

## Programme Specification

MSc Corporate Finance (12 months) (full-time)  
MSc in Corporate Finance (9 months) (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 Corporate Finance (12 months) (full-time) - 1 years MSc in Corporate Finance (9 months) (full-time) - 9 months
Accreditation	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) CISI (Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment) EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) Corporate Finance Consultant Certificate (CFC)
Programme Start Dates	September

### Programme information and content

The aim of the programme is to prepare graduates for a career in the international investment banking industry. The programme will provide participants with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their understanding of both the theory and practical applications of modern finance in the fields of corporate finance and securities markets.

### 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
ICM227	Mergers and Acquisitions	10	M
ICM252	Strategic Planning and Budgeting	10	M
ICM311	Corporate Finance and Investment Banking	20	M
ICM312	Private Equity and Venture Capital	10	M
ICM330	Applied Project	10	M
ICM331	Securities and Investments	30	M
ICM332	Financial Markets and Institutions	10	M
ICM335	Financial Reporting	10	M

ICM336	Governance, Power and Accountability	20	M
ICM337	Econometric Analysis for Finance	20	M

ICM330 Applied Project is only to be taken by students on the 9 month version of the programme.

Students must choose option modules so as to complete a total of 180 credits. A complete list of option modules is available from the Programme Director, and a list of current options can be found in the relevant Programme Handbook. There is no guarantee that in any one year all modules will be available. New option modules may also be added.

Students on the 12 month version of the programme must select at least 30 credits running in the Summer Term.

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

This programme is only available on a full-time basis.

#### **Additional costs of the programme**

None.

#### **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**

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**

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 case studies.

The programme is taught over two 11-week terms.

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.

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 243 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**

This programme is accredited by the following:

Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI) which provides professional exam exemptions for our students.

National Development and Reform Commission Training Centre (NDRCTC) of China and benefits from a partial exemption from their Corporate Finance Consultant Certificate (CFC) qualification.

EFMD Quality Improvement System and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

### **Assessment**

All modules are part-assessed via a multiple-choice test or coursework that can take a variety of forms. Final assessment normally involves a written examination, and also incorporates coursework marks.

Examinations for Part 1 modules are held in Week 1 of the following spring term. 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 late May.

### **Progression**

#### **Part-time and modular progression requirements**

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

- 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.\*

\*The provision to permit a candidate to be passed overall with a profile containing marks below 40 is made subject to the condition that there is evidence that the candidate applied

his or herself to the work of those modules with reasonable diligence and has not been absent from the examination without reasonable cause.

**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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