

Programme Specification

MSc in Environmental Management (full time)

MSc in Environmental Management (part time)

For students entering in September 2019

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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	12 months (Full time), 24 months (part time)
Accreditation	Climate KIC label
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

This MSc aims to provide a thorough understanding of the key scientific and socio-economic principles of environmental management and their relationships with current policy and regulatory processes. It also aims to equip students with relevant technical, research and business skills that underpin the application of environmental management in society, industry and government.

It is intended that students will gain an understanding of (i) the human impact on the natural environment and natural resources; and (ii) how that impact can be managed from a natural and social science perspective.

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
APME77	Environmental Economics	10	7
GVMWENM	Waste and Environmental Management	10	7
APMA91	Environmental Management: Principles and Practice	10	7
APMA102	Ecosystem Services	10	7
LWMENV	Contemporary Issues in Environmental Law	10	7
GVMRP	Research Project	60	7
GVMSEL	Skills for Independent Learning	10	7

The remaining credits will be taken from an approved list of optional modules from across

the University

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

Part time participants may either follow all the modules taught in the Autumn term in their first year and all the modules taught in the Spring term in their second years or alternatively may follow half the modules from the Autumn and Spring terms in both their first and second years. The most appropriate arrangements for the individual applications will be discussed with the Programme Director. Part time students will be encouraged to consider running a long-term research project over the two years that they are registered on the course but may carry out their research project in either their first or second year, again as is appropriate to their circumstances.

Additional costs of the programme

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

Where applicable, there may be textbooks or other resources which you may find it convenient to purchase, usually at a cost of around £15 to £25 per module. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A wide range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks, more specialist studies, and electronic resources, are available through the library.

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.

Additional costs amounting to approximately £100 may be incurred to purchase personal clothing and footwear appropriate for fieldwork and site visits in the UK.

Students may bear additional costs associated with their research project (e.g. travel to an external partner or fieldwork travel and accommodation costs) but these will be specific to individual projects and not required for most projects.

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

During their research projects, students may be based abroad or with the UK at consultancies, governmental agencies, research institutes or industrial bodies provided the Programme Director is satisfied that suitable facilities and supervision are available to them.

Teaching and learning delivery:

Teaching is through a combination of lectures, seminars, practical's, computer-based self-taught exercises, site visits and talks by invited speakers.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme (excluding the GVMRP Research Project) is – 248 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

We are a partner of Climate-KIC (Knowledge and Innovation Community), which is Europe's largest climate innovation initiative. This partnership provides Reading students with many opportunities for free and significantly discounted Climate-KIC short courses and summer schools.

Assessment

Assessment is through a combination of exams, assessed practical's, essays, scientific reports, in-class tests, and presentations.

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.