INDUSTRY LINKS

Take advantage of our links with international companies representing all sectors of the chemical industry. We have excellent relationships with organisations such as AstraZeneca, BP, Cytec, DuPont, GlaxoSmithKline, Henkel, Johnson Matthey, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, Syngenta and Unilever.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for the University of Reading Centenary Scholarship and, if studying on a full-time basis, the H. Knapman Scholarship. Further funding information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

This master's degree will prepare you for a career in research and development, or to continue your studies at PhD level. You'll acquire a number of transferable skills in information handling, numeracy, problem solving and communication.

Course	Entry requirements
MSc Chemical Research	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September and February Fees: Home: £14,550 International: £28,950 PhD transfer: Although the usual route to PhD is by direct entry, it is possible for MSc students to transfer to a PhD subject to requirements.

WHERE WILL YOU TAKE US NEXT?

The Department of Chemistry works to solve some of the greatest scientific challenges facing society, and our students are actively involved in this world-class research. **Watch our video to learn more about research in our Department.**

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 64)
- ▶ Food and Nutritional Sciences (see page 96)
- ▶ Pharmacy and Professional Health Services (see page 110)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Chemistry.

² REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Chemistry.

[View course information for Chemistry](#)

CLASSICS AND ANCIENT HISTORY



Explore the ancient Mediterranean world, from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity, from Greece to Rome to Egypt and the Near East, and learn about its continuing significance for post-Classical cultures.

You'll learn through seminars and workshops, and will attend weekly research seminars delivered by leading scholars from all branches of the discipline.

Our Department's facilities include the on-site Ure Museum, which holds Cypriote, Egyptian and post-Classical artefacts, and one of the largest collections of Greek ceramics in the UK. Plus, we are located only a short distance from the major research libraries and classical archaeology collections of Oxford and London.

VIBRANT RESEARCH HUB

You'll be joining a Department with a vibrant research culture where 95% of our research is of international standing.¹

We encourage our students to organise their own conferences, work-in-progress seminars and annual research colloquia. We will also support you if you choose to further your research career with a PhD.

ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

Our research and teaching strengths span wide-ranging aspects of ancient history, society, literature and art. We have particular expertise in:

- ancient religions
- late antiquity
- ancient traditions of historiography
- ancient material culture
- the development of classical collections in museums
- reception of antiquity
- Greco-Roman Egypt
- literary genres such as tragedy, biography, and satire.

Our expertise in ancient languages includes papyrology, epigraphy and ancient linguistics, and we teach Latin, Greek, and Egyptian to complement your studies.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

This programme enables you to develop vital transferable skills for a range of career paths – including publishing, heritage, film production and education – and provides ideal preparation for a PhD and further academic research.

Course	Entry requirements
MA Classics and Ancient History	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a relevant humanities subject. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

BECOMING THE MASTER OF HER DEGREE

Read how Jessica's degree allowed her to tailor her learning to her interests – and to discover ancient civilisations from which today's society has stemmed. [Read Jessica's story.](#)

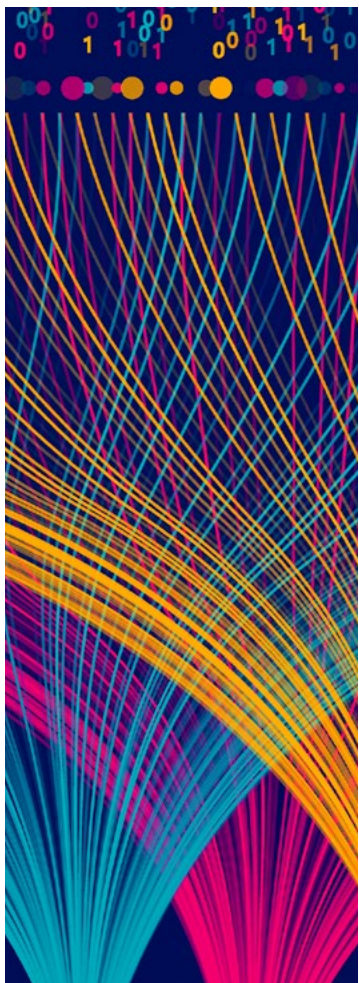
[View course information for Classics and Ancient History](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Archaeology (see page 58)
- ▶ History (see page 98)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Classics.

COMPUTER SCIENCE



In Reading's Department of Computer Science, you'll embrace the very latest in data science and machine learning.

Our MSc Data Science and Advanced Computing is accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS) – the Chartered Institute for IT.¹

100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable".² We conduct pure and applied research on a diverse range of topics, including:

- data science
- big data analytics
- machine learning
- computational science
- computer vision
- artificial intelligence (AI).

If you're interested in the use of AI to tackle the climate crisis, you may also be interested in the MSc Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence programme on page 107.

DEDICATED FACILITIES

You'll have access to a rich software catalogue, plus modern PC rooms with 120 workstations, special-purpose hardware for embedded applications for virtual reality headsets, professional graphics cards, and a High-Performance Computing cluster for large-scale data processing.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

INDUSTRY LINKS AND LOCATION

Reading is at the centre of the Thames Valley, which is a major high-technology hub. Our ideal location links us with a number of our industry neighbours. Companies such as Microsoft, Oracle, Cisco Systems, Hewlett-Packard (HP), Vodafone and Intel all have their headquarters within a few miles of our main campus, and a variety of local tech employers visit our job fairs.

CAREERS

Whether you're already working in the industry, or preparing for a new career, you'll develop skills for sectors spanning the IT and high-tech industries, finance and government. The knowledge and skills you acquire will also prepare you for the majority of industrial and scientific domains.

You can also choose to further your research at PhD level.

Course	Entry requirements
MSc Data Science and Advanced Computing	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,550 International: £26,950
	Normally at least a high 2:2 undergraduate honours degree in computing or a related discipline. These include (but are not limited to) mathematics, engineering, physics, chemistry, economics, or relevant work experience. You must have some experience of programming. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

RETURNING TO STUDY WITHOUT INTERRUPTING A CAREER

After several years' employment, Deyan decided the best thing to accelerate his career was to study for a master's in computer science – alongside his job at Vodafone. [Read Deyan's story.](#)

[View course information for Computer Science](#)

"I was very satisfied with the quality of the modules, their applicability, and the way they were taught by the lecturers. I see the position I currently hold as a direct consequence of having finished my computer science master's degree."

Deyan, MSc Data Science and Advanced Computing graduate

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Digital Business (see page 78)
- ▶ Meteorology and Climate (see page 106)

¹ Programme accredited at the time of publication; accreditation is reviewed periodically.

² REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Computer Science and Informatics.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING



Work with us to create new knowledge as you explore the exciting and complex world of the built environment.

Our accredited master's programmes offer flexible study options and an interdisciplinary approach in subject areas including construction management and energy and environmental engineering.

You'll learn from experts who have extensive academic and industry experience. Many are advisers, consultants and visiting lecturers working with companies, governments and universities around the world.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The University of Reading is ranked 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning.¹

100% of our research is of international standing² and 100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable"³.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Make use of our dedicated spaces, including a computer lounge, visualisation lab, and Building Information Modelling (BIM) facilities equipped with the latest technology and software:

- 3D laser scanning, 3D visualisation, and 3D printer
- building energy simulations

- large multiscreen display system
- VR headsets
- renewable energy modelling.

ACCREDITATIONS

Our programmes are accredited by one or more of the following leading industry bodies: the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the Association for Project Management (APM), the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), and the Energy Institute. Check course webpages for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

92% of graduates from Construction Management and Engineering are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation; of those in full-time employment, 99% are in graduate-level roles.⁴

You'll be well-prepared for a wide range of careers in cost management, project management, quantity surveying, facilities management, energy consultancy, renewable energy, and energy management and policy.

Courses

MSc Construction Cost Management

MSc Construction Management

MSc Construction Management and International Development

MSc Design and Management of Sustainable Built Environments

MSc Digital Design and Construction

MSc Project Management

MSc Renewable Energy: Technology and Sustainability

Entry requirements

Full time: 12 months
Flexible: 24–63 months

Start: September (full time or flexible); February (flexible only)

Fees:
Home: £12,550
International: £26,950
Flexible fees can be found on the individual course pages on our website

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (good second class or above). If you have other qualifications and a number of years' relevant work experience, you are welcome to apply.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

TAKING HER CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL

As a Civil Planning Engineer in Lebanon, Amal was keen to progress professionally. She joined our MSc Construction Management to take advantage of Reading's strong focus on practice and outstanding industry links. [Read Amal's story.](#)

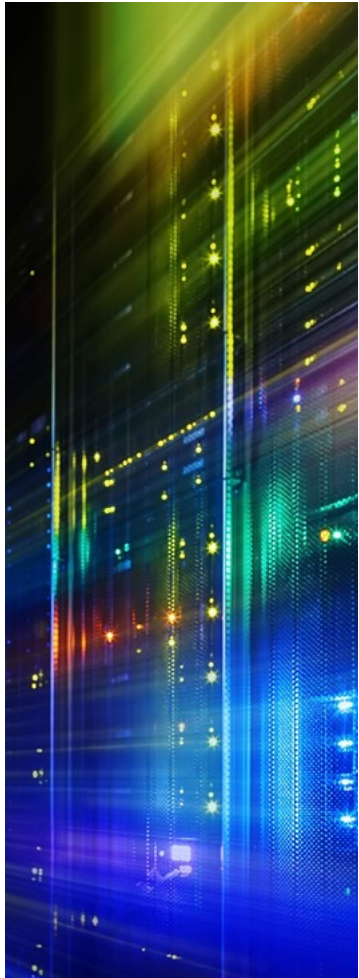
[View course information for Construction Management and Engineering](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Architecture (see page 60)
- ▶ Real Estate and Planning (see page 120)

¹ Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021.
² REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Architecture, Built Environment and Planning.
³ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Architecture, Built Environment and Planning.
⁴ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Construction Management and Engineering responders.

DIGITAL BUSINESS



Join Henley Business School and learn from academics who have held senior information management roles across industry and academia.

You'll also have opportunities to meet guest speakers from leading businesses, and take advantage of our business networks across multiple sectors to get involved in real-world projects.

Your studies will be informed by our latest research, integrate business strategy and technology solutions, and utilise emerging and state-of-the-art technologies. You'll develop a range of transferable business skills and technical knowledge, supported by staff who are dedicated to helping you realise your full potential.

ELITE ACCREDITATION

Henley Business School holds triple-accredited status from the leading UK, European and US accrediting bodies: AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB.

DIGITAL INNOVATION

Lead, manage, develop and implement innovative digital business solutions. Explore how digital technology innovations – such as the Internet of Things, 3D printing, drone technology, and artificial intelligence (AI) – and leadership can be harnessed to strategically organise and lead in a digital environment.

DIGITAL BUSINESS AND DATA ANALYTICS

Learn how to direct and manage the vast amounts of information being generated in business today. Analyse business problems while acquiring hands-on data analytics skills, and learn how to produce usable business intelligence to create competitive advantage in organisations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Henley Business School offers a substantial scholarship fund to UK and international students applying for their master's courses. Visit [Henley PG scholarships](#).

CAREERS

Prepare for a career within information-rich enterprises. Every type of organisation in every sector is waking up to the power of digital technology innovations and data in building tomorrow's digital world.

Our team of careers professionals offer a bespoke service – including excellent career and personal development advice and tools – to help prepare you for roles including business or data analyst, information manager and leader, solution architect, and digital business and technology consultant.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Digital Business and Data Analytics	Full time: 12 months Part time: Up to 36 months
MSc Digital Innovation	Start: September Fees: Home: £14,100 International: £25,000

CHAT WITH THE HENLEY TEAM

Talk to current postgraduate students at Henley, or [arrange a virtual meeting with Henley staff](#).

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Business (see page 66)
- ▶ Computer Science (see page 74)

[View course information for Digital Business](#)

ECOLOGY



Study the living world in a stunning, award-winning green campus, with varied habitats, animals and plants.

Our academics are passionate and knowledgeable about the natural world, with expertise in entomology, ecology, botany, ornithology and British mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Our research and teaching facilities include the new £60m Health and Life Sciences building, the Cole Museum of Zoology, and the Herbarium, which contain more than 4,000 zoological specimens and around 400,000 plant specimens.

You'll also have access to:

- the 320-acre Whiteknights Park and Harris Garden, most of which is managed for wildlife and biodiversity, with over 2,300 species of animals and plants
- laboratories dedicated to whole organism study and research, containing a wide range of microscope and photographic facilities
- state-of-the-art computing laboratories for Geographic Information Systems (GIS), population modelling, image analysis, wildlife recording and survey assessment
- controlled environment suites, glasshouses, and experimental grounds for invertebrate and plant research.

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Our MSc Ecological Survey Skills with Placement has been developed with ecological consultancy partners to provide you with the skills and knowledge needed for the consultancy and conservation sectors. This includes a six-month paid placement¹ with one of our consultancy partners to embed the skills you will learn.

On our MSc by Research Entomology, you'll learn everything required to carry out novel entomological research, as well as develop a broad expertise in entomology. We partner with industry-leading organisations and professional individuals to deliver our programme, including the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust, Natural History Museum, London, and Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for the University of Reading Centenary Scholarship and the H. Knapman Scholarship. Further funding information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Our programmes provide an excellent route into a career in the ecology, conservation and ecological consultancy sectors. Overall, 96% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.²

Courses

MSc by Research Entomology
MSc Ecological Survey Skills with Placement

Full time: 12 months
Start: September
Fees:
Home: £10,800
International: £22,350

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a related subject such as biological sciences, geographical sciences, agricultural sciences or environmental sciences. However, each application will be considered individually. For MSc Ecological Survey Skills, the six-month placement with an ecological consultancy is dependent on passing an interview stage and holding a valid driving licence.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

GETTING PAID TO LEARN

MSc Ecological Survey Skills with Placement student Emily talks about the programme, the range of habitats on campus, and what she has been getting up to on her paid placement with an ecological consultant.

Watch Emily's video.

[View course information for Ecology](#)

"Close contact with lecturers – who are national experts in their fields – and professionals who work for successful companies has made studying here better than I could ever have expected."

James, recent MSc Ecological Survey Skills with Placement graduate

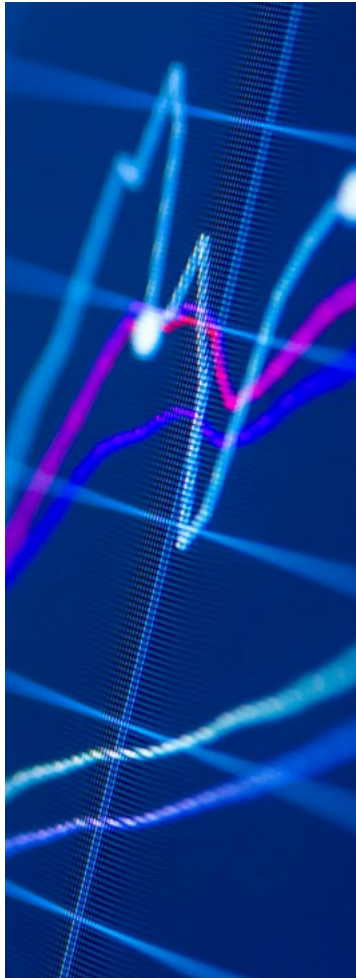
You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Environmental Science (see page 90)

¹ The University has ring-fenced paid placements for MSc Ecological Survey Skills with Placement students – students are required to pass an interview with the placement provider and have a valid driving licence.

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes graduates of MSc by Research Entomology and MSc Species Identification and Survey Skills (former name of MSc Ecological Survey Skills with Placement).

ECONOMICS



Look beyond the headlines and understand the forces shaping our world today.

Choose from a range of programmes reflecting the changing global economic environment, and examine the links between changes at national and international levels.

Reading's Department of Economics was established more than half a century ago. We're proud of the friendly, international community we've developed, which offers you a supportive environment to study in.

WIDE-RANGING RESEARCH

100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable".¹ Our programmes strongly align with our research and teaching expertise, which is predominantly in applied and policy-focused topics and directed towards improving the quality of life in the UK and around the world.

Our academics teach across the various fields of economics, including labour economics, behavioural economics, development economics, business economics and finance, econometrics, macroeconomics, and sports economics.

PUBLIC POLICY

A strong focus on applied research means that we emphasise the policy implications of our research findings, and you'll have the opportunity to specialise in the economics and/or politics of public policy on our MSc Public Policy degree. See pages 116–117 to find out more.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

You will develop valuable transferable skills, including data analysis, problem solving, IT and numeracy, self-management, teamwork and self-directed research.

Our Capstone module² – where you work on a team project for an external organisation – has previously helped graduates secure jobs in the public and corporate sectors. Past projects have included impact assessment of policy and business options, cost-benefit analysis, and a review of the dynamics of central Reading focusing on its rapidly changing economy and demography.

Dedicated advice and one-to-one support is available through our Careers Service.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Economics MSc Applied Economics MSc Business Economics	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
MSc Public Policy	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:2 or above) in a numerate, quantitative or business-related discipline. Check course webpages for a list of acceptable subject areas. You're also welcome to apply if you have strong career experience in a relevant field. For MSc Economics, a 2:1 is normally required; however, a 2:2 is accepted if your degree contains a high level of economics content. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
MSc Public Policy	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (high 2:2 or above). This programme is appropriate for students from any discipline, although a degree in politics, economics, international relations or a related field is preferred. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

EMBRACING EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Hicham has embraced all aspects of his postgraduate life at Reading, from the vibrant student community to the comprehensive training and interactive learning on his MSc Economics. [Read Hicham's story.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture and Agri-Food Economics (see page 56)
- ▶ Business (see page 66)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 116)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Business and Management Studies, and Anthropology and Development Studies.

² Subject to availability.

[View course information for Economics](#)

EDUCATION



Study at Reading's Institute of Education and learn from experts who are committed to developing knowledgeable, research-informed professionals in education.

Our programmes are designed to support early- and mid-career educators, who would like the opportunity to specialise and progress in their field.

Whether you are at a crossroads in your career or want the opportunity to rethink your practice, our academics will help challenge your thinking as well as consolidate your existing knowledge. Take the time to invest in yourself and your practice.

OUR PORTFOLIO

Choose from a range of courses, depending on your interests and career aspirations:

- MA Education with specialism options – you can tailor your study to your interests by choosing from a range of optional modules. You can select modules to follow one of five specific specialisms, including the new Creativity in Education.
- MA English Language Education in Guangdong.¹

- PGCert Education (Reflective Practice) – a master's-level top-up course for those working towards, or who already hold, Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).
- PGCert National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (SENCO) – specific to qualified teachers who hold a SENCO position and need to gain the National Award.

RESEARCH

You will be taught by a diverse and experienced community of academics. As experts in their field, their research informs the focus and content of your course. It also has a direct impact on educational policy, school curricula, and learning techniques in the UK and abroad.

The University of Reading Institute of Education is rated in the top quartile of education departments in the UK and 98% of our research is of international standing.²

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling on our MA Education in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

Courses	Entry requirements
MA Education Specialisms available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity in Education • Early Years • Inclusive Education • Leadership and Management • Research Methods* 	Full time: 12 months Part time: Up to 63 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350 Specialisms: All students enrol on the MA Education programme and take the core modules. Once enrolled, you can decide to follow one of our specialisms. You can do this by choosing specific modules from our range of optional modules.
PGCert National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (SENCO)	Part time: Typically 12 months (up to 36 months) Start: October Fees: Home: £2,800 International: £7,450 You must be a qualified teacher with QTS or equivalent (QTLS, EYTS) with a good undergraduate honours degree. Applicants with other qualifications and a number of years' relevant work experience will be considered. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0
PGCert in Education (Reflective Practice)	Part time: 10 months Start: September Fees: See website This programme is for primary and secondary practitioners who are working towards QTS or have achieved QTS and who wish to gain a postgraduate qualification. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE, CONFIDENCE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO REACH NEW CAREER HEIGHTS

Recent graduate Edith explains how her MA Education specialism has helped her become an inspirational leader for her company. [Read Edith's story.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Teaching (see page 124)

¹ Guangdong students only.

² REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Education.

* This specialism is only available for students on studentships funded by a Doctoral Training Partnership.

[View course information for Education](#)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS



Join a department that is recognised internationally for its excellent research in Applied Linguistics and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). 100% of our research is of international standing.¹

Our postgraduate programmes promote intellectual rigour, imaginative insight and critical awareness, and are designed to connect theory to practice.

STUDY OPTIONS

On our MA Applied Linguistics, you will learn about the role of language in a range of social and professional settings, including education.

If you wish to focus more on language teaching and learning, you can choose one of our MA TESOL programmes.

- Those who already have at least one year's teaching experience can take the MA TESOL dissertation track.
- Those who do not have teaching experience can take our pre-service teaching experience MA TESOL track with a portfolio of teaching-related assignments.

For all our programmes, you can choose from a range of core and optional modules open to all our students. Our programmes align with the University of Reading's core values of embracing diversity and

caring for our environment in modules which address migration, intercultural communication and climate change.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Take advantage of:

- a self-access language learning centre
- our outstanding library collections in TESOL and applied linguistics
- corpus facilities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Our graduates are spread across more than 40 countries, pursuing careers in education, government and industry-related fields. These include:

- teacher training
- university research
- teaching and leadership
- testing and assessment
- directing, managing or teaching roles within language teaching institutions
- roles in the media and publishing industries.

Courses	Entry requirements
MA Applied Linguistics MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September and February Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). Those with other qualifications and relevant work experience may also be considered. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

DEVELOP YOUR CAREER AS PART OF A GLOBAL TEAM OF STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Our master's graduates are spread across more than 40 countries and are pursuing careers in education, government and industry-related fields.

Watch Alis' video about why she chose Reading for her MA TESOL.

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

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ English Literature, and Creative Writing (see page 88)
- ▶ Migration and Intercultural Studies (see page 108)
- ▶ Speech and Language Therapy, Language Sciences (see page 122)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Modern Languages and Linguistics.

ENGLISH LITERATURE, AND CREATIVE WRITING



Join an English Literature department that has wide interests and world-leading archives, and is ranked 6th in the UK for its research publications.¹

Our master's programmes present students with a range of topics and periods, from medieval texts to minority literatures in contemporary Britain, from the eighteenth-century novel to children's film and TV.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMMES

- **MA English Literature.** Create your MA programme by selecting from topics such as the nineteenth century, modern literary feminisms, creative writing, and contemporary literature and ethnicity.
- **MA Creative Writing.** Learn with practising, published authors, and advance your creative writing abilities through the conception, development, revision, and completion of a project.
- **MRes Children's Literature.** Explore the history of children's literature, as well as childhood studies and children's media, with Britain's oldest master's degree on children's literature from a literary perspective, a fully-taught programme.

RESEARCH CENTRES

Our Department hosts or is affiliated with a range of distinguished research centres. Discover more at our [Research Groups](#) page.

YOUR STUDY ENVIRONMENT

You'll learn in small seminar groups, and sometimes hands-on in our unique archives. You'll receive individual guidance on your essays, and your dissertation will be individually supervised by an expert in the area. You'll also be welcomed at our special events, including research seminars, guest lectures, and events held by our prestigious research centres.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

In addition to expertise in English literature, you'll develop skills in critical thinking and writing. Our recent MA graduates have pursued careers in teaching, museums, libraries and archives, politics, and media research, as well as continuing to practise their own writing.

Our master's programmes also provide research training, so you'll be equipped to progress to PhD study or a career in a research organisation such as a think tank or heritage body.

Courses

MA English Literature
MA Creative Writing
MRes Children's Literature

Full time: 12 months
Part time: 24 months
Start: September
Fees:
Home: £10,800
International: £22,350

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in an appropriate subject.

For MA Creative Writing, you'll need to submit two examples of your creative writing.

For MRes Children's Literature, you'll need to submit copies of two essays you wrote during your degree (not on children's literature) and a 500-word statement of motivation.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0 (except the MRes which is 7.0 overall with no element less than 6.0)

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Watch [Alannah's video](#) as she discusses her modules, learning experiences and the support she's received during her MA English Literature.

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

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ English Language and Applied Linguistics (see page 86)
- ▶ Migration and Intercultural Studies (see page 108)

¹ Times Higher Education analysis of the latest REF 2021 – English Language and Literature, when scoring by GPA Output.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



Join an institution among the top 10 UK universities for Environmental Sciences in world rankings.¹

You'll develop your environmental management skills alongside your awareness of environmental science and policy, and build on your practical experience with fieldwork and research projects.

Custom-designed laboratories and specialised research facilities will support your studies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There is a growing market for environmental managers and consultants.² To prepare you to meet this demand, we:

- create extensive opportunities for you to network with potential employers
- design coursework assignments to reflect the outputs of industry, ensuring that you have opportunities to develop the necessary skills for your future career.

ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

Our academics have expertise across a broad range of areas, including contaminated land, air pollution, and environmental economics, with experience in both academic and industrial applications.

The University of Reading ranks 3rd in the UK for research power in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences³, and 100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable"⁴.

ACCREDITATION

Our programme is accredited by the Committee of Heads of Environmental Sciences (CHES), the education committee of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).⁵

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Our students go on to work in a wide variety of public and private sector organisations – within the UK and internationally. Following successful graduation, you will also be well placed to pursue further doctoral study and academic and research posts.

Potential careers include roles in:

- environmental consultancy
- contaminated land, air quality, and waste management
- national and local government
- environmental policy
- water companies
- agricultural consultancies
- in-house roles (sustainability, waste management, and environmental law).

Course	Entry requirements
MSc Environmental Management	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,550 International: £26,950 IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

FROM MASTER'S STUDENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

Recent graduate Henry explains what attracted him to Reading's MSc Environmental Management programme and how he is putting his experience into practice as an Environment, Climate Change and Development consultant in Ghana. [Read Henry's story.](#)

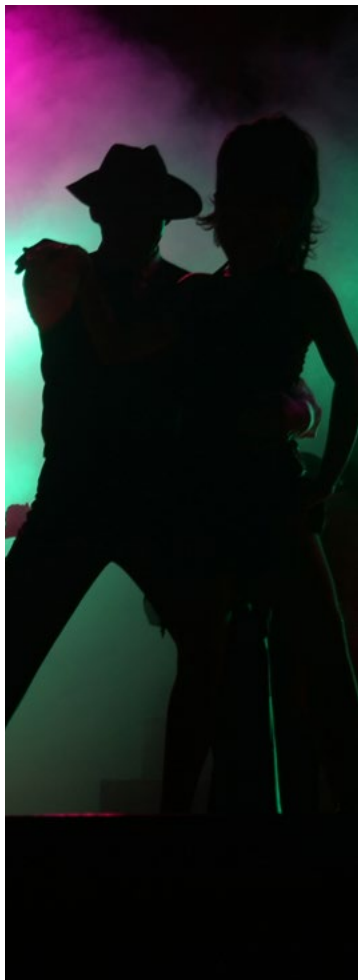
[View course information for Environmental Science](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture and Agri-Food Economics (see page 56)
- ▶ Ecology (see page 80)
- ▶ International Development (see page 100)
- ▶ Meteorology and Climate (see page 106)

¹ Reading is 10th out of the UK universities ranked in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 and is ranked joint 78th overall.
² "Green" occupations (including environment, environmental health and environmental associate professionals) are projected to grow. *The Future of Skills: Employment in 2030* (Bakhshi, H., Downing, J., Osborne, M. and Schneider, P.), 2017.
³ Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021.
⁴ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences, and Anthropology and Development Studies.
⁵ A programme accredited by CHES is assured to meet high standards, contain a strong component of practical, field and theoretical activities, and has excellent opportunities for training, work experience and links to the professional environmental sector.

FILM, THEATRE & TELEVISION



Explore current critical debates in film, television and theatre, specialising in an existing area of enquiry or developing your own area of practice through research.

Whether you have a practical or theoretical background, you'll acquire key analytical and interpretative skills as well as practical expertise in film, television and theatre production.

At Reading, we promote innovative, interdisciplinary research, and you'll join a department where 100% of our research is of international standing.¹

IDEAL LOCATION

Reading is one of the fastest growing screen industry hubs in the UK. The British Film Institute has recently invested in our plan for screen skills training, together with Shinfield Studios, a huge film facility newly built on the University's Thames Valley Science Park.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIOS

Develop practical skills in the Minghella Studios, the home of our Department. Make use of our:

- three flexible theatre spaces
- multicamera film and TV studio
- digital cinema
- dedicated recording studio and mixing suites
- state-of-the-art Arri Alexa film cameras
- green screen facilities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

A CREATIVE, COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

You will benefit from our:

- one-to-one support and supervision from world-class academics
- strong links to industry and practitioners
- subject-specific collections and extensive library resources.

FILM AND CREATIVE ENTERPRISE

Taught alongside Henley Business School and the School of Law, this course is designed to help you develop as a researcher and practitioner, and equip you with the skill set needed for an entrepreneurial career. Gain the skills to help you pursue a start-up opportunity on your own or to take a leading managerial role in a creative firm.

CAREERS

You'll develop a breadth of skills that are transferable across a range of careers. Our industry partners, such as FEST, in Portugal, and South Street, in Reading, offer excellent opportunities for career development.

Overall, 100% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.²

Courses

MA Film and Creative Enterprise
MA by Research Film, Theatre & Television

Full time: 12 months
Part time: 24 months
Start: September
Fees:
Home: £10,800
International: £22,350

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above).

For MA Film and Creative Enterprise, you'll need to show evidence of your commitment to film or television study and/or practice.

For MA by Research, your degree should be in a subject related to film, theatre or television. For exceptional candidates without such a degree, you'll need convincing evidence of relevant professional experience and examples of substantial written work.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

WINNING FIRST PRIZE AT AN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Anwar came to the University of Reading from Malaysia to study an LLB Law degree. After getting involved with theatre and filmmaking through student societies, he decided on a change of career and joined our Creative Enterprise programme. Discover how he went from master's student to winner of the Best International Short Film at Jaffna International Cinema Festival. [Read Anwar's story.](#)

[View course information for Film, Theatre & Television](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Art (see page 62)
- ▶ English Literature, and Creative Writing (see page 88)
- ▶ Typography & Graphic Communication (see page 128)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Music, Drama, Dance, Performing Arts, Film and Screen Studies.

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research responders from Film, Theatre and Television.

FINANCE



Join the triple-accredited Henley Business School and further your studies in finance through our International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Centre, Europe's first active collaboration between the capital markets industry and a university finance department.

BENEFIT FROM:

- our collaborative links with industry
- extensive alumni network, with graduates in more than 165 countries
- hands-on programming sessions
- applied trading sessions
- parallel preparation for the Chartered Financial Analysis (CFA) Level 1 exam alongside your studies.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

We take a practice-centred approach to enhancing your financial analysis skills. You'll have access to three dealing rooms with more than 100 Refinitiv and Bloomberg terminals, giving you a realistic insight into the software and systems used by industry professionals.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Henley Business School offers a substantial scholarship fund to UK and international students applying for their master's courses. Visit [Henley PG scholarships](#).

FLAGSHIP AND SPECIALIST MASTER'S

Our MSc Finance and MSc Investment Management are our most established programmes. Our specialist master's programmes delve deeper into business areas within the finance industry. Our programmes equip you with the practical skills needed to thrive in the financial services industry and offer opportunities such as masterclasses, a summer placement, field trips and an extensive alumni network.

ACCREDITATIONS

The ICMA Centre is a CFA University Affiliate, in recognition of our degree programmes covering at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge, the CFA Institute Ethical and Professional Standards, and other requirements.

Most of our programmes also offer accreditation and/or partial exemptions from professional bodies.

Visit [ICMA accreditations](#).

CAREERS

You'll have access to the Henley Careers & Professional Development Team's specialist services, such as one-to-one support, workshops, and employer events.

Our graduates are spread around the world, working in financial hotspots such as London, New York and Hong Kong.

Courses	Entry requirements
FLAGSHIP MASTER'S	
MSc Finance	Full time: 12 months
MSc Investment Management	Start: September
	Fees:
	Home: £16,000
	International: £28,000
SPECIALIST MASTER'S	Full time: 12 months
MSc Behavioural Finance	Start: September
MSc Climate Change, Sustainable Business and Green Finance	Fees:
MSc Corporate Finance	Home: £15,300
MSc Finance and Financial Technology (FinTech)	International: £27,500
MSc Financial Risk Management	
MSc Real Estate Finance	Full time: 12 months
	Start: September
	Fees:
	Home: £20,400
	International: £27,500

Typically a good second-class undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) with a satisfactory existing level of numeracy.

For MSc Real Estate Finance, a degree in a numerate/quantitative-based subject is preferred.

Relevant professional experience may be considered.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

CHAT WITH THE HENLEY TEAM

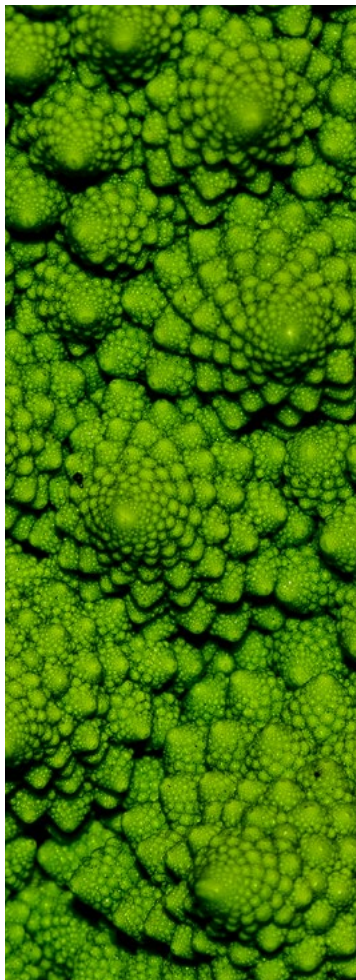
Talk to current postgraduate students at Henley, or [arrange a virtual meeting with Henley staff](#).

[View course information for Finance](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Accounting (see page 54)
- ▶ Business (see page 66)
- ▶ Real Estate and Planning (see page 120)

FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES



Improve the quality and nutrition of food to deliver real benefits for society.

Join a global player in food and health research – 95% of our research is of international standing.¹

Our research areas include the development of prebiotics and probiotics, evaluation of the health impact of functional food ingredients, study of flavour chemistry, and quality assessment of food processing methods.

WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Study in a lively environment, with more than 30 research and teaching staff as well as research students, and technical and clinical staff.

Our community extends to influential alumni and extensive industry contacts who provide significant research funding and support our teaching programmes.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

You will have the opportunity to use one of the largest ranges of dedicated food laboratories in a UK university. These include:

- a food processing centre equipped for pilot-scale manufacture and product development
- advanced sensory panel facilities
- state-of-the-art clinical research facilities in the Hugh Sinclair Unit of Human Nutrition
- specialist laboratories for assessing human gut microflora.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. We also offer the Harry Nursten Scholarship – one award of up to £5,000 for UK nationals/residents. Further funding information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Overall, 96% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.²

You will gain the knowledge to work within a range of organisations, including multinational food manufacturers, ingredient suppliers, major retail chains, and smaller companies supplying niche markets.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Food Science MSc Food Technology – Quality Assurance	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,550 International: £26,950
MSc Nutrition and Food Science	Normally at least a lower second-class undergraduate honours degree (2:2 or above) in a pure or applied science. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning may be considered based on relevant work and other experience. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
MSc Nutrition and Food Science	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,550 International: £26,950
	Normally at least a lower second-class undergraduate honours (2:2 or above) in a degree that has a significant element of biological science. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning may be considered based on relevant work and other experience. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

SHORT COURSES

We also run short training courses and Continuing Professional Development programmes for businesses and individuals in the food industry. Visit **Food short courses** for details.

A HEALTHY ADVANTAGE

Discover how our accredited MSc Nutrition and Food Science paved the way for Ewen's public career in nutrition at the British Nutrition Foundation.
[Read Ewen's story.](#)

[View course information for Food and Nutritional Sciences](#)

You may also be interested in:

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Economics (see page 56)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences.

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research responders from Food and Nutritional Sciences.

HISTORY



Specialise in your preferred area of history such as medieval, early modern or modern, or study a breadth of time periods with our master's programme.

We provide a stimulating research environment where 100% of our research is of international standing.¹ You can undertake our course full time, part time, or on a modular basis.

INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

You'll work in an interdisciplinary environment that connects you with other departments across the University as well as organisations including:

- Museum of English Rural Life
- British Museum
- Historic England
- National Trust
- British Library
- Houses of Parliament
- Wellcome Library.

We have a number of interdisciplinary research centres where you'll get involved in our research seminar series and our vibrant postgraduate community. We also have a dedicated postgraduate room where master's and doctoral students work together, exchange ideas, and support one another.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Many of our graduates pursue careers in teaching and government. Others move into doctoral research, and specialise in public history and public engagement.

You'll be equipped with subject-specific research and transferable skills such as locating, collating and analysing large quantities of information, understanding and applying complex ideas, and constructing reasoned and articulate arguments. These are suitable for a diverse range of professions and also provide the foundation for further postgraduate study.

Course	Entry requirements	
MA History	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Flexible: 48–60 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). However, other graduates who can demonstrate suitable ability and commitment are also welcome to apply. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Watch **Amy and Charlie's video** as they introduce you to our MA History, share their favourite things about the course and Department, and discuss how they tailored their master's degrees to their interests.

[View course information for History](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Archaeology (see page 58)
- ▶ Classics and Ancient History (see page 72)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – History.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Join the Graduate Institute of International Development, Agriculture and Economics (GIIDAE), an outstanding example of a globalised learning experience.

GIIDAE offers a range of interdisciplinary programmes related to agriculture and the rural environment, the food chain, applied economics and marketing, climate change, and international development, focusing on the complex, real-life challenges that global communities and businesses face when working towards a more sustainable future.

Based in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, you'll study alongside students from more than 40 countries, developing analytical and practice-based skills and experience that will help you to combat these challenges.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

GIIDAE has provided internationally recognised teaching and research expertise for more than 125 years. Our global calibre and reputation for excellence means Reading is ranked joint 16th in the world for agriculture and forestry – and is the highest-ranking university in the UK.¹

On our programmes, you'll explore theory, practice and current debates in your chosen area of study, working with academics at the forefront of research and policy development. You'll also benefit from opportunities to undertake placements to transform your theoretical understanding into practical experience.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a **GIIDAE Scholarship** as well as the University of Reading Centenary Scholarship (see page 46). There is a range of funding options available to students through GIIDAE and our partners.

CAREERS

The interdisciplinary nature of our programmes will help prepare you for a career in practice, policy and research in international development and a range of related fields.

Field trips, debates, workshops, events with visiting speakers, placements, and research dissertations all provide opportunities to build and showcase your knowledge and skills – as well as network with organisations in your chosen professional sector.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Applied International Development	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months
MSc Agriculture and Development	Start: September
MSc Environment, Climate Change and Development	Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
MSc Communication for Development	IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
MSc Food Security and Development	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September
MSc Development Finance	Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350 IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
	Please note: If you have little or no training in economics, you may be admitted if you attend our pre-sessional economics course.

MEET GIIDAE'S INSPIRING GRADUATES

Read our alumni stories.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture and Agri-Food Economics (see page 56)
- ▶ Marketing (see page 104)

[View course information for International Development](#)

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2023 – Agriculture & Forestry. We are the only UK university featured in the global top 60.

LAW



Join Reading's Law School and learn from academics who contribute regularly to global and UK policy development and law reforms.

Our teaching is supported by research conducted by renowned experts in national, European and international law. 99% of our research is of international standing.¹

A COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT

On our LLM programmes, you will have access to research expertise from across the University, including our Centre for Commercial Law and Financial Regulation (CCLFR), Henley Business School, International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Centre, Global Law at Reading (GLAR), the Walker Institute, and School of Politics, Economics and International Relations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Alongside your core subjects, there will be career development and co-curricular opportunities, a series of practitioner-led guest lectures, and a broad range of networking opportunities.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Broaden your experience on one of our double master's programmes, delivered with our leading partner universities including Thammasat University in Thailand.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. See page 46 for more information.

CAREERS

A postgraduate law degree can open doors to a wide range of employment areas, such as law firms, and European, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as well as academia (with further postgraduate study), journalism and broadcasting, the civil service and other branches of public service.

Graduates from our LLM programmes have gone on to work for a range of national and international law firms, as lawyers and in-house legal counsels for large multinational companies in the UK and abroad, as well as international organisations and NGOs.

Courses

LLM Advanced Legal Studies

Full time: 12 months

Part time: 24 months

LLM International Law

LLM International Commercial Law (general route)

Start: September and February

LLM International Commercial Law (specialist pathways)

Fees:

Home: £10,800

International: £22,350

- Intellectual Property Law and Management
- International Banking Law and Financial Regulation
- International Corporate Finance

LLM by Research Thesis

Full time: 12 months

Part time: 24 months

MA by Research Legal History

MRes Law

MRes Law and Society

Start: September (and February for LLM)

Fees:

Home: £10,800

International: £22,350

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above).

Our students come with a variety of relevant legal and non-legal experience and all applicants are considered on individual merit.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). These programmes are ideal preparation for PhD study.

Contact us for information on the entry requirements for LLM by Research Thesis.

For MA by Research Legal History, you must provide a sample of academic writing and a short abstract of the proposed research, and attend an interview with the programme director.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

FROM MASTER'S STUDENT TO LECTURER IN LAW

Faye credits support from the School of Law with helping her realise her ambition to pursue PhD study at Reading after her LLM.

Read Faye's story.

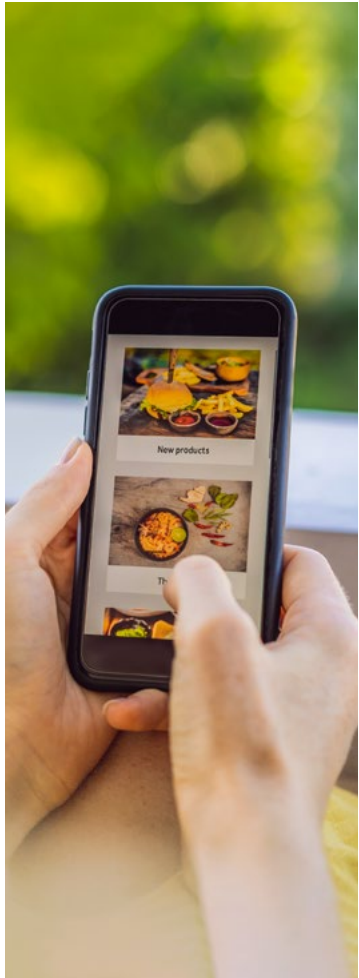
[View course information for Law](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ International Development (see page 100)
- ▶ Migration and Intercultural Studies (see page 108)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 116)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Law.

MARKETING



We offer a range of exciting marketing programmes, taught by Henley Business School and the Department of Agri-Food Economics and Marketing, all of which are accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).¹

MARKETING AT HENLEY

Specialise in digital, international or sustainable marketing at the triple-accredited Henley Business School (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB).

- **Digital Marketing:** learn how to make the best use of digital channels and understand how customers interact with businesses online.
- **International Marketing:** gain an understanding of marketing strategies and practices around the world.
- **Sustainable Marketing:** learn how marketing can lead and support the sustainability challenges faced by businesses and develop skills and strategies to drive organisational change in this vital area.

AGRI-FOOD ECONOMICS AND MARKETING

Choose from two marketing programmes in the Department of Agri-Food Economics and Marketing. You'll join a global community in our Graduate Institute of International Development, Agriculture and Economics (GIIDAE) and be taught

by internationally renowned academics who are at the forefront of research, practice and policy development.

- **Food Economics and Marketing:** learn how economic and marketing forces influence the decisions of producers, processors, retailers, consumers and policy makers along food supply chains.
- **Consumer Behaviour:** develop the ability to understand, interpret and predict the consumer actions that underpin all marketing activities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Both Henley Business School and GIIDAE offer scholarships to UK and international master's students. Visit [Henley PG scholarships](#) and [Reading GIIDAE scholarships](#) respectively, and see page 46.

CAREERS

Access specialist employability services while you study, such as one-to-one support, workshops, and employer events. Build your network through field trips and attend lectures delivered by visiting speakers. Apply your learning via marketing challenges and consultancy-style modules with external clients (depending on your programme), and link with organisations in your chosen professional sector.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Digital Marketing MSc Marketing (International Marketing) MSc Marketing (Sustainable Marketing)	Full time: 12 months Start: September Fees: Home: £14,100 International: £26,000
MSc Consumer Behaviour MSc Food Economics and Marketing	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
	Normally a good second-class undergraduate honours degree or above. Professional or entrepreneurial experience may be taken into account. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). MSc Consumer Behaviour is suitable for graduates from both business and non-business backgrounds. MSc Food Economics and Marketing requires an intermediate knowledge of microeconomics and quantitative methods. However, if you have little or no economics training, you may be admitted if you attend our pre-sessional economics course. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

MEET GIIDAE'S INSPIRING GRADUATES

Read our alumni stories.

CHAT WITH THE HENLEY TEAM

Talk to current postgraduate students at Henley, or [arrange a virtual meeting with Henley staff](#).

[View course information for Marketing](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture and Agri-Food Economics (see page 56)
- ▶ Business (see page 66)
- ▶ International Development (see page 100)

¹ CIM accreditation allows you to gain module exemptions from some CIM diplomas and certificates after graduation, helping to fast-track your professional development.

METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATE



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

WORLD-RENOWNED RESEARCH

The University is ranked 4th in the world for research in Atmospheric Sciences¹ and we hold a highly prestigious Regius Professorship in Meteorology and Climate Science, bestowed by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the exceptionally high quality of our teaching and research.

Study with us and you'll learn from leading meteorologists, physicists, mathematicians and computational scientists. Our Department is home to five Fellows of the Royal Society, as well as six lead authors who contributed to the latest Working Group I Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CLOSE INDUSTRY LINKS

We benefit from close research and training links with the Met Office and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts. These links provide excellent facilities for acquiring special datasets and other material useful in teaching and research.

ACCREDITATION

Our MSc Atmosphere, Ocean and Climate, MSc Applied Meteorology and Climate, and MSc Applied Meteorology and Climate with Management are approved by the Royal Meteorological Society as appropriate academic training for meteorologists seeking the qualifications of Chartered Meteorologist (CMet) or Registered Meteorologist (RMet).²

Successful MSc holders can apply for election to Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society (FRMetS).

CAREERS

Overall, 90% of graduates from Meteorology are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation.³

In recent years, our students have been recruited by AIR, Arup, BBC, Fugro GEOS, MeteoGroup, Risk Management Solutions, and the UK Met Office. Others pursue careers in environmental measurement, risk management and policy development.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Applied Meteorology and Climate	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,550 International: £26,950
MSc Applied Meteorology and Climate with Management	
MSc Atmosphere, Ocean and Climate	
MSc Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence (AI)	
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:2 or above) in a mathematical/physical science or a closely related subject. Prior knowledge of meteorology is not necessary.
	For our MSc Applied Meteorology and Climate programmes, a degree in environmental/agricultural sciences or geography may be acceptable if maths and physics have been studied to A level or equivalent.
	For MSc Atmosphere, Ocean and Climate, your degree should comprise a significant level of maths and/or physics content.
	For MSc Climate Change and AI, your degree can be in a mathematical, physical, computational science, engineering or related subject and you should have experience in programming.
	IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

DISCOVERING A PASSION FOR PROGRAMMING

Recognising the growing potential of AI to transform the way we collect and use climate data, Alpana joined our MSc Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence as the next step towards developing her career in sustainable living. She now has her sights set on a PhD. [Read Alpana's story.](#)

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

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Computer Science (see page 74)
- ▶ Environmental Science (see page 90)
- ▶ Finance (see page 94)
- ▶ International Development (see page 100)

¹ ShanghaiRanking 2022 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects.

² Accreditation is reviewed periodically.

³ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes postgraduate taught and postgraduate research Meteorology responders.

MIGRATION AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES



Gain a firm understanding of the social, cultural, and linguistic issues surrounding migration.

The Department of Languages and Cultures offers expertise in language and migration studies, translation and cultural change, post-colonial studies, and language teaching. 100% of our research in modern languages and linguistics is judged to be of international standing.¹

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

You will learn in small groups with direct access to expert staff across the University, and will be able to tailor this programme to your own interests with a wide range of optional modules.

- Take relevant modules beyond the Department, in the wider School of Literature and Languages, or in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, the School of Politics, Economics and International Relations, and the School of Law.
- Specialise in areas of your own interest such as cultural studies, ethics, and environmental studies.
- Engage in a variety of learning methods from media reports, digital radio programmes and exhibitions to traditional essays, online learning journals, and work-based placements.

- Take advantage of our dedicated self-access language learning centre, our outstanding library collections in applied linguistics, and our corpus facilities.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Study a foreign language – such as French, German, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Modern Greek, Japanese, and Russian² – through our Institution-Wide Language Programme. You'll study the language in the political, social, historical and cultural contexts of the country in which it is spoken, in small classes led by native speakers.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

To complement your theoretical and policy-based studies, you'll be encouraged to undertake an internship or conduct fieldwork with governmental or non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

This degree will prepare you for a career in government, national and international NGOs, and the non-profit sector, or for doctoral study in the fields of migration or language studies.

Course	Entry requirements
MA Migration and Intercultural Studies	<p>Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350</p> <p>Typically a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). Those with other qualifications and relevant work experience may also be considered. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0</p>

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Hear from three of our master's students, as well as Professor Federico Faloppa, about our MA Migration and Intercultural Studies programme. Watch the video on our [MA Migration and Intercultural Studies](#) page.

[View course information for Migration and Intercultural Studies](#)

"The standard of teaching I have experienced is exceptional; the lecturers are willing to go the extra mile to ensure that students have a good understanding of what is discussed in class, and offer extra support if necessary."

Julia, MA Migration and Intercultural Studies

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ English Language and Applied Linguistics (see page 86)
- ▶ International Development (see page 100)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 116)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Modern Languages and Linguistics.

² Subject to availability.

PHARMACY AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SERVICES



The Reading School of Pharmacy has an established reputation for research into the application of chemical, clinical, pharmaceutical and pharmacological expertise to areas of therapeutic and biological importance.

Overall, 97% of our research is of international standing in the latest Research Excellence Framework.¹

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

We have a range of fantastic research facilities, including our £4m Chemical Analysis Facility, which is essential for modern chemical and pharmaceutical research and activity at the chemistry-biology interface. We also have the Brain Embodiment Laboratory (BEL), which offers electrophysiology/tissue culture facilities and collaborations with computational neuroscientists.

STRONG LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

From big pharma to small enterprises, our links provide access to industrial laboratories and facilities.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Connections with national and international research committees provide opportunities for you to participate in events and conferences.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for the University of Reading Centenary Scholarship. See page 46 for further funding information.

CAREERS

Overall, 100% of graduates from Pharmacy are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.² Many of them go on to work in industry and as researchers at NHS organisations.

Courses

MSc by Research Formulation Design and Analysis

MSc by Research Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience

MSc by Research Pharmacy Practice

Full time: 12 months

Start: September

Fees:

Home: £14,550

International: £28,950

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). If you have relevant experience and a degree in a field other than those listed below, you may also be considered for entry.

For MSc by Research Formulation Design and Analysis, your degree should be in an appropriate chemical or pharmaceutical science or related degree.

For MSc by Research Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience, your degree should be in an appropriate biological science or related degree.

For MSc by Research Pharmacy Practice, your degree should be in pharmacy or an equivalent pharmacy qualification.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

CIPPET: CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Through the **Centre for Inter-Professional Postgraduate Education and Training** (CIPPET), we offer flexible, work-based programmes for healthcare practitioners that are designed to fit around and complement your working life.

[View course information for Pharmacy and Professional Health Services](#)

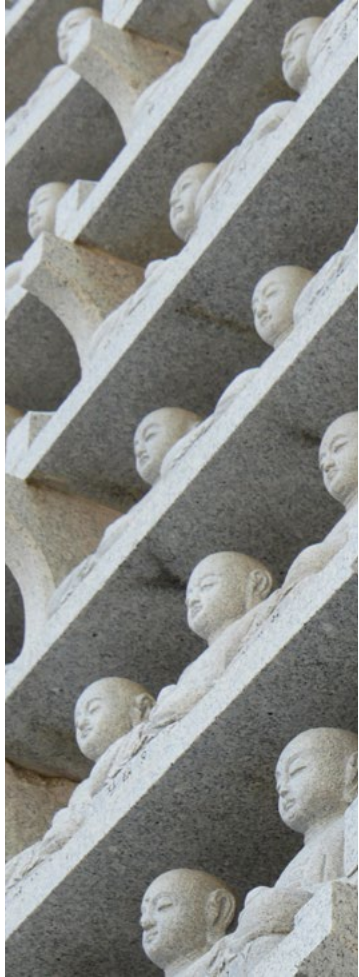
You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 64)
- ▶ Chemistry (see page 70)
- ▶ Physician Associate (see page 114)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy.

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes postgraduate taught and research Pharmacy responders.

PHILOSOPHY



Join our Department of Philosophy and study in a stimulating research environment, where 100% of our research is of international standing.¹

Work with academics whose expertise includes ethics, philosophy of language, Wittgenstein, metaphysics and philosophy in non-western traditions. You'll have opportunities to:

- critically engage with current philosophical debates
- focus on areas of philosophy that particularly interest you through your three individually supervised essays, oral presentation, and dissertation
- collaborate with academics and other students during regular seminars, reading groups and events organised by the student-run Philosophy Society.

RESEARCH EVENTS

Get involved in major conferences hosted by our Department. These include an annual conference sponsored by *Ratio*, an international journal of analytic philosophy edited in the Department.

Our location between Oxford and London means you can also take advantage of the wealth of philosophy events at these two leading centres of research.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Through your master's programme, you'll develop skills in conducting independent research, formulating complex problems, and presenting and assessing arguments – all transferable skills valued by a diverse range of employers.

Our graduates have gone on to varied careers including politics, finance, engineering, the Royal Air Force, theatre, and academia, or have pursued PhD research.

"Small group seminars generate lengthy debates among students and lecturers. We all have an opportunity to use our voice and bring our intuitions to the table, which inspires me to explore areas I have not yet considered and to open my mind to new philosophical ideas. Although the degree is not taught, academic staff support and motivate me to enjoy the process of independent research and write-up."

Emily, recent Philosophy graduate

Course	Entry requirements
MA by Research Philosophy	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in philosophy. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

ASKING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AND POPULARISING THE ANSWERS

An inquisitive mindset and the art of debate are just two of the skills that graduate Silvia honed during her philosophy master's at Reading. Now she works as a freelance journalist and writer, publishing on several international media outlets. **Read Silvia's story.**

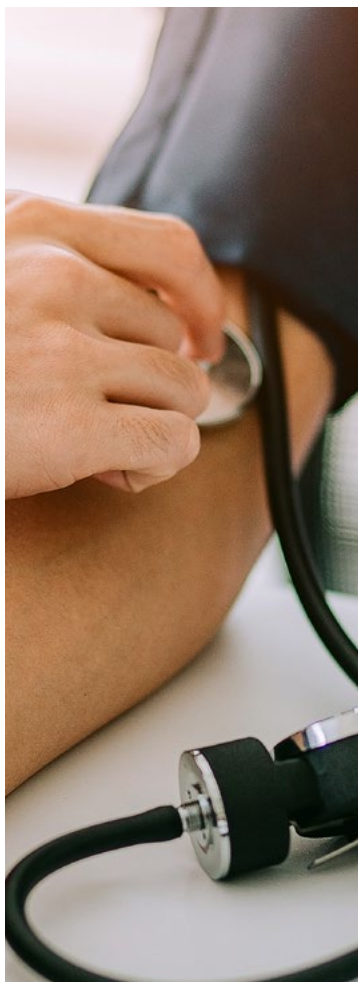
[View course information for Philosophy](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Classics and Ancient History (see page 72)
- ▶ History (see page 98)
- ▶ Migration and Intercultural Studies (see page 108)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Philosophy.

PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE



Our Physician Associate (PA) programme has been developed in partnership with the Royal Berkshire Hospital and Berkshire Healthcare Trust in response to the growing demand for this professional role in the NHS.

Taught by practising healthcare professionals and academics, you'll gain insight into current practice.

As a PA, you'll work as a member of a medical team under the supervision of a doctor or surgeon. Your responsibilities may include:

- taking medical histories
- performing examinations
- diagnosing illnesses
- analysing test results
- developing management plans.

Your training will combine intensive, evidence-based academic work and hands-on workplace experience, with considerable interaction with patients from early on in your studies.

WORKING WITH THE NHS

Working with NHS England South East, many local primary care providers and several local hospital trusts, we are a nationally recognised institution of excellence in PA training. You will carry out around 350 hours of clinical placements in your first year, and around 1,350 in your second year across our training providers.

The programme is designed to meet the requirements of the Department of Health's Competence and Curriculum Framework for the Physician Associate, and aims to maximise the sustainability and transferability of the PA role across the NHS.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for the University of Reading Centenary Scholarship and H. Knapman Scholarship.¹ Further funding information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

The PA role is flexible and is being developed across the NHS to meet major staffing strategies. Our graduates are highly employable and the majority of them go on to work as Physician Associates in the NHS.²

You'll be qualified to work in a wide variety of workplaces, such as GP practices, community health services and hospital settings.³

"The teaching staff at Reading – and I cannot say this enough – are amazing. They put incredible effort into supporting us."

Eleni, MSc Physician Associate

Course	Entry requirements
MSc Physician Associate	Full time: 24 months Start: Early September Fees: Home: £11,900 per year International: £26,950 per year Application deadline: Normally in May. Check course webpage for details
	Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a relevant life sciences subject, for example, biological sciences, biomedical sciences, biochemistry, pharmacy, or psychology. A good lower second-class honours degree (2:2) combined with other relevant practical healthcare skills and experience (or qualifications and experience equivalent to the above) will also be considered. IELTS: 7.5 overall with no element less than 7.0

TRANSFORMING THE PATIENT JOURNEY

Physician Associates have become vital assets across the NHS. Hear from Mark, one of our recent graduates, and his colleagues as they discuss the wide-ranging role of a Physician Associate and the positive impact that PAs have on patient care and management. **Watch Mark's video.**

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 64)
- ▶ Pharmacy and Professional Health Services (see page 110)

¹ Awarded for first year of study only to successful scholarship applicants.
² 100% of our graduates are in work and/or further study 15 months after the end of their course. Based on Graduate Outcomes Surveys, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 graduating year data.
³ Graduates who pass our MSc programme must then pass the Physician Associate National Certification Examination. You will then be able to register with the FPA which maintains the Physician Associate Managed Voluntary Register (PAMVR).

[View course information for Physician Associate](#)

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Explore some of the world's most complex topical issues and pursue specialist study in key aspects of contemporary international affairs.

Join our research-led Department of Politics and International Relations and take advantage of our strengths in strategic/conflict studies, public policy, international relations, and comparative government.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

You'll study with academics who have professional experience in public policy, government departments and international organisations.

97% of our research outputs are rated world leading or internationally excellent¹, meaning that the University of Reading is 6th highest in the UK for research outputs². We're proud to be the academic home of the:

- UN and Global Order Programme (UNGOP)
- Ways of War Centre
- British Army Higher Education Pathway.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. Further information can be found on page 46.

CAREERS

Prepare for further graduate study, or go on to apply academic ideas to pressing, real-world problems.

Our graduates have moved on to a diverse range of roles, including:

- diplomacy
- the armed forces
- academia
- government
- non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- think tanks.

All of our programmes offer suitable preparation for PhD study.

Courses	Entry requirements
MA Conflict and International Security MA International Relations and Diplomacy MRes Politics and International Relations MSc Public Policy	<p>Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: Home: £10,800 International: £22,350</p> <p>Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (high 2:2 or above).</p> <p>All of our programmes are appropriate for students from any discipline, although a social science, arts, business or humanities background would be of value.</p> <p>For MRes Politics and International Relations and MSc Public Policy, a degree in politics, economics, international relations or a related field is preferred.</p> <p>Relevant work experience may also be taken into account.</p> <p>IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5</p>

FROM MASTER'S STUDENT TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

After graduating, Mustafa put his advanced understanding of contemporary global security issues into practice within the government of Afghanistan as Director of Policy and Strategy, working in support of the Afghan peace process. [Read Mustafa's story.](#)

[View course information for Politics and International Relations](#)

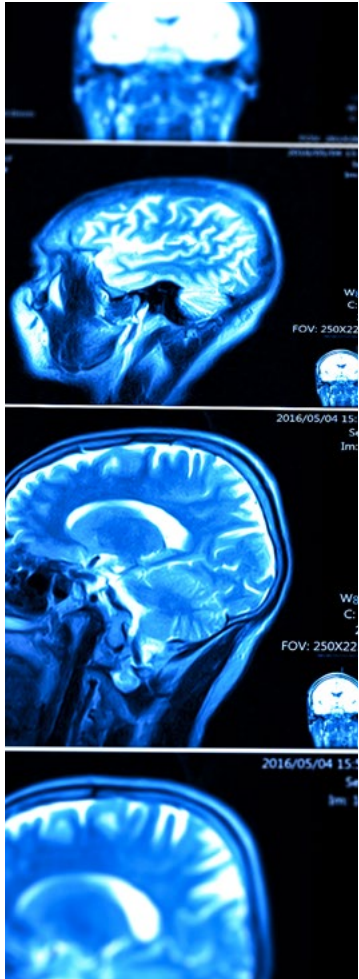
You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Economics (see page 82)
- ▶ International Development (see page 100)
- ▶ Law (see page 102)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Politics and International Studies.

² Times Higher Education analysis of the latest REF 2021 – Politics and International Studies, when scoring by GPA Output.

PSYCHOLOGY



Join the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences, where 100% of our research impact has been classed “outstanding” or “very considerable”.¹

You'll benefit from the many collaborative ventures of our staff and their involvement with national and international research projects, professional societies, and funding bodies. Our students regularly disseminate their research, including presenting at conferences and publishing in scientific journals.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

The Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics provides access to modern technology and expertise in cognitive and computational neuroscience. Our facilities for experimental and observational teaching and research include brain imaging systems, eye-tracking, psychophysiology, nutritional testing, and virtual reality and haptic laboratories. We also have equipment for transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), electroencephalography (EEG), and a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship² in addition to other funding opportunities; UK/home students who meet our widening participation criteria can apply for a scholarship worth £4,000. See page 46.

CAREERS

All of our MSc programmes provide training in analytical ability, methods awareness and critical thinking, and fundamental transferable skills.

- MSc Theory and Practice in Clinical Psychology (with Clinical or Research Placement) and MSc Research Methods in Psychology have reputations for preparing students to undertake PhD research and postgraduate clinical training.
- MSc Cognitive Neuroscience is designed to train you for a job in industry, or for further research and study, including a doctoral programme in psychology, neuroscience or clinical psychology.
- MSc Psychology Conversion is a stepping stone for non-specialists into a career in a psychological-related field, including clinical, counselling, health and educational psychology.

Overall, 99% of graduates are in work and/or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.³

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We also offer PGCert/Dip programmes designed for mental health professionals who wish to improve their clinical knowledge of psychological treatments. These are delivered by the **Charlie Waller Institute**.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Cognitive Neuroscience MSc Research Methods in Psychology	Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £12,550 International: £26,950
MSc Theory and Practice in Clinical Psychology (with clinical/research placement)	Please note: Due to the popularity of our psychology programmes and our restricted numbers, we recommend applying as early as possible to avoid disappointment.
MSc Psychology Conversion	Typically a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in psychology or a related discipline (for example, cognitive neuroscience). It must reflect psychology as a scientific discipline and have included the study of brain and behaviour. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5
	Typically a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in psychology. While clinical experience is not required, an understanding of the realities of clinical work is highly desirable. Check course webpage for further admissions advice. IELTS: 7.0 overall with no element less than 6.5
	Typically a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). You will need to demonstrate your interest in studying psychology. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

GAINING VITAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE NHS

Anna took advantage of the guaranteed clinical placement to gain hands-on experience with patients to boost her employability skills and open up new career options. **Read Anna's story.**

[View course information for Psychology](#)

You may also be interested in:

- Speech and Language Therapy, Language Sciences (see page 122)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.
² Please note that the Clinical Placement route on our MSc Theory and Practice in Clinical Psychology does not qualify for these scholarships.
³ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes postgraduate taught Psychology responders.

REAL ESTATE AND PLANNING



The relationship between land and the built environment is fundamental to human existence, impacting our lives in many different ways.

At Henley Business School, you'll explore diverse aspects of real estate and spatial planning with guidance from experts.

Our Department of Real Estate and Planning is a key component of the triple-accredited business school (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB). Join a supportive environment that:

- is the only major UK real estate and planning centre to be located within a business school
- maintains close and long-standing collaborative relationships with industry and employers
- combines the latest research developments with practical insights
- provides additional support through the Reading Real Estate Foundation, including bursary and scholarship opportunities and industry mentoring.

ACCREDITATIONS

Our programmes are accredited by leading industry bodies and have a clear focus on employability at their core.

All programmes benefit from accreditation by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Our real estate finance programmes are also accredited by the Investment Property Forum (IPF), allowing fast-track membership for students, and our spatial planning programme is fully accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Henley Business School offers a substantial scholarship fund to UK and international students applying for their master's courses.

Visit [Henley PG scholarships](#).

CAREERS

More than 97% of our master's students have found graduate-level employment within 15 months of the end of their course.¹

You will be well placed to take up a wide range of positions, both in the UK and internationally. Our careers development adviser can support you to secure work placements, internships and permanent career opportunities, and our mentoring programme can pair you with professionals across the real estate and planning industry.

¹ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21, based on postgraduate taught Real Estate and Planning responders.

Courses	Entry requirements
MSc Real Estate Full time: 12 months Start: September Fees: Home: £20,400 International: £27,000	Typically a good second-class undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above), or relevant professional experience. MSc Real Estate is especially suitable if you have a non-property-related degree and wish to pursue a career in the global real estate sector.
MSc Real Estate Finance Full time: 12 months Start: September Fees: Home: £20,400 International: £27,500	For MSc Real Estate Finance, a degree in a numerate/quantitative-based subject is preferred. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0
MSc Spatial Planning and Development Full time: 12 months Part time: 24 months Start: September Fees: Home: £10,400 International: £18,000	Typically a good second-class undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). You should be in relevant full-time employment. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0
MSc Real Estate – Flexible MSc Real Estate Investment and Finance – Flexible Part time: 24–72 months. Each module consists of a four-day block of lectures based at Whiteknights campus Start: September and February Fees: Check course webpages	Typically a good second-class undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above). You should be in relevant full-time employment. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

CHAT WITH THE HENLEY TEAM

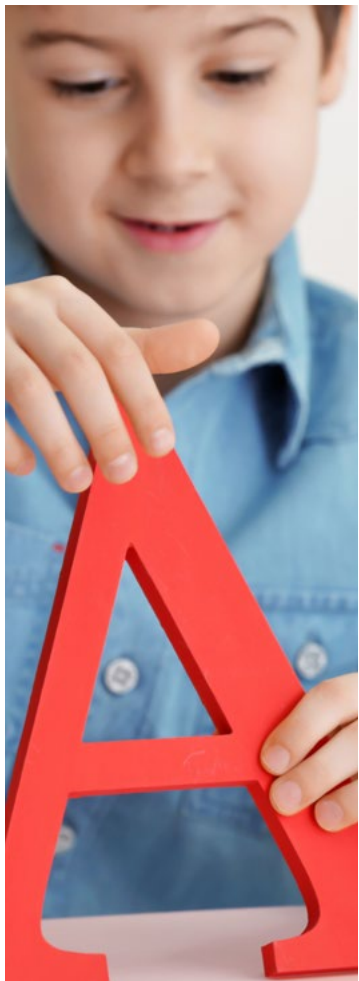
Talk to current postgraduate students at Henley, or [arrange a virtual meeting with Henley staff](#).

[View course information for Real Estate and Planning](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Construction Management and Engineering (see page 76)
- ▶ Finance (see page 94)

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY, LANGUAGE SCIENCES



Join the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences, where 100% of our research impact has been classed “outstanding” or “very considerable”.¹

Your studies will be informed by our clinical expertise and the latest developments in language sciences.

FACILITIES

We have an active, purpose-built speech and language clinic with access to observational facilities. Additionally, you can make use of our sound recording room.

We also work with the Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics and the Centre for Literacy and Multilingualism. These centres provide eye-tracking, EEG, fMRI and TMS facilities, and a rich, multidisciplinary research environment.

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS

In our MSc Speech and Language Therapy programme, we work closely with local speech and language therapy services, schools, hospitals, community clinics, and private and voluntary organisations, offering excellent and varied placement opportunities.² Many of our staff are also practising speech and language therapists, providing you with an opportunity to network with professionals in the sector.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolling on MSc Language Sciences in 2024/25 can apply for a Subject Scholarship in addition to other funding opportunities. See page 46 for further information. UK/home students who meet our widening participation criteria can apply for a scholarship worth £4,000. MSc Speech and Language Therapy applicants should visit our course webpage for funding details.

CAREERS

With its combination of linguistics, statistics and analytics, MSc Language Sciences will prepare you for a career in research management or research science, or you may pursue doctoral research across the range of language sciences.

MSc Speech and Language Therapy will qualify you to work with adults and children with a range of communication and swallowing difficulties, both in private or public settings. The programme is accredited by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and approved by the Health and Care Professions Council.³

Overall, 100% of graduates are in work and/or further study within 15 months after the end of their course.⁴

Courses

MSc Language Sciences

Full time: 12 months

Part time: 24 months

Start: September

Fees:

Home: £12,550

International: £26,950

MSc Speech and Language Therapy

Please note: Due to the popularity of this programme and our restricted numbers, we recommend applying as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Check course webpage for application deadline.

Full time: 24 months

Start: September

Fees:

Home: £9,250 per year*

International: £26,950 per year

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a related field such as linguistics, psychology, cognitive (neuro)sciences, speech and language therapy or education. Other subjects may be considered.

IELTS: 7.0 overall with no element less than 6.5

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a related field such as linguistics, psychology, medical sciences or education. Other subjects may be considered.

You must have completed and been awarded your undergraduate degree by the application deadline. Check course webpage for additional requirements, which include a minimum level of relevant work experience prior to applying. The application process also includes an interview.

IELTS: 8.0 overall with no element less than 7.5

BENEFIT FROM CLINICAL TUTORS WHO HAVE BEEN IN YOUR SHOES

Not only are Afshan and Sara experienced speech and language therapists and clinical tutors, they are successful graduates of our MSc degree – meaning they can provide you with unique support and guidance at Reading.

Read Afshan and Sara’s story.

View course information for Speech and Language Therapy, Language Sciences

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ English Language and Applied Linguistics (see page 86)
- ▶ Psychology (see page 118)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

² For placement information, ask us a question online.

³ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. Successful completion of this course satisfies the academic requirements for application to register with the Health and Care Professions Council and to work as a speech and language therapist.

⁴ Graduate Outcomes Surveys; includes MSc Speech and Language Therapy responders, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 graduating year data.

* UK/home students may be eligible to receive government loans and a non-repayable training grant from the NHS Learning Support Fund. Check the course webpage for details.

TEACHING



At the Institute of Education, we support our students to become knowledgeable classroom practitioners, who are responsive to the individual needs of every child.

Our Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes educate our students through a curriculum that is academically rigorous and supports the practical application of the course.

Many courses include master's-level credits that are valid for five years after completion. These can be applied towards the MA Education should you wish to continue your studies.

EARLY YEARS

Learn how to teach and care for children from birth to 5 years. Discover more about their development and learning and how best to support them in a range of settings.

This course will award you Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) and 60 master's-level credits.

You'll be qualified to work in day care, nurseries, pre-schools, academies and free schools, as well as out-of-school settings, such as children's centres and childminding. This course is fully funded by the Department for Education.

PRIMARY

Our Primary courses support you on your journey to becoming an evidence-based classroom practitioner. You can take the Primary (5–11) programme or specialise in ages 3–7 or Special Educational Needs (SEN), benefiting from substantial school experience in mainstream or SEN settings.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) contains master's-level assignments (60 credits) and is a Level 7 qualification. The Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PgCE) is a Level 6 qualification. Both will provide you with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

SECONDARY

Our Secondary PGCE programme prepares you to teach students aged 11–18 and leads to QTS and 60 master's-level credits.

You'll benefit from substantial school-based training, developing teaching skills and curriculum knowledge, and you will learn how to become a research-informed subject specialist. For a list of subjects, see page 126.

CLIMATE EDUCATION

As an ITE student, you'll have access to training that empowers you to deliver climate education across all levels and subjects. This is part of our National Climate Education Action Plan.

Courses	Entry requirements
PGCert Early Years Practice	<p>Full time: 12 months (Graduate Entry)</p> <p>Part time: 12 months (Graduate Employment-based)</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: See website</p>
<p>Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)</p> <p>Primary Education (General) X100</p> <p>Primary Education (3–7) X121</p> <p>Primary Education with Special Educational Needs (5–11) 2VD7</p>	<p>Full time: 10 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: Home: £9,250 International: £22,350</p>
<p>Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PgCE)</p> <p>Primary Education (General)</p> <p>Primary Education (3–7)</p> <p>Primary Education with Special Educational Needs (5–11)</p>	<p>Full time: 10 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: Contact us</p>
PGCert in Education (Reflective Practice)	<p>Part time: 10 months</p> <p>Start: September</p> <p>Fees: See website</p>

Normally a 2:2 undergraduate degree and grade 4 (or C) in GCSE Maths, Science and English Language. Relevant practical experience may be taken into account. See the course webpage for additional requirements for the Graduate Employment-based route.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0

A 2:2 undergraduate degree and grade 4 (or C) in GCSE Maths, Science and English. You will need to undertake a criminal record and occupational health check.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

A 2:2 undergraduate degree and grade 4 (or C) in GCSE Maths, Science and English. You will need to undertake a criminal record and occupational health check.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

This programme is for primary and secondary practitioners who are working towards QTS or have achieved QTS and who wish to gain a postgraduate qualification.

IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

[View course information for Teaching](#)

Courses	Entry requirements	
Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) Secondary Education – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and Design W1X1 • Biology C1X1 • Chemistry F1X1 • Computer Science IX99 • Design and Technology 2LYQ • Drama W4X1 • Engineers Teach Physics L869 • English Q3X1 • French R1X1 • Geography 2SZ2 • German R2X1 • History V1X1 • Mathematics G1X1 • Music W3X1 • Physical Education X9C6 • Physics F3X1 • Physics with Mathematics F3GX • Religious Education 3BDY • Spanish R4X1 	Full time: 10 months Start: September Fees: Home: £9,250 International: £22,350	A 2:2 undergraduate degree and grade 4 (or C) in GCSE Maths, Science and English. You will need to undertake a criminal record and occupational health check. IELTS: 6.5 overall with no element less than 5.5

FROM INDUSTRY TO THE CLASSROOM

After working in the IT industry for 20 years, Sarah became a carer and part-time teaching assistant – but she dreamed of training as a primary teacher. She chose the Institute of Education at Reading due to its excellent reputation and pastoral support. She now works at the local Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school where she completed a placement during her PGCE. [Read Sarah's story.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Education (see page 84)
- ▶ **Assessment Only Route to QTS**

[View course information for Teaching](#)

"The Piggott School is proud to work closely with the University of Reading's Institute of Education. We view the partnership as integral to the recruitment of new staff and the ongoing professional development of experienced colleagues.

For the 2023/24 academic year, 33 of our staff will have completed their PGCE at Reading, and many of our staff have been directly involved in the mentoring of these colleagues. To have a long-established link with such a highly regarded PGCE provider is incredibly important to us.

We value the input trainee teachers have in the day-to-day successes at our school.

New trainees bring fresh ideas and provide support for department colleagues throughout the year. Every week trainees participate in Professional Studies seminars, which give our teaching and support staff the opportunity to lead Continuing Professional Development sessions.

Trainees from the University of Reading are of high quality – the teaching they receive at the University is robust and ensures they are fully prepared for their roles in schools. We embrace hosting trainees each year and they are treated as colleagues from day one, which ensures they are able to embrace our school values throughout their time with us."

Alex MacLeod, Deputy Headteacher

TYPOGRAPHY & GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION



Study for your master's at a university that is highly ranked in the UK for its research in typography and graphic communication.¹

With our outstanding reputation, we have defined and shaped our field. We have made pioneering contributions to the integration of research into design teaching, the use of archives in developing, understanding and guiding design decisions, and the consolidation of history, theory and practice in typographic education.

EXCELLENT STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Develop your skills in design practice, enquiry and discourse with teaching that draws on our academic and professional expertise – as well as that of our visiting contributors.

We also house a large number of typography and graphic communication collections that are regularly used in teaching, so you'll get unique, hands-on experience with archival material.

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

You will become part of our master's community, with 24-hour access to our studios. We run lectures, seminars and workshops across our master's pathways, to share ideas and expertise and to enhance our collaborative and lively studio environment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There is a range of scholarships open to UK and international applicants enrolling in 2024/25. The Stationers' Foundation Bursary and Mentoring Scheme is worth £9,000 and is open to UK/home applicants. Both UK and international students can also apply for a £3,300 Ernest Hoch Scholarship. Additional scholarships are also available (see page 46).

CAREERS

Many of our graduates take up positions in type design studios, with publishers and general design companies, and wayfinding and information design practices. Check out graduate Dan's story on page 33.

Overall, 95% of graduates from Typography & Graphic Communication are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.²

Previous employers have included Apple, Financial Times, Microsoft Typography, Monotype, Nokia, Oxford University Press, Penguin, and the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Courses

MA by Research Typography and Graphic Communication

MA Communication Design

Choose from four specialist pathways:

- Book Design
- Graphic Design
- Information Design
- Typeface Design

MRes Typeface Design

Full time: 12 months
Part time: 24 months

Start: September

Fees:
Home: £10,800
International: £22,350

Part time: 24 months

Start: September

Fees:
Home & International: £7,300

Teaching: Hybrid model combining self-directed and guided learning. Most work conducted online but also three two-week residential periods.

Entry requirements

Normally a good undergraduate honours degree (2:1 or above) in a design-related subject. For exceptional candidates without such a degree, you will need convincing evidence of relevant professional experience. In most cases, a practice portfolio and an example of academic writing are also required.

IELTS: MA Communication Design: 6.5 overall with no element less than 6.0 / MA by Research Typography and Graphic Communication: 7.0 overall with no element less than 6.0

Aimed at experienced, practising typeface designers who want to develop a deeper understanding of the historical and theoretical aspects of their field. You'll be required to submit a CV/portfolio of work and attend an interview. You'll need to show evidence of substantial engagement with the practice of typeface design at a professional level.

IELTS: 7.0 overall with no element less than 6.0

EXPLORE OUR STUDENTS' WORK

View projects by students on our MA Communication Design programme and its pathways.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Art (see page 62)

View course information for Typography & Graphic Communication

¹ The University of Reading is joint 8th highest in the UK for research impact according to Times Higher Education analysis of the latest REF 2021 – Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory: B - Typography and Graphic Communication, when scoring by GPA Impact.

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research responders from Typography & Graphic Communication.

DOCTORAL STUDY

Complete your PhD or professional doctorate at the University of Reading and be supported to deliver research that matters.

We offer opportunities across life sciences, environmental and physical sciences, business, economics and social sciences, and arts and humanities. Our doctoral students are undertaking interdisciplinary research that aims to solve some of the major challenges facing the world today.

Our international and inclusive doctoral community is home to more than 1,800 students from 106 countries.¹ Join them and benefit from the University of Reading's wide-ranging and world-class research expertise.

Overall, 98% of our research has been rated world leading, internationally excellent or internationally recognised in REF 2021.

[Find out more about our research areas](#)

RESEARCH AREAS

Accounting

Agriculture, policy and development

Agricultural, environmental and food economics

Animal, dairy and food chain sciences

Consumer behaviour and food marketing

Crop sciences

Ecology and agri-environmental research

International and rural development

Archaeology

Art

Fine art

Practice in curating

Biology

Biological sciences

Ecology and evolutionary biology

Microbiology

Zoology

Biomedical engineering

Biomedical sciences

Built environment

Architecture

Construction management

Energy and environmental engineering

Business informatics, systems and accounting

Accounting and financial management

Informatics and systems science

Chemistry

Classics and ancient history

Comparative and intercultural studies

Computer science

Cybernetics

Early modern studies

Economics

Education and teaching

Electronic engineering

English language and applied linguistics

English literature

Environmental science

Film, theatre and television

Finance

Food and nutritional sciences

Food, nutrition and health

Gut immunity

Geography

Human geography

Soil science

History

International development

Law

Linguistics

Management

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

International business and strategy

Leadership, organisations and behaviour

Marketing and reputation

Mathematics and applied statistics

Medieval studies

Meteorology and climate

Atmosphere, oceans and climate

Space weather and solar-terrestrial physics

Modern languages

French studies

German studies

Italian studies

Spanish and Latin American studies

Translation studies

Pharmacy

Pharmaceutical chemistry

Pharmaceutics

Pharmacy practice

Physiology and pharmacology

Philosophy

Politics and international relations

Psychology and clinical language sciences

Neuroscience

Psycholinguistics

Real estate and planning

Speech and language therapy

Typography and graphic communication

MAKE AN INITIAL ENQUIRY

We recommend that you **get in touch with us online** before you make an application to discuss your ideas, the most appropriate type of research degree for you, and to find out about potential supervisors.

USEFUL LINKS

Explore our website to find:

▶ **a PhD project:** check our school and department websites as some list available projects or project ideas – **find out more about our research areas**

▶ **an expert supervisor:** browse school and department websites for information about current research staff. You're welcome to contact potential supervisors informally before applying but this is not essential, as we will do our best to match you with a supervisor when you submit a formal application

▶ **flexibility:** we offer a number of different ways to study a doctorate, visit our page on **PhD flexibility**

▶ **fees:** visit our **PhD fees** page

▶ **funding:** we have a range of **PhD funding options** available

▶ **guidance on how to apply:** check you have the right qualifications, get advice on writing a research proposal (if required), and find out what you need to submit as part of your application on our **How To Apply** page.

¹ Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) returns (UK and offshore doctoral students included), 2021/22.

DOCTORAL AND RESEARCHER COLLEGE

Our Doctoral and Researcher College is the hub of all doctoral activity at Reading – and at its heart is Old Whiteknights House, a dedicated building for our PhD students to work, network and receive training.

You'll become part of a community of doctoral researchers, one that will champion your academic and social interests in a supportive environment.

- **Join.** You'll automatically become a member of the Doctoral and Researcher College when you join the University of Reading, whether you're based here or off campus.
- **Connect.** We provide a thriving multidisciplinary and multicultural community in which to exchange ideas with fellow researchers and broaden your horizons. We organise a variety of social and networking events.
- **Learn.** Access a range of research and transferable skills training and personal development opportunities through the extensive Reading Researcher Development Programme (RRDP).
- **Expert supervision.** You'll be matched with a supervisor who has experience in your area of research, as well as a second supervisor or small supervisory team. They'll help you formulate your research and provide you with specialist support and feedback throughout your studies.

OLD WHITEKNIGHTS HOUSE

Located on Whiteknights campus, Old Whiteknights House is a modernised Victorian building with secure access 24 hours a day, study space for doctoral researchers, and areas to network and relax.

It is also home to our team of experienced support staff, who deal exclusively with doctoral research matters and administration.

SUPPORTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY

We have a proven track record in supporting doctoral students to successfully complete their studies.

- 98.9% of Reading PhD students who submit their thesis are awarded a doctorate.¹
- 94% of international postgraduate research respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the support provided by the University of Reading Doctoral and Researcher College (formerly known as the Graduate School).²

¹ University of Reading Doctoral Examination Outcomes, averaged over a five-year period, 2017/18 to 2021/22.

² International Student Barometer, i-graduate, 2022.



Discover more about the Doctoral and Researcher College



DOCTORAL TRAINING

The Doctoral and Researcher College works in partnership with academic schools and departments to provide you with skills training to support your research and your future goals.

TRAINING AND EVENTS FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

Wherever your career ambitions lie, completing a doctorate will build wide-ranging transferable skills and experience to support your goals, including independent research, project management, problem solving, critical skills, adaptability and resilience. The Reading Researcher Development Programme (RRDP) offers over 80 course titles per year, taught by a range of academic and specialist trainers, and longer programmes include academic writing, preparing to teach and leadership. For the full range of training courses, visit our [training and development page](#).

As a doctoral student at Reading, you will be invited to take part in a range of events that bring the doctoral community together. Our annual Doctoral Research Conference celebrates your achievements and is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow researchers, receive recognition from the academic community and raise awareness of your work.

The annual Fairbrother Lecture is the only University public lecture presented by a doctoral researcher, and showcases excellence in doctoral research at Reading to local audiences.

Our training and events support your abilities to engage non-specialists with your research.

"The Doctoral and Researcher College provides an extensive range of professional development courses that are expertly run and beneficial to the PhD experience. I have also thoroughly enjoyed taking opportunities to showcase key research messages through public engagement events, and this collaborative approach to sharing knowledge is something that I am keen to continue in the future."

Jess, PhD researcher in the School of Archaeology, Geography and Environmental Science



FROM MASTER'S TO PHD: MEET HARDEEP

Hardeep studied BSc Biotechnology in Malaysia before coming to Reading for her master's degree in agriculture and development. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Food And Nutritional Sciences at Reading.

What brought you to Reading?

The School of Agriculture, Policy and Development has a great reputation for its research and development. I chose MSc Agriculture and Development because the modules offered were exactly the combination I was looking for. Choosing electives across the Department was great as it allowed me to pick the subjects I liked, such as climate change modules.

The green campus also attracted me, and the fact that the University of Reading is near London, which is a bonus point.

Why did you stay for your PhD?

My MSc degree at Reading helped me realise my passion and the direction I wanted to head. I was able to get insights from experts in the field, alongside developing research skills using the latest technologies during my

dissertation project. I was also able to expand my network through the social and networking events organised by the Department and the University. The research environment helped me realise that I would like to pursue a career in research/academia. With my PhD project, I had an amazing opportunity to work with the Flavour Research Group in the Department, which made it a lot easier to decide to stay on at Reading.

How have you funded your postgraduate studies?

For my MSc degree, I was self-funded. For my PhD, I have a scholarship that is jointly funded by the Doctoral and Researcher College and ICRISAT (India) which allowed me to pursue my studies.

How is studying for a PhD different to studying for your master's degree?

Studying for a PhD involves more independent learning and decision making. It requires critical thinking from various aspects to justify the approach I am applying to my project. A master's degree involves taught modules in a classroom setting, whereas a PhD involves intensive learning and knowledge sharing within a research environment.

What is your typical day like as a PhD student at Reading?

It is really flexible depending on the phase of my project. I usually start with experiments in the laboratory, and during the day I analyse the data collected or read scientific articles for literature review. I really enjoy taking a walk around the Whiteknights lake in the evenings, or I network/socialise with my colleagues from the Department. I am also actively involved in roles outside my PhD, so I tend to have some other commitments during the week.

How does the Doctoral and Researcher College support you?

I have recently completed five Reading Researcher Development Programme (RRDP) courses that have been very useful to me as a first-year PhD student. There is a wide range of courses focused on skills development, such as techniques on data management, writing, personal development and many other aspects that are essential in doctoral study.

Hear from more of our doctoral researchers

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GETTING IN TOUCH

If you have any questions about studying at the University of Reading, the best way to contact us is to **ask us a question online**.

Alternatively, call our Admissions Office on **+44 (0) 118 378 5289** for advice on entry requirements and the application/admissions process.

For general enquiries about studying with us, you can also call the Global Recruitment Team on **+44 (0) 118 378 3880** (UK students) or **+44 (0) 118 378 3838** (international students).

SEMESTER DATES

From the 2024/25 academic year onwards, we are moving to an academic year based on semesters rather than terms.

Welcome for new students: starts 23 September 2024

Semester 1:
30 September 2024 – 7 February 2025

Christmas break:
23 December 2024 – 17 January 2025

Semester 2:
10 February 2025 – 13 June 2025

Easter break:
31 March 2025 – 22 April 2025

SAT NAV POSTCODES

Whiteknights campus: RG6 6UR

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The University makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in the prospectus is accurate and up to date at the time of going to press (July 2023). However, the prospectus may not set out all relevant information, and it may be necessary for the University to make some changes to the information presented in the prospectus following publication.

Prospective students are therefore advised and encouraged to review and familiarise themselves with the most up-to-date and more comprehensive information on the University's website prior to applying to study at the University.

View the current version of the **terms and conditions**. These are reviewed and updated for each academic year, so the version that will apply if you accept an offer at the University may be different. It will be made available to you at offer stage. The terms and conditions set out a range of important information, including, for example, when we might make changes to your programme, and your cancellation rights. You are advised to read these before making an application.

View our **Student Protection Plan**.

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