

Programme Specification

MRes Informatics

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 or 36 months part time
Accreditation	
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

The programme aims to offer opportunities to local and international students entering postgraduate education at high standards. It will prepare students for effective management and utilisation of information resources in various domains such as business and management, biology and bio-diversity, computing, construction management, financial prognosis, and healthcare at postgraduate level. The programme will enhance students' existing knowledge and skills in key technological and business areas. Students will be able to apply their knowledge and skills in planning, management, design and implementation of IT based solutions to different application domains. Emphasis will also be placed on identification of relevant research topics, conducting independent research and publish their work.

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
INMR91	Business Informatics	20	7
INMR62	Research Methods	20	7
INMR63	MRes Dissertation (Applied/Business Informatics)	100	7

Compulsory text:

In addition, students will select 40 credits of option modules from programme specific options. A list of available options will be made available by the Programme Director.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme can be taken part-time over three years.

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 Central Library and the Business School Academic Resource Centre.

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

Students will be required to bind their dissertations prior to submission. This service is provided for free in the Henley Business School for basic binding. Other binding services are available on campus.

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:

Each module will be delivered in a week of concentrated teaching, followed by a week of supported learning. The support learning will be in forms of email, bulletin board, electronic discussion forum and employment of other e-learning technologies.

Dissertation projects will be conducted by students individually under staff's supervision.

Accreditation details

N/A

Assessment

The programme is assessed through a combination of dissertation, examination and coursework assignments.

Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions.

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

A student may undertake an optional module at any time, without necessarily being constrained by the completion of core modules. The dissertation project can commence after satisfactory completion of the Research Methods module.

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.