



# MA in Public Policy at Reading

# A VERY WARM WELCOME FROM

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# ABOUT READING

- From 25 minutes from central London by train (40 miles)
- Quick and easy transport links to Heathrow and Gatwick airports
- Easy access to all major UK cities and historic sites (e.g. Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon)
- Reading is a regional hub for business, shopping and recreation





# OUR UNIVERSITY

**98%**

OF RESEARCH  
INTERNATIONALLY  
RECOGNISED<sup>1</sup>

**205<sup>th</sup>**

WORLDWIDE<sup>2</sup>  
QS World University  
Rankings 2020

**29<sup>th</sup>**

UK UNIVERSITY IN  
WORLD RANKINGS<sup>3</sup>

1. Research Excellence Framework 2014

2. QS World University Rankings 2020

3. University of Reading is 29<sup>th</sup> out of 84 UK universities featured in the QS World University Rankings 2020

# KEY STATISTICS

- More than **20,000** students (inc. offshore students)
- **15,210** Home students | **3,830** International students on UK based programmes
- From around **180** countries
- **78%** PG students graduate with Distinction or Merit
- **87%** overall satisfaction for Postgraduate Taught students at Reading

# OUR CAMPUSES

## WHITEKNIGHTS

130-hectare of parkland with a combination of modern buildings, historical “listed” buildings, wilderness, relaxing gardens, a large lake and plenty of wildlife!



## LONDON ROAD

Historic heart of the University, home to The Great Hall used for graduation ceremonies and recently refurbished for the Institute of Education and Architecture



# OUR CAMPUSES

## GREENLANDS

Newest addition to the University,  
beautiful Thames-side location home to  
Henley MBA and executive education



## MALAYSIA

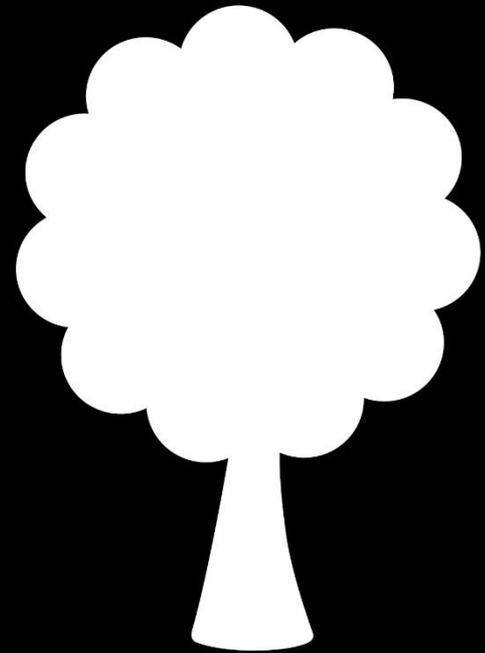
Offers students the “best of both worlds” –  
a world-class degree at an affordable price,  
delivered at a location that is convenient

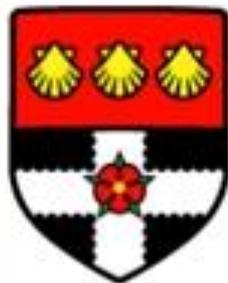




# 7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR IN A ROW

our campus has received  
the Green Flag Award





# University of Reading





# THE MASTER IN PUBLIC POLICY

# MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY

- Using an **interdisciplinary** approach, this course uses traditional and modern insights from both **economics and politics** to develop essential skills needed in **policy-making**.
- The MA Public Policy is designed to give you the tools to understand and assess a wide range of public policy issues.
- It's a **flexible** course that allows you to combine modules from different **pathways** or choose to specialise in one of the following pathways:
  - welfare and social policy
  - sustainable environments
  - international development and emerging markets
  - global and regional governance and institutions
  - security and rights in the modern world.

# MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY



Core module (60 credits):

- Economics of Public Policy
- Politics of Public Policy
- Research Methods (Quantitative or Qualitative method - ACCREDITED)

Dissertation (40 credits)

Capstone or Placement project (20 credits)

Optional Modules\* (60 credits) from Pathways:

- Welfare and social policy
- International Development
- Security and Governance in a global world
- Sustainable Environment

\*These modules are provided as a taster of some of the modules that may be available on the programme.

# TIMETABLE

Spring Term (January to March -11 weeks):

- Lectures for 10 weeks
- Coursework

Sumer Term (April to June):

- no lectures
- Exams

Autumn term (October to December -11 weeks):

- Lectures for 10 weeks
- Coursework

Resit exams at the end of August

Placement, Capstone deadline: early September

Dissertation deadline: December

NB: Depending on choice of modules, you may need to submit work online once you have gone back to South Korea

# OPTIONAL MODULES

The Economics of the Multinational Enterprise  
Regulation  
The Economics of Financial Markets  
Advanced International Macroeconomics and  
Finance  
Development Economics  
Microfinance  
Economics of Social Policy  
Social Policy of Health and Ageing  
Microeconomics I  
Microeconomics II  
Microeconomics III  
Macroeconomics I  
Macroeconomics II  
Macroeconomics III  
Microeconometrics 1  
Microeconometrics 2  
Macroeconometrics  
Economics of Corporate Strategy  
Topics in Business Economics

- Building Peace after Civil War
- Conflict in the Middle East
- Governance, Security, Development
- International Relations Theory
- International Security Studies
- Parliamentary Studies
- Public Ethics
- The Political Economy of Civil War
- Strategic Practice
- Strategic Theorists
- Terrorism in a Globalising World
- The Origins and Causes of War
- The Politics and Economics of Immigration
- Themes and Issues in Contemporary International Relations

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# YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

- **January-March (Spring Term):**
  - 60 credits of optional modules: generally 2 modules
  - start planning for Capstone or Placement
  - start planning for dissertation
- **April to June (Summer Term):**
  - Exams for modules taken in Spring Term
  - Work on Capstone or Placement
  - Continue work on dissertation
- **July to September (our of term):**
  - Continue work on dissertation
  - Submission of Capstone or Placement projects
- **October to December (Autumn Term):**
  - Two Core modules: Economics of PP and Politics of PP
  - Submission of dissertation

# PLACEMENT OR CAPSTONE PROJECT?

## • Placement

- 20 credits
- Students select PIM92
- Spend at least 70 hours at placement host (external organisation) typically:
  - a ½ or 1 day per week for a number of weeks
  - or full time from summer term
- Write up a placement project based on experience gained of 3,000-4,000 words by mid-Sept

## • Capstone Project

- 20 credits
- Students select ECM200
- Part of student project team with meetings with Capstone organisation
- Complete group project plus in some cases a presentation for the organisation
- An academic will supervise the project
- Project timings depend on organisation – typically between mid Jan and August
- Individual submission by mid-Sept

# PLACEMENT SEARCH

- School provides help and advice on placement applications
- The student makes speculative applications to possible hosts

<b>Reflect and decide</b>	What kind of placement you would like? What back up options you might need to identify?
<b>Research</b>	Information sources to identify the names of contacts and who to approach
<b>Design</b>	Your cover letter and CV
<b>Begin to apply</b>	As soon as possible
<b>Manage</b>	The process & keep it on track by following up your applications- identifying new leads until you find your placement

# PLACEMENT ADMINISTRATION

## School will arrange:

- **Placement Agreement**

- Signed by the University and the host

- **Health and Safety Form**

- Completed by host, so we can risk assess your placement as safe for you

- **Student Confidentiality letter**

- You may encounter confidential information whilst on placement
- By signing this letter you are confirming that you will not disclose any **confidential** information to the press, friends ,family or ANYONE!

- The UoR can only recognise the placement as part of the module if these three three forms are complete and the organisation meets the University requirements

# CAPSTONE

- Students work in a small group overseen by an academic supervisor
- Students complete a project on behalf of a client
- Module aims to give the students an opportunity to synthesize and apply their knowledge
- Students will prepare an output depending on the organisations requirements, for example a report or a presentation
- Individually students will have to submit a written report on their project of 3,000 words



# ADMISSION ETC.

- Apply from Spring onwards: we can consider until late Autumn
- No need to submit a statement of purpose.
- IELTS (or equivalent): 6.5 overall (no element < 5.5)
- If less, you can take pre-sessional English programme
  
- Pre-arrival information and session
- Welcome event and registration in January
- Programme Director as Tutor

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

- **Academic English Programme (AEP):** free courses to enhance language and academic skills to all international and EU students
- **Visa and Immigration Service**  
[immigration@reading.ac.uk](mailto:immigration@reading.ac.uk)
- **International Student Advisory Team**  
[int.adv@reading.ac.uk](mailto:int.adv@reading.ac.uk)



# ACCOMMODATION



## On Campus

Almost 5000 rooms for a variety of budgets from £133p/w

- Standard Room without Washbasin
- Standard Room with Washbasin
- En-suite
- Studio
- One-bed flat
- Family apartments
- Catered and Self-catered options are available
- All bills included

# ACCOMMODATION

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## Off Campus

- Private student accommodation available around Reading. Usually Studio apartments or shared facilities.
- Website such as [www.rightmove.co.uk](http://www.rightmove.co.uk) and [www.spareroom.co.uk](http://www.spareroom.co.uk) show private accommodation. Filter by 'furnished' or 'part-furnished' if you want furniture included.
- RUSU also provide advice for renting off-campus  
<https://www.rusu.co.uk/advice/housing/>
- You may have to pay a deposit of up to 5 weeks rent
- You will usually have to arrange bills and WIFI separately.

# THE LIBRARY



# LIFE OUTSIDE OF STUDYING- ON CAMPUS



Sports

LIMITLESS **POTENTIAL**

# LIFE OUTSIDE OF STUDYING- ON CAMPUS



RUSU





# LIFE OUTSIDE OF STUDYING- OFF CAMPUS

- Meetup.com
- Comedy Night at Milk Bar
- Live music at Oakfield Social Club
- Parks- Forbury Gardens, King's Meadow, Caversham Court and Christchurch Meadows
- Oracle shopping centre
- Madjeski stadium
- Thames Lido



# FAMILY LIFE

Babies and young children:

- RUSU 'Little Learners' Nursery (ages 3 months+)
- The Little Owl Pre-School

Local Schools Application

- You can list up to 4 schools, in order of preference
- You must apply when both you and your child are already residing in the UK
- You will need proof of UK address
- Once you have applied, your child should be offered a place within 20 school days

<http://student.reading.ac.uk/essentials/international/international-students-with-dependants.aspx>

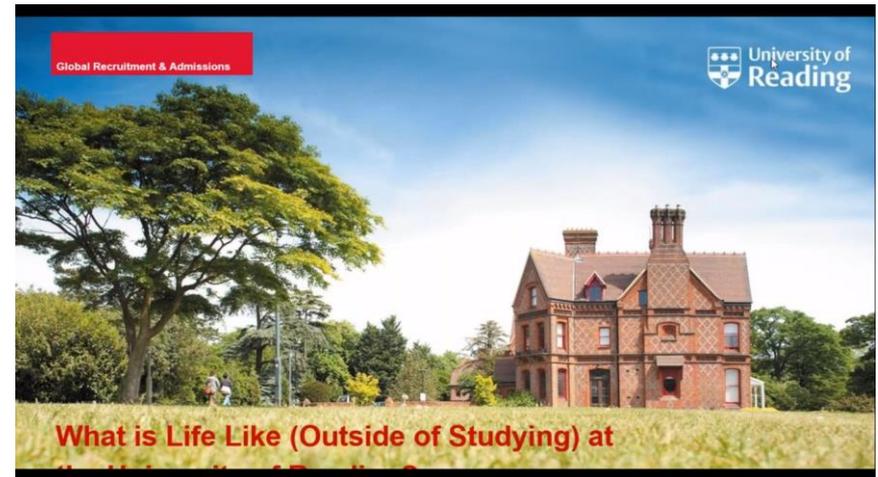
# FAMILY LIFE

## Socialising:

- After School and Holiday Clubs (wrap-around care)
- Sports clubs, drama clubs, and community events
- Reading Museum- story time and other children's activities.
- Community events
- 'Your Reading Passport'
- Youth clubs (e.g. Scouts/Guides)
- Faith groups

# WEBINARS

- Various undergraduate and postgraduate webinars for prospective students and applicants all year around
- Topics including
  - Accommodation
  - Student Life
  - Placement and Career Services
  - Pre-departure information
  - Student Visa and Immigration



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# QUESTIONS

