

Programme Specification

BA Primary Education with English (3yr)

For students entering Part 1 in September 2021

UCAS Code: X1Q3

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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	3 years
Accreditation	Department for Education (DfE)

Programme information and content

High quality education is essential if individuals are to realise their full potential and the teacher is fundamental in that process. This Primary Initial Teacher Training and Education (ITTE) programme is based on the view that effective and meaningful education comes about as a result of active, dialectical learning that enables the development of analytical and creative skills. The programme aims to develop the individual student's identity as a subject specialist in English by broadening and deepening their knowledge and skills. By working in partnership with successful schools on programme design, delivery and evaluation, the programme will further aim to enable students to achieve their full potential as teachers at keys Stage 1 and 2 with a well-developed subject specialism who are fully equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve high standards as newly qualified members of the teaching profession. As is appropriate to a professional programme such as this, there is an emphasis on the development of professional values and attributes, as defined by the Teachers' Standards, the Department for Education's (DfE) standards for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

The content of the programme follows three distinct yet closely related strands of work. These are: Subject Specialism (English), Professional Studies, and Curriculum Studies. The programme comprises 17 modules, 6 each in years 1 and 2, with 5 in year 3, together with 3, non-credit bearing, school experience placement modules.

The Subject Specialism modules, The Arts, Children and Education, allow students to pursue their chosen specialism (English) to Honours level (Level 6). This strand will also explore the interface between the chosen specialism, children and teaching and learning in the primary school.

The Professional Studies strand will ensure that students have the study skills they need to take control over their own learning. It will introduce students to major theories regarding teaching and learning, child development and behaviour, curriculum design and the roles and responsibilities of the teacher. There will be particular focus in the final year on children's individual needs, which will include working with children with special educational needs.

Curriculum Studies modules will explore in depth the content of the core subjects of the primary curriculum. The core subjects are regarded as English, Mathematics and Science. Computer Science is seen as an integral aspect of each of these in terms of its capacity for and application to store and retrieve information, communicate, calculate and compute. Physical Education is also acknowledged as being central to the primary curriculum and students will study all the subject areas to explore what is taught, how it is taught and importantly, why it is taught. Through critical investigation, students will be encouraged to be creative, independent thinkers who are able to propose, and defend, appropriate pedagogies for the meaningful delivery of diverse curriculum demands.

In addition to the taught modules, trainees will be required to undertake supervised school placements in line with government requirements. Serial visits will provide opportunities for trainees to research into and experience first-hand elements of the taught modules described above and may contribute towards the assessment schedule of those modules. Students will also have some week-long placements which may be focused around priority areas or key elements of teaching practice.

In order to appropriately address the Teachers' Standards by the end of the programme and develop effective professional attributes, full attendance and active participation in all modules is a requirement.

Part 1:	Introduces you to the ideas of developing a deep insight into the nature and purpose of English teaching and learning in the primary school. There will also be a strong focus on early reading and children's engagement in storytelling. In your professional terms, you will start to understand the nature of teaching in primary schools and start to unpick the requirements of the primary curriculum. You will have a weekly serial placement in Key Stage 1, as a precursor to your block placement in a Key Stage 1 classroom. Your work will be assessed through course work, presentations, and practical activities.
Part 2:	You will start to understand the role of teaching English in a primary classroom and start to understand the role an English subject leader plays. You will also continue to look at a wide range of literature and examine it critically. You will explore the relationships between literature and identity. In the professional terms, you will unpack the teaching and learning of all areas of the primary curriculum and the progression of ideas. You will especially develop an insight into the teaching and learning strategies within Key Stage 2. Your placement will be in a Key Stage 2 classroom. Your work will be assessed through course work, presentations, and practical applied activities.
Part 3:	Gives you the opportunity understand and develop clear strategies and skills become an English Subject Leader, in the future. You will reflect on the relationship between literature, literacy, and the classroom. Your professional terms will focus on issues of inclusion within primary education and the tools that you will need to be successful educators of the future. You will also undertake a final year research project on an education issue that you are interested in.

Module information

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
ED1AC2	The Arts, Children and Education 1: English	20	4
ED1EC1	English and Communication in the Primary Curriculum 1	20	4
ED1EFI	The Primary Classroom: Education for Inclusion	20	4
ED1MP1	Mathematics in the Primary School	20	4
ED1PS1	Professional Studies 1	20	4
ED1SP1	Teaching Practical Sessions in Science and Physical Education	20	4
ED1SX1	School Experience 1	0	4

All modules at Part 1 of the programme are compulsory.

Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
ED2AC2	The Arts, Children and Education 2: English	20	5
ED2EC1	English and Communication in The Primary Curriculum 2	20	5
ED2GCP	Global Citizenship in the Primary Classroom	20	5
ED2MS1	Enabling Progress in Mathematics and Science	20	5
ED2PF1	The Foundation Subjects in the Primary Curriculum	20	5
ED2PS1	Professional Studies 2	20	5
ED2SX1	School Experience 2	0	5

All modules at Part 2 of the programme are compulsory.

Students will undertake supervised placements amounting to 120 days.

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

Part 3 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
ED3AC2	The Arts, Children and Education 3: English	20	6
ED3EM1	Refining Pedagogy in English and Mathematics	20	6
ED3PF1	The Foundation Subjects in the Primary Curriculum	20	6
ED3PI1	Professional Studies and Inclusion	40	6
ED3SP1	Formative Assessment In Science And Physical Education	20	6
ED3SX1	School Experience 3	0	6

All modules at Part 3 of the programme are compulsory.

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 optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Additional costs of the programme

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

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget up to £150 per year, depending on your preference to have your own books rather than borrow from the Library. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

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 will be 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 2020.

Placement opportunities

Placements:

Placements, principally in primary schools, form an essential part in all three years of the BA Primary Education programme.

Study Abroad:

You will not have an opportunity to Study Abroad.

Teaching and learning delivery:

Teaching is organised in modules that typically involve lectures, seminars, tutorials and blended learning. Some modules provide opportunities for students to work with children both in and out of the school context.

Total study hours for each Part of your programme will be 1200 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 Part 1 - 312 hours, Part 2 - 348 hours, Part 3 - 264 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

DBS clearance

The DfE will award Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

Assessment

There is an emphasis on student participation and reflective practice at all stages of the programme.

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written coursework, oral presentations, critical evaluations of work undertaken on placement, exhibition or performance, as appropriate, and extended research projects and dissertations.

Modules are assessed by a blend of coursework assignments and other tasks such as presentations.

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Progression

The University-wide rules relating to 'threshold performance' as follows

Part 1

- (i) obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1; and
- (ii) obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.

In order to progress from Part 1 to Part 2, a student must achieve a threshold performance; and

- (iii) pass ED1SX1.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Part 2

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to:

- (i) obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2; and
- (ii) obtain marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and
- (iii) obtain marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance and

- (iv) pass ED2SX1.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 2 qualifies a student for a Diploma of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Classification

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below Honours Standard
0% - 34%	Fail

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

Three year programmes:

Part 2: one-third

Part 3: two-thirds

Students successfully completing the programme will be awarded BA in Primary Education with English. In addition to the degree classification, students who have successfully met the Teachers' Standards and passed ED3SX1 will be recommended for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). The assessment is based their final school experience. The Department for Education will formally award Qualified Teacher Status.

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 University of Reading.

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