Programme Specification

MA City of Rome (full-time)	**PFTZCITYORHM**
MA City of Rome (part-time)	**PPTZCITYORHM**

For students entering Part 1 in September 2019

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
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

The programme aims to provide graduate students with a thorough grounding in contemporary approaches to key aspects of the study of the ancient City of Rome, and to equip them with the tools for further research, including doctoral study, by developing their critical and conceptual understanding. In order to do this most effectively most students spend two months in Rome itself. The provision is multidisciplinary, combining literary, historical, architectural, epigraphic, artistic, and archaeological approaches. Independent study is promoted and teaching is geared towards the individual development of students, especially through the supervised dissertation. Students are also required to take a course in Italian or Latin.

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
CLMRM	Research Methods	10	7
CLMAR	Approaches to Rome	30	7
CLMDS	Dissertation	80	7

Students must in addition select one 20 credit module in Latin or Italian language at the appropriate level. They may take Ancient Greek instead with the approval of the Programme Director.

Students must select the remaining 40 credits in either an intensive course on City of Rome, delivered at the British School at Rome or a Special Options module delivered at Reading.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme can be taken part-time over two years. The modules taken in each year are agreed on an individual basis with the Programme Director, but it is usual for a student to take the compulsory modules Approaches to Rome and Research Methods in the first term of study. The programme may not be completed over more than two years.

Additional costs of the programme

Students may wish to purchase personal copies of various primary source texts, particularly those used in higher-level language classes. £100-£200 should be budgeted for this.

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:

For programmes that include credits allocated to 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

The Department has several Erasmus Agreement with universities in other European countries which allows postgraduate student mobility in the Summer, for the exclusive purpose of researching/writing the MA dissertation when the topic justifies such mobility. Because of the University system in allocating Erasmus funds, students considering this option should have decided on their dissertation topic and on the planned mobility already in autumn term.

Teaching and learning delivery:

All the modules are delivered through small group teaching. For the Dissertation, students work with a Supervisor on an individual basis.

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 is 190 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

Not applicable

Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework (including class tests) and oral presentations. Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions

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.