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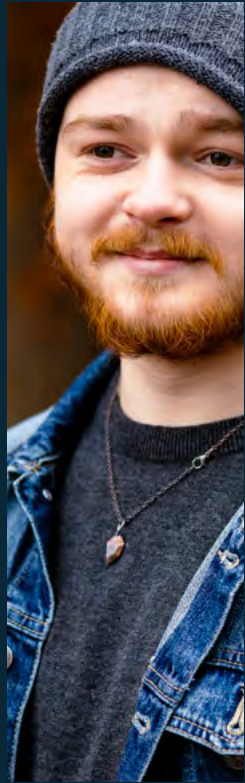
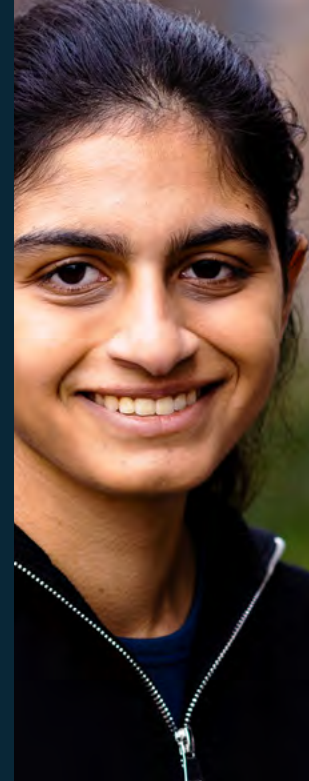
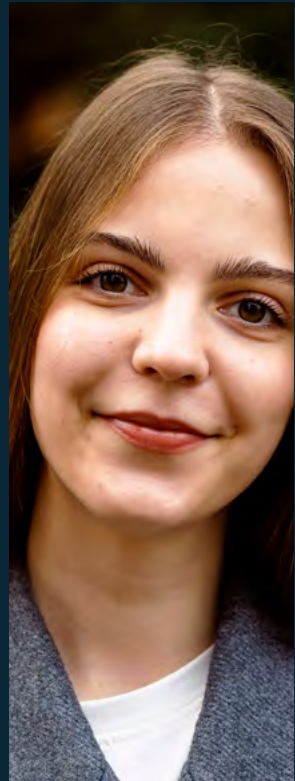
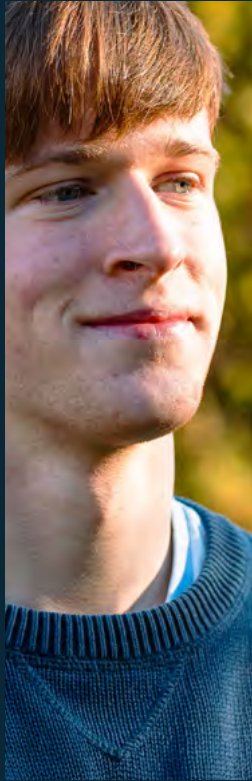
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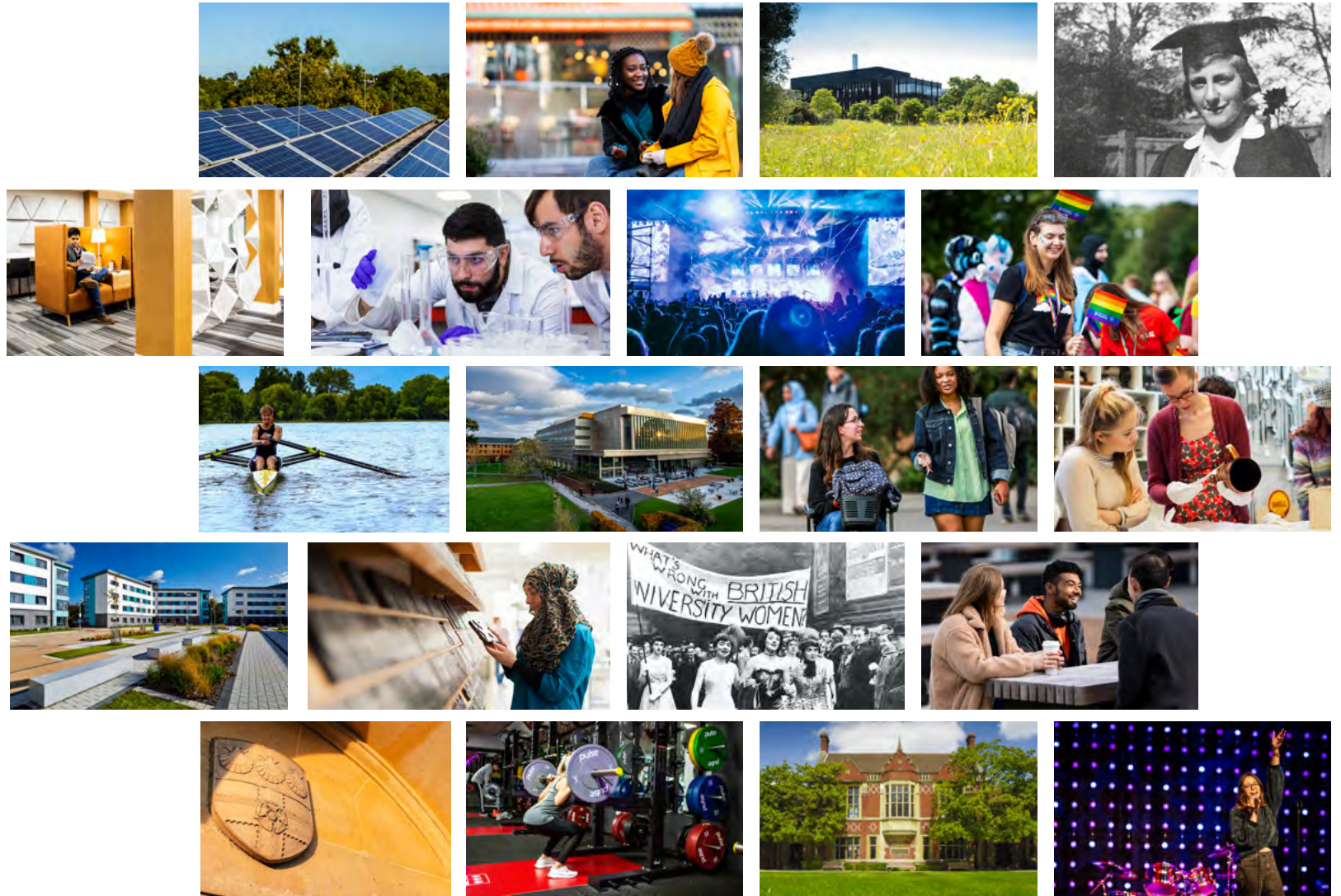
The University of Reading community has been at the forefront of improving people's lives for more than a century.

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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COME TO AN OPEN DAY IN 2024

Friday 14 and
Saturday 15 June
Saturday 12 and
Saturday 19 October

JOIN US

WE ARE A COMMUNITY

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.

WE ARE CONNECTED

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.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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. Become part of a community that is committed to making a difference.



1st in the
**People & Planet
University League
2023/24**²



169th
in the world
and **top 30**
in the UK³



98% of our
research is of
international
standing⁴



93% of
our graduates
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 We're 1st in the People & Planet University League 2023/24. [See People & Planet University League 2023/24](#).

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 3,300 first degree leavers, of which 52% responded.

HELPING THE PLANET

We're proud to be ranked 1st in the People & Planet University League.¹ We're taking a leading role in finding lasting solutions to save our planet.

TAKING ACTION

We're not just green because of our beautiful campuses. We're committed to reaching net zero carbon by 2030² and we've already reduced our carbon footprint by half. We refuse to invest in fossil fuels, less than 2% of our waste goes to landfill, and 100% of our electricity has come from renewable sources since 2009.

We're the first university in Europe to join the Menus of Change University Research Collaborative, which aims to provide healthy and sustainable meals on campus.

And we've been awarded Fairtrade University two-star status (2021–2023), recognising our sustainable practices, ethical support towards fairtrade communities and livelihoods, and commitment to reducing the impact of our consumption.



Images: Climate stripes projected onto the White Cliffs of Dover; Our green and biodiverse campus; Gaia by Luke Jerram, displayed in Reading Town Hall as part of the Reading Climate Festival.

¹ We're ranked 1st in the People & Planet University League 2023/24. See [People & Planet University League 2023/24](#).

² Read about how the University is planning to achieve its aims on our [website](#).

LEADING CHANGE

The University is a world leader in climate science³, recently winning a Queen's Anniversary Prize⁴ and the inaugural THE Award for Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Leadership⁵. Reading scientists played a central role in creating the latest UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report (Sixth Assessment Report (AR6)). 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 schools and colleges across the country.

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 (Joint Head of Meteorology) receiving the Queen's Anniversary prize at St James's Palace in 2022.

³ We're ranked 5th in the world for Atmospheric Science (ShanghaiRanking 2023 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 Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2023.

GETTING INVOLVED

We're committed to empowering our whole community of students and staff through developing climate change and sustainability skills and knowledge. As a student, you can also enhance your employability through the Reading Experience and Development Sustainable Action Award and many of our students undertake green volunteering opportunities with NGOs, companies and within the community. Plus, you can take part in the Student Sustainability Summit run by Reading Students' Union and join student-led societies such as Reading Environmental Crisis Community. You can even get rewarded for taking positive actions via our sustainability engagement student platform, Doing #UoRBit.

[Sign up to our free-to-access online 'Planet Partners: Tackling the Climate Crisis Together' course](#)



MEET OUR STUDENTS

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

We've invited some of our current undergrads to share why they chose the University of Reading. Look out for their top tips and firsthand experiences throughout the rest of the prospectus.

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

[Chat online to current students and read their blogs about life at Reading](#)

"Reading offered a highly regarded course taught by impressive teaching staff, and I knew that being at Reading would help to maximise my career potential. I visited the campus after I got an offer and found it to be very welcoming – I can approach anyone on campus and start a conversation with them."

Joe, BSc Quantity Surveying



"I really wanted a campus university. I love having so many places to meet my friends – we particularly enjoy having a coffee during a study break in the Library Cafe. Plus, Reading is only 45 minutes from Heathrow, which is very convenient for me to be able to fly back home."

Jahan, MSci Speech and Language Therapy

"I have a strong interest in how we develop our environment to create a more sustainable future and this was a key to my decision to come to Reading. The University offers modules that fit these interests and shares my passion for sustainability and the development of communities."

Ho-Kit, BSc Geography (Human)



"I had the opportunity to experience life at the University of Reading during sixth form. I liked the sort of students I encountered; there was a warm energy. I was nervous about making friends but living in halls has helped, and I connected with the Afro-Caribbean society, which has been a very comforting space for me."

Gloria, BA Art and Psychology

"I wanted to go to university for a meaningful life experience that would propel me into adult life and my career. Reading offered me the course of my dreams, for grades that I felt I was able to achieve. When I came to an Open Day at the University, I fell in love with the campus, and when I saw what my room could be like in halls, I could see myself living here."

Josh, BA English Literature with Creative Writing



READING TOWN

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

The vibrant town centre boasts a huge variety of restaurants offering cuisines from around the world, including both chain and independent eateries, as well as bars, parks, swimming pools, leisure centres, and entertainment, with stunning countryside close by.

Reading's growing arts and culture scene offers both bigger events and venues, such as the iconic Reading Festival or the Hexagon theatre, and smaller theatres and live music settings, like REP or The Purple Turtle. And with its multiple shopping centres, high-street and independent retailers, ranging from secondhand and vintage clothing shops to ethnic grocery stores, Reading can provide everything you need.



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 town, close to the Victorian Forbury Gardens which play host to a buzzing market of global cuisines every summer. The nearby Abbey Ruins host open-air theatre, cinema and other cultural events and are the perfect place to explore Reading's medieval history.



Reading 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 University's Thames Valley Science Park is home to big names in the arts, creative and heritage industries too, including a major new film and TV complex, Shinfield Studios, and the British Museum Archaeological Research Collection. With its ability to capture investors' attention², Reading provides the opportunity to progress your career, no matter which industry your ambitions lie in.

- 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.



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 hours.

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



KEEPING IT LOCAL

Entrepreneurs and alumni Katie Falcon-Uff and Andrew Ingle met through mutual friends towards the end of their first year. Now they're partners in a successful escape room business in Reading.

After graduating (Business and Management for Andrew and English Language for Katie), they were keen to go into business together with the aim of making money out of something they both loved. TimeTrap Escape Rooms was born at the Reading Fringe Festival in July 2016 with a pop-up game, and following its huge success, Andrew and Katie moved into permanent premises in the heart of the town centre.

"The reason we started TimeTrap was first and foremost to give the people of Reading something that was new, exciting, fun and tangible."

Andrew believes Reading is a great location to start a business because it's well-connected with good transport links. And, crucially, Andrew and Katie both felt comfortable in Reading. In fact, in 2020 they launched a second brand, Imaginarium Design, which consults and builds escape room style experiences for external clients.

"Reading quite often gets labelled as a bit of a chain-town, but if you search around, there are some really great small businesses."



Katie and Andrew believe they learned valuable skills at the University of Reading which helped them on their career path – from business modules, to the honing of creative skills, to time management. Today, they still maintain strong links with the University where this exciting chapter of their lives began.

"We do come back to the University from time to time. We've given a few talks there, mainly on entrepreneurship, and we've run a mobile escape room event and workshop on campus."

"We also employ people from the University of Reading community – more than half of the current TimeTrap team are either students or alumni."

Both Andrew and Katie have fond memories of their time at Reading, not least because, as well as building a flourishing business together, love has blossomed too.

"We have the University of Reading to thank for us meeting – not only are we business partners, but we are also a couple and got married earlier this year!"

Read their full interview in our [alumni magazine](#).



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, practise sports, 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.

[Take a virtual tour of our main campus](#)



LONDON ROAD CAMPUS

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

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



CAMPUS LIFE

Enjoy a beautiful, award-winning environment¹ perfectly suited to the diversity of our students.

FEEL AT HOME

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 56.

ACRES OF SPACE

Our campuses are full of green spaces to help you relax between lectures. Enjoy a scenic stroll around the lake or have a picnic with friends in our flower meadow and apple orchard.

A FAIRTRADE UNIVERSITY

The University of Reading is one of only three UK universities to be awarded two-star Fairtrade University and College status for the 2021–2023 period – for our commitment to adopting ethical and sustainable policies. We're passionate about continuing to involve fairtrade practices in all of our cafes, bars, and retail outlets on campus.

ENJOY LOCAL AND GLOBAL FOOD

Whiteknights regularly hosts an international street food market featuring cuisines from all around the world, with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available. The same goes for our main campus eateries, where you can enjoy healthy and balanced meals prepared with fresh ingredients sourced from our very own farms and other sustainable producers. Find out more on page 57.

MAKE LASTING MEMORIES

University isn't all about study, and socialising doesn't just happen in halls. There are lots of events, activities and interest groups that you can get involved in. Regular events include comedy nights, quizzes, karaoke, LGBTQIA+ events and club nights, to name but a few in a jam-packed calendar. There's also our Summer Ball, a huge end-of-year celebration with live entertainment, food stalls and a fun fair.

[Discover more about our campuses and facilities](#)

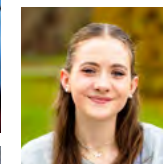


Anna says ...

"My favourite spot on the campus by far is the Harris Garden. It is an absolutely beautiful, small botanic garden that offers paradise-like peace and tranquility for relaxation. Going there with my friends for picnics and walks is definitely one of my favourite activities."

Ho-Kit says ...

"The best thing about life at Reading is meeting new people from all different backgrounds. Opportunities like that don't often arise in normal life. Whether it is through societies, your course, or even when you're working campus jobs – you get to meet so many people!"



Izzy says ...

"I love Mojos, one of the student bars. They hold regular events such as DJ nights, karaoke and quizzes. The drink prices are very reasonable and are great for students on a budget."

¹ Whiteknights campus has been awarded 13 consecutive **Green Flag Awards**, 2011–2023.

When you become a student at Reading, you automatically become a member of the Students' Union (SU).

Reading Students' Union is a student-led organisation, completely independent of the University, based in the heart of Whiteknights campus. Everything it does is student inspired and student run, and all funds raised through its activities are invested right back into the SU for the benefit of our students.

The SU supports students by campaigning on issues that matter to you, such as improving mental health facilities, and by providing you with a platform to share your voice.

There are opportunities to develop your leadership skills by becoming a student rep or even running for election as a full-time officer. The SU provides plenty of volunteering opportunities and also employs hundreds of student staff every year.

You'll have access to a free, confidential advice service that can help you to overcome any challenges, so that you feel confident and able to make the most of your time at Reading.



STUDENTS' UNION



We want you to have the best possible student experience and Reading SU plays a big part in building your community at university.

The SU offers more than just a great night out. It provides a huge range of opportunities to get involved, as well as spaces for you to relax, make friends and try something new.

With over 150 sports teams, clubs and societies, you're sure to find a group where you can pursue your hobbies and passions. But if you don't, why not set up your own society and connect with students who love the same things you do?

[Explore Reading Students' Union](#)

SOCIETIES

SPORTS

At Reading, sport and active wellbeing are a huge part of extra-curricular life, with both the SportsPark and Reading SU offering more than 60 sports and activities for all interests and abilities.

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

You can use our state-of-the-art fitness gym or take part in a range of activities at our SportsPark facilities on Whiteknights campus, such as:

- group exercise classes, ranging from spin and box-fit to yoga and pilates, at our specialist exercise studios
- racket sports at our large multipurpose sports hall, with its four squash courts, or at TennisPark's indoor and outdoor courts
- pitch-based sports on our extensive grounds, including hockey, football, rugby, lacrosse and American Football.

We offer a range of membership packages for students, ensuring we tailor our offer to what works best for you. You'll also have access to one of our many digital apps to boost your physical activity levels and engagement.

ROWING EXCELLENCE

Our Boat Club is one of the oldest and highest-achieving clubs at the University. We cater to all experience levels, from beginner to Olympian, and have professional coaching for everyone. Our fantastic boathouses are in nearby Caversham and boast former Olympic champions as alumni.



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

With so many ensembles and programmes to choose from, you're sure to find something to suit you, whether you like jazz, metal, classical, indie, rock, or all of it!

Our classical ensembles include Orchestra, Big Band, Choir and Percussion Ensemble. Or you can get involved in UoR Music LIVE and find a band to join to play regular live gigs at venues across the University and in town.

You can also make use of our dedicated music practice rooms for bands and individuals, and instrument storage facilities at London Road campus.

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

[Discover more](#)
[University of Reading Music](#)
[Sport at Reading](#)
[Reading University Boat Club](#)

MUSIC



HI, I'M EMILY

To me, Reading is more than just a university.

I really appreciate the emphasis that is placed on having a well-rounded experience here – it's not just about the academic side of things. My time at Reading has been a mix of learning, growing and building connections through a wealth of extra-curricular activities that have only enriched my university experience.

I am in the final year of my BSc International Development degree and am interested in the charity and NGO sectors. A standout memory was presenting at the Reading Student Sustainable Summit, where I delved into the complex issue of gender inequality. It gave me a chance to connect with like-minded students who are just as passionate about making a positive impact as I am. It also encouraged me out of my comfort zone and improved my public speaking skills.

I also learned both Spanish and British Sign Language alongside my studies, which added exciting dimensions to my university experience. It wasn't just about learning the languages; it was about being able to immerse myself in cultures and understand different perspectives.

With that in mind, one of the most gratifying experiences I've had is as a STaR Mentor, being a friendly face to new students when they arrive to study at Reading. It has helped to build my confidence and communication skills but has also allowed me to give back to the student community – a community that I've seen be incredibly supportive and welcoming, where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels like they belong.

I have also completed the RED Award and the RED Sustainable Action Award (two of the University's employability skills certificates), a summer internship, been a student ambassador, a tutor, a course co-rep, and a content creator for the University – all while being a commuter student too.

I chose to commute instead of living in halls mainly due to personal reasons related to my mental health during the challenges of COVID-19. It turned out to be a decision that I cherish. The University's flexibility, especially in the first two years of my degree, allowed me to balance all of my home, academic and extra-curricular commitments. University staff have been overwhelmingly supportive – they're not just there for academic guidance, they are genuinely invested in our success and wellbeing.

If you're considering applying to the University of Reading, I think the combination of a supportive, nurturing community along with academic excellence makes it a really compelling choice.

[Ask our current undergrads all about living and studying at Reading](#)

TEACHING AND LEARNING



Hattie says ...
"I have had the most positive learning experience at Reading. My

lecturers are amazing because they use their real experience as working professionals to illustrate and explain theoretical points which might otherwise be difficult to understand. They also facilitate lots of group work, which is great to accommodate us bouncing our ideas off one another to expand our learning."

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

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

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

You can become a student rep to represent your fellow students' interests, and you'll have the chance to join student panels and focus groups to help shape your university experience. There are also opportunities to work with staff on both education and research projects. See page 37 for more information.



OUR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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

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

We have recently been awarded Silver in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). This recognises that our student experience and outcomes are very high quality, with some outstanding features, such as:

- our research-informed teaching, and embedding professional practice and/or employer engagement in our teaching
- our holistic approach and use of tailored approaches to supporting student success, to help our students succeed in and progress beyond their studies
- our very high continuation and completion rates for all groups of students.



YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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

To gain experience and new transferable skills, many students apply to go on a placement, an internship, learn a new language through our Institution-Wide Language Programme (IWLP), or study abroad. There's also the opportunity to contribute to research, scholarship and practice.

YOUR ACADEMIC TUTOR

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

PEER SUPPORT

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

[Discover academic support at Reading](#)

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 studies and 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.



Nicole says ...

"I consider the Library my second home. I often meet my friends there

and it's my favourite place to study. I have booked study advice sessions at least four times to discuss my assignments and feedback, and I have seen improvements reflected in my grades."

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. Find out more about the [University's museums and collections](#).



CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

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

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

Most degrees take three years to complete, unless you choose to spend an additional year studying abroad or on a professional placement year. Some of our degrees are longer, for example, our integrated master's degrees. You can find out duration options on our course webpages.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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

TOP TIPS

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

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

- **Research the extra opportunities available on the course.** For example, at Reading, every undergraduate course offers the chance to take part in a placement¹ – either as a mandatory or optional part of the course – as well as elements on career management. These can include work experience, internships, and professional placement years in the UK or overseas. Opportunities vary in length, from a few weeks to a whole year. At Reading, you can also apply to spend time studying abroad during your degree.²
- **Consider an accredited degree.** We offer a number of courses that are accredited by independent bodies, helping to kickstart your career and boost your professional development. These are particularly useful if you already know what industry you want to work in. Read about accreditations on the subject pages.

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



"Visit the uni, either online or in person, in order to get a feel for the campus. Look closely at the type of modules you would take and definitely talk to the staff and students already in the department. Ask them for their honest experience."

Juliette chose BA Archaeology and Anthropology



"Pick a degree that you have an interest in – but think about the bigger picture. Is it something you can imagine doing in the future? Are the career prospects suitable for you? Most importantly, will you enjoy the journey?"

Husnaa chose BSc Medical Science



"Read about the different courses and understand what is covered in each module. Narrow down your choices, and if you're struggling to pick a subject, then see if a joint honours is available. You'll only excel if you're truly interested in what you're studying."

Jamie chose BSc Finance



"In my opinion, being on a joint honours course feels a lot like A levels – dividing your attention across multiple disciplines. If you enjoy that, then a joint degree may suit you, but if you'd rather hone in on one skill, a single honours degree would be better."

Gloria chose BA Art and Psychology



"I would say the course is the most important thing, but don't sacrifice having a positive university experience for the 'perfect' course. Remember, you have to live in this place for 3+ years, so it's really important to ensure you like the vibes of the campus, accommodation and the staff who teach the course."

Alice chose BSc Psychology

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

² Study abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. See page 170 for information.



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

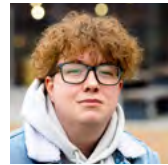
Depending on your course, you could spend a few weeks, a semester, or an academic year abroad at one of our international partner institutions.¹ This could be as part of a standard three-year degree, an extended four-year degree, or for a shorter period of time through field trips or summer schools.

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

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

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

[Discover where you could go when you study abroad](#)



Blaise says ...
 "I went to the University of Graz in Austria and it was without a doubt the best time of my life. I improved my language skills, made great friends, travelled to amazing places, and learned a great deal. If you have the opportunity to study abroad at all, DO IT!"

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

Enrich your time at university by taking an optional module with the IWLP, whether as a 20-credit module or for personal development, adding variety to your learning experience and meeting students from all years and a wide range of degrees.

Learning a language will unlock new worlds of travel, culture, media, and food, and allow you to broaden your employability skillset, or prepare for living or working abroad in the future, while also having fun in the classroom. You'll also develop your intercultural competence

through interacting with our diverse student and staff community.

In our dynamic and interactive classes, you'll use the language from day one and then continue to build your communicative ability throughout the academic year. You can start 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.

For more information, visit our [website](#).



¹ Studying abroad is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook, including obtaining the relevant permissions from your academic school, and the availability of a suitable study abroad placement. To ensure your safety, travel and study overseas will also depend upon Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) guidance, as well as government and institutional policies in the host country. See page 170 for more information.

INTERNSHIPS AND PLACEMENTS

We support you to make the most of every opportunity to build and develop your work experience.

READING INTERNSHIP SCHEME

Exclusively for our undergraduate students, the Reading Internship Scheme offers paid professional work experience for four to 12 weeks.

Past students have grown their skills and confidence through internships in areas such as marketing, fundraising, web design, sports coaching, social media, and community engagement, to name a few.

PLACEMENTS

All our undergraduate programmes offer students the opportunity to take part in a placement.¹ Some students are required to undertake professionally regulated placements throughout their course to meet the requirements of their degree, while others can choose to do a placement option offered within their programme. Many of our students can choose to do a full academic year on a professional placement, and some even secure graduate roles at their placement organisation before they leave university. Read Meera's story on page 101.

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

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

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

IDEAL LOCATION

Located at the heart of the Thames Valley, Reading town is home to many global businesses and organisations 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 degree.



¹ See inside back cover for more details about taking part in a placement year/year in industry.

GET RESEARCH EXPERIENCE



Get paid to support academics on real-world research.

Our Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) lasts six weeks over the summer break and is a fantastic way to discover if you want to pursue postgraduate study or a career in academia. It offers an exciting chance to gain hands-on research experience on projects covering all disciplines across the University.

Aimed at undergraduate students in the middle years of their degree (so not first- or final-year students), the scheme currently offers a bursary of £1,500.

UROP can make a significant contribution to your transferable skills, employability, and understanding of the research environment.



MARTINA'S STORY

"When I applied to study at Reading, I hadn't considered taking a placement year. In fact, I started my degree with the idea of finishing it as soon as possible, but I learned with time the importance of building skills and experience and the benefits of

taking a year to figure out what direction I would like to follow. I did my placement year at the University of Reading, working on the strategy to address and narrow the awarding gap for students from minority groups – it was one of the best choices I made.

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

University is a place to focus on yourself and make the most of what student life has to offer. There are so many opportunities at Reading, so why not make the most of them?"

GAIN RECOGNITION

In a competitive graduate job market, being able to give employers key examples of your skills and experience can really help you stand out from the crowd. The Reading Experience and Development (RED) Awards are the University of Reading's official skills awards.

They allow you to enhance your university experience by undertaking activities that help you to build an impressive skills portfolio. We currently offer three awards as formal recognition of your achievements, which are designed to fit flexibly around your studies.



Emily says ...

"I've completed the RED Award and the RED Sustainable Action Award, both of which have helped me develop new skills and build my confidence. I have learned how to be more resilient, especially when speaking in front of an audience. As part of the Awards, I completed an internship within the construction industry, and

I attended career events and learned about job opportunities within sustainability. This was particularly beneficial as I am looking into the charity and NGO sectors for my future career.

"Having these official awards on top of my degree means I have strong evidence of my hard work and personal development to show potential employers."



The **RED Award** recognises your internships, hours spent on training and development courses beyond your degree, part-time jobs, work experience and volunteering roles. It is excellent evidence of your commitment to boosting your employability skills while at university.



The **RED Sustainable Action Award** provides an awareness of sustainability issues and solutions while simultaneously developing transferable skills. Linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the award gives you tangible experience of supporting the development of a sustainable world.



The **RED Global Engagement Award** enables you to develop your employability skills alongside an understanding of other cultures, global issues and opportunities, with the purpose of becoming more globally engaged – an attribute that many companies actively seek.

BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR

Whether you'd like to start your own business, work for a multinational corporation after graduating, or just want to understand more about business and innovation, our student entrepreneurship activities give you plenty of opportunities to gain the tools, knowledge and confidence you need to succeed.

The Henley Enterprise Lab (HELAB), part of the triple-accredited Henley Business School on Whiteknights campus, hosts exciting events and competitions to give all students, regardless of degree subject, the chance to put their entrepreneurship skills into practice. These include:

- **IDEAFEST**, 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 business ideas.



- **Henley Summer Start-up Boot Camp**, a free, week-long course held in June that helps you to turn a business idea into a reality. You can learn everything about setting up a business from scratch, from building a website to finding customers and making sales with minimal budget.
- **Reading Entrepreneurs**, the biggest non-sport student-led society on campus. It runs events throughout the academic year, including guest speaker talks, panels and the Entrepreneurship Conference, an annual networking event.

Plus, you can choose optional modules in entrepreneurship as part of your degree, no matter what subject you're studying.

[Find out more about student entrepreneurship](#)

BOOST YOUR EMPLOYABILITY

Our award-winning¹ Careers Team is here to help you prepare for your future, wherever your ambitions lie.

You'll receive career support throughout your studies, and for an additional 24 months after graduating.² This sustained focus on employability contributes to the success of our graduates: 93% of our undergraduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.³



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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

We'll help you identify your goals and explore future pathways through:

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

Jess says ...

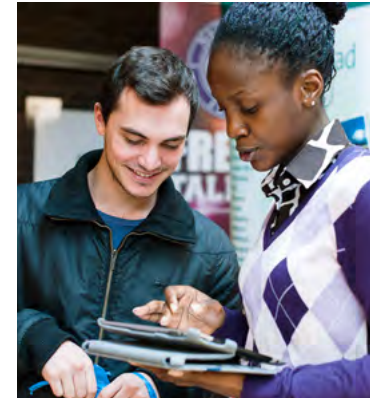
"I am currently looking for a placement year. The University helps by advertising relevant opportunities and runs placement boot camps to offer support and encouragement. The Careers Service has given me useful feedback on my cover letters and CV, and I plan on using their mock interview services. I have used the Thrive Mentoring Scheme to network with someone in the career that I want, and my mentor has given me useful feedback and suggested further experience that I could add to my CV. I have also attended talks by alumni in fields that I'm interested in."



GROW YOUR EXPERIENCE

In addition to placements, internships, paid research experience, and our official skills awards (see pages 36–39), there are plenty of ways to boost your employability and experience.

- **Take part in Thrive mentoring.** Connect with a professional mentor in the second or final year of your undergraduate degree, and get advice on your career plans and aspirations. It's a useful way to expand your network and is a great addition to your CV, showing motivation and self-development, plus you'll lead the partnership to get the most out of it. Some mentees have gained experiences such as workplace visits, shadowing, interviews, and placements.
- **Volunteer.** Make a difference and enhance your CV through the University's volunteering schemes, which include opportunities to help out within the local community.
- **Connect with employers.** We have links with a wide range of large national and international recruiters who offer employment opportunities locally.
- **Get part-time work.** Find countless opportunities for temporary, one-off, or shift work right here on campus through our Campus Jobs portal – get experience and top up your income at the same time.
- **Connect with our alumni.** When you graduate, you'll become a lifetime member of our global community of Reading alumni. Find out more on page 44.



[Discover more about careers and employability support at Reading](#)

¹ 'Strategic Innovation Award, AGCAS Award for Excellence 2023' and 'Best University for Work Experience 2023–2024, Rate my Placement'.

² Henley Business School students can access four years of alumni support.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree responders.

TRY US

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

SUBJECT TASTERS

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

FREE ONLINE COURSES

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

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE HUB

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

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Visit our resource hub to access webinars, short videos and online resources designed to support you in choosing and applying to university. We cover a wide range of topics, including the application process, student finance and student life at Reading.

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

PODCAST

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

[Access these resources and more](#)



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 you do the same.

You'll become a member of a global community of more than 300,000 graduates that spans over 150 countries: an international network of leaders, innovators and change-makers at varying stages of their careers, across a broad spectrum of industries.

During your studies, you'll have plenty of opportunities to connect with Reading alumni. Attend networking events, career fairs, alumni talks and workshops, and take part in our Thrive Mentoring Scheme, which pairs you with a Reading graduate who is already working in your chosen industry or job role.

Here are just a few of our inspiring alumni.

[Learn more about Reading graduates in Connected, our alumni magazine](#)



EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

Mat Lown's interest in sustainability was sparked in the final year of his building surveying degree. Now he shares his experiences with undergraduate students at Reading as a Thrive mentor.

Mat is championing sustainability in real estate in the midst of an industry tipping point. He is a chartered building surveyor and Chief Knowledge and ESG Officer at Tuffin Ferraby Taylor (TFT), where he founded their sustainability consultancy in 2007. He helps clients focused on driving down carbon emissions in properties to understand sustainability risks and opportunities.

TFT's research provides ambitious solutions that investors and developers can use to create sustainable buildings for a greener future – or redesign existing buildings to increase their resilience in a warming world.

Mat believes that the next generation will be key to tackling rising carbon emissions in the construction industry.

"There is such huge scope for growth in the sector but unfortunately it will be a lack of people that will hold us back. We need more graduates, such as built environment professionals and engineers, as well as people doing the practical hands-on work of retrofitting, repairing and prolonging the life of our buildings."

To help address this shortage, Mat speaks at schools and at career events and participates in the Thrive Mentoring Scheme at Reading. One of his recent mentees is looking at creating digital twins of buildings to help work out how to improve building performance.

"She has some great ideas about the digital world which are really eye-opening. The development of advanced modelling techniques will speed up the time-consuming process of assessing buildings and their carbon emissions individually, and make a huge difference in the industry."

[Read Mat's full interview in Connected.](#)

[Find out more about the Thrive Mentoring Scheme](#)



A LIFE-SHAPING EXPERIENCE



James Fletcher was the first in his family to go to university. He graduated in 2012 with a BA in Politics and International Relations and is now Deputy Director of Development at Oriel College, University of Oxford.

James's years at Reading played a crucial role in developing his career aspirations, way of thinking, and confidence to be himself.

His enthusiasm for his time as a Reading student stood him in excellent stead when he ran for election as President of Reading Students' Union (2012–13). His tenure as President was life-shaping both personally and professionally – it was during this time that he decided that the charity sector was the place for him.

“That year was a real grounding for the rest of my life, which sounds quite grand but it’s true. It was a time when I really just allowed myself to be myself.”

While James's career has focused on raising philanthropic gifts for charities and universities, he also holds voluntary positions, including as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the KFC Youth Foundation. He oversees donations between £1–2 million a year to charities that empower children and young people to unlock their talent and fulfil their potential.

“I think the charity sector is full of amazing people who do all they can to make the world a better place. I’m so inspired by them every day. The example set by others encourages me to play my small part in making the world a better place too.”

Giving back to Reading is just as important to James and he continues to support students of the University as a regular donor.

“Supporting students and providing financial aid helps to break down a number of barriers to success. University can become a place where everyone can thrive without the burden of financial worry.”

[Read James's full interview in Connected](#)

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Rachel Moore started volunteering with the University of Reading's School of Law in 2011 and has helped train hundreds of students on their client interviewing skills.

A Reading LLB graduate herself, Rachel then took her Legal Practice Course before qualifying in defence personal injury litigation. In 2002, she moved to her present firm, Kennedys, where she is now a partner in the Serious and Catastrophic Injury team.

“Studying the academic side of law was never enough for me. I always wanted to know how it would make a difference to someone and how I could use those skills practically.”

Rachel believes that it is important for students to understand why their studies are relevant in a practical context, which is why every year she spends an afternoon training a group of around 40 students on client interviewing skills.

“The sessions are interactive, giving lots of practical examples as to why the skills are important. There is also a workshop element where students can try out their skills and interview members of the School who have been trained to act like the most difficult (and often emotional) clients.”

“It’s wonderful to see that lightbulb moment when a student tries client interviewing for the first time and realises they can actually interview a ‘client’ and give them basic advice.”

Rachel is also a judge for the internal School of Law client interviewing competition. The winners of the competition go through to the regional competition and can then progress to the finals. They're also invited to the Kennedys office in London for an insight day.

“I hope that by meeting and working with the students, even on this limited basis, it gives those who would like to progress to a career in law a contact point. It helps to have someone you can turn to, to help point you in the right direction, or just give you that insight into what it means to be a lawyer.”

[Read Rachel's full interview in Connected](#)



MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



Volunteering has always been part of Jack Abrey's DNA.

As a first-year Geography student at Reading, he embarked on an adventure with a difference – travelling to Madagascar with international charity WaterAid. Jack worked alongside local experts to learn and help improve access to clean water and safe toilets across the country.

Now the 26-year-old graduate, from Enfield in North London, is Head of Youth Engagement at World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) UK, a leading global environmental charity that's working hard to bring our world back to life. Before this, he was a

Programme Delivery Executive at the Scouts, helping to create social action campaigns that empowered half a million young people in the UK and 57 million globally.

"The University of Reading's mantra sticks in my mind to this day – reminding me to stand up, be counted, to not be afraid to go against the grain, and above all, to combat injustice and leave the world a better place."

In his spare time, Jack has been a national ambassador for Blood Cancer UK, a local authority governor for a primary school and an audiobook narrator for Living Paintings – an

organisation that gives thousands of blind and partially sighted people the opportunity to access books through tactile images and audio.

Jack was recognised for his inspirational work in the 2022 New Year Honours List and awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for his services to young people and to charity during COVID-19.

PROMISE TO THE PLANET

Jack was a member of the Scouts from age six to 25 and, after his graduation, embarked on a full-time career with the charity. He led on a crucial climate campaign, **#PromiseToThePlanet**, that launched in June 2021, and supported a delegation of young people to speak directly with decision makers alongside Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, at the UN's Climate Change COP26.

Working with young people and volunteers from over 20 countries, the Scouts' international offices, the WWF, and the government, Jack helped facilitate and co-create plans to empower young people to take positive environmental action.

Later that year, Jack brought his ideas and experiences back to Reading as an environmental champion at the University's Climate Education Summit. His belief in the importance of equipping young people with the knowledge to help fight climate change goes hand in hand with the University of Reading's own climate education ambitions.



A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OTHERS

Jack first met the team at Berkshire-based Living Paintings while completing an internship through the Reading Internship Scheme. The University-run scheme helps Reading undergraduates to find flexible, paid internship opportunities with charities and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Jack was instantly taken aback by their work helping blind and partially sighted children and adults access the visual world through groundbreaking touch-to-see books. With up to two million people in the UK living with sight loss, including 20,000 children, Living Paintings' work is vital to breaking down the barriers faced by those living with visual impairments.

"These books are made up of raised tactile pictures, accompanied by audio narration from presenters including (astronaut) Tim Peake, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and me! It's a real honour to play my small part."



AN INSPIRING EDUCATION

"Studying at Reading, I was lucky enough to work alongside world-class academics in the field of geography and submit research to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and the government that led to policy change. The emphasis on real-world impact at the University really excited me."

Jack looks back on his time at Reading with the fondest of memories, describing it as a fantastic place to live and learn, where you really become part of not only the University community, but also the wider community of Reading.

"My time at Reading helped me hugely in my career with the Scouts and continues to do so every day. Reading develops good 'all-rounders' – people with a high-quality education and the life skills to make a real impact on the world."

The University was delighted to announce Jack as one of the Alumni and Supporter Volunteer of the Year winners at the inaugural Celebration of Volunteering in 2023. [Read his full interview in Connected](#)

GLOBAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

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

LEARN A LANGUAGE

Through our Institution-Wide Language Programme, you can start a new language as a beginner or continue a language you already know to a higher level. Find out more on page 35.

GLOBAL STUDY LOUNGE

Welcoming all students, our Global Study Lounge is a multipurpose facility that supports global engagement and intercultural communication through its programme of events and volunteering opportunities. Study, socialise and get teaching and learning support in a space that brings together students from across the University community.

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 will 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,¹ covering your PSE course and degree programme, which means you only have to apply for one visa. We will confirm your eligibility when considering your PSE application.

Find out more about [PSE at Reading](#).

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR COURSES

The University offers programmes for international students whose qualifications do not meet the normal undergraduate entry requirements.

You can access these through two routes, depending on the undergraduate degree subject you wish to study.

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

UFP students study on the University campus but are enrolled with and taught by ONCAMPUS, rather than the University of Reading. No matter the route you join through, you will be able to experience campus life here at Reading.

Subject to successful completion of a University of Reading IFP or ONCAMPUS UFP, and meeting other relevant degree entry requirements, you will be guaranteed the opportunity for progression onto your chosen undergraduate degree at Reading.

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

See page 126 or visit our [website](#)

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. Visit our [website](#) for details.




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 [Explore our international and EU students webpages](#)

¹ A Confirmation of Acceptance of 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.

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.
- **Chat online to some of our current international students.**
- In some countries, we also host face-to-face pre-departure events. **Check our website to see if we'll be near you.**
- Before you arrive at Reading, you'll be partnered with an international mentor who can help you settle into life in the UK and at the University.

[Explore our website to find more useful information for international and EU students](#)

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.



A MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

With around 150 different languages spoken in the local community, Reading town is home to people from all over the world, and this multiculturalism is proudly reflected in our own student community.

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

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

VICE-CHANCELLOR GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer international students a range of generous scholarships to help support your studies. awarded to students based on academic achievement in the form of a tuition fee reduction. See page 62 for more details.

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. If you have any questions about your student visa application, please contact us at immigration@reading.ac.uk.
- **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.
- **Independent information and advice.** For up-to-date advice for international students, including immigration, fees and wellbeing, visit [the UKCISA website](#).



MEET VRINDA

Once I started to get to know people, I really felt at home.

What do you study at Reading?

I am taking BSc Accounting and Finance with Placement Experience. I have always been interested in the stock market. My father was a banker and I was fascinated by his decisions about the economy. I chose Reading specifically because many of the modules I take give me exemptions for the chartered accountancy exams.

Did you have any worries about studying in the UK?

I was worried about whether I would be able to make friends with similar interests to me, finding my way around public transport, and living completely independently in a new country. Reading has disproved these fears, mainly thanks to the Welcome activities at the start of the first year. The University provided many events I could attend, such as arts and craft, international student events, and campus tours.

There were also many society taster events, which enabled me to meet other international students with the same interests. The local friends I made gave me advice on how to get around Reading, grocery shopping, and day-to-day chores. Subject-based sessions meant I could easily meet other people on my course.

What societies did you join?

I joined the International Society – finding other students here from my home country feels very comforting. I have also joined the Entrepreneur Society, which has allowed me to meet people in higher years on the same course as me who are able to give me very helpful advice.

What do you like about the University of Reading?

I really like the size of the campus, how spacious and green it is, and being able to go for walks beside the lake between lectures. I also enjoy going to the Students' Union building – they have many shops, such as a Korean store, a Starbucks, and the Bagel Man. There are job opportunities available at the University through Campus Jobs, even if you have no previous work experience like me, and they are very flexible to fit around your schedule.

I also like the Library, which has quiet areas and cubicles where you can study in your own space. The Study Advice Team there has helped me a lot with my essays.

[Chat online to international students at Reading](#)

LIVING IN HALLS

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

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

Our rent prices are all-inclusive, meaning that your utility bills, Wi-Fi and basic contents insurance¹ are included.

BENEFITS

- **Variety.** We have nearly 5,000 rooms, including quieter lifestyle areas, and a number of adapted rooms for students with disabilities and special requirements.²
- **Flexibility.** Standard contracts are 40 weeks or 51 weeks. Choosing a 51-week contract means you'll keep your room over the summer vacation.
- **Security and support.** Dedicated security patrols, CCTV and a 24/7 Halls Hotline.
- **Home at Halls.** Our residence life programme organises free and low-cost events for everyone living in halls.

ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE

You will be guaranteed a place in halls if you:

- are a new undergraduate who holds Reading as a firm UCAS choice³
- apply for accommodation by 1 August and satisfy any conditions of your academic offer by 3 September 2025.

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

[Explore room options and take virtual tours on our website](#)

CLEVER CUISINE

Clever Cuisine is our revolutionary meal plan system and is available to all students.⁴ Enjoy a healthy and balanced variety of meals on campus that are made daily by restaurant-grade chefs from fresh ingredients, many of which are sourced from sustainable producers, and include beef and produce from our very own farms.

We ensure that our menus never stay the same to keep eating just as interesting as learning. And because lectures happen across our campuses,

Clever Cuisine allows you to eat at any of our five main eateries. With discounts of up to 75%, it's a flexible and affordable way to eat well at university.

Our most popular Platinum Plan works out to just £12.27 per day (2023 figure), which covers three main meals, including two 'all you can eat' meals with free hot drinks. No supermarket or cafe could match that. Visit [the Clever Cuisine website](#) to learn more.

¹ See inside back cover for important information about the basic level of contents insurance included in our rent prices.

² Subject to availability.

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

⁴ Clever Cuisine is inclusive for all students living in catered accommodation and available to all other students by either semester or year.



SETTLING IN

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

MATCHING YOU WITH A MENTOR

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

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



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

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

Discover more short online courses from the University of Reading on [the Future Learn website](#).

University of Reading Offer Holders can access:

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

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

To help you settle in, meet new people, and familiarise yourself with your course, you'll be invited to take part in our autumn Welcome programme of activities. Join induction sessions and activities with your school, choose which social and enrichment activities to attend, and take guided tours of campus and the local area.

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



Tola says ...

"Try out as many societies as you can. You might not stick with them, but you'll

meet other people who you can get to know and socialise with in the first few weeks. I made my closest friend from joining a society in my first year."



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.

We have a wide range of support services that work together to provide help and advice throughout your studies.

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, online resources, and a 24/7/365 confidential telephone helpline.

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 disability@reading.ac.uk.

HALLS ACCOMMODATION

Students living in University halls of residence are supported by hall wardens and mentors, the Halls Hotline and the Accommodation Office. See page 56 for more information.

HOME AT HALLS

Our residence life programme organises social events for everyone living in halls, such as cultural experiences, fitness and wellbeing, life skills, and seasonal celebrations. Recent events have involved day trips to local attractions, pumpkin carving, quiz nights and wellbeing evenings.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE

Get help settling into life and study in the UK, as well as visa and immigration advice. For more information, see page 52.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From fees and scholarships to unexpected financial issues, effective budgeting and more, our Student Financial Support Team can help. See page 62.



COMMUTING TO CAMPUS

There are many reasons why you may choose to commute to the University instead of living in halls. This can include staying close to family and friends, financial circumstances, or caring responsibilities. Attending our Commuter Welcome event is a great opportunity to meet other new commuter students. And remember, living in halls is not the only way to make friends at Reading. You'll meet people through your course and by joining clubs and societies. If your journey to campus is quite long and you don't want to travel home in between lectures, there are lots of spaces on campus to relax and eat, including in the Students' Union.



LIBRARY AND IT SERVICES

All subjects have a dedicated academic liaison librarian to help you find the materials you need. There is also the Study Advice Team to support your studies, and our IT Team can help with any technical queries and keep you connected.

WELFARE TEAM

The **Student Welfare Team** can provide a range of support to all students, including care-experienced and estranged students, those facing homesickness, family and relationship issues, or challenges with 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. [Contact us for details.](#)

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](#)

MONEY MATTERS

HOME STUDENTS¹

Tuition fees

- Home student fees for 2025/26 entry haven't been confirmed by the UK government, but we'll update our website once they have been.
- If you're eligible² for funding through student finance authorities – which most home students will be – you don't have to pay any tuition fees upfront. You can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of your degree, and this is paid directly to the University.
- You only start paying back the loan after you have left education and started earning more than the repayment threshold.³

Maintenance loans

- Most home students are eligible to apply for a maintenance loan to help towards living costs, with differing amounts of funding available depending on where you study, where you choose to live, and your household income.²
- Home students can apply for a maintenance loan at the same time as a tuition fee loan. Maintenance loan money is paid directly to you in three instalments across the academic year.
- Your maintenance loan is unlikely to cover all of your living costs on its own. You'll have to budget carefully and, depending on your personal circumstances, you may need to supplement your income while you study through part-time work or other means.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS⁴

Tuition fees

You will normally pay your tuition fees in two instalments per year. For 2025/26 entry, the fees are:

- £25,250 a year for non-laboratory courses and International Foundation Programmes
- £29,950 a year for subjects with significant laboratory study or workshop content.

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

Vice-Chancellor Global Scholarships

We offer international students a range of generous scholarships to help support your studies. For 2024/25 entry, we provided 100 scholarships of £4,000 (for each year of study) as a tuition fee reduction, awarded to students based on academic achievement.

Check [our website](#) from October 2024 to see details of the application process and award allocations for 2025/26 entry.⁵

BUDGETING

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

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

- **course-related costs** such as books (most courses require compulsory texts), stationery and printing materials, field trips and other visits, and any specialist clothing and equipment⁶
- **living costs** such as food, travel, your mobile phone, clothes and personal care, gym membership, and entertainment
- **accommodation costs** in University halls or renting from a private landlord.

The average student spends around £1,078 per month according to the 2023 National Student Money Survey,⁷ but this figure will depend on your lifestyle choices.

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We offer:

- a **Reading Bursary** of £1,100 per year if your household income is less than £27,000 and you are from an area of general disadvantage or low participation in higher education⁸
- a selection of undergraduate **scholarships** (most are awarded based on academic achievement)
- some non-repayable **grants and bursaries**, depending on your circumstances
- opportunities to gain **paid, part-time work on campus** through Campus Jobs
- support in finding and securing **paid summer placements and internships**
- **reduced tuition fees** for the year you're away from Reading if you spend a full academic year studying abroad or on a placement (currently 15% of the normal tuition fee).

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

[Check the latest fees and funding information](#)



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

² Check your [eligibility and apply](#) for funding.

³ Find out more about [repaying your student loan](#).

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

⁵ Details of this scholarship are true at the time of publication; please note that we review our scholarship offerings every year.

⁶ Ask us about [additional course-related costs](#).

⁷ Visit [the Save the Student website](#) for the Student Money Survey 2023 results.

⁸ This is a cash bursary, available to enrolled, eligible full-time undergraduate home-fee students who are assessed as eligible for funding from student finance authorities.

COME TO AN OPEN DAY

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

Nothing beats coming to visit us in person to find out what Reading has to offer.

OPEN DAYS

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

Come along to one of our 2024 Open Days:

Friday 14 June
Saturday 15 June
Saturday 12 October
Saturday 19 October

[Book your Open Day place now](#)

CAMPUS TOURS

If you can't make it for an Open Day, you can still visit us for a campus tour. You'll explore our main Whiteknights campus and get a feel for the atmosphere – a great way to see if you can picture yourself living and studying here. Campus tours run throughout the year and are usually led by our wonderful students.

[Book a campus tour.](#)

MEETINGS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As an international or EU student, you can book a virtual one-to-one meeting with a regional specialist in our international recruitment team to get information and advice about your chosen academic programme, the application process, accommodation, and life at Reading.

[Book a one-to-one meeting.](#) You can also explore our virtual experience hub (see page 42).


If you'd like to visit the University in person on a specific date, [send us an enquiry](#) before your trip, so we can discuss arrangements to meet with you.





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-  Interview and/or portfolio submission required
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COURSES

ACCOUNTING



Study at Henley Business School to gain professional accounting skills and sound business and finance knowledge.

You'll benefit from our:

- triple-accredited status from the UK, European and US accrediting bodies (AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB)
- excellent teaching staff with real, practical accounting and research experience
- global network of more than 80,000 alumni across 165 countries.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

After graduating, you may choose to build on the professional exemptions obtained during your degree to qualify as an accountant with one of these institutes.


INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS¹

- Complete an optional paid placement year or study year abroad on BSc Accounting and Finance or BA Accounting and Management (including Foundation version).
- Apply to transfer to our Malaysia campus for up to one year – and still complete your course in three years – on BSc Accounting and Finance.
- Previous placement employers have included 3M, BMW, British Airways, Cisco Systems, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, IBM, and PwC.
- Benefit from three guaranteed paid placements with accountancy firm PwC on our four-year BA Accounting and Business (Flying Start) degree.

CAREERS

Our courses have a strong focus on employability, and your degree can open up a wide range of employment opportunities including accounting, professional services, banking, consultancy, finance, human resources, IT, marketing, operations, management, and more.

Our BA Accounting and Business (Flying Start) degree can provide a guaranteed graduate job offer from PwC at the end of the programme² and is one of the fastest routes to becoming an ICAEW Chartered Accountant in the UK.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Accounting and Business – The Flying Start Degree Programme	 NN41	AAB	DDD	34
GCSE: grade 6/B in English and Maths				
BSc Accounting and Finance /with Placement Experience /with Year Abroad	NN43 /NN34 /NN45	ABB including B in A level or AS level Maths	DDD plus A in A level or AS level Maths*	32 including 5 in SL Maths
GCSE: grade 5/B in English				
BA Accounting and Management /with Placement Experience /with Year Abroad	NN24 /NN42 /NN44	ABB	DDD	32
GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths				
BA Accounting and Management with Foundation	NNF1	CCC	DMM	24

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"The course was really eye-opening in terms of the career opportunities, and you are so well prepared for every interview. I particularly enjoyed the trading simulations, both within the course and also after hours as part of the Finance Society, where I took a role as Secretary and helped set up the simulations for other students. It gave me the confidence to build up my own personal account to trade stocks, and I didn't expect that to happen so soon."

Hear more from Eliot, BSc Accounting and Finance

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Business & Management (see page 88)
- ▶ Finance (see page 114)

¹ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover. Our Careers Team works with students to help them secure placements, but they cannot be guaranteed unless you are on our BA Accounting and Business degree.

² PwC graduate job offers are subject to satisfactory completion of certain milestones throughout the course.

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

AGRICULTURE



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

At Reading, we have been educating agriculturalists for more than 125 years. Globally, we're the highest-ranking UK university for our subject area¹, and we also rank highly in national league tables². We're proud to have the top score for both teaching quality and student experience in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2024.

FARMS

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

LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

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

OPPORTUNITIES

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

CAREERS

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

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

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

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

"The course was excellent, but the student life also scored highly! My first year in halls was fun and I found that being on such a pleasant campus really added to the experience. I benefited from being a part of a real student community, and being a member of the Reading University Boat Club (rowing) gave me a strong network of friends in addition to those on my programme."

Joe Pitt, BSc Agricultural Business Management graduate

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Bioveterinary Sciences (see page 86)
- ▶ Environment (see page 110)
- ▶ Food Business and Marketing (see page 132)
- ▶ International Development (see page 124)

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 – Agriculture & Forestry. We are ranked joint 16th in the world and are the only UK university in the global top 60.

² Ranked 4th for 'Animal Science and Agriculture' in the *Guardian* University Guide 2024, 5th for 'Agriculture and Forestry' in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2024, and 10th for 'Agriculture and Forestry' in the Complete University Guide 2024.

³ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

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

ARCHAEOLOGY



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

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Join the top university in the UK for Archaeology research.¹ Our Department also has an outstanding track record for overall student satisfaction. We received the second-highest score for teaching quality in Archaeology², and 100% of our students said that teaching staff were good or very good at explaining things³.

FIELDWORK AND FACILITIES

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES

During your degree you will be able to work with experts on current research projects, spend a semester or entire year at a partner university overseas or undertake a professional placement.⁴

ACCREDITATION

Our BA Archaeology degrees (V400/V401/V402) are accredited by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA). During your degree, you'll have student membership of CIfA, giving you access to their e-learning modules, specialist professional networks and details of jobs in the profession.

CAREERS

All of our degrees are designed to help you develop skills desired by a broad range of employers, giving you the edge to excel in your career, whether that is within or beyond the archaeology and heritage sectors.

Overall, 97% of Archaeology graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.⁵

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

EMPOWERED BY ENABLED FIELDWORK

Enabled Fieldwork is a collaborative project between students and staff to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to fully participate in our field trips and field schools. Discover how the group empowered Jenny to take part in fieldwork in her own way, helping her to realise her strengths and understand limitations. [Read her story](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Classics, Classical Studies and Ancient History (see page 92)
- ▶ Geography (see page 118)
- ▶ History (see page 122)

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

² The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024, 'Archaeology and forensic science' category.

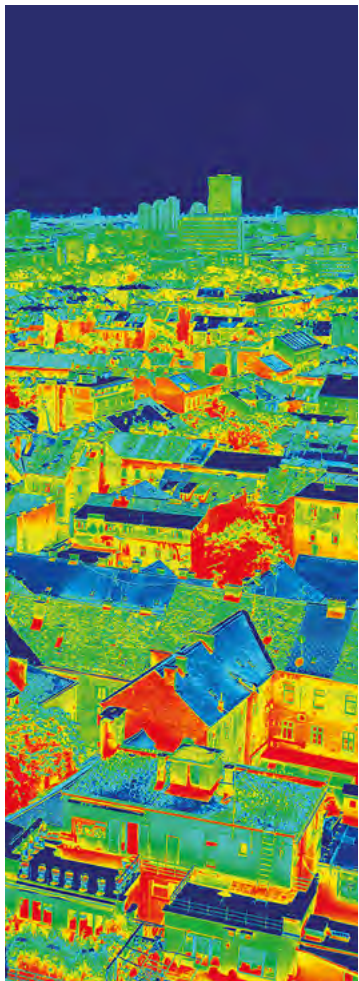
³ National Student Survey 2023.

⁴ Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

⁵ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Archaeology responders.

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

ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING



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

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

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

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

TOP-RANKING DEPARTMENT

We are highly ranked in the UK for teaching and research in the built environment.¹

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

FACILITIES

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you join in 2025, you may be eligible for an annual scholarship of £1,000 for all years of study.²

CAREERS

Overall, 94% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating; of those in full-time employment, 100% are in graduate-level roles.³

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

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

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

PURSuing A PASSION FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Seeking a career change, Mark discovered that MEng Architectural Engineering at Reading could combine his existing engineering skillset with his interest for architectural and building design. [Read his story](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Architecture (see page 76)
- ▶ Real Estate and Planning (see page 152)
- ▶ Surveying and Construction (see page 156)

¹ The University of Reading is ranked 3rd for Building in the Complete University Guide 2024 and 6th in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2024. We are ranked 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning (Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of REF 2021).

² Subject to conditions. See this [webpage](#) for details.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Construction Management and Engineering responders.

ARCHITECTURE



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

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

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

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

Our cross-disciplinary approach draws on disciplines both within the School of the Built Environment and beyond, supporting you to develop and excel in the wide-ranging skills required for architectural practice.

JOIN A THRIVING COMMUNITY

- Joint 5th highest-ranking UK university for Architecture and Built Environment.²
- 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning.³

INDUSTRY-RELEVANT TRAINING

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

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

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

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you join in 2025, you may be eligible for an annual scholarship of £1,000 for each of the three years of the degree.⁴

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Architecture	 K100	ABB	DDM	32

EXPLORE OUR STUDENTS' WORK

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

[View examples of student work](#)

ARCHITECTURE STRUCTURE BUILD PROJECT 2023

[Watch our video to discover more about the 2023 structure build project](#), which saw our second-year students collaborating with staff and industry on a full-scale build.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Architectural Engineering (see page 74)
- ▶ Graphic Communication (see page 120)
- ▶ Surveying and Construction (see page 156)

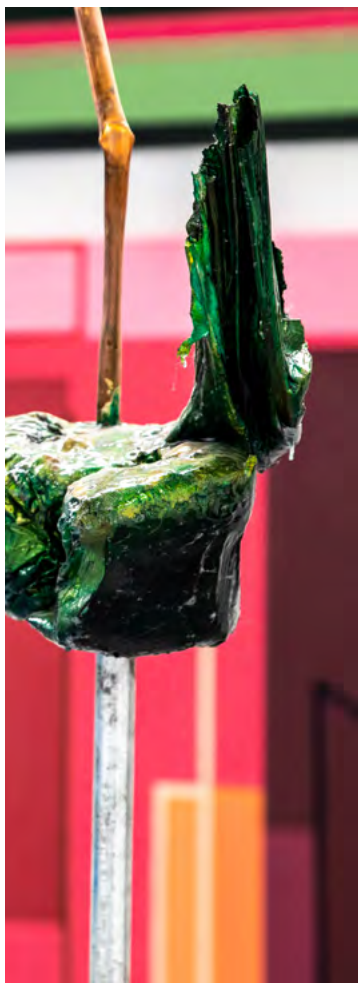
¹ Our BSc (Hons) Architecture degree is prescribed by ARB under the Architects Act 1997 until December 2028, and validated by RIBA until 2024. After this, normal practice is that accreditation is reviewed periodically.

² QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 (ranked 51–100 overall).

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

⁴ Subject to conditions. See this [webpage](#) for details.

ART



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

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

DEVELOP AS AN ARTIST

Your learning will be enhanced by:

- talks, workshops and one-to-one feedback from art professionals
- international field trips and the opportunity to study abroad in places such as Berlin, Tokyo or Seoul¹
- exhibitions, work placements, and events.

DEDICATED STUDIO SPACE

You'll have your own studio space in our new art building, accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The space includes a 3D workshop area for plaster, clay and other sculptural materials, and a 2D workshop area with print-making facilities. We also have a substantial wood and metal workshop, plus access to 3D Printing, CNC and laser-cutting, as well as a dark room for photography, and a spray booth.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

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

CAREERS

Overall, 94% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.²

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

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Fine Art (3 years)	M W101	BBB, or 80 UCAS tariff points with Pass in Art Foundation	DDM	30, or 24 with Pass in Art Foundation
BA Art (4 years)	M W102	CCC	DMM	24
BA Art and Creative Writing	M QW32	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA Art and English Literature	M QW31			
BA Art and Film	M WW60			
BA Art and History of Art	M VW31			
BA Art and Philosophy	M VW51	BBB	DDM	30
BA Art and Theatre	M WW40			
BA Art and Psychology	M CW81	ABB	DDM	32
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science				

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Watch Helena's video about why she loves studying Art at Reading, and hear about the extraordinary people, resources and opportunities she has experienced.

You may also be interested in:

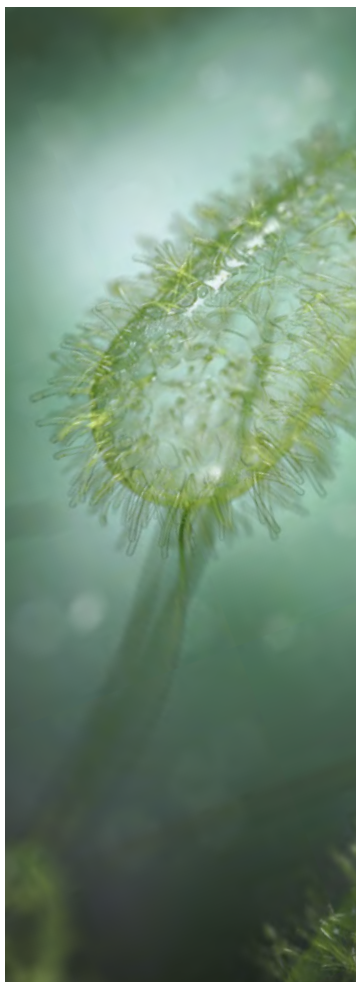
- ▶ Film, Theatre & Television (see page 112)
- ▶ Graphic Communication (see page 120)

¹ Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

² Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Art responders.

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

BIOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY AND MICROBIOLOGY



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

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

YOUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Join us and benefit from:

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

FACILITIES

We have invested £60m in our new Health and Life Sciences building, which houses flexible, modular teaching labs, research laboratory space, and the Cole Museum of Zoology.

Our award-winning¹ Whiteknights campus also acts as a living laboratory, creating many opportunities for fieldwork on site.

CAREERS

During your studies, you will have many opportunities to enhance your career prospects, from year-long placements² in industry to partnerships with organisations on research projects.

Overall, 93% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.³

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

You will leave with a Royal Society of Biology (RSB) accredited degree.⁴ All our accredited courses place an emphasis on developing transferable skills such as critical thinking, data analysis and communication skills. These skills are highly regarded by employers in both scientific and non-scientific job sectors.

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Hear from Carl about his favourite aspects of the BSc Microbiology degree, including a unique Arctic field trip to Iceland and the year he spent on an industry placement. [Watch his video](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ Bioveterinary Sciences (see page 86)
- ▶ Chemistry (see page 90)
- ▶ Food Science (see page 116)
- ▶ Zoology and Ecology (see page 158)

¹ Whiteknights campus has won 13 consecutive Green Flag Awards (2011–2023).

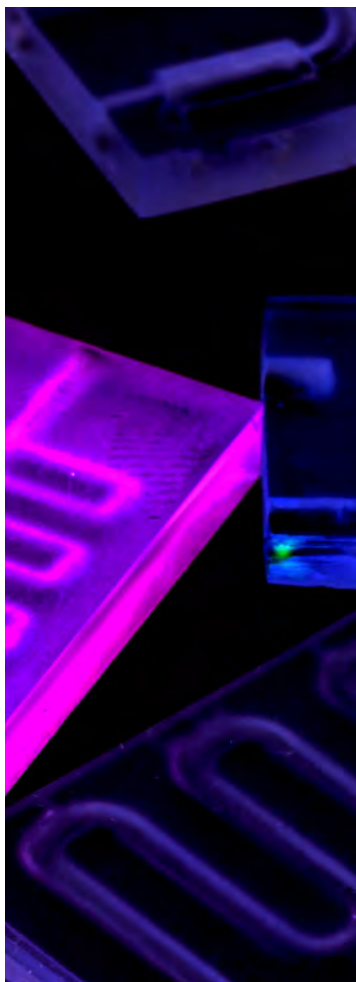
² Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree responders from Biological Sciences.

⁴ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [RSB website](#).

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

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING



Apply engineering methods and approaches in healthcare and biology.

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

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

EXCELLENT STUDENT SATISFACTION

Choose a university that:

- is in the top 10 in the UK for Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering
- holds the second-highest score for teaching quality
- enjoys the highest score for student experience
- has the eighth-highest score for graduate prospects.¹

Additionally, 93% of students in the Department of Biomedical Engineering said our teaching staff are good or very good at explaining things.²

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Take the opportunity to complete a one-year placement at the end of your second year, gaining valuable experience in the field and building your professional network.³

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

CAREERS

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

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

Amalia, BEng Biomedical Engineering graduate

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BEng Biomedical Engineering /with Professional Experience	H160 /H162	ABB with B in Physics or Maths, or BBB with B in Physics or Maths and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Physics or Maths, or 30 with 5 in HL Physics or Maths and a second science*

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

“I found it fascinating that there was a specific degree that could apply engineering skills to a biological and medical field. Although Biomedical Engineering is a relatively new area, it is everywhere in the healthcare system: is an MRI machine not working? We can fix it. Need a new method of attaching prosthetics that is not invasive and harmful to the patient? We can create that.”

Ask current student Paige about our BEng Biomedical Engineering degree

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ Computer Science (see page 94)

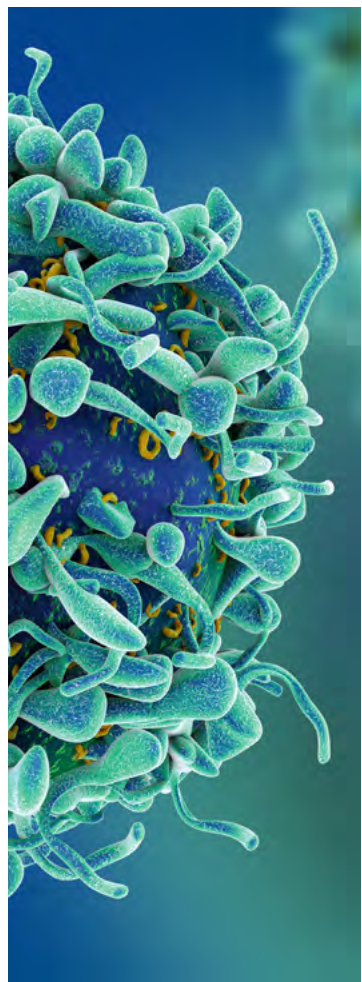
¹ *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2024 – Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering. We are ranked 9th overall in the UK for this subject area.

² National Student Survey 2023.

³ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

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

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



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

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

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

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

EXCELLENT LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

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

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

LEARN FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

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


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

CAREERS

We have the third-highest graduate prospects score out of universities in South East England.¹ MPAS graduates can work within the NHS as physician associates, in both primary and secondary health services, after passing the national certification examination.

Graduates from Biomedical Sciences and Medical Science will leave with a Royal Society of Biology (RSB) accredited degree² and highly sought-after skills for the workplace, including research and analysis training.

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

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

BREATHING LIFE INTO SCIENCE

Discover why Agnieszka chose Reading for her BSc Biomedical Sciences with Professional Experience degree.

[Watch her video](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biology, Biochemistry and Microbiology (see page 80)
- ▶ Biomedical Engineering (see page 82)
- ▶ Bioveterinary Sciences (see page 86)
- ▶ Nutrition (see page 140)
- ▶ Pharmacology (see page 142)
- ▶ Pharmacy (see page 144)

¹ Complete University Guide 2024 - Biomedical Sciences (when filtered by region).

² Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [RSB website](#).

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

BIOVETERINARY SCIENCES



Join a university that is highly ranked in world and national subject league tables¹, and gain an in-depth knowledge of animal physiology, from molecular to whole-organism level while developing holistic knowledge of factors that influence animal health and welfare.

All sustainable human-animal relationships – whether keeping animals for food production, companionship or leisure – have animal health and welfare at their core. By exploring animal nutrition, behaviour, and environment, as well as health challenges and disease threats, you will be ready for an exciting career that combines a fascination with science and a passion for animals.

FIELDWORK

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

FACILITIES

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

EMPLOYABILITY BUILT IN

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

CAREERS

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

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

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Amber was keen to explore a future in veterinary medicine and Reading offered the perfect stepping stone.

"My favourite modules have been those where we've been on field visits to places such as farms and zoos, collecting data and applying it to our assignments."

Hear how Amber's practical visits and work experience brought her studies to life, giving her valuable insights into future careers working with animals.

Read her insights

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture (see page 70)
- ▶ Biology (see page 80)
- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ Zoology and Ecology (see page 158)

¹ We are ranked 4th in the UK for 'Animal Science and Agriculture' in the *Guardian* University Guide 2024, and we are joint 16th in the world for 'Agriculture & Forestry' in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 (highest-ranking UK university and only UK university in the global top 60).

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

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT



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

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

SHAPE YOUR DEGREE

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

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

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

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

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

CAREERS

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

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Business and Management /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N100 /N101 /N102			
BSc Business and Management (Accounting) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N400 /N401 /N402			
BSc Business and Management (Data Analytics and Digital Business) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	NG12 /NG13 /NG14			
BSc Business and Management (Entrepreneurship and Innovation) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N298 /N289 /N199	ABB	DDD	32
BSc Business and Management (Human Resources and Organisational Behaviour) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N215 /N217 /N216			
BSc Business and Management (Marketing) /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	NN25 /N2N5 /N2N6			
BSc International Business and Management /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N120 /N110 /N111			
BSc International Business and Management with a Modern Language /with Placement Year /with Year Abroad	N1R9 /N1R8 /N1Q9		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths	
BA Modern Languages and Business	R9N1	BBB	DDM	30
			GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths	
BA Philosophy, Business and Ethics	VN51	BBB	DDM	30
			GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths	
BSc Business and Management with Foundation	N1F1	CCC	DMM	24

¹ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity.

² "Career after 15 months" score for Business and Management in the *Guardian* University Guide 2024.

CHEMISTRY



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

GET INVOLVED IN OUR RESEARCH

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

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

INDUSTRY-FOCUSED DEGREES

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

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

PLACEMENTS

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

CAREERS

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

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

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

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Third-year Chemistry students, Ella, Bradley and Ollie, share why they chose Reading, what they enjoy most about their studies, and where they hope their degrees will take them. [Watch their video](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biochemistry (see page 80)
- ▶ Food Science (see page 116)
- ▶ Pharmacology (see page 142)
- ▶ Pharmacy (see page 144)

¹ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

² Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See [the RSC website](#).

CLASSICS, CLASSICAL STUDIES AND ANCIENT HISTORY



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

Choose from three programmes of study:

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

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH AND EXCELLENT TEACHING

95% of our research is of international standing¹, contributing to a significant impact on the global understanding of the ancient world.

Our findings feed directly into your learning, with 100% of students agreeing that teaching staff were good or very good at explaining things².

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

You can gain hands-on experience with our collection of Greek and Egyptian antiquities in the Ure Museum, undertake a placement to put your knowledge into practice, and apply to study at an overseas institution³ in Europe, Canada, the USA or Australia.

CAREERS

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

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

"I chose to study at Reading because it offered brilliant course content on a beautiful campus. I got to study the ancient languages in-depth and explore new areas of the ancient world due to the wide range of modules on offer. But above all, the support I received during my studies was what made my degree here a stand-out experience for me."

Patrick, BA Classics graduate

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

EMBRACING EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Hear how Leah has taken advantage of all the opportunities that the Department of Classics offers – from career-focused modules and hands-on museum experience to engaging young minds in Reading's ancient school room. [Watch her video.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Archaeology (see page 72)

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

² National Student Survey 2023.

³ Study Abroad and placements are subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. See inside back cover.

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree responders from Classics.

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

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

COMPUTER SCIENCE



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

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

AN ENVIABLE LOCATION

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

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

IMPACT AND RELEVANCE

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

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

FACILITIES AND SOFTWARE

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

CAREERS

Overall, 90% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating. Of those in full-time employment, 92% are in graduate-level roles.³

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

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

Jag, BSc Computer Science with Industrial Year

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

MAKING AN IMPRESSION WITH EMPLOYERS

Rhian's professional placements during her degree not only changed her outlook towards her career but also resulted in job offers before graduation.

[Read about her experiences.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Engineering (see page 82)
- ▶ Mathematics (see page 134)

¹ The Data City, UK Emerging Tech Report, May 2020.

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

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Computer Science responders.

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

CRIMINOLOGY



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

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

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

You'll gain a solid understanding of social science research methodologies and ethics, supported by a strong grounding in the relevant legal frameworks. You'll benefit from the research and teaching expertise of the School of Law, where 99% of our research is of international standing.¹

SPECIALISED MODULES

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

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

INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENT

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

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

CAREERS

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY AT READING

Hear from Professor Jo Phoenix, Deputy Head of the Law School, about the wide-ranging modules and how the course helps to build future employability skills. [Watch our video.](#)

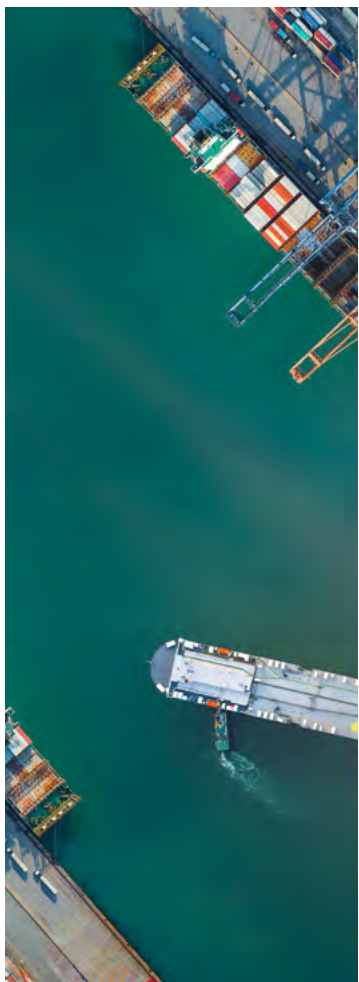
You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Law (see page 130)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 148)

We have a new programme in development for 2025/26 entry, subject to final approval. [Please check our website for more information and to register your interest.](#)

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

ECONOMICS



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

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

A DYNAMIC STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Your study of economics will be enhanced by:

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

PLACEMENTS AND STUDYING ABROAD

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

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

CAREERS

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

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

Emma, BA Economics, placement at the British FCDO

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

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SUPPORTING SUCCESS

Alicia completed her placement year with The Walt Disney Company. Find out about her role and the support she received from the Department of Economics that helped her secure it. [Read her story.](#)

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

² Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree responders from Economics.

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

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Geography and Economics (Regional Science) /with Professional Experience	LL17 /LL18			
BA International Relations and Economics /with Placement Year	LL21 /LL22	BBB	DDM	30
BA Modern Languages and Economics	R9L1			
BA Politics and Economics /with Placement Year	LL12 /L2L1	GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA History and Economics	LV11	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject**
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BSc Mathematics and Economics /with Placement Year	GL11 /GL12	ABC including A in Maths	Not accepted unless studied alongside A level Maths*	30 including 6 in HL Maths

⁴ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover for more information.

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

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

PLACEMENTS WORK

Doing a placement as part of your degree is the perfect way to build your confidence, network, and professional skillset. Having real-world experience under your belt when you graduate can give you a huge advantage and help you stand out in the job market.

At Reading, every course offers the opportunity to gain professional experience that counts towards your degree. A popular choice is to spend a year working in industry.⁴

As a placement year student, you'll receive training and support from a dedicated placement coordinator to help you find and secure a high-quality placement, just like Meera did.

Meera originally started on a three-year BSc Economics degree, but by the end of her first year she was convinced that a placement year would be a very valuable asset to kickstart her career. She credits the guidance and support from her Department with giving her the confidence to pursue a year in industry.

"I was offered a placement in the Government Economic Service. It was because of this role that I had the opportunity to apply for a graduate job at the end of my placement – which I was successful in – and I also discovered my passion for the role of economists in government and all the interesting work that they do. I now, more than ever, recognise the importance and value of placement years and I actively encourage placement students I meet to make the most of their year in industry."

Following graduation, Meera became an Assistant Economist at the Office for National Statistics where she works on important research and analysis at a time when data is even more crucial to inform the public and policy.



"I frequently make use of the knowledge I built throughout my degree in my day-to-day job which, for me, is the best outcome I could hope for following my four years at Reading."

There are many different industries to choose from when selecting a destination for your placement year. For more inspiration, [visit our website](#).

EDUCATION AND TEACHING



Transform lives through education.

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

A LEADER IN THE FIELD

- We are ranked 9th in the UK for Education.¹
- 98% of our research is of international standing.²
- We are in the top 10 highest-scoring universities for graduate prospects in the UK.³

BECOME A PRIMARY TEACHER

Build a strong identity as a teacher on our BA Primary Education courses. You'll develop your expertise through a range of modules and school placements.

If you choose one of our subject specialisms, you'll build your subject knowledge alongside pedagogical and leadership skills.

You will develop an understanding of how to incorporate climate and sustainability education into your teaching, as well as discuss challenging topics and promote social justice in the classroom.

You will also learn how to become an effective, inclusive teacher who puts children at the heart of their practice.

EXPLORE EDUCATION

Explore current debates in education within different contexts on BA Education Studies and develop your understanding in relation to:

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY WHILE YOU WORK

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

CAREERS

Overall, 97% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course; of those working full-time, 92% are in graduate-level roles.⁴

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

¹ Guardian University Guide 2024.

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

³ Complete University Guide 2024 – Education.

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree responders from the Institute of Education.

⁵ Art, Craft and Design, Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textile Design, Three-dimensional Design, Photography.

⁶ English, History, Sociology, Philosophy, Drama.

⁷ Maths, Further Maths, Economics, Statistics, Use of Mathematics.

⁸ Music, Music Technology or Performing Arts with a music focus. Practical Music at grade 8 or equivalent may be considered.

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

** Applications must be submitted directly to our partner colleges and not via UCAS. See [our website](#) for partner details.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS



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

Founded in 1965, our Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics has almost 60 years of excellence in the field and provided the first undergraduate linguistics degree in the UK.

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

- analyse how language is used in different social contexts, including workplaces, political speeches, media communication, and social media interactions
- discover how language is acquired and how it is taught, and its role in the increasingly globalised world
- learn from experts in supportive, small groups. In the National Student Survey 2023, 94% of English Language and Applied Linguistics students agreed that their course challenged them to achieve their best work very often or fairly often.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

You'll have the opportunity to:

- spend a semester or a full academic year at a prestigious university overseas¹
- undertake a work placement module, working on a professional communication project for a company or organisation
- participate in research projects through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme.

CAREERS

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

100% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.²

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

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

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Saif and Sophie share their experiences in the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics, including the benefits of doing a placement and the advantages of studying in a small, closeknit department.

Watch their video.

You may also be interested in:

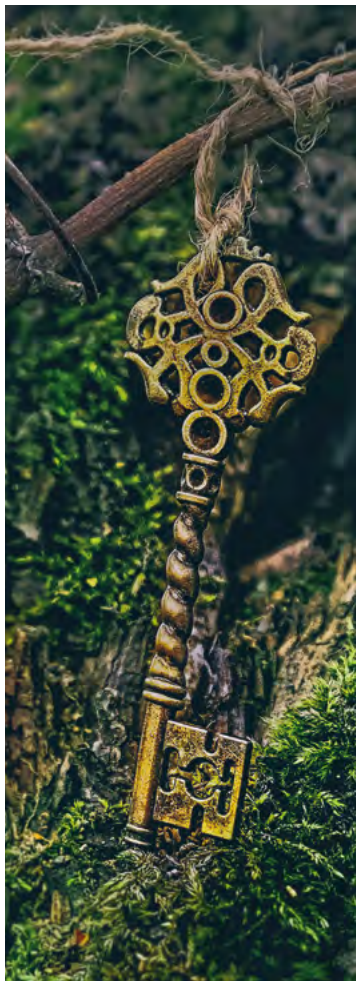
- ▶ Education and Teaching (see page 102)
- ▶ Language Sciences (see page 151)
- ▶ Speech and Language Therapy (see page 154)

¹ Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

² Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20 (latest data available); includes all English Language and Applied Linguistics responders.

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

ENGLISH LITERATURE CREATIVE WRITING



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

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

We offer a wide choice of modules on topical subjects, informed by our research and our century-long history of innovation in English studies.

In the National Student Survey 2023, 94% of students in the Department of English Literature said our teaching staff were good or very good at explaining things.

OPPORTUNITIES

You can apply to spend a semester or a full academic year at one of our partner institutions overseas.¹ You'll also have the opportunity to undertake placements to help you decide on a career path and equip you with the skills you need to succeed.²

CAREERS

You will graduate with the ability to be analytical, creative, critical, and capable of reflection and perspective – skills that are highly valued by employers. Overall, 95% of graduates from English Literature are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation.³

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

Phaidra, BA English Literature

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

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¹ Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

² Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree English Literature responders.

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

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Art and Creative Writing	M	QW32		
BA Art and English Literature	M	QW31		
BA Classical Studies and English Literature		QQ38	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*
BA Modern Languages and English Literature		R9Q3		30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA Philosophy and English Literature		VQ53		
BA History and English Literature		QV31	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**
BA English Literature with Foundation		Q302	CCD	DMM
				24

FROM UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH TO THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

Recent graduate, Katie, discusses life in the Department of English Literature and how her degree has helped her reach new career heights.

Watch her video.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Classics and Classical Studies (see page 92)
- ▶ English Language and Linguistics (see page 104)
- ▶ Film, Theatre & Television (see page 112)

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

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

JOINT DEGREES

A joint degree allows you to study two complementary subjects as part of a single undergraduate qualification.

At Reading, we offer a wide range of joint degrees across many of our subjects. You'll be at home in both departments, but like single honours students, you'll have one academic tutor who will support you throughout your degree.

You'll take the same total number of modules as other students, just split (usually equally) across your two subjects. You'll be able to select optional modules to shape your degree to your own interests, and many of our joint degrees also offer the option of a year spent working in industry or studying abroad.

There's plenty of support available to help you manage your time and workload. And if you decide you prefer one subject more than the other, most of our joint degrees offer you the flexibility to switch to a single subject at the end of the first year (as long as you qualify by passing the right exams).

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

You can continue with two subjects that you enjoyed at school, or broaden your horizons and take up a new subject in addition to one you've already studied. You could even choose a joint degree where both subjects are new to you.



"The absolute best thing about Reading is that I get to study exactly what I want on a joint honours degree. It can be difficult finding the best mix of two subjects that you would like to study together. My course is so well laid out, I really love it, and I love being a part of Reading.

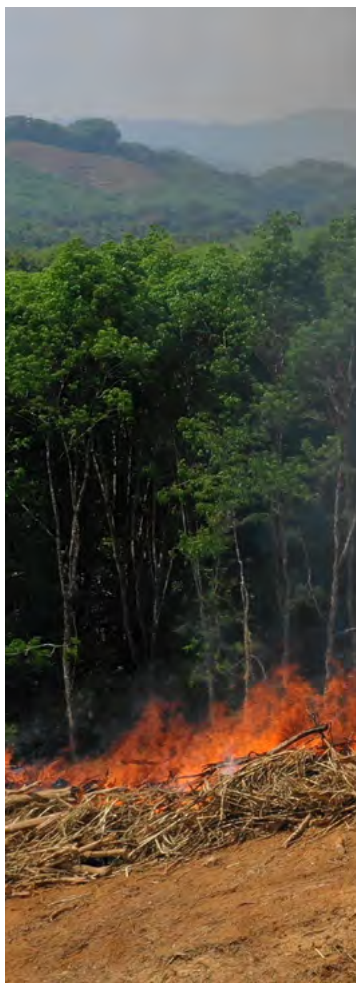
"All of my lecturers, in both subject areas, are so passionate. They love their jobs, so they make teaching fun and exciting – they make students want to come in for lectures and seminars and get talking on different topics.

"My academic tutor is always there if I have any questions about the way my course works or how to write better essays.

"I fell in love with the Art studio when I first saw it in person, and I also love the Library. I have borrowed so many books! As a joint degree student with English Literature, there are a lot of books I need to read or look at for secondary sources. The Library has helped me save so much money, as all the books I need are there."

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

ENVIRONMENT



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

MAKE AN IMPACT

Study at a university that:

- has received a prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize (2021) for our work on climate change
- is among the top 10 UK universities and top 100 in the world for Environmental and Physical Sciences¹
- is ranked joint 16th in the world for Agriculture and Forestry, the highest-ranking UK university²
- is at the forefront of sustainability and ranks 3rd in the UK for research power in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences³
- offers courses accredited by the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).⁴

PRACTICAL LEARNING

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

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

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

Our links with organisations such as the Environment Agency, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Thames Water enable you to gain industry insight and experience through visits, talks and work placements.⁵

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

CAREERS

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

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

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Raquel fully embraced life in the Department of Geography and Environmental Science, developing her academic and life skills through innovative teaching, field trips and paid research experience. [Read her story.](#)

Environmental Management student, Harry, enjoys the strong sense of community within the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development.

[Hear his insights.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture (see page 70)
- ▶ Geography (see page 118)
- ▶ Meteorology and Climate (see page 136)
- ▶ Zoology and Ecology (see page 158)

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 – Environmental Sciences (we're ranked 78th overall and are the 10th-highest UK university); and Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 by Subject – Physical Sciences (we're the 11th-highest UK university).

² QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 – Agriculture and Forestry. We are the only UK university in the global top 60.

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

⁴ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See [the IES website](#).

⁵ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

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

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

FILM, THEATRE & TELEVISION



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

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

During your studies, you will have the opportunity to creatively collaborate on:

- performances
- short films
- television programmes
- commercially orientated content.

You will gain confidence in writing, directing, designing, and producing, and will develop industry-specific, wide-ranging skills in areas such as sound and lighting, camera work, and post-production, as well as festival programming and CV design.

A CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT

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

Reading is one of the fastest-growing screen industry hubs in the UK. Shinfield Studios, an extensive film facility built on the University's land, offers exciting workshop opportunities with industry experts.

MINGHELLA STUDIOS

Our world-class facilities are the launchpad for your creative career. They include three flexible theatre spaces, a multicamera film and TV studio featuring Arri Alexa film cameras, digital cinema, and a dedicated recording studio and mixing suite with state-of-the-art equipment.

CAREERS

100% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.¹

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

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

DISCOVERING YOUR STRENGTHS

The modules and variety of creative and practical skills that are taught in the Department of Film, Theatre & Television are just two of Tom's degree highlights so far. [Watch his video.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Art (see page 78)

¹ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Film, Theatre & Television responders.

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

FINANCE



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

EXPERIENCE FINANCE IN ACTION

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

A GLOBAL LEADER

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

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

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

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

CAREERS

Our programmes provide a strong emphasis on employability throughout your degree. Our graduates have joined companies including J.P. Morgan, Credit Suisse, BlackRock, Refinitiv, Accenture, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, and PwC.

IDEAL STUDY LOCATION

At the University of Reading, you'll enjoy the best of both worlds: study on a beautiful campus in the heart of the Thames Valley, a dynamic financial services hub that is home to major organisations such as EY, KPMG, Deloitte, Aldermore Group, and PwC. And London – one of the world's leading financial centres – is only a 23-minute train ride from Reading.

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

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Accounting (see page 68)
- ▶ Economics (see page 98)
- ▶ Mathematics (see page 134)

¹ Placements are subject to availability and dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

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

FOOD SCIENCE



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

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

LEADERS IN FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

- We are ranked 7th among UK universities for Food Science.¹
- 100% of our students said our staff were good or very good at explaining things.²
- Our courses are accredited by the Institute of Food Science & Technology and/or the Association for Nutrition.³

FACILITIES

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

NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

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

CAREERS

All of our courses have been designed in collaboration with food industry partners, many of whom are alumni, making our graduates highly employable. That's why 100% of our Food and Nutritional Sciences graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.⁴ Past graduates have joined PepsiCo, Mondelēz, Nestlé, Marks & Spencer, Unilever, and McCormick.

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

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

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

CREATING NEW FOOD PRODUCTS FROM SCRATCH

Learn about the New Product Development module, which will see you use your knowledge and skills to answer a real food business brief and present your new product concept to food industry professionals!

Watch our video.

You may also be interested in:

- Chemistry (see page 90)
- Food Business and Marketing (see page 132)
- Nutrition (see page 140)

¹ *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2024.

² National Student Survey 2023.

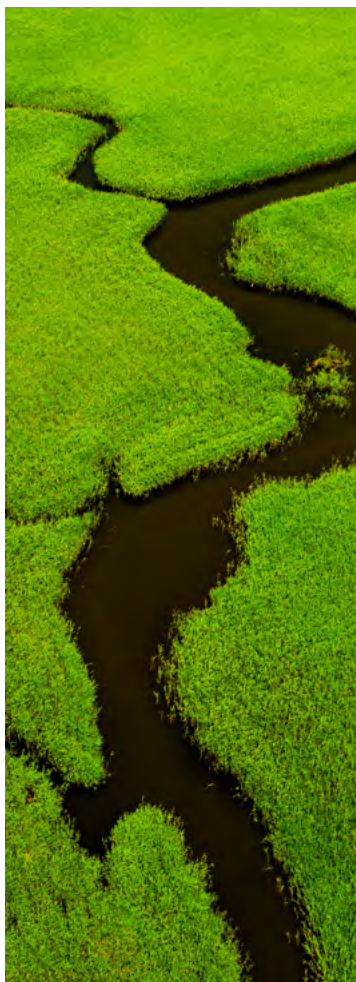
³ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [Institute of Food Science & Technology](#) and the [Association for Nutrition websites](#).

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Food and Nutritional Sciences responders.

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

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

GEOGRAPHY



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

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

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

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

The University has been awarded a prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize (2021) in recognition of our world-leading research, teaching, stewardship, and outreach on climate change. In 2023, Reading was the first ever winner of the Times Higher Education (THE) award for Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Leadership.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

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

Year-long placements¹, summer internships or research projects could involve working with organisations such as Thames Water, the Environment Agency, the NHS, PwC, the Earth Trust, Natural England, or within the University.

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

All our courses give you the opportunity to study abroad either for a full year – by transferring onto a four-year degree with a year abroad – or for a single semester, normally in your final year.²

CAREERS

Overall, 91% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.³

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

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

PURSuing YOUR OWN INTERESTS

As a first-year Geography student, Jack embarked on an adventure with a difference to help improve access to clean water and safe toilets across Madagascar, and discovered how he could tailor his degree to his own interests with the support of his tutor. [Watch his video.](#) Read about his life and career after Reading on page 48.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Archaeology (see page 72)
- ▶ Economics (see page 98)
- ▶ Environment (see page 110)
- ▶ International Development (see page 124)
- ▶ Meteorology and Climate (see page 136)

¹ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

² Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Geography and Environmental Science responders.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION



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

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

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

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

TOP FOR SATISFACTION WITH TEACHING

We're ranked 6th in the UK for Graphic Design¹, and our students are highly satisfied with the quality of teaching and feedback they receive – in fact, we have the highest teaching satisfaction score in the UK². In addition, 100% of our students said that teaching staff were good or very good at explaining things in the 2023 National Student Survey.

LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

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

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

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

CAREERS

Overall, 96% of graduates from Typography & Graphic Communication are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.³

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

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

DEVELOPING YOUR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Professional practice opportunities will help you develop the ability to express your design ideas confidently, and graduate with a diverse and relevant portfolio.

Third-year Emily discusses the unique Real Jobs scheme that enables our students to work with real clients on live briefs. **She shares her project highlights – from branding to website design – in her video.**



Our students' work is largely digital, and always user-focused. Recent graduate Romy Chessells created an app for an envisioned sustainable fashion company, Co-Conscious, during her course (image left). She is currently working as a Senior UX/UI Designer at 360ss.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Architecture (see page 76)
- ▶ Art (see page 78)

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

Charlotte Lloyd – Head of Design, Oxford University Press

¹ Guardian University Guide 2024.

² We have the highest "Satisfied with teaching" score and the second-highest "Satisfied with feedback" score in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2024 – Graphic Design.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Typography & Graphic Communication responders.

HISTORY



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

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

Immerse yourself in subjects including crusading, totalitarianism, medieval medicine, gender, race, and colonialism.

UNLOCK PEOPLE, PLACES AND PERSPECTIVES

Study history with us and discover:

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

A FOCUS ON EMPLOYABILITY AND PLACEMENTS

Our employability modules enable you to explore career options while practising skills you have gained during your degree. Our partnerships within the heritage sector and beyond offer you the opportunity to gain workplace experience through placements.³

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

CAREERS

Overall, 94% of graduates from the Department of History are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.⁴

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

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

Sean, BA History and MA History

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

SHAPING YOUR OWN DEGREE

BA History student, Sarah, reflects on her first year, why she chose to study here, and how she is making the most of the freedom and flexibility of studying History at Reading. **Watch her video.**

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Archaeology (see page 72)
- ▶ Classics, Classical Studies and Ancient History (see page 92)
- ▶ Economics (see page 98)
- ▶ English Literature (see page 106)
- ▶ Modern Languages (see page 138)
- ▶ Philosophy (see page 146)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 148)

¹ Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2024.

² Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines.

³ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all History responders.

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

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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

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

DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO

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

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

TAUGHT BY ACTIVE PRACTITIONERS

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

CAREERS

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

- business, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility
- the charity sector – in the UK or overseas
- aid agencies
- non-governmental organisations
- government departments
- research institutions.

Our students have gone on to achieve success across a broad range of careers. Some choose to work within the private sector, exploring issues in corporate responsibility and sustainability, while others work in key management roles at leading UK charities, or abroad within the UN's environment and development programmes. Overall, 93% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of the end of their course.²

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"I chose to study BSc International Development because it was important to me that my degree would help me understand the challenges facing the world today. This course offered me the opportunity to engage with a wide range of different disciplines that offer a far deeper analysis of developmental issues than I'd seen anywhere else."

Teagen chose to study at Reading because she's passionate about developing awareness of the world around her – and putting this knowledge to good use. **Hear how she gained hands-on experience and a network of connections when volunteering with local charities.**

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Environment (see page 110)
- ▶ Geography (see page 118)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 148)

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² Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree International Development responders.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES



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

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

TWO DISTINCT ROUTES

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

University of Reading International Foundation Programme (IFP)

The IFP offers a pathway to a wide range of undergraduate degrees including law, computer science, architecture, quantity surveying, and many more. Visit [our website](#) for the full list. You'll choose your IFP modules according to the undergraduate degree you hope to study afterwards.

The IFP has two entry points – September and January¹ – and both options provide the same quality and benefits. You will be taught from day one by subject experts at the University of Reading, as well as having individual tutorial support from the IFP team.

ONCAMPUS Reading Undergraduate Foundation Programme (UFP)

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

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

[Find out more and apply on the ONCAMPUS website.](#)

Course	UCAS	Typical offer ² IELTS	Also required
University of Reading International Foundation Programme (IFP) September entry – 10 months	N1Q3	A UKVI IELTS of between 5.0 and 6.5 overall, with no skill below 4.5–5.5, depending on your intended degree course. We will accept a non-UKVI IELTS or GCSE/IGCSE English Language at grade C if you do not require a visa to study in the UK	Five GCSE/IGCSEs at grades 9–4 (A*–C)
University of Reading International Foundation Programme (IFP) January ¹ entry – 7 months	Q3N1	A UKVI IELTS of between 5.5 and 6.5 overall, with no skill below 4.5–5.5, depending on your intended degree course. We will accept a non-UKVI IELTS or GCSE/IGCSE English Language at grade C if you do not require a visa to study in the UK	Five GCSE/IGCSEs at grades 9–4 (A*–C)
ONCAMPUS Reading Undergraduate Foundation Programme (UFP) Multiple entry points – 3 to 4 terms	See ONCAMPUS Reading website	IELTS of 5.0 or equivalent, with no skill below 4.5. You must be 17 years or older to enrol. Students under 18 years of age are subject to Guardianship arrangement and an Under 18 Supplement	Completion of 11–12 years of schooling with good grades

GUARANTEED PROGRESSION AT READING

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

MEET OUR IFP STUDENTS

[Watch our video to find out why our students chose the University of Reading for their IFP](#)

¹ January entry is only available for progression onto some undergraduate programmes. More information is available on [our website](#).

² Alternative country-specific entry requirements are available on [this webpage](#).

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH AN INTEGRATED FOUNDATION YEAR

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will typically need:

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

We recommend visiting [our website](#) for the latest information on tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements, and accepted equivalent qualifications.

Full course descriptions can be found on [our website](#).

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

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

LAW



Gain a deep understanding of the law through critical analysis and highly practical learning.

You will be taught by academic experts specialising in a range of areas, including law of evidence, criminal law, banking law, environmental law, commercial law, company law, and international law.

Our tutors include legal practitioners and advisers to government, and policy-makers, international organisations, and civil society organisations.

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

BRINGING LAW TO LIFE

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

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

STUDY ABROAD

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

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Our LLB course is accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board, which provides you with the first qualification for entry into the legal profession. As one of our LLB graduates, you'll be exempt from the first stage of professional training.

Our MLaw integrated master's programme is the most direct route to qualify as a solicitor. It combines the first three years of our LLB course with the University of Law's professional Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) preparation in the final year, and covers all you need to succeed in the SQE1 and SQE2 assessments (SQEs must be taken and paid for separately). The MLaw allows you to benefit from student finance for all four years.

CAREERS

Both our LLB and MLaw courses will equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the legal profession. You can choose to take professional exams after graduation, and work as a solicitor or barrister³. Outside law, our graduates are successful in accountancy firms, local government, finance, marketing, and a wide variety of other fields.

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

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
LLB Law	M100	AAB	DDD	34
MLaw Law	M199			

THE PERFECT BLEND OF ACADEMIC LEARNING AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

During her time at the Reading School of Law, Manon took part in mooting and client interviewing competitions, the Law Society, and pro bono activities, all of which helped her secure a place on a graduate scheme. [Read her story.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Criminology (see page 96)
- ▶ Politics and International Relations (see page 148)

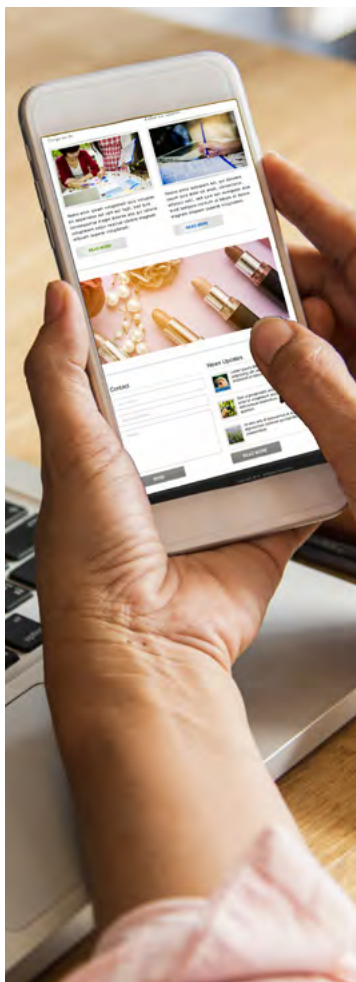
We have new programmes in development for 2025/26 entry, subject to final approval. **Please check our [website for more information and to register your interest.](#)**

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

² Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. If you wish to spend a year studying abroad, you will need to apply for the three-year LLB Law and then request to transfer onto the four-year LLB Law with International Legal Studies once enrolled. You can study within or outside Europe, subject to the availability of placements with our partners.

³ Subject to relevant training contracts/qualifying work experience or pupillage.

MARKETING



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

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

CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR AND MARKETING

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

FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING

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

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT (MARKETING)

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

ACCREDITATION

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

CAREERS

We are proud to have the joint second-highest graduate prospects score in the UK.²

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

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

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Cameron chose to study Consumer Behaviour and Marketing (CBM) at Reading because it gave him the opportunity to combine his interest in psychology with his career aspirations to work in business and marketing.

"I love psychology, having done it at A level. Being able to choose a subject that satisfied my want to do more and increase my future job prospects was ideal.

"Choosing CBM gave me the opportunity to take optional modules, giving me the freedom to vary my learning. Having the ability to learn a lot of different things was important to me because I didn't want to solely focus on marketing. I have certainly enjoyed studying at Reading."

Hear more from Cameron.

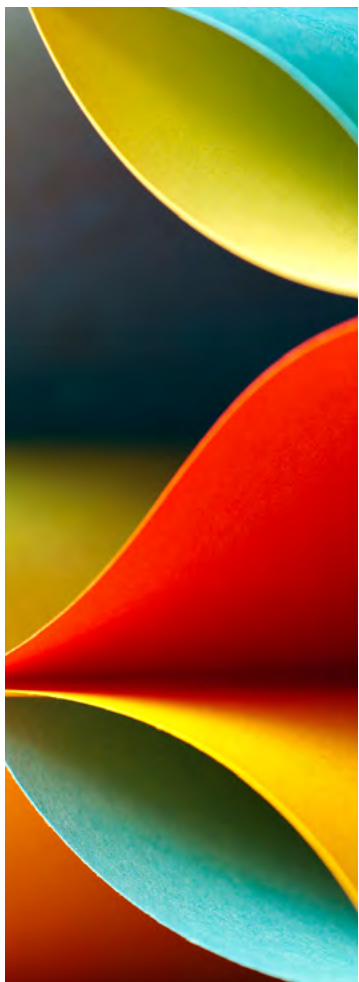
You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Business & Management (see page 88)
- ▶ Food Science (see page 116)
- ▶ Psychology (see page 150)

¹ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [CIM website](#).

² Complete University Guide 2024 – Marketing.

MATHEMATICS



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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

You'll learn from staff who are passionate about maths and experts in their fields, with 98% of our research classed as world leading or internationally excellent and 100% of our research impact as "outstanding" or "very considerable".¹ Staff bring their research and consultancy experience into their teaching to enhance your learning and understanding, and give you some insight into the exciting research projects they are working on in mathematics and statistics.

Alongside more traditional topics, we also offer a range of optional modules which include applications of mathematics or statistics in biology and medicine, physics, and finance.

ACCREDITATION

With the exception of our BSc Mathematics and Economics courses, our degrees are accredited by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, the professional and learned society for qualified and practising mathematicians.²

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

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

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

PLACEMENTS AND STUDY ABROAD³

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

Depending on your course, you could also choose to spend an academic year studying abroad, leading to an extended four-year degree.

CAREERS

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

Overall, 92% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation.⁴

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

AN EXHILARATING YEAR IN INDUSTRY

Francesca spent her placement year working on the trading floor at one of the world's most prestigious investment banks, gaining valuable industry experience that saw her return to Morgan Stanley in a graduate role.

Read her story.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Computer Science (see page 94)
- ▶ Economics (see page 98)
- ▶ Finance (see page 114)

¹ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Mathematical Sciences.

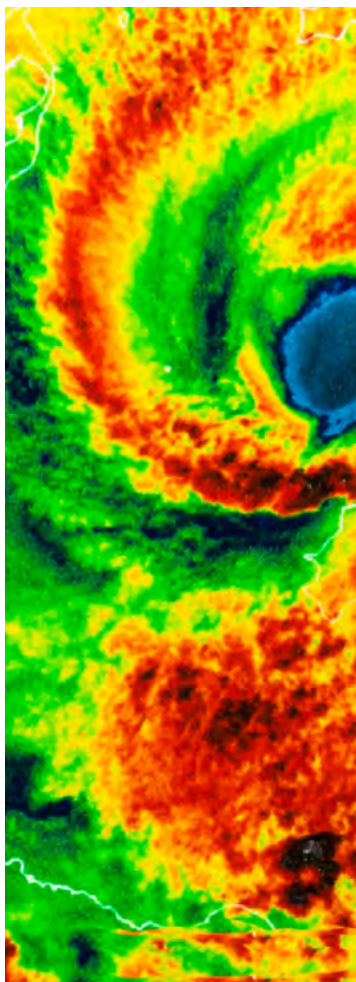
² Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [Institute of Mathematics and its Applications website](#).

³ Study Abroad is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Mathematics and Statistics responders.

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

METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATE



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

Reading is ranked 5th in the world for Atmospheric Science¹ and has been awarded a prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize (2021) in recognition of our world-leading research, teaching, stewardship, and outreach on climate change.

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

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

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

ACCREDITATION

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

OUTSTANDING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

You will benefit from:

- high staff-to-student ratio
- opportunities to participate in cutting-edge research projects, sometimes with external companies, as well as placements
- a collaborative, international community of students, staff and alumni.

CAREERS

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

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

FINDING YOUR FUTURE

"Having the opportunity to study at the University of Oklahoma was a great attraction. The knowledge I gained from being in a different environment with different extremes of weather occurring was really beneficial and interesting. I experienced severe thunderstorms and freezing rain of a scale that we don't have in the UK."

Discover how Ollie's experiences at Reading, and during his year in Oklahoma, have helped set him up for a career in meteorological research.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Environment (see page 110)
- ▶ Geography (see page 118)

¹ Latest ShanghaiRanking (2023) Global Ranking of Academic Subjects. We are the highest-ranking UK university for Atmospheric Science.

² Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [Royal Meteorological Society website](#).

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

MODERN LANGUAGES



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

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

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES

You have the opportunity to:

- **spend a year abroad.** Study at a partner university, or work on a professional placement or as a language assistant.²
- **work with expert researchers.** 100% of our research is of international standing.³
- **get the support you need.** In the National Student Survey 2023, 98% of our students said that staff in the Department of Languages and Cultures were good or very good at explaining things.

CAREERS

Overall, 93% of our leavers are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.⁴

Our recent graduates have gone into careers including media, translation, teaching, research, business and finance, the arts, and marketing. Recent employers include Sony Europe, the Civil Service, BBC, BNP Paribas, LEGO Group, Vodafone and PwC.

LANGUAGE LEVELS

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

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

ALSO OFFERED

BSc International Business and Management with a Modern Language (see page 89)

BA Modern Languages (three years; R901) – for students unable to spend a full year abroad. Contact us for details (see page 170).

¹ In rare cases, timetabling constraints may make certain three-language combinations unavailable. Our range of languages is dependent on availability. For more information, [contact us](#).

² Find out more on [our website](#).

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

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Languages and Cultures responders.

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

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

NUTRITION



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

Join a university that has the highest teaching satisfaction score in the UK for Nutrition and Food Science¹, and the third-highest score for student experience in Food Science².

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

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

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH³

We are ranked 7th among UK universities for Food Science⁴ – and are a world authority on human nutrition, food chemistry, chemical engineering, microbiology, and food law.

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

ADVANCED FACILITIES

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

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

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

CAREERS

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

100% of graduates from Food and Nutritional Sciences are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.⁵

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Nutrition /with Professional Training	B5D7 /B5D8	ABB including B in one core science and one additional science*	DDM including comparable science modules (one science must be a core science)*	32 including 5 in two HL sciences (one must be a core science)*
BSc Nutrition and Food Science /with Professional Training	BD46 /BDK6			
BSc Food Science with Foundation ⁶	D611	BBB without a core science* CCC with a core science*	DMM	30 without a HL core science* 24 with a HL core science*
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level				

BUILDING INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE THROUGH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Georgia completed a placement at Ecotone, an organic and natural food company. [Watch her video](#) to find out how her year in industry has helped give her a competitive edge when applying for graduate schemes.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biology (see page 80)
- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ Food Science (see page 116)

¹ "Satisfied with teaching" score, *Guardian University Guide 2024* – Nutrition and Food Science.

² *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024* – Food Science.

³ In the latest REF 2021, 30% of our research is world leading (4*) and a further 65% is of international standing (combining 3* and 2*) – Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences.

⁴ *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024* – Food Science.

⁵ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Food and Nutritional Sciences responders.

⁶ This foundation course run by the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences allows students to transfer to any of our food or nutrition programmes after passing the first year.

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

PHARMACOLOGY



Discover how drugs work within the body and how the body responds, as well as how drugs are developed and used to treat major diseases.

Our programme was designed with support from the pharmaceutical industry to respond to the growing demand for industrial and research pharmacologists.¹

We prepare you to become skilled pharmacologists by providing theoretical knowledge and practical skills, and teaching expertise in mathematics including analysing biological big data sets.

EXPERT TEACHING

Your training will follow the British Pharmacological Society guidelines and you'll work alongside experts and internationally recognised researchers in a lab setting, gaining hands-on experience in developing new medicines.

PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES

You'll have access to our modern suite of teaching laboratories and research facilities, including our new, state-of-the-art Health and Life Sciences building. Here, you'll learn skills such as organ bath pharmacology, cell-based assays, and molecular techniques.

STRONG LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

You have the option of undertaking a year-long placement² in a research and development department in a professional setting, getting invaluable real-world experience and insights while working alongside industry experts. We are located near the headquarters of several pharmaceutical companies, offering great opportunities for networking, and future career opportunities.

CAREERS

Overall, 96% of graduates from Reading School of Pharmacy are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation.³

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, pharmacology has, on average, the fifth biggest impact on lifetime earnings of any degree subject.⁴ A specialist degree like pharmacology allows you to explore exciting career paths such as drug discovery, development and marketing, regulatory affairs, product registration, and clinical trials, setting it apart from general biomedical science courses.

If you wish to qualify to work as a pharmacist, please refer to page 144 for our MPharm Pharmacy courses.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Pharmacology /with a Year in Industry	B210 /B211	BBB including Biology and Chemistry	DDD including comparable science modules	30 including 5 in HL Biology and Chemistry
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BSc Pharmacology with Foundation	B212	BBB without Biology and Chemistry	DMM	30 without HL Biology and Chemistry
		CCC with Biology and Chemistry		24 with HL Biology and Chemistry
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level		

PLACEMENT POSSIBILITIES

Aaliyah is spending her placement year in industry with Reckitt, a large pharmaceutical and consumer goods company with a portfolio of brands like Clearasil, Nurofen and Strepsils.

Read about her experience.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ Chemistry (see page 90)
- ▶ Pharmacy (see page 144)

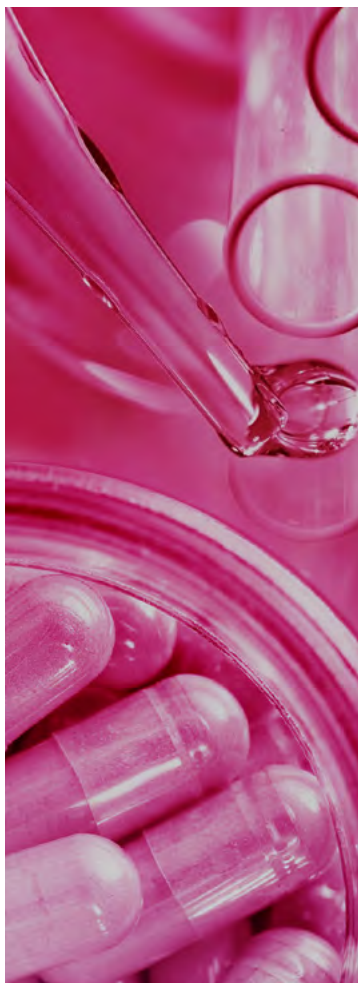
¹ In the UK, pharmaceuticals remain the highest research and development spending sector, with the UK government committing to increase spending by £5bn to £20bn per year by 2024/25, creating a need for well-trained pharmacologists in various areas. View the [UK Parliament article, 'Research and development spending: Pharmaceuticals'](#).

² Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

³ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020/21; includes all Pharmacy responders.

⁴ Britton, J et al. (2020). *The impact of undergraduate degrees on lifetime earnings*. London: The IFS.

PHARMACY



Explore the fascinating world of medicines.

Gain the skills you need to become an independent pharmacist prescriber and an expert in medicine. You'll learn how the right medicine in the right dose at the right time can change people's lives. In this rapidly evolving role, you'll train to work as a pharmacist alongside other healthcare professionals and become prescriber-ready before entering your foundation training year, leading you to registration as a prescribing pharmacist.

AN INNOVATIVE, THRIVING ENVIRONMENT

We are known for our:

- **strong links to the healthcare sector.** We work closely with local healthcare providers and pharmaceutical companies.
- **student-focused environment.** 93% of students in the School of Pharmacy said our teaching staff were good or very good at explaining things.¹

COLLABORATION WITH HENLEY BUSINESS SCHOOL

All MPharm students will benefit from a wide range of teaching methods across multiple disciplines. These include chemistry, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, clinical therapeutics, pharmacy practice, and business and leadership (the latter run by the triple-accredited Henley Business School).

PLACEMENTS

You'll gain insight into professional practice through observational visits and placements in hospitals, community pharmacies and GP practices throughout your degree. Placements are embedded throughout your undergraduate degree starting from your first year.

PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES

You'll learn multidisciplinary patient-centred care in our Clinical Skills Suite and Clinical Simulation Training Suite, and build experience with professional dispensing software and real medicines. You'll also complete hands-on practical sessions in purpose-built labs and research facilities to master the science underpinning pharmacy.

CAREERS

Only an MPharm degree will allow you to work as a dispensing pharmacist, but it can also open doors to a variety of other careers. Our MPharm graduates have gone on to work in technical writing, pharmaceutical and patent law, education and research.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
MPharm Pharmacy	M B230	ABB including B in Chemistry and another science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 including 5 in HL Chemistry and another science*
GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths				
MPharm Pharmacy with Preparatory Year	M B231	ABB without Chemistry and another science*	DDM without comparable science modules*	32 without HL Chemistry and another science*
		BCC with C in Chemistry and another science*	DMM with comparable science modules*	26 with HL Chemistry and another science*
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying sciences at A level				

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Emily went to prison for the sake of her education. She spent two days working in HM Prison Swansea's Pharmacy Department – one of eight placements that she undertook during her MPharm degree. [Read about her experiences.](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ Chemistry (see page 90)
- ▶ Pharmacology (see page 142)

¹ National Student Survey 2023.

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

PHILOSOPHY



Examine some of our fundamental ideas about truth and reality, right and wrong – and apply them to problems in the real world.

We teach in a wide range of areas, including applied philosophy – such as business ethics and the philosophy of law – and traditional areas of western and non-western philosophy.

A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING

Study with us and benefit from:

- **teaching grounded in real-world issues.** Our academics apply their research, informed by current events, directly to their teaching.
- **a variety of assessment methods.** Instead of sitting exams, you will be assessed in the ways that best test your skills as a philosophy student.
- **highly flexible degrees.** We offer single honours courses as well as joint honours degrees, including our popular BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) and BA Philosophy, Business and Ethics.

PLACEMENTS

You can undertake a year-long professional placement during your studies.¹ Placements give you the opportunity to apply your new knowledge and skills immediately in the workplace, whilst gaining valuable experience in your chosen sector. You could also spend two weeks, a semester or an academic year abroad.

CAREERS


Overall, 95% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.²

Your degree will help develop your skills in clear thinking, logical analysis, critical assessment of argument and persuasive writing. These skills are valued in careers such as law, politics, management and marketing, among others.

Past graduates have worked for KPMG, the Civil Service, IBM, PwC, Lloyds, museums, charities, schools and universities.

“Reading alumni came to give talks – people who work in politics, media, charity and business. It showed that you can do just about anything you want with a philosophy degree.”

James, BA PPE graduate, now studying a Philosophy PhD at Reading

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Art and Philosophy	 VW51			
BA Ethics, Value and Philosophy	V590			
BA Philosophy	V500			
BA Philosophy and Classical Studies	QV85	BBB	DDM	30
BA Philosophy and International Relations	VL52			
BA Philosophy and Politics	LV25			
BA Philosophy and English Literature	VQ53	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA History and Philosophy	VV15	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject**
BA Philosophy, Business and Ethics	VN51	BBB	DDM	30
		GCSE: grade 5/B in Maths		
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics	LV12	ABB	DDM	32
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA Psychology and Philosophy	CV85	ABB	DDM	32
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science		

¹ Placements are dependent on the student securing the opportunity and are subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. See inside back cover.

² Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Philosophy responders.

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

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

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Why is the world not solving the climate emergency? Are our societies descending into authoritarianism? Why did Vladimir Putin initiate a major war in Ukraine?

Learn about the fundamental elements of politics and international relations, address some of the world's most pressing contemporary problems, and explore the ethical and moral issues that arise when political authority is exercised.

Your studies will be informed by our world-leading research – 97% of our research outputs are rated world leading or internationally excellent¹ – and led by academics and guest speakers who have direct experience in politics and international affairs.

VARIED LEARNING METHODS

In our small-group seminars, you'll have plenty of opportunities to develop, present and discuss your own ideas, as well as interact directly with our academics.

We provide extensive research training to our undergraduate students, including how to collect and make sense of various types of data.

We offer many different types of assignments, including policy briefs, simulations, group presentations, and producing a politics radio show.

PLACEMENTS

You can undertake a short placement as part of a module or over the summer holidays, or undertake a year-long placement in industry and turn your degree into a four-year course.²

We have a dedicated placement coordinator who will provide you with one-to-one support in applying for opportunities.

CAREERS

Past graduates have put their political analysis skills to use in various governmental departments, political research units, think tanks, non-governmental organisations and Parliament. Others have gone into media, technology, management consultancy and banking.

“The broad aspects of the course follow many real-world topics, from the study of world economies to political theories. I had the opportunity to go on a placement year abroad, which enhanced my understanding of the world and allowed me to experience the true operations of businesses firsthand.”

Enrico, BA International Relations and Economics

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BA Politics and International Relations /with Placement Year	L258 /L259			
BA War, Peace and International Relations /with Placement Year	L252 /L253			
BA Modern Languages and International Relations	R9L2	BBB	DDM	30
BA Philosophy and International Relations	VL52			
BA Philosophy and Politics	LV25			
BA Politics and Economics /with Placement Year	LL12 /L2L1	BBB	DDM	30
BA International Relations and Economics /with Placement Year	LL21 /LL22			
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics	LV12	ABB	DDM	32
		GCSE: grade 6/B in Maths		
BA English Literature and International Relations	LQF3	BBB including English Literature or related subject*	DDM including comparable subject modules*	30 including 5 in HL English Literature or related subject*
BA English Literature and Politics	LQ23			
BA History and International Relations	VLC2	BBB including History or a humanities-based essay subject**	DDM including comparable subject modules**	30 including 5 in HL History or a humanities-based essay subject**
BA History and Politics	VLD2			

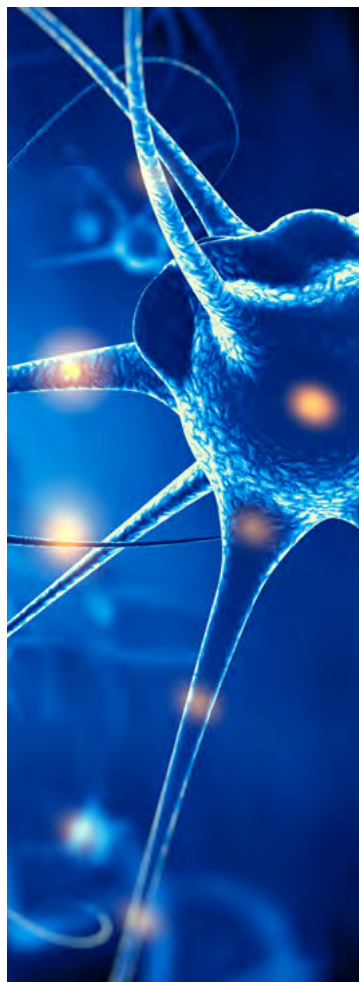
¹ REF 2021, combining 4* and 3* submissions – Politics and International Studies.

² Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on the student securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

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

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

PSYCHOLOGY



Explore the inner workings of the world's most complex system – the human brain – and how this supports human thought and behaviour.

Master the core areas of psychology to gain accreditation from the British Psychological Society.¹ Upon completion of your degree, you will also attain Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, the first step to becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Gain practical experience as you learn how to devise and run your own experiments, and develop a wide range of transferable skills, including critical thinking, data handling, and analytical and problem-solving skills.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The School has a long-standing reputation for research excellence. Overall, 99% of our research is of international standing² and 100% of our research impact has been classed "outstanding" or "very considerable"³. Our academics are highly regarded researchers and clinicians, whose expertise will feed into your learning.

MODERN FACILITIES

Our specialist facilities include:



- equipment for MRI and fMRI scanning, eye-tracking, electrophysiological recordings, and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
- on-site clinics that provide support for adults and children with speech and language disorders, children and young people with anxiety and depression, and autistic young people
- highly regarded research centres, including the Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics, the Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health, the Centre for Literacy and Multilingualism, and the Charlie Waller Institute for Evidence-Based Psychological Treatment
- specially designed research laboratories, including a VR lab and labs for testing babies and young children.

CAREERS

Overall, 96% of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating.⁴

With the opportunity to undertake professional placements⁵ during your course, you could enter diverse careers within the NHS, the Civil Service, education, charities, HR, management, consultancy, publicity, finance or journalism.

Upon graduation, you could also pursue further training to become a professional psychologist.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Psychology /with Professional Placement	C800 /C810	AAB	DDD	34
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science		
BSc Psychology with Neuroscience	C8B1	AAB	DDD	34
		GCSE: grade 6/B in English, Maths and Science		
BSc Psychology and Language Sciences	C820	AAB	DDD	34
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and grade 4/C in Science		
BA Art and Psychology	 CW81	ABB	DDM	32
BA Psychology and Philosophy	CV85			
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science		
MSci Applied Psychology (Clinical) ⁶	 C801	AAA	DDD	35
		GCSE: grade 6/B in English, Maths and Science		
BSc Psychology with Foundation	C802	CCC	DMM	24
		GCSE: grade 4/C in Science is preferred		

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Chat online to our current Psychology students about their favourite aspects of the course and ask them anything you would like to know about studying at Reading.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Marketing (see page 132)
- ▶ Speech and Language Therapy (see page 154)

¹ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [British Psychological Society website](#).

² REF 2021, combining 4*, 3* and 2* submissions – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

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

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes all Psychology responders.

⁵ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on students securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

⁶ Applicants will have sufficient relevant experience from working and/or volunteering in clinical practice, or in a setting that has provided relevant transferable skills. See course webpage for full details.

REAL ESTATE AND PLANNING



Develop the skills needed to manage and influence the future built environment.

You'll undertake project work based on real-world scenarios, gaining insight into real estate valuation and asset management, real estate finance and town planning.

Guided by world-leading academics, you'll graduate with a high-quality degree and a direct route into the real estate and planning professions.

LEADER IN THE FIELD

Join a department that:

- ranks 1st in the UK for Land and Property Management¹ and has been consistently in the top three since 2008
- has the top score in the UK for graduate prospects.¹

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

All of our courses have full accreditation from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The postgraduate qualification offered through the Real Estate with Urban Planning and Development course is also accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).²

CAREERS

You could become a real estate adviser, property developer or planning consultant. Past graduates have helped decide the future of the Olympic Park, worked on the planning of a new city for 30 million people in China, and analysed the real estate market on behalf of private equity firms and pension and insurance organisations investing in real estate. Throughout your course, you will interact with a wide range of industry speakers, giving you time to reflect and consider the right area of real estate or planning for you.

Our professional careers consultant will support you to identify work placements, internships and career opportunities in line with your ambitions, strengths and skills. The Reading Real Estate Foundation (RREF) offers one-to-one industry mentoring and runs regular industry events, including an evening lecture series, and the annual Real Estate and Planning Careers Fair, the largest single-subject event on campus.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Real Estate	N231			
BSc Real Estate with MSc/ Diploma in Urban Planning and Development	K400	AAB	DDD	34
BSc Real Estate Finance	N380			
		GCSE: grade 5/B in English and Maths		
BSc Real Estate with Foundation	N2F1	CCC	DMM	24

GET THE GRADUATE PERSPECTIVE

"I'd always had the MSc in Urban Planning and Development in mind, and the BSc Real Estate helped tremendously with this. It was the foundation of many of my modules such as law, economics and planning/building materials. These have been great in my current role as a Graduate Planning Consultant at Be First. I am currently working on a regeneration project in Barking that is aiming to provide over 1,000 new homes to the area and introduce new facilities and technologies that are reflective of how people live today."

Tiana graduated in 2022 and is an ambassador for the RREF's Pathways to Property programme.

This programme aims to widen access to the real estate profession by raising awareness of, and aspirations about, the vast range of careers available within the industry. **Find out more about Pathways to Property.**

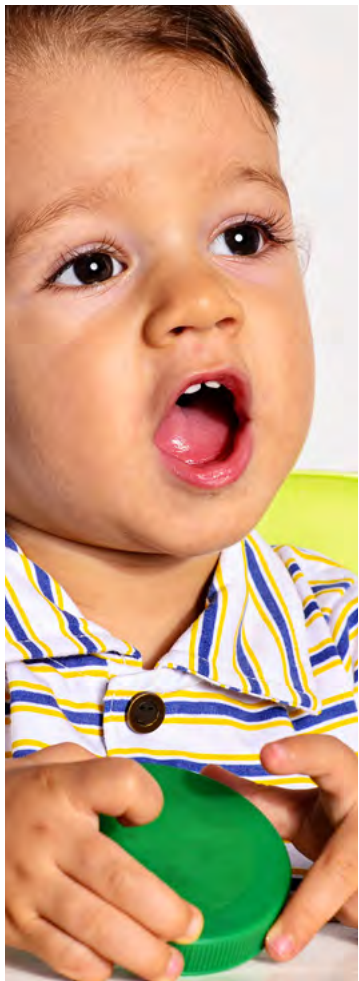
You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Architectural Engineering (see page 74)
- ▶ Business & Management (see page 88)
- ▶ Finance (see page 114)
- ▶ Surveying and Construction (see page 156)

¹ Complete University Guide 2024 – Land and Property Management.

² Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [RICS website](#).

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY



Prepare for a career as a qualified speech and language therapist and gain valuable experience working with a wide range of patients at one of the top 10 universities in the UK for Speech and Language Therapy.¹

Your studies will be supported by:

- **wide-ranging staff expertise.** The majority of our staff are practising speech and language therapists, who will provide insights into the latest developments in clinical practice.
- **involvement in impactful research.**² Our staff are actively engaged in research on a wide range of topics, providing you with access to current thinking and groundbreaking research to inform your practice.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

We offer clinical placements with a variety of client groups and clinical settings, including NHS and education services. By the end of your degree, you will have amassed up to 600 hours of clinical experience of observing and treating patients with communication and swallowing problems. This is more than the minimum number required by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Make use of our:


- in-house speech and language therapy clinic
- sound recording room
- assessment and resources room.

The University of Reading is home to one of the longest-standing, purpose-built, campus-based speech and language therapy clinics within a UK university. Our modern, on-site clinics are open to adult and paediatric clients with a wide range of speech, language and communication difficulties.³

CAREERS

100% of our clinical language science graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of completing their course.⁴

Past employers have included the NHS, educational settings, and a variety of private, voluntary and independent services.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
MSci Speech and Language Therapy	 B62M	AAB	DDD	34
GCSE: grade 5/B in English, Maths and Science				

APPLICATION INFORMATION

You will need to demonstrate a strong understanding of the profession of speech and language therapy, and of the NHS constitution, and be aware of the clinical populations that therapists typically work with. This can be achieved through personal research or experience of working with children or adults with or without communication disorders. Previous applicants have gained prior experience through voluntary or paid work – for example, in local hospitals, schools, charities, elderly care homes, or play schemes. Experience shadowing/observing speech and language therapists in clinical settings is welcomed but not essential. Suitable candidates will be invited to interview.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Biology (see page 80)
- ▶ Biomedical Sciences (see page 84)
- ▶ English Language and Linguistics (see page 104)
- ▶ Psychology (see page 150)

GET THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Chat online to our current Speech and Language students about their favourite aspects of the course and ask them anything you would like to know about studying at Reading.

¹ Ranked 9th in the Complete University Guide 2024.

² 100% of our research impact has been classed as "outstanding" (4*) or "very considerable" (3*) in the latest REF 2021 – Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

³ Read more about [our clinic](#).

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree responders from Clinical Language Sciences.

SURVEYING AND CONSTRUCTION



Join a sector that is critical to the UK economy and help shape the built environment in which we live.

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of the disciplines underpinning construction: economics, law, and building technology. This cross-disciplinary, collaborative approach mirrors the working environment of construction.

Close, extensive links with industry enable you to build your professional network during your studies, and our focus on sustainability means you'll learn how surveying and construction can have a positive impact on our planet.

A LEADING CENTRE FOR CONSTRUCTION

- **Research-intensive learning.** We are one of the UK's top-ranking institutions for building.¹
- **Expert guidance.** Our staff shape policies for government, industry bodies and professional institutions.
- **Industrial placements.** You can undertake a paid industrial year-long or summer placement.
- **Flexible courses.** Choose a pathway that suits your interests, deciding after your second year the specific degree you will graduate with.

ACCREDITATION

Our degrees are accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).²

FACILITIES AND SITE VISITS

Access an array of resources, digital technologies and software, including building information modelling (BIM), building energy and urban microclimate simulations, 3D laser scanning, and immersive virtual reality systems.

You also have the opportunity to visit construction sites, practitioner offices, manufacturing facilities and large-scale urban developments.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you join in 2025, you may be eligible for an annual scholarship of £1,000 for each of the three years of the degree.³

CAREERS

94% of graduates from Construction Management and Engineering are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation; of those in full-time employment, 100% are in graduate-level roles.⁴

Our graduates work in a range of professional roles, including quantity surveyors, building surveyors, commercial managers, construction managers, project managers, consultants, and estate managers.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Building Surveying	K230	BBB	DDM	30
BSc Construction Management	K220			
BSc Construction Management and Surveying	K290			
BSc Quantity Surveying	K240			

LEARNING TO USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Watch how our students use digital technologies, such as laser scanners and infrared cameras, to create 3D building models.

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Architectural Engineering (see page 74)
- ▶ Architecture (see page 76)
- ▶ Real Estate and Planning (see page 152)

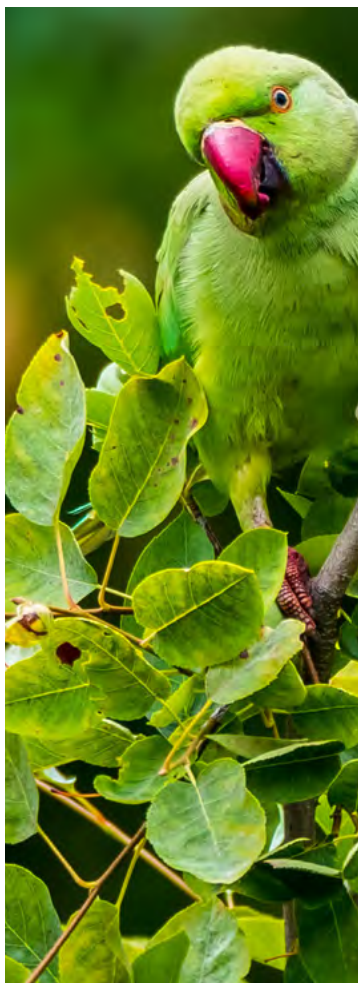
¹ The University of Reading is ranked 3rd for Building in the Complete University Guide 2024; it is the joint 5th highest-ranking UK university for Architecture and Built Environment in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023; and it is ranked 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning (Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021).

² Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [RICS and CIOB websites](#).

³ Subject to conditions. See [this webpage](#) for details.

⁴ Based on HESA data, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21; includes first degree Construction Management and Engineering responders.

ZOOLOGY AND ECOLOGY



Discover how living things behave, evolve and interact with their environment. Explore animal life at all levels, gaining the expertise to investigate and address global issues affecting biodiversity, ecosystems, and habitat and wildlife conservation.

LIVING LABORATORY

Our Whiteknights campus is home to more than 1,500 different animal species, 600 different plant species, and multiple habitats: a lake, meadows, woodlands and extensive parkland. It offers a unique learning environment for practical classes, allowing you to step straight from the laboratory into the field.

Beyond the campus, the University owns a number of large farms, parkland, riverways, and a mature and newly planted woodland nature reserve where you will be able to take part in field studies and research activities.

COLE MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

The Cole Museum of Zoology on our Whiteknights campus contains more than 3,500 specimens and satellite collections and is used in multiple practical classes and for outreach.

Our student volunteers help to maintain and develop the collection, and some have gone on to careers in museums.

EMPLOYABILITY-FOCUSED DEGREES

Our programmes will equip you with the necessary skills and experiences to start a career in the field.

- **Placements.** You'll have the option to undertake either a year-long industrial placement¹ or a short placement module.
- **Fieldwork.** You'll be able to participate in field trips at home and overseas covering topics such as tropical ecology, marine biology and conservation, and palaeontology.²
- **Sector links.** You'll be taught by experts in their field including practising ecologists and ecological consultants.

CAREERS

You will leave with a Royal Society of Biology (RSB) accredited degree.³ Our graduates have gone on to work in a variety of sectors, including conservation, veterinary science, animal welfare, education, wildlife management, ecotourism, agriculture, ecological consultancy, natural history museums, the Civil Service, local government conservation units, and animal charities.

Course	UCAS	Typical offer		
		A level	BTEC Ext Dip	IB points
BSc Zoology /with Professional Experience	C300 /C302	ABB with B in Biology, or BBB with B in Biology and a second science*	DDD including comparable science modules*	32 with 5 in HL Biology, or 30 with 5 in HL Biology and a second science*
BSc Zoology with Foundation	C301	BBB without Biology and a second science*	DMM	30 without HL Biology and a second science*
		CCC with Biology and a second science*		24 with HL Biology and a second science*
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying science at A level				
BSc Ecology and Wildlife Conservation /with Professional Experience	CD94 /CD96	ABB including B in an accepted science**	DDD including comparable science modules**	32 including 5 in an accepted HL science**
BSc Ecology and Wildlife Conservation with Foundation	CD95	BBB without an accepted science**	DMM	30 without an accepted HL science**
		CCC with an accepted science**		24 with an accepted HL science**
GCSE: grade 4/C in Science if not studying science at A level				

DIGGING FOR DINOSAURS

Reading's Zoology field school provided a bucket-list opportunity for aspiring palaeontologist, Issy. She travelled to Dinosaur Provincial Park in Canada, aka "The Badlands", and gained hands-on skills in identification, excavation, and preservation of dinosaur and reptile bones and fossils.

[Watch her video](#)

You may also be interested in:

- ▶ Agriculture (see page 70)
- ▶ Biology (see page 80)
- ▶ Bioveterinary Sciences (see page 86)
- ▶ Environment (see page 110)
- ▶ Geography (see page 118)

¹ Placements are subject to availability and are dependent on the student securing the opportunity. See inside back cover.

² Additional costs are associated with residential field trips.

³ Accreditation is reviewed periodically. See the [RSB website](#).

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

** Acceptable sciences for Ecology and Wildlife Conservation: Biology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Maths, Further Maths, Statistics, Applied Science, Geology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Every course has its own entry criteria, known as an offer. Our typical offers are expressed in terms of A level, BTEC Extended Diploma and International Baccalaureate Diploma requirements, but we accept a range of other qualifications and consider all applications on a case-by-case basis.

You'll need to demonstrate a good general education, usually equivalent to at least grade 4 (or C) at GCSE in English and Maths. In addition, some of our courses require higher GCSE grades than this, or may require GCSE or equivalent qualifications in additional subjects. We may be able to consider alternative subjects at GCSE in place of English or Maths for some courses. Please check with our Admissions Team.

Some of our courses also require you to have a certain amount of existing knowledge in a subject, which is called a subject-specific requirement. These are specified in the typical offers on the subject pages of this prospectus.

Please note, however, that our typical offers are only an indicator. We sometimes update them throughout the year, so check online for the latest information. We also consider each application on individual merit, so don't rule yourself out.

If you're unsure whether your predicted grades meet the required standard, [get in touch for advice from our Admissions Team](#).

FIRM CHOICE OFFER SCHEME

Many of our courses are part of a firm choice offer scheme. If you apply for a participating subject area and select Reading as your firm choice on UCAS, we will guarantee you a place if you achieve one grade lower than the published offer. Check our course webpages to see if the courses you're interested in are part of this scheme.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

In recognition of the excellent preparation for higher education that the EPQ provides, many of our subject areas include achievement in the EPQ as part of a formal offer. Our course webpages will indicate if your chosen programme is participating in the scheme.

CONTEXTUALISED OFFER

We recognise that some students are more likely than their peers to face barriers to higher academic achievement at school. The University of Reading is committed to ensuring that none of our applicants are disadvantaged in accessing our degree programmes because of their background. We make contextual offers to applicants who meet certain criteria outlined on our website. Depending on your predicted grades and if you meet this criteria, you'll receive a contextual

offer that is typically two grades lower than the published offer for the course you're applying for.

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

We accept a wide range of overseas qualifications and you can [find country- and region-specific information on our website](#).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

You may need to demonstrate your English language proficiency through a recent IELTS (or equivalent) score. The English language levels generally required for our courses are outlined on [our website](#).

A highly recommended way to meet the English language levels required is to take a [pre-sessional English course](#) with us. You can start at different points throughout the year and study for as long as it takes to reach your target English language level.

[Check what offer you could get](#)

EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS

Below are some common alternative qualifications and their A level equivalents. Please note that these differ for subjects in the School of Biological Sciences, the School of Chemistry, Food & Pharmacy, and Henley Business School due to their course requirements – check our website or contact us for more information.

Qualification	Required grades (A level grade = alternative qualification grade)	Qualification	Required grades (A level grade = alternative qualification grade)
BTEC Level 3 (QCF or RQF)		Scottish	
Subsidiary Diploma or National Extended Certificate	A* = Distinction* C = Merit A–B = Distinction E = Pass	Highers	AAA = AAAAB AAB = AAABB ABB = AABBB BBB = AB BBB BBC = BB BBB
Diploma or National Diploma	A*A* = D*D* A*A = D*D AA–AB = DD BB–BC = DM CC = MM	Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate	
Extended Diploma or National Extended Diploma	AAA–AAB = DDD ABB–BBB = DDM DMM	Awarded from 2017 onward	A* = A* A = A B = B C = C
T Levels		Access to Higher Education Diploma	
If a course has an A level subject-specific requirement, you'll need these alongside the T level qualification ¹	AAB/ABB = Distinction overall with grade C in core component	If a course has a subject-specific requirement, you must be taking at least 12 Level 3 units in this subject	BBB = Merit overall with grade C in core component AAA = D42 M3 AAB = D33 M12 ABB = D30 M15 BBB = D18 M27 BBC = D15 M30
International Baccalaureate			
Diploma	A*AA = 37 points AAA = 35 points AAB = 34 points ABB = 32 points BBB = 30 points BBC = 28 points		

¹ There are some exceptions. See the [Accepted Qualifications section of our website](#).

HOW TO APPLY

1

FIND A COURSE

Browse the courses in this prospectus and on our website to identify which one(s) you'd like to apply for. We'd also recommend visiting us to find out about the courses on offer – see how on page 64.

2

BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

Register with UCAS and complete the application pages online, using the UCAS codes in the course list and our institution UCAS code **R12**.

UCAS opens in early September. The deadline to submit your application for equal consideration is 29 January 2025.

Many of our courses will continue to consider applications after this date.

3

WRITE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

You'll be asked to submit a personal statement to support your application. This is your opportunity to tell us more about why you want to study the course and what interests, skills and experience you have that demonstrate your passion for the subject.

4

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

When you're happy with your application and have added the required information such as qualifications, personal statement and reference, you can submit your application.

UCAS charges a one-off application fee. For 2024 entry, it cost £27.50 and you could add up to five choices to your application. Check the UCAS website for the 2025 fee.

5

OUR ASSESSMENT

Our Admissions Team will assess your application and decide whether we can offer you a place. Assessment varies from course to course. Some, for example, may require an interview or portfolio submission. Check the subject pages of this prospectus to find out.

In general, we will use the information supplied in your application form, including personal statement, predicted/achieved grades, and the reference supplied by your school or college.

6

RECEIVE A DECISION

You can track the progress of your application on UCAS Hub. We carefully consider every application, so don't worry if you don't hear back straight away. If your application is successful, you'll receive an offer from us. There are two types: conditional and unconditional. A conditional offer means your offer is subject to achieving your grades or providing further information. An unconditional offer means that you have already met the course requirements.

7

ATTEND AN OFFER HOLDER DAY

Offer Holder Days normally include a tour of the campus and facilities, a visit to a hall of residence, and the chance to meet academic staff and current students. They usually take place during February and March in your year of entry. International Offer Holders can access virtual tours of campus, chat online to current students, and book one-to-one virtual meetings with our international recruitment team.

8

RESPOND TO YOUR OFFER

Once you have heard from all the universities that you have applied to, you can decide which offer you want to accept. Most people choose two: a "firm" (or first) choice; and an "insurance" (or second) choice. If you meet the conditions of your offer, you'll automatically be accepted onto your firm choice course.

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Alternatively, call our Admissions Office on **+44 (0) 118 378 8372** 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 22 September 2025

Semester 1: 29 September 2025 – 6 February 2026

Christmas break: 22 December 2025 – 16 January 2026

Semester 2: 9 February 2026 – 12 June 2026

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For up-to-date Study Abroad information, please refer to the **Study Abroad website** or contact **studyabroad@reading.ac.uk**.

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT YEAR

Courses with a Professional Placement Year (also known as Placement in Industry or Research, or Placement Year) are fully dependent on students securing their own placement opportunity, normally through a competitive recruitment process. The University provides career and application support that is available to placement year students. Students who do not secure a placement, or who are unable to complete the placement year due to extenuating circumstances, are able to transfer to a three-year variant of their course following consultation with the University.

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