

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

BSc Finance and Management with the University of Venice

UCAS Code: NN23

For students entering Part 1 in September 2016

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This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

Awarding Institution University of Reading

Teaching Institution University of Reading

Length of Programme 3 years

Accreditation

Programme information and content

This is an innovative programme lying in the expanding field that brings together finance and management, taught jointly by the Henley Business School (Part 1 and 3) in Reading and Ca' Foscari University (Part 2) in Venice. The degree, which will be delivered entirely in English, has a balanced curriculum with regard to both disciplines and offers the possibility of a truly international learning experience. The programme is designed to enable students to obtain a critical grasp of core theory along with thorough knowledge, skills of application and analysis.

The aim of the programme is to prepare the graduate for a career in both the private and the public sectors. Specifically, they will develop the skills to make a quick progression into managerial roles in the finance industry (including banking, investment, and insurance) or in the finance functions of large enterprises. Graduates will also acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to further their education at a graduate level.

Introduces you to corporate governance and ethics, financial securities and markets, computer-based trading simulations, accounting, economics and quantitative methods for business and finance.

Part 1: Students are strongly encouraged to take LA1P11-IWLP Italian Level 1 on a not-for-credit basis. IWLP fees will be covered by HBS.

Part 2: Provides you with a year in Venice studying HR management, international business strategy, marketing, management accounting, business law, and econometrics. You will also undertake a research project in a finance-related area.

Part 3: Gives you the opportunity to study a blend of finance and management modules. You will be able to tailor your degree towards your own interests by choosing among a wide selection of modules including, Evolution of Entrepreneurship, Management of risk, Private Equity and Venture Capital and Alternative Investments in the 21st Century.

Module information

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
AC102	Assurance, Governance and Ethics	20	4
AC105A	Introductory International Financial Accounting A	10	4
AC105B	Introductory International Financial Accounting B	10	4
IC101	Introductory Securities and Markets	20	4
IC102	Introductory Finance/Trading Simulation I	20	4
IC103	Introductory Economics for Business and Finance	20	4
IC104	Introductory Quantitative Techniques for Business and Finance	20	4

Part 2 Modules:

Students will take 120 credits at Ca' Foscari University in Venice.

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

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

Part 3 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IC204	Portfolio Management	20	5

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

Additional costs of the programme

Costs are indicative, but will vary according to module choice and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. The estimates were calculated in 2016.

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget approximately £300 a year. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

Subject to your module selection, you may be required to purchase sundry materials (i.e. printing). Many students find it advantageous to have their own personal computing facilities though there are central facilities available.

Students should also factor in the cost of flights to and from Venice for their second year. Low-cost airlines provide direct flights from London and other cities in the UK to Venice airport. Fares depend on time of booking and travel.

Optional modules

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Placement opportunities

This degree is specifically designed to enable students to study abroad for one year, which is embedded in the structure of the programme. In terms of placement opportunities, the Continuing Professional Development Unit at the ICMA Centre provides support for obtaining an internship for the Summer following the end of the second year. However, responsibility to secure such internships rests with the individual students. Additional support in this direction will be provided by the Internship in Italy Service, the Internship Abroad Service and the Placement Service offered by the University of Venice. The elective module “Topics in Finance” in Part 3 embeds placement opportunities in the programme specification of the degree in a way that allows students to develop both academically and professionally. Students will be allowed and encouraged to pursue an internship even if they decide not to choose the particular module.

Teaching and learning delivery

You will be taught through lectures, classes and seminars.

Total study hours for each Part of your programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is Part 1 - 228 hours and Part 3 (following a year in Venice) - 180 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

Accreditation details

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by a mixture of coursework, which takes a variety of forms, and formal examination, with modules varying the relative weighting of these two types of assessment. However, some modules may be assessed only as coursework, while others may be assessed solely by examination. Details are given in the relevant module descriptions. The conventions for classification are included in the Programme Handbook but it should be noted that the weighting between Part 2 and Part 3 for classification purposes is 33% and 67% respectively.

Progression Requirements:

Part 1

The University-wide rules relating to ‘threshold performance’ are as follows:

- (i) Obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1; and
- (ii) Obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.'

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

- (i) to progress to Part 2 a student must obtain a mark of at least 40% in all Part 1 modules except for AC102 where a student must obtain a mark of at least 30%.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Part 2

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

- (i) Obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2;
- (ii) Marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and
- (iii) Marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

- (i) achieve a mark of at least 30% in 120 credits taken in Part 2.

Italian grades will be converted into 100 point UK grades according to the following table:

UK	100	90	83	75	68	63	58	56	54	52	50	47	43	40	38	36
Italy	30	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
UK	33	31	30	27	24	22	20	18	16	13	11	9	7	4	2	
Italy	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 2 qualifies a student for a Diploma of Higher Education if he or she leaves the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Classification

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

Mark	Interpretation
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70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below Honours Standard
0% - 34%	Fail

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

Please select the appropriate weighting

Three-year programmes

Part 2 one-third

Part 3 two-thirds

For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

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