

Programme Specification

MA Migration and Intercultural Studies (full-time)

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MA Migration and Intercultural Studies (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	MA Migration and Intercultural Studies (full-time) - 12 months MA Migration and Intercultural Studies (part-time) - 24 months
Accreditation	N/A
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

This interdisciplinary degree programme provides a core grounding, combined with practical training or language proficiency, to support the study of migration. Crucially, it provides training in a) the political, socio-cultural and ethical importance of sensitivity to language issues as a key area of migration and refugee experience; b) the importance of highly contextualised training to complement theoretical and policy-based learning. It aims to achieve this through the delivery of three core modules, Introduction to Migration Studies, Language and Migration and a compulsory Dissertation/Extended Project (incorporating an optional work placement) that allows students to pursue their fields of expertise and interest in a more focused way. All of these will incorporate innovative assessment methods, including the use of new technologies (media reports and discussions, blogs, digital radio programmes, video commentaries, exhibitions), and coursework that involves not only academic but also professional skills (online learning journals to accompany more traditional essays; work placement reports to accompany workplace-based analyses of policy and practice). Optional modules allow students to explore disciplinary or vocational specialisms in cultural studies, ethics, human rights and environmental studies.

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
LSMLMGR	Language and Migration	30	M
MLMIMS	Introduction to Migration Studies	40	M

Students must also pick from the following compulsory modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MLMDIS	Dissertation	90	7

OR			
MLMWPP	Work Placement or Extended Project	90	7

Optional modules will be chosen from a list provided by the School of Literature and Languages and from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Depending on entry level, students can choose one module from a range of 20 credit modules of degree and IWLP language (enhanced), unless already taking a 10-credit Level 6 module.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme can be taken part-time over two years. Students must complete all core modules before beginning their dissertation or extended project and work placement.

Additional costs of the programme

Work placements may incur additional costs for travel, accommodation and insurance. This will vary according to location and duration (UK, EU, Middle East, Latin America), but all financial costs for students will be outlined early in the decision-making process.

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

We will assist students in securing work-placements with Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations in the UK and abroad. Students will be asked to participate in, and support, activities and research, for example, in refugee settings and in organisations and institutions working with migrants and refugees. They will be asked to produce a detailed report or a project on the basis of their work and observation and will be encouraged to attend national and international workshops in the field of migration studies and practice.

Study abroad opportunities

N/A

Teaching and learning delivery

You will be taught through lectures, tutorials and workshops. Assessment takes a variety of formats: tutorials are assessed by submission of written work prior to the date of the tutorial meeting, lecture material for most modules is assessed via an end of year examination. You will also be assessed carrying out oral presentations, group work and teamwork exercises.

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 30 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 assignments, coursework, and a 15,000-word dissertation OR 10,000 word extended project and work placement. Assessment patterns vary from module to module. Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions.

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements.

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 40% in the compulsory modules, including the work placement.

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.

In addition, for all classifications above, students must obtain a mark of at least 40% in the compulsory modules.

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.

In addition, for all classifications above, students must obtain a mark of at least 40% in the compulsory modules.

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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