

## Programme Specification

MSc International Accounting and 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 International Accounting and Finance (full-time) - 12 months
Accreditation	CIMA, ACCA, AACSB, EQUIS
Programme Start Dates	September

### Programme information and content

This programme is suited to anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of accounting and finance, and who wants to enter a career in financial markets or advisory/financial services; either as an analyst, as a professional accountant, or as a preparation for further research at PhD level. The programme curriculum will provide a blend of theoretical-, research- and practice-led content that will enable students to develop deeper conceptual and theoretically informed perspectives of international accounting and financial practices with acknowledgement of the role of information systems in those practices. MSc International Accounting and Finance is designed to deliver financial expertise with an emphasis on understanding the accounting process. You will gain insight into the accounting process both within the firm (management accounting) and for external reporting and its relevance to company valuation (financial accounting). The compulsory modules provide an analytical and integrated study of accounting and finance combining a conceptual and theoretical approach with an emphasis on application to relevant practical problem-solving scenarios. You would also have the opportunity to developed first-hand vocation skills through placements during the summer term of the programme. At the completion of the programme, students will be able to use financial and accounting information with the support of information systems. Students will learn to evaluate alternative theories and methodologies and to make judgments on their applicability to complex issues where there is incomplete information.

### Module information

The programme comprises 180 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

#### Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
ACM006	International Financial Reporting and Regulation	20	M
ACM007	Contemporary Management Accounting Practice	20	M
ACM008	Accounting for Sustainability	20	M

ACM009	Financial Management: Cases and Excel Modelling Applications	20	M
ICM331	Securities and Investments	30	M
ICM332	Financial Markets and Institutions	10	M

Students must choose optional modules so as to complete a total of 180 credits. This will include a 20 credit project module or a 20 credit dissertation module.

A complete list of optional modules is available from the Programme Administration Office, 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.

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

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

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

There are no textbooks that you must buy and 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 Central Library and the Business School Academic Resource Centre.

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 before 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 currently no opportunities to study abroad or to undertake a 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 dealing-room sessions. All modules are part-assessed via a multiple-choice test or coursework that can take a variety of forms. Assessment may involve a written or multiple-choice type examination.

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 292 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 that a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

### **Accreditation details**

The programme has accreditation of Chartered Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA) which provides for exemptions from four professional exams BA1 - BA4.

The programme is also accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

All Henley Business School programmes are accredited by AACSB and EQUIS.

### **Assessment**

Assessment: Exams, applied projects, coursework as well as individual and group assignments

### **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

- i. gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 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 **Merit**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 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 180 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 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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