

## Programme Specification

MSc Climate Change, Sustainable Business and Green Finance (full-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 Climate Change, Sustainable Business and Green Finance (full-time) - 12 months
Accreditation	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS)
Programme Start Dates	September

### Programme information and content

This programme provides cutting edge knowledge and skills required by finance and business professionals to understand climate change as it relates to financial systems and institutions, businesses, the economy and the wider society overall; the knowledge and skills needed to implement sustainable business models; as well as knowledge and skills related to integrating climate change considerations into the investment and financing processes. The climate change risks considered include physical risks such as floods, storms, droughts and wildfires, as well as transition risks such as carbon pricing and stranded assets. The aim of the programme is to prepare graduates for a career in the financial services industry and the business sector, ready to face the challenges posed by climate change and the risks that it carries. This programme is offered by the triple accredited Henley Business School and draws from the expertise of University of Reading staff at the Meteorology Department, ranked number 2 in the world.

This MSc programme is offered on a full-time basis only.

### 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
ICM1003	Climate Change and Sustainable Business and Finance	20	M
ICM2001	Climate Change and Risk Management	20	M
ICM2002	Energy, Carbon and Commodity Markets	20	M
ICM2003	Sustainable Investments	20	M

ICM331	Securities and Investments	30	M
ICM337	Econometric Analysis for Finance	20	M
MTMCC	The Science of Climate Change (M-level)	10	M

The remaining credits will be taken from a list of optional modules from the Henley Business School, the Meteorology Department or other departments within the University.

### **Part-time or flexible modular arrangements**

This MSc programme is offered on a full-time basis only.

### **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 2022.

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget approximately £300. 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 Central Library and the Business School Academic Resource Centre. 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). During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs, such as printing and photocopying – for these facilities are available on campus. Essential costs in this area will be low as most coursework is submitted electronically.

Many students find it advantageous to have their own personal computing facilities though there are central facilities available.

### **Optional modules**

Students must choose optional modules to the value of 40 credits, from a list of modules offered by the Henley Business School and selected modules offered by the Meteorology Department or other departments within the University.

### **Placement opportunities**

An optional summer module gives students on the 12-month programme the opportunity to undertake a work placement.

### **Study abroad opportunities**

### **Teaching and learning delivery**

The programme requires a substantial amount of independent reading, research and study and students are expected to take personal responsibility and show initiative in developing their knowledge and understanding of the field of study. They will enhance their skills in communications (e.g. through formal presentations), numeracy (by working on numerical problems associated with the analysis of climate and finance data), problem-solving (by working individually and in groups on how businesses should tackle climate

finance and sustainability challenges), computer programming (via the application of Python coding to econometric problems) and the use of information technology (through specialised apps and standard software provided in our computer labs and remotely via Appsanywhere). Students will work under time pressure throughout the programme and will learn to set priorities and manage their time in order to meet strict deadlines. Career planning/development is also an integral part of the programme.

Teaching is organised in modules. The method of delivery varies among modules, especially in terms of the proportions of time allocated to lectures, seminars and dealing room sessions. Most modules are part-assessed via a multiple-choice test or coursework that can take a variety of forms. Final assessment may involve a written examination, and also incorporates coursework marks.

The programme is taught over two 11-week terms (Autumn term and Spring term), plus the Summer term. Part 1 begins at the beginning of Welcome Week in September of each year. Examinations for Autumn term modules are held before the start of Spring term teaching. Part 2 occupies 9 weeks of the Spring term and 2 weeks at the beginning of the Summer term. Examinations for Part 2 are normally held in May. The Summer term starts after the May examination period with examinations held in August/September.

The total study hours for the programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical 20-credit module is 200 hours. This includes, in addition to your scheduled contact hours, guided independent study which students will be expected to undertake. 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**

EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS)

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

### **Assessment**

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework (including class tests), group work, and oral examinations. Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions.

### **Progression**

N/A

### **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 have:

- i. an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits;
- ii. no mark under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 68 or more over 180 credits;
- ii. a mark of at least 70 in 90 credits;
- iii. no mark under 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must have:

- i. an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits;
- ii. no mark under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 58 or more over 180 credits;
- ii. a mark of at least 60 in 90 credits;
- iii. no mark under 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must have:

- i. an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits;
- ii. no more than 55 credits under 50;
- iii. no more than 30 credits under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 48 or more over 180 credits;
- ii. a mark of at least 50 in 90 credits;
- iii. no more than 55 credits under 50;
- iv. no more than 30 credits under 40.

For PG Diploma

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must have:

- i. an overall average of 70 or more over 120 credits;
- ii. no mark under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 68 or more over 120 credits ;
- ii. a mark of at least 70 in 60 credits;
- iii. no mark under 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must have:

- i. an overall average of 60 or more over 120 credits;
- ii. no mark under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 58 or more over 120 credits;
- ii. a mark of at least 60 in 60 credits;
- iii. no mark under 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must have:

- i. an overall average of 50 or more over 120 credits;
- ii. no more than 55 credits under 50;

- iii. no more than 30 credits under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 48 or more over 120 credits;
- ii. a mark of at least 50 in 60 credits;
- iii. no more than 55 credits under 50;
- iv. no more than 30 credits under 40.

For PG Certificate

To qualify for **Passed**, students must have:

- i. an overall average of 50 or more over 60 credits;
- ii. no more than 10 credits under 40;

OR

- i. an overall average of 48 or more over 60 credits;
- ii. a mark of at least 50 in 30 credits;
- iii. no more than 10 credits under 40.

**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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