

Programme Specification

MSc by Research Economics (full-time)

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

Programme information and content

The proposed MSc by Research in Economics is designed to be an integral part of our PhD in Economics programme providing the foundation towards doctoral research. Students will gain an advanced understanding of research methods and techniques by studying research-oriented modules and complete a research project as part of their dissertation. Students will learn from academics at the frontier of their research fields, through a combination of lectures, classes, workshops and independent work, in a vibrant research-focused department.

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
ECM701	Frontiers of Economic Research	20	M
ECM702	Dissertation	100	M
ECM703	Advances in Causal Inference	20	M
MMD013	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	0	D

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Department of Economics. Up to 20 credits may be replaced by modules from elsewhere in the University, subject to approval by the Programme Director.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme can be taken part-time over two years. In the first year of study, a student will normally be required to complete taught modules totalling no less than 40 credits and no more than 60 credits. In the second year of study, a student will normally be required to complete the taught module and the dissertation. The programme cannot be completed over more than two years.

Additional costs of the programme

There are no compulsory textbooks required.

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 2022.

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

N/A

Study abroad opportunities

N/A

Teaching and learning delivery

You will be taught through lectures, tutorials, seminars, workshops and PC classes. Assessment takes a variety of formats; tutorials are assessed by class discussions of assigned readings or take home exercises which need to be prepared ahead of the tutorial meeting, PC classes are primarily assessed via the submission of applied research projects, lecture material for most modules is assessed via a combination of coursework assignments and end of year examination. You will also be assessed carrying out oral presentations, and group projects.

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 20 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

N/A

Assessment

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

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.

In addition, for all classifications above, students must obtain a mark of at least 50% in Dissertation module, ECM702.

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
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