

Programme Specification

MA by Research Economic History (full time)
MA by Research Economic History (part time)

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For students entering 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
Accreditation	Not applicable
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

The programme is designed for students from a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds who have a strong interest in exploring economic or financial systems from a historical perspective. It seeks to develop in students a body of knowledge and skills that will enable a deeper understanding of economic fundamentals, and of both the origins and likely long-term consequences of contemporary economic policies. Students graduating from the programme will have developed considerable expertise in their specialist area of research. They will have demonstrated an ability to understand and apply complex ideas; to collect and analyse large quantities of information; to construct reasoned and articulate arguments; and to reach carefully balanced judgements. In terms of both the content of their knowledge base, and the nature of their acquired skills, such students should be well placed to embark upon a range of professional careers.

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
EHMRM	Research Methods	10	7
EHMCT	Current Themes in Economic History Research	20	7
EHMD	Dissertation	120	7

The remaining credits will be taken from a list of optional modules from the School of Politics, Economics and International Relations, or from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme may be studied part-time over two consecutive years by arrangement with the Programme Director

Additional costs of the programme

There are no set textbooks for this course and most resources can be accessed online, at the university library or via interlibrary loan. Students may wish to purchase their own copies of some reference works for their chosen topic.

Depending on their choice of research topic, the student may need to budget for visits to relevant archives to consult primary source material. For instance, an off-peak day return from Reading to The National Archives at Kew would cost £20.20.

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

N/A

Teaching and learning delivery:

The programme is delivered through a combination of taught modules and a dissertation, which involves extensive guided independent study. The delivery of material varies among the taught modules, especially in the proportion of time allocated to lectures, classes and seminars

Total study hours for your programme will be 1,800 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 80 hours, including 20 hours of one-on-one supervision. 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

All modules involve coursework, which takes a variety of forms reflecting the aims of the module. Final assessment of the optional modules may involve an examination and/or coursework (weights vary according to module).

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

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 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.