

Programme Specification

BSc Business and Management (Marketing)

For students entering Part 1 in September 2022

UCAS Code: NN25

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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
Length of Programme with placement/year abroad	BSc Business and Management (Marketing) with Year Abroad - 4 years (UCAS Code: N2N6) BSc Business and Management (Marketing) with Placement Year - 4 years (UCAS Code: N2N5)
Accreditation	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) European Foundation for Management Development (EQUIS) Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)

Programme information and content

The Programme will provide students with a firm understanding of the practice, concepts and theories of marketing within the wider context of business and management as well as it will equip students with the skills and competencies which will help them apply them in practice. Key features of the programme are as follows:

- The programme can be taken over either three or four years. Students opting to take the four year programme can choose either a placement or to study abroad in their third year.
- While the programme ensures that you will acquire knowledge in all of the fundamentals of marketing within the wider context of management, it also offers a high degree of flexibility. Any student joining the Business and Management (Marketing) programme can transfer to any of the more specialist associated programmes at the end of the first year.
- The programme is focused on employability. We recognise that business is constantly evolving but we believe that equipping students with the knowledge of the core foundations of business and developing their business oriented and personal skills will ensure that they are well equipped to succeed in a rapidly changing environment. Consequently, the skills required to secure roles and then succeed in them is embedded in the curriculum.

Part 1:	<p>Provides a firm grounding in business and management that will support you over the remainder of your studies at Henley whatever specialist options you take in subsequent years. The Part 1 programme develops the students core knowledge and skills over the three terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising the inter-disciplinary nature of business, in the first term you will be introduced to the core theories of the disciplines which underpin business – economics, psychology, sociology and the humanities. • In the second term, you will build upon this knowledge by learning and applying key business concepts and theories. These will provide you with a foundation in strategy, marketing, organisational behaviour, entrepreneurship, data analytics and accounting. <p>In both terms, there is a strong emphasis on applying concepts to current business problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the third term, the focus will be on developing your own business and personal skill set – this will prepare you not only for your remaining time at Henley but also for the external market as you apply for internships, placements and full time employment.
Part 2:	<p>Provides a more in-depth understanding of core principles in international strategy and operations, organisational behaviour and human resource management, social responsibility, and sets foundations in the world of marketing through studying core aspects of marketing, including marketing essentials, digital marketing and branding theory and practice.</p> <p>In the third term, you will undertake a short, guided project focusing on social responsibility in action which involves working with local communities. The module will be very practical allowing students to apply their learning in different real-world contexts and will open them up to new experiences and ways of thinking.</p>
Placement/Study abroad year:	<p>Students can choose to transfer straight into Part 3 or undertake an additional year either in a work placement or studying in an overseas University.</p> <p>A one year work placement aims at developing professional practice skills that form the basis for students' future careers. It provides hands-on experience in a business or professional practice and develops transferrable skills.</p> <p>A year studying abroad allows students to gain life experiences and skills that are actively sought out by employers. These can be a talking point at interviews or part of a CV that makes you stand out from the crowd.</p>
Part 3:	<p>Gives students the opportunity to advance their knowledge as well as skills in marketing and specialise in different areas of marketing. Students will undertake core modules in marketing, including consumer behaviour,</p>

	<p>marketing communications and/or optimising marketing performance. Students will also be able to choose optional modules from a range of specialist modules that we offer and have the option of undertaking a dissertation in Marketing.</p> <p>In Part 3, students will also be introduced to personal leadership development.</p>
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Module information

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

Foundation modules:

Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MM1F19	Management Debates: Ways of thinking about business	40	4
MM1F20	Business in Practice: Markets, Marketing and Management	20	4
MM1F27	Business in Practice: Accounting for managers	20	4
MM1F28	Business in Practice: Data analytics	20	4
MM1F29	Developing Professional Excellence	20	4

Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
AP2EM5	Digital Marketing	20	5
MM218	Marketing Essentials	20	5
MM296	Building competitive advantage: Business Strategy and Operations	20	5
MM297	Managing Work and People: Organisational Behaviour and Human Resources Management	20	5
MM298	Social Responsibility in Action	20	5
MM299	Branding Theory and Practice	20	5

Modules during a placement year or study year (if applicable):

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MM284	Work Placement	120	5

Part 2 (continued) modules:

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
MM208	Consumer Behaviour	20	5
MM304	Developing Personal Leadership	20	6

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in Henley Business School or modules from elsewhere in the University.

Students must also select at least one of the following modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MM341	Marketing Communications	20	6
MM342	Optimising Marketing Performance	20	6

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your programme can be found online in the Course Catalogue. 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

Costs are indicative, but will vary according to module choice and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. The estimates were calculated in 2020.

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

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget approximately £300 a year. 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.

Subject to your module selection, you may be required to purchase sundry materials (i.e. printing). Many students find it advantageous to have their own personal computing facilities though there are central facilities available.

Placement opportunities

Placements:

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement as part of your Programme. This will form all or part of an optional module. You will be required to find and secure a placement opportunity, with the support of the University.

Study Abroad:

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a Study Abroad placement during your Programme. This is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook and the availability of a suitable Study Abroad placement. If you undertake a Study Abroad placement, further arrangements will be discussed and agreed with you.

Teaching and learning delivery:

The programme design is based on academic reasoning, as well as on collaborations with the Henley Careers team, students and representatives from the industry to provide students with a solid foundation in business and management, informed by industry trends and cutting-edge thinking.

The programme introduces key business and management, as well as marketing concepts, and their applications. It is designed to develop students' knowledge and understanding of different business and management functions and practices, as well as their intellectual, practical and transferable skills to succeed as a business and management graduate. Student centred, the teaching and learning strategy includes constructivist, inquiry-based, reflective, collaborative, and integrative approaches. Following the principle of scaffolding, learning gets appropriately and progressively challenging as students go through their programme, and modules build on prior knowledge and skills gained in previous years, due to how pre-requisites are stipulated for Part 2 and Part 3 modules. Final year modules require more independent study which helps students build their academic confidence to become self-directed autonomous learners.

Within the programme, students are taught through lectures, seminars and workshops. Total study hours for each Part of the programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours will depend upon module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is Part 1 – 200 hours, Part 2 - 200 hours, Part 3 - 165 hours (excluding Placement year and Study Abroad year if applicable).

In addition to the scheduled contact hours, students 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.

Face-to-face learning and digital learning are vital elements of the learning process. Modules will offer a mix of these to create a flexible, accessible and inclusive learning experience. Digital learning will be based on a combination of video recordings, online discussion boards and using various online resources.

Employability, professional and personal development is an integral part of the programme, and it is both embedded in the curriculum and encouraged through extra-curricular activities and engagement with Henley Careers coaches.

Students will receive the required support from module convenors, teaching assistants, academic tutors, Henley Career coaches, Henley and university Librarians, the university's study support and IT helpdesk.

Elements of the programme will be delivered via digital technology:

The scheduled teaching and learning activity hours and amount of technology enhanced learning activity for the programme will depend upon module combination. In addition, students will undertake some self-scheduled teaching and learning activities, designed by and/or involving staff, which give some flexibility for students to choose when to complete them. Students will also be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module study hours including 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.

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 – 240 hours, Part 2 – 180hours, Part 3 (following the placement year if applicable) – 150hours.

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

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Progression Requirements:

Part 1

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

- (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.

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) achieve an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 2;
- (ii) achieve a mark of at least 40% in 80 credits taken in Part 2;
- (iii) achieve a mark of at least 30% in 120 credits taken in Part 2, 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.

Placement

Students who choose to undertake a placement are required to pass the placement year in order to progress on the programme which incorporates the placement year. Students who fail the placement year transfer to the non-placement year version of the programme.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, students must achieve a threshold performance and pass their placement year assessment.

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 in the calculation of the degree classification is:

Three-year programmes

Part 2 one-third

Part 3 two-thirds

Four-year programmes, including placement year:

Normally:

Part 2 one-third

Placement Year not included in classification

Part 3 two-thirds

(where students fail a placement year which does not contribute to classification they transfer to the three-year version of the programme)

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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