



**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME**

**INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL  
FOUNDATION DEGREES**





# WELCOME

From the day you arrive, you will be made welcome as a member of our international community at Reading.

We provide the support you need to make a success of your studies and enjoy your time at Reading.

“ Knowing that academic assistance was readily available through the numerous seminars, tutorials, and drop-in sessions gave me a sense of confidence, assurance and academic security.”

Anita Omonuwa  
Nigeria

# 4-YEAR DEGREES WITH INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

At the University of Reading, you can choose from a wide range of 4-year degrees with integrated foundation year.

In your first year, (Year 0), you will study our standard International Foundation Programme (IFP). After successful completion, you will progress onto your chosen undergraduate degree at Reading.

Studying a foundation year will give you the knowledge, academic training, language, skills and confidence you need for your undergraduate degree.

## Choose from the following 4-year degrees:

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# REASONS TO STUDY AN INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR AT READING

- You only need a single visa for the 4-year degree
- You have a choice of September or January start\*
- You will be part of your undergraduate department from the outset
- You will be studying at an Institution with over 35 years' IFP experience
- You will also be taught by experienced academics from your chosen degree
- You will receive guidance and support from your Academic Tutor
- You can enjoy International Foundation Programme events and away days
- You will have access to all academic, social and sports facilities at the University
- You will live in modern accommodation on an award-winning campus
- You can apply for discounted tuition fee scholarships and student ambassador scholarships. See our website, [www.reading.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp) for more details.
- You will meet international friends outside of your degree subject
- On campus, you are only 30 minutes away from London by train



\* Some degrees only start in September – check our website [www.reading.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp).



# WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

## INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR (IFY) OVERVIEW

The IFY prepares you for undergraduate study in three ways:

- you will receive academic training in subjects for your undergraduate degree
- you will develop your English language abilities
- you will acquire the transferable academic skills needed for undergraduate studies and beyond.

## COMPULSORY IFP MODULES

- If you have met the English language progression requirements for your chosen degree, you will take three 40 credit academic subjects
- If you have not yet met the English language requirements for your chosen degree, you will study 40 credits of English and 80 credits in academic subjects
- In addition, you will study 20 credits of Academic skills.

## INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH

If your English is below the undergraduate entry requirement at the start of the International Foundation Programme, you will be required to take the 40-credit International English module. By the end of the module, it is expected that you will be able to:

- present ideas, arguments and information with clarity and reasonable accuracy both orally and in written form using appropriate academic register and conventions
- identify key information, comprehend texts at both sentence and paragraph level and make notes from listening and reading material.

## ACADEMIC SKILLS

This module aims to help you develop your study skills. By the end of the module, it is expected that you will be able to:

- produce written work which is well-organised, relevant and makes use of appropriate terminology and academic style
- demonstrate good communication skills in written and/or oral form
- identify problems, apply your knowledge and skills in finding solutions and evaluate these solutions
- think critically, in order to recognise and express well-reasoned arguments in academic writing
- interpret and analyse a range of information beyond mere description
- work as a member of a team by cooperating with others, negotiating, listening to others in the group, sharing responsibilities/tasks and meeting deadlines.

In addition you will select compulsory and optional modules from your undergraduate subject. These will be taught by staff from the undergraduate department.

# LAW

Study law at Reading and develop your legal knowledge and skills in a highly practical way, with plenty of opportunities to build real-life legal experience.

The School of Law offers you an array of career-related, co-curricular activities alongside your main academic studies. Participation in these activities can help to advance your professional development and build the skills and attributes that employers find most valuable.

Activities include taking part in client interviewing, negotiation, mediation, mooted competitions, and carrying out pro bono work. You will gain experience through real interaction with practising solicitors and barristers, and real clients.

99% of Law's research is of international standing.\*

<sup>^</sup>REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Law

## LLB Law with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## LLB Law with International Foundation Programme

January Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Law

### Optional modules:

Economics

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

International English A

Information Systems and Statistics

An Introduction to Business and Management

Politics

Sociology

Psychology

<sup>\*</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Law

# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

97% of our research outputs are rated 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent', meaning that the University of Reading is 6th highest in the UK for research outputs.\*

On our Politics and International Relations courses, you'll acquire a deep understanding of the ideas and institutions that shape today's world through rigorous discussion and debate.

We look at politics in countries across the globe, and investigate key international issues of our day. Issues such as the nature of international terrorism, the opportunities and problems created by globalisation, and the challenge of climate change.

\* Times Higher Education analysis of the latest Research Excellence Framework 2021 – Politics and International Studies, when scoring by GPA Output

## BA Politics and International Relations with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## BA Politics and International Relations with International Foundation Year

January Entry

### Optional modules for September Entry:

Economics  
Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business  
Law  
Politics  
Sociology  
Information Systems and Statistics

### Optional modules for January Entry:

Economics  
Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business  
Law  
Information Systems and Statistics

# ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics has been established for more than 50 years and 100% of our research impact has been classed 'outstanding' or 'very considerable'<sup>1</sup>

Our Economics staff are active researchers who are experts in a wide range of fields in economics, with many involved in research that informs policy decisions by governments, major multinational organisations and international agencies like the UN.

# ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Our Economics and Finance course will provide a rigorous foundation of economics and financial systems. Learn to apply economic theories to real-life problems in financial markets.

The programme will equip you with analytical skills, decision-making skills, and advanced financial techniques for a successful career in the financial services sector as a banker, investment analyst, advisor, economist, or other related roles.

## BA Economics with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## BA Economics with International Foundation Year

January Entry

### Optional modules:

Economics  
Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business  
Law  
Information Systems and Statistics  
An Introduction to Business and Management

## BSc Economics and Finance with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## BSc Economics and Finance with International Foundation Year

January Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

### Optional modules:

Economics  
Information Systems and Statistics  
An Introduction to Business and Management

<sup>1</sup> REF 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Business and Management Studies, and Anthropology and Development Studies.



# CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR AND MARKETING

Consumer Behaviour and Marketing offers an integrated programme, combining the disciplines

of consumer behaviour, business, marketing, applied psychology and applied economics

# FOOD MARKETING AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Food Marketing and Business Economics combines business management, marketing and economics, with a focus on the food industry in

the UK and globally. Both are accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

## **BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing with International Foundation Year**

September Entry

## **BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing with International Foundation Year**

January Entry

### **Optional modules:**

An Introduction to Business and Management

Economics

Psychology

Sociology

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Information Systems and Statistics

## **BSc Food Marketing and Business Economics with International Foundation Year**

September Entry

## **BSc Food Marketing and Business Economics with International Foundation Year**

January Entry

### **Optional modules:**

Economics

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

An Introduction to Business and Management

Sociology

Psychology



# PSYCHOLOGY

**Develop a broad knowledge of Psychology, a course that can be tailored to meet your individual interests.**

The undergraduate course enables you to move on to a wide range of careers or pursue further training to become a professional psychologist. You will be able to pick modules that suit your specific interests, including a range of modules from other subjects.

The School houses state-of-the-art facilities to support research and learning including eye-tracking and specialist equipment for electrophysiology and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS).

Additionally, we have three in-house NHS clinics and the world-renowned Charlie Waller Institute for evidence-based psychological treatments on site.

Our Psychology courses are accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS). They provide graduates with the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, which is the starting point of a career as a psychologist in the UK.

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## **BSc Psychology with International Foundation Year**

September Entry

### **Compulsory modules:**

Psychology

### **Optional modules:**

Information Systems and Statistics

Biology

Mathematics for Finance, Economics And Business

Sociology



# ARCHITECTURE

Your first degree is Part 1 of your journey to becoming an architect. The Architects Registration Board (ARB) has prescribed our BSc (Hons ) Architecture degree under the Architects Act 1997. One of the requirements for gaining a professional architecture qualification is to study on a prescribed course.

You will be taught by both leading academics and innovative, practising architects.

You will benefit from seven-day-a-week access to dedicated studio spaces in a newly-refurbished building, as well as use of facilities equipped with digital technologies.

The learning outcomes of the course have been designed with the needs of employers in mind, and with a view to enhancing the employability of our graduates. You will have the opportunity to boost your employability throughout your studies, with the chance to work on local projects and to carry out 'live' design tasks at the conceptual stage for real clients.

## BSc Architecture with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Art for Architecture

### Optional modules:

Biology

Chemistry

Economics

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

# ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

Through our Architectural Engineering course, you will combine the creativity of architectural and building design with a strong technical overview of energy systems and environmental engineering.

Your studies will be supported by access to dedicated facilities, which include:

Digital technology and software, including building information modelling (BIM), building energy and urban microclimate simulations, and 3D laser scanning.

Access to our immersive virtual reality "CAVE", which enables you to interact with 3D digitised environments.

A dedicated resource room containing course books, key professional journals and a wide range of industry specific publications.

Our close relationships with industry and professional institutions will give you the opportunity to build a network of contacts during your studies, enabling you to develop strong foundations for a sustainable career.

## BEng Architectural Engineering with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Further Mathematics and Physics

### Optional modules:

Information Systems and Statistics

Chemistry

Psychology

# BUILDING SURVEYING

On our Building Surveying course you will analyse building performance and material lifecycles to establish the cause and effect of building defects. This course is designed to prepare you for a successful career in building surveying.

You will benefit from the Department's strong links with industry and the surveying profession.

# CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND SURVEYING

On Construction Management our courses are designed to prepare you for a successful career and you will benefit from the Department's strong links with industry.

# QUANTITY SURVEYING

On our Quantity Surveying courses you will learn about the mechanisms that determine the cost and price of construction, and how projects can be completed on time, to specification and within budget.

These courses are designed to prepare you for a successful career in quantity surveying. You will benefit from the Department's strong links with industry and with the surveying profession.

## Modules for Building Surveying, Construction Management and Surveying, Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying

September Entry

### Optional modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Information Systems and Statistics

An Introduction to Business and Management

Economics

Sociology

## Modules for Building Surveying, Construction Management and Surveying, Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying

January Entry

### Optional modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Information Systems and Statistics

An Introduction to Business and Management

Economics



# METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATE

We are ranked 4th in the world for Atmospheric Science (Shanghai Ranking 2022 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects). Our pioneering research informs how governments, industries and communities respond to complex environmental issues.

On our BSc Meteorology and Climate course you will tackle the biggest issues facing the planet today, including ozone depletion and climate change, alongside world experts in the UK's only dedicated meteorology department.

This course is approved by the Royal Meteorological Society as appropriate academic training for meteorologists seeking the qualifications of Chartered Meteorologist (CMet) or Registered Meteorologist (RMet).

## BSc Meteorology and Climate with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Further Mathematics and Physics

### Optional modules:

Environment, Ecology and Sustainability

Information Systems and Statistics

Biology

# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Environmental science looks at the physical, chemical and biological parts of the Earth system, how they interact and change through time as well as the impact of human activity on the Earth.

The University of Reading has been at the forefront of research into sustainability and the environment for many decades and on this course you will benefit from being taught by staff who are national and international experts in their fields.

As the demands on the Earth's resources increase, so does the need for well-qualified graduates in this field.

## BSc Environmental Science with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Environment, Ecology and Sustainability

Biology

Chemistry

# FOOD SCIENCE

Develop the expertise to meet society's demand for safe and sustainable food products with our accredited Food Science degree.

Led by experts from the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences, this course will equip you with a full understanding of food production processes.

Reading is a top 5 university for food science in the UK (5th in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2022).

95% of our research is of international standing (Research Excellence Framework 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences). Our degrees are accredited by the Institute for Food Science and Technology (IFST), the professional body for food scientists and technologists in the UK.

## BSc Food Science with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Chemistry or Biology

### Optional modules:

Further Mathematics and Physics

Chemistry

Biology

# AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Agricultural Business Management is a multi-disciplinary degree programme combining the study of management with agricultural processes, giving you an understanding of the economic and business principles that underlie management,

and its application to agricultural and land-based industries. You will gain skills in critical observation and analysis of financial and business management systems to go along with practical knowledge and commercial expertise.

# AGRICULTURE

Agriculture focuses on studying the science underpinning food production, and you will learn how to use biology and technology to maximise

crop and animal production to meet targets and achieve environmental objectives, while gaining valuable practical skills.

## BSc Agricultural Business Management with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## BSc Agricultural Business Management with International Foundation Year

January Entry

### Optional modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Economics

An Introduction to Business and Management

Information Systems and Statistics

## BSc Agriculture with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Biology or Chemistry

### Optional modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Environment, Ecology and Sustainability

Further Mathematics and Physics

Information Systems and Statistics



# MATHEMATICS AND MATHEMATICS WITH FINANCE AND INVESTMENT BANKING

You'll be taught by academics with a wealth of experience in industry, who are actively contributing to relevant research in a wide range of areas.

Our real-world expertise will enhance your learning and understanding, keeping you updated with the latest developments in mathematics. In the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 98% of our research is world leading or internationally excellent and 100% of our research impact has been classed 'outstanding' or 'very considerable' (Research Excellence Framework 2021, combining 4\* and 3\* submissions – Mathematical Sciences).

Your degree will meet the requirements of the Chartered Mathematician designation, awarded by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (when followed by subsequent training and experience in employment to obtain equivalent competences to those specified by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for taught master's degrees).

## BSc Mathematics with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## BSc Mathematics with Finance and Investment Banking with International Foundation Year

September Entry

### Compulsory modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics And Business

Further Mathematics and Physics

### Optional modules:

Economics

An Introduction to Business and Management

Information Systems and Statistics

# MUSEUM STUDIES AND ARCHAEOLOGY

This course combines the contemporary theory and practice of museum studies with the academic and practical study of archaeology. At the University of Reading, our expertise in Archaeology starts with the earliest humans and spans up until the medieval period. We focus mainly on British, European and Near Eastern Archaeology, but also explore other regions across the world.

Central to the course is the hands-on experience you will gain at our on-site museums. The University has three museums – including the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology – in which you can gain experience as a volunteer while you learn. As well as museums we also have a number of special collections, including art and rare books.

Our museum teaching staff are all practising professionals, including curators, conservators and archivists, and use a combination of problem-solving and enquiry based learning techniques in their teaching. You will be given the opportunity to conduct your own research throughout the course, and in your final year, you will design, create and evaluate your own exhibition.

## BA Museum Studies and Archaeology with International Foundation Year

September Entry

## BA Museum Studies and Archaeology with International Foundation Year

January Entry

### Optional modules:

Mathematics for Finance, Economics and Business

Information Systems and Statistics

Psychology

Perspectives in The Humanities

Biology

# LIFE AT READING

## ACCOMMODATION

Our halls of residence are a place to live, study, meet friends and socialise. We offer a range of options to suit different budgets and requirements.

To apply for accommodation at Reading, you need to:

- be at least 17 years old at the start of the accommodation contract
- have firmly accepted a place (conditional or unconditional) on the 4-year degree programme.

## IFP EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

From day one, the IFP makes it easy for you to make friends with other students. Throughout the year there are many specially organised IFP events and trips.

You also have full access to all the sports facilities and clubs and societies offered in the Students' Union.

## READING TOWN

Situated in the Royal County of Berkshire, Reading and its surroundings offer students a wonderfully diverse and vibrant place to live with easy access to London and the stunning southern counties of England.

Reading is a leading shopping destination and a hub for successful international companies at the heart of the Thames Valley.

## HOW TO APPLY

Our four-year undergraduate degrees with integrated foundation year can only be applied to through UCAS, the UK's university admissions service.

# FIND OUT MORE

## VISIT US

You are very welcome to visit us in Reading on an individual basis at any time; please contact us to make an appointment by emailing [ifp@reading.ac.uk](mailto:ifp@reading.ac.uk).

We can arrange for you to visit hall accommodation and to meet an academic member of staff on your visit as well as provide a campus tour.

## ONLINE

For further details visit: [reading.ac.uk/foundation](https://reading.ac.uk/foundation).

## IN YOUR COUNTRY

We have an extensive network of agents throughout the world that can help you in your application to the University of Reading.

### Disclaimer

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