

## Programme Specification

PGCert Leadership and Strategic Studies (AHEP) (part-time by distance learning) PPTCAPLSSTDC

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	PGCert Leadership and Strategic Studies (AHEP) (part-time by distance learning) - 44 weeks
Accreditation	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) European Foundation for Management Development (EQUIS)
Programme Start Dates	September 2024
QAA Subject Benchmarking Group	

### Programme information and content

The PGCert in Leadership and Strategic Studies aims to provide selected army officers with the early stage of Postgraduate higher education provision to support their service requirements and to enable them to act as effective officers of the British Army. This degree will be available to Graduate, or equivalent, entrants to the Army Officer Commissioning Course (CC) at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

The PGCert is validated at Level 7 by the University of Reading with provision carried out entirely by the academic and officer tutors at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The CC comprises a combination of academic and applied learning modules broadly covering Leadership, Communication and Behavioural Science (CABS), Defence and International Affairs (DIA) and War Studies (WS).

The CC is conducted over a 44 week period in a very intense programme.

### 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	Synthesise and critically evaluate the fundamental concepts of leadership, the theoretical basis of management, and key functional areas of leadership.

2	Apply and critically evaluate analytical techniques to assess and devise innovative solutions for complex organisational challenges. By developing and demonstrating advanced research skills and the ability to work autonomously.
3	Critically appraise and interpret the ethical implications of leadership decisions in a diverse, international context.
4	Reflect on your personal strengths and weaknesses in relation to leadership and strategic roles within an organisational context, identifying areas for personal development in strategic thinking, decision-making and leadership effectiveness, thereby promoting your employability prospects in leadership roles.
5	Communicate effectively and confidently, articulating contemporary leadership theories and strategic practices across a range of organisational settings. This includes developing advanced leadership communication skills to motivate, influence and persuade various stakeholders.

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

To pass the Programme, you will be required to meet the award criteria set out below:

The award comprises 60 credits.

### Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
AHM1RMAS	Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Commissioning Course	60	M

Module AHM1RMAS is a PASS/FAIL module.

### Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

### Placement opportunities

N/A

### Study abroad opportunities

N/A

### Optional modules

N/A

### **Teaching and learning delivery**

The module content for the CC is delivered through a combination of central lectures, seminars and experiential learning.

In addition to the scheduled contact hours, the student 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 given in the Module Description.

### **Accreditation details**

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European Foundation for Management Development (EQUIS)

### **Assessment**

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework and oral presentations/examinations. Re-sits will be allowed in order to achieve the pass mark.

### **Progression**

### **Classification**

#### **For Postgraduate Certificate**

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

#### **Award of a Postgraduate Certificate**

In order to be eligible for a Postgraduate Certificate, a candidate must obtain a PASS in the module AHM1RMAS “Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Commissioning Course”.

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

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1. Additional costs will include books and other optional materials
2. Other costs may be incurred by the student which are not anticipated at this time

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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