

## Programme Specification

MRes Philosophy (full-time)

PFTZPHILOSHS

For students entering in 2020/21

**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	MRes Philosophy (full-time) - 12 months
Accreditation	N/A
Programme Start Dates	September

### Programme information and content

The MRes programme in philosophy aims to enable students

- to build on their undergraduate studies, deepening their knowledge and understanding of chosen aspects of Philosophy;
- to discuss research issues with practising researchers, so as to become aware of current research in Philosophy;

to develop their research skills and prepare them, where appropriate, for a PhD.

### Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits. Credits are allocated across a range of modules and can be compulsory or, where specified, optional to the programme. The topic of the assignment within each module can be chosen freely within the range of areas of Philosophy taught within the Department.

### Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
PPMDISS	Dissertation	100	M
PPME1	Essay Module 1	20	M
PPME2	Essay module 2	20	M
PPME3	Essay module 3	30	M
PPMSP	Seminar presentation	10	M

All credits have been allocated as compulsory in this programme.

### Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

24 months part-time. Students will follow this schedule:

#### First Year:

Autumn Term: Essay 1

Spring Term: Essay 2  
Summer Term and Vacation: Essay 3

### **Second Year:**

Autumn Term: Seminar Presentation  
Dissertation

### **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 Department of Philosophy.

*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 2019.

### **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.

### **Teaching and learning delivery**

Teaching is primarily by means of individually supervised essays and supervised dissertation, supplemented by classes according to student interest and staff research activity.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your voluntary attendance of additional classes, seminars, and talks. They would be likely to amount to 6-10 hrs/week. 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

N/A

### Assessment

Assessment is by written work (3 essays and a dissertation) and an assessed seminar presentation.

### Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

If there are no specific progression requirements that a part-time student needs to meet before they can progress into the second year.

### 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.

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant**

**module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the  
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