

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 2024/25

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
QAA Subject Benchmarking Group	N/A

Programme information and content

This interdisciplinary degree programme provides you with a core grounding, combined with practical training or language proficiency, to support the study of migration and migration phenomena. Crucially, you will be offered teaching 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. You are expected to achieve this by taking three core modules, Introduction to Migration Studies, Language and Migration, and a compulsory Dissertation or Extended Project (incorporating an optional work placement), that allows you to pursue your fields of expertise and interest in a more focused way. The teaching is enhanced by innovative assessment methods, including the use of new technologies (media reports and discussions, blogs, digital radio programs, video commentaries, and exhibitions), and coursework that involves not only academic but also professional skills (online learning journals portfolios to accompany more traditional essays; work placement reports to accompany workplace-based analyses of policy and practice). Optional modules will also allow you to explore disciplinary or vocational specialisms in cultural studies, ethics, human rights, and environmental studies. Students who graduated from this programme normally embark on careers in Governmental organizations (in the UK and abroad), NGOs, charities – with coordination roles – research centres, etc.

Programme Learning Outcomes

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During the course of the Programme, you will have the opportunity to develop a range of skills, knowledge and attributes (known as learning outcomes) For this programme, these are:

Learning outcomes	
1	Describe the causes and implications of migration phenomena

2	Demonstrate understanding of critical, theoretical, and methodological approaches to migration and intercultural studies
3	Assess the current terminology used in migration studies and in public and political discourse on migration(s) and develop a critical approach to it
4	Discuss the relevance of migration issues to the wider society, in countries of origin, transit, and destination
5	Develop a critical approach to human rights, multilingualism, intercultural (mis)communication, media representation of migration, and migration policy
6	Reframe linguistic and intercultural resources, needs, and challenges of migrants and refugees, and contribute to a better understanding of them
7	Design and conduct a search for secondary and primary sources, and either write a dissertation on current issues and topics or produce reports on challenges and best practice from fieldwork
8	Reframe international and global issues in relation to migration, migration policy, border policy and control, education, wellbeing

You will be expected to engage in learning activities to achieve these Programme learning outcomes. Assessment of your modules will reflect these learning outcomes and test how far you have met the requirements for your degree.

To pass the Programme, you will be required to meet the progression or accreditation and award criteria set out below.

Module information

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

Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
LSMLAM	Language and Migration	20	M
MLMIMS	Introduction to Migration Studies	40	M

Students will need to select either:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
MLMDSS	Dissertation	80	7
OR			
MLMWEP	Work Placement or Extended Project	80	7

The remaining 40 credits will be made up of optional modules chosen from a list provided by the School of Literature and Languages and from an approved list of modules.

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 MLMIMS, LSMLAM, and a 20-credit optional

module, totalling no less than 80 credits; in the second year of study, a student will normally be required to complete the compulsory module MLMDSS or MLMWEP and a 20-credit module, totalling no less than 100 credits. The programme may not be completed over more than two years.

Placement opportunities

Students will be assisted in securing work placements with Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations in the UK and abroad. Careers Office, the School Placement officer, and the Departmental Year Abroad admin person will help the academic staff support students throughout the process. Students will be asked to participate in activities and research in migration and refugee settings with organizations and institutions working with migrants and refugees. They will be asked to produce a detailed report, or a project-based work. They will be encouraged to attend national and international workshops in migration studies and practice.

Study abroad opportunities

N/A

Optional modules

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your programme can be found online in the Course Catalogue. Details of optional modules for each part, including any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to students prior to the beginning of Semester 1; students will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that they would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure students can take the optional modules in which they have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

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 before the date of the tutorial meeting, and 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.

The total study hours for your program will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your program will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this program is 25/30 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake a 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.

Elements of your programme will be delivered via digital technology.

The scheduled teaching and learning activity hours and amount of technology enhanced learning activity for your programme will depend upon your module combination. In addition, you will undertake some self-scheduled teaching and learning activities, designed by and/or involving staff, which give some flexibility for you to choose when to complete them. You will also be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module study hours including 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

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

The following conditions must be satisfied for the award of a Master's degree:

Award of a Master's degree

- (i) an overall weighted average of 50% or more over 180 credits
- (ii) a mark of 50% or more in at least 120 credits
- (iii) not more than 20 credits with a mark below 40%
- (iv) a mark of 50% or more for the Dissertation

In addition to the threshold conditions for the award of a Master's degree, the following **further** conditions must be satisfied for a classification of Distinction or Merit:

Distinction

An overall weighted average of 70% or more over 180 credits

OR

an overall weighted average of 68% or more over 180 credits and marks of 70% in at least 90 credits

AND

A mark of at least 60% in the dissertation

AND

No marks below 40%.

Merit

An overall weighted average of 60% or more over 180 credits

OR

an overall average of 58% or more over 180 credits and marks of 60% in at least 90 credits

AND

No marks below 40.

For Postgraduate Diploma

The following conditions must be satisfied for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma:

Award of a Postgraduate Diploma

(i) an overall weighted average of 50% or more over 120 credits

(ii) a mark of 50% or more in at least 80 credits

(iii) not more than 20 credits with a mark below 40%

In addition to the threshold conditions for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma, the following further conditions must be satisfied for a classification of Distinction or Merit:

Distinction

An overall weighted average of 70% or more over 120 credits

OR

an overall weighted average of 68% or more over 120 credits and marks of 70% in at least 60 credits

AND

No marks below 40.

Merit

An overall weighted average of 60% or more over 120 credits

OR

an overall average of 58% or more over 120 credits and marks of 60% in at least 60 credits

AND

No marks below 40.

For Postgraduate Certificate

The following conditions must be satisfied for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate:

Award of a Postgraduate Certificate

(i) an overall weighted average of 50% or more over 60 credits

Additional costs of the programme

In case of placement in the UK or abroad, students may incur in additional costs, which will be quantified upon selecting the placement.

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 2023.

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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