

Programme Specification

MRes Medieval Studies (full-time)
MRes Medieval Studies (part-time)
MRes Medieval Studies (modular)

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For students entering Part 1 in September 2018

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	Full Time 12 months, Part time 24 months, Flexible (up to 60 months)
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

The MRes programme aims:

- To provide graduate students with a thorough grounding in contemporary approaches to key aspects of the culture of the Middle Ages;
- To equip them with the tools for further research;
- To enable students to deal with a multidisciplinary approach (via a compulsory core modules which give students thorough and wide-ranging training in relevant areas);
- To develop students' linguistic and palaeographic skills;
- To promote independent study and research skills as a basis, where appropriate, for a research degree.

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

Compulsory Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MSMRM2	Researching the Middle Ages	20	7
MSMDI7	Dissertation	90	7
MSMSTA	Option A	20	7
MSMSTB	Option B	20	7

Students must select the remaining credits from a list provided by the School of Humanities. One Option (A or B) should usually be linked to the dissertation topic.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

This programme may be taken over two years of part-time study. The normal pattern will be:

First Year

- Researching the Middle Ages (MSMRM2)
- Medieval Latin and Palaeography (MSMLP) OR Advanced Study and Source Analysis (MSMSSA)

Second Year

- Dissertation (MSMD17)
- 40 credits of optional modules

The programme may also be taken in modular form over up to five years. The recommended order is:

- Researching the Middle Ages (MSMRM2)
- Medieval Latin and Palaeography (MSMLP) OR Advanced Study and Source Analysis (MSMSSA)
- Optional modules
- Dissertation (MSMSD17)

If required, the above may be varied by agreement.

Additional costs of the programme

There are no textbooks which you must buy and students are encouraged to discuss the purchase of textbooks or other resources with the module convenor before purchasing. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks, electronic resources and computer facilities, are available through the library and through the Graduate Centre for Medieval Studies.

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost per A4 page of £0.05 (black and white) and £0.30 (colour). Essential costs in this area will be low as most coursework is submitted electronically.

Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations.

The estimates were calculated in 2018.

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 any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the programme. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability. 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

Where appropriate, opportunities are open to individual students to study in France in the University of Paris VII, with which the School of History has links. The Erasmus Programme makes many other options available. Further details are available via the programme director.

Teaching and learning delivery:

You will be taught through seminars and supervisions. Assessment takes a variety of forms: written examinations, submission of written assessed work, oral examinations.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination. 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

Not applicable

Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of assessed coursework, written examinations and oral examinations. Further information is contained in the individual module description.

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

Not applicable

Classification

The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

Mark Interpretation

70 - 100% Distinction

60 - 69% Merit

50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

Failing categories:

40 - 49% Work below threshold standard

0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

For Masters Degree

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 60 or more for the dissertation; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.

For PG Diploma

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 70 or more over 120 credits; and
- (ii) In addition, the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 120 credits; and
- (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 120 credits; and

- (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits;
and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.

For PG Certificate

To qualify for a **Postgraduate Certificate**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 60 credits; and
- (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 10 credits.