

Programme Specification

MSc Applied Economics (full-time)

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MSc Applied Economics (part-time)

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For students entering in 2023/24

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	MSc Applied Economics (full-time) - 12 months MSc Applied Economics (part-time) - 24 months
Accreditation	N/A
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

This MSc is intended to equip students with the tools of the professional economist, for work in government, international organisations or business, or as preparation for research in economics. The degree is based on rigorous training in core areas of the discipline but with a focus on applications of economics to contemporary problems and policy, including the use of insights from behavioural economics. It gives students both breadth and depth of understanding of economics in a systematic way. The programme combines theoretical, methodological and practical issues, and focuses on how to apply economic theory and data analysis methods. The programme is delivered by the Department of Economics, which has substantial research and teaching expertise in applied and policy relevant topics of economics.

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
ECM101	Microeconomic Policy	20	M
ECM102	Macroeconomic Policy	20	M
ECM651	Economic Data Analysis	20	M
ECM652	Economic Appraisal and Evaluation Methods	20	M
ECM653	Applied Behavioural Economics	20	M
ECM654	Applied Economics Project	40	M

The remaining 40 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, with the Applied Economics Project being submitted at the end of the second year of study.

In the first year of study, students would be expected to complete no less than 80 credits and no more than 100 credits, comprising: the core modules ECM101, ECM651, ECM652 and one or two optional modules. In the second year of study, students would take the remaining modules and credits, including the Applied Economics Project. The choice of option modules in the first year will depend on whether a part-time student also takes ECM102 in that year. The programme director would advise part-time students on these choices and potential pathways through the programme before they complete registration in the first term.

Additional costs of the programme

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 both the Department of Economics and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

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

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

There are no placement opportunities as part of this programme.

Study abroad opportunities

N/A

Teaching and learning delivery

Teaching is organised in modules. The delivery of material varies among the modules, especially in the proportion of time allocated to lectures, classes, seminars and computer labs.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 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 around 215 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about 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 descriptions.

Accreditation details

N/A

Assessment

All modules involve coursework, which takes a variety of forms reflecting the aims of the module. Final assessment of the modules may include an examination, though some modules are assessed just on coursework.

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

There are no specific progression requirements that a part-time student needs to meet before progressing 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 Applied Economics Project; 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 Applied Economics Project; 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 Applied Economics Project; 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 University of Reading.

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