

Programme Specification

BSc Applied Economics (students from Shanghai Maritime University)

For students entering Part 1 in September 2027

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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	3 years
Length of Programme with placement/year abroad	
Accreditation	N/A
QAA Subject Benchmarking Group	

Programme information and content

Successful completion of the first three years and achievement of required levels on selected economics modules at Shanghai Maritime University (SMU thereafter) as well as meeting language requirements gives the student admission to final year (part 3) of the BSc Applied Economics programme at the University of Reading. The final year contributes, through credit transfer, to the final year of an award of SMU.

The programme aims to provide a thorough degree level education in economics in general, and applied economics in particular. It focuses on principles of economic analysis and accompanying quantitative methods. Students taking the degree will acquire a very good knowledge and appreciation of core economic theory and of its uses and applications.

This programme is available to students studying at SMU, who may transfer to UoR for part 3 (final year) of their degree.

Part 1:	Introduces the basic underpinnings of maths and quantitative techniques. Studied at SMU
Part 2:	Introduces the basic underpinnings of economics, quantitative techniques, and trade. Studied at SMU
Part 3:	Provides the opportunity to further develop the core strands of economics and business. Studied at SMU

Part 4:	Gives the opportunity to deepen the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills for the core strands and allows students to apply what they have learnt to a topic of their choosing. Studied at UoR
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Programme Learning Outcomes - BSc Applied Economics (students from Shanghai Maritime University)

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	Critically understand the fundamental concepts and tools of microeconomics, macroeconomics and quantitative methods.
2	Appreciate the history and development of economic ideas.
3	Apply the most frequently used mathematical techniques in economics.
4	Understand and apply the fundamental concepts and techniques of economics and the economic analysis of policy.
5	Assess the impact of past and contemporary changes on business, economic, and societal circumstances.
6	Formulate and critically analyse economic challenges and policy applications.
7	Interpret and critically assess econometric data analysis results.
8	Use IT (word-processing, visual communication, Excel, econometric software, Web search).
9	Communicate ideas in a logical way both verbally and non-verbally to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
10	Collate, interpret and present analysis of economic, and policy relevant data and information.
11	Manage time and prioritise workload.
12	Plan career strategy.

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.

In addition to the learning outcomes stated above if you are on a placement or study abroad programme you will have the opportunity to develop the following learning outcome:

Additional Learning outcomes	
N/A	

Module information

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

Part 3 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
EC314	Public Economics	20	6
EC319	Development Economics	20	6
EC334	Environmental Economics	20	6
EC343	Behavioural Economics	20	6
EC347	Industrial Organisation	20	6
EC349	Financial Economics	20	6

Note: In addition, SMU requires students to do an online module (on carbon trading and financial derivative) via recorded lectures, seminars and essay based assessments whilst at UoR, for the calculation of their SMU degree.

Placement 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 you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you 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 you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Teaching and learning delivery:

Modules in years 1-3 are taught by SMU staff at SMU.

For year 4 (part 3) you will be taught primarily through a mixture of lectures, tutorials and seminars. Some modules may include group work.

Total study hours for each year (part) of your programme will be a minimum of 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules in Part 3 - 89 hours (for student studying at UoR).

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.

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

Years 1, 2 and 3 will be assessed by SMU through a combination of written examinations, coursework (including class tests) and/or oral examinations.

Progression

By applications. In order to transfer to UoR for the final year, a student must achieve a threshold performance. For this programme, the degree classification at UoR will only look at the 6 compulsory 20-credit modules taken at UoR.

Classification

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

Mark Interpretation

70% - 100% First class

60% - 69% Upper Second class

50% - 59% Lower Second class

40% - 49% Third class

35% - 39% Below Honours Standard

0% - 34% Fail

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

Part 3: 100%

Dual Awards

Successful completion of the Programme will lead to the award of degrees by both the University of Reading and SMU.

Details of the classification method is given in detail in the [Assessment Handbook](#) under:

- Section 17: Awards (Bachelor's), or
- Section 18: Awards (Integrated Master's programmes). Students who do not progress to Part 4 of the Integrated Master's will normally be subject to the method detailed under Section 17: Awards (Bachelor's)

Please note that there may be a specific version of the above for your year of entry.

Additional costs of the programme

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

At SMU: There will be some additional costs if you require printing facilities at SMU, there may also be additional costs if your programme involves a field trip whilst at SMU. Details of costs can be found at the SMU help desk.

At UoR: For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget up to £400 per year. This figure is approximate. Actual costs will vary depending on individual study technique, preferences, and requirements. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

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 will be submitted electronically.

Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. Estimates were calculated in 2026.

Students may consider purchasing a laptop to help support their learning. Information on recommended device specifications can be found on the [DTS Student Hub](#).

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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