

# PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

## BSc Finance and Psychology

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.

<b>Awarding Institution</b>	University of Reading
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	University of Reading
<b>Length of Programme</b>	3 years
<b>Length of Programme with placement/year abroad</b>	BSc Finance and Psychology with Year Abroad - 4 years (internal transfer only)
<b>Accreditation</b>	British Psychological Society

## Programme information and content

The programme aims to provide you with a critical grasp of core theory along with thorough knowledge and skills of application and analysis related to both disciplines.

**Part 1:** Introduces you to the fundamental concepts and practical tools that you will need to progress your studies in both disciplines.

**Part 2:** Provides you with the core vocational knowledge and necessary transferable skills required for a career in the world of asset management and corporate finance. You will also delve into more elaborate issues related to social psychology and neuroscience.

Part 3: Gives you the opportunities to steer your studies towards the most exciting areas of finance or psychology according to your own preferences and professional aspirations.

## Module information

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

### Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IC101	Introductory Securities and Markets	20	4
IC102	Introductory Finance/Trading Simulation I	20	4
IC103	Introductory Economics for Business and Finance	20	4
PY1CG	Cognition and Learning	10	4
PY1DV	Developmental Psychology	10	4
PY1IN	Introduction to Neuroscience	10	4
PY1PC	Perception	10	4
PY1PR	Psychological Research	20	4

The above compulsory modules in Psychology, with the exception of PY1PC, are required for British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (BPS GBC).

### Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IC201	Corporate Finance	20	5
IC204	Portfolio Management	20	5

IC206	Financial Modelling/CMS	20	5
PY2CNS	Cognition and Neuroscience	20	5
PY2DSP	Developmental and Social Psychology	20	5
PY2RM	Research Methods and Data Analysis	20	5

British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC):

Students must gain Lower Second Class Honours or higher to qualify for BPS GBC.

Part 2 modules PY2RM + PY2TA + PY2PS + PY2CN + PY2NS (or the equivalent Combined Subject modules) are the minimum required for BPS accreditation. All the modules from this list that are taken must be passed with at least 40%. See also Part 3 Project.

### 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
IC301	Derivative Securities/Trading Simulation III	20	6
PY3P	Project	40	6
PY3PE	Public Engagement	10	6

Students must select at least 20 credits of optional modules from the ICMA Centre.

Students must select at least 10 credits of optional modules from the Psychology Department.

The remaining 10 credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Henley Business School and modules from elsewhere in the University.

British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (BPS GBC)

To qualify for BPS GBC, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Pass PY2RM, PY2DSP and PY2CNS with minimum 40%
2. Pass PY3P or PY3EP with a minimum of 40%, and the topic chosen must be suitable to be

examined by a Psychology examiner.

3. Gain a Lower Second Class Honours degree

## 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.

## 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

### **Placements:**

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement as part of your Programme. This will form all or part of an optional module. You will be offered the opportunity to find and secure a placement opportunity, with the support of the University.

### **Study Abroad:**

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a Study Abroad placement during your Programme. This is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook, including obtaining the relevant permissions from your School, and the availability of a suitable Study Abroad placement. If you undertake a Study Abroad placement, further arrangements will be discussed and agreed with you

## Teaching and learning delivery

You will be taught through lectures, seminars, workshops and invited practitioner talks.

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 - 336 hours, Part 2 - 180 hours, Part 3 - 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

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework, oral examinations, practical examinations.

### 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 a student shall normally be required to achieve a threshold performance at Part 1 and to have obtained at least 40% in all compulsory Psychology modules and to have obtained at least 40% in the compulsory Finance modules averaged together.

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 in addition PY2DSP, PY2RM, and PY2CNS must be passed with at least 40%**

**To be eligible for Honours students must pass the Project module.**

**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:**

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

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

### **Three-year programmes**

**Part 2 one-third**

**Part 3 two-thirds**

### **Four-year programmes, including placement year:**

**Normally:**

**Part 2 one-third**

**Placement Year not included in classification**

**Part 3 two-thirds**

**(where students fail a placement year which does not contribute to classification they transfer to the three-year version of the programme)**

**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.**

**BSc Finance and Psychology for students entering Part 1 in session 2016/17**

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