



MSc in Public Policy at Reading

A VERY WARM WELCOME FROM

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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 MSc 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

YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

- **January-March (Spring Term):**
 - 60 credits of optional modules: generally 3 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 (out 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

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 a 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

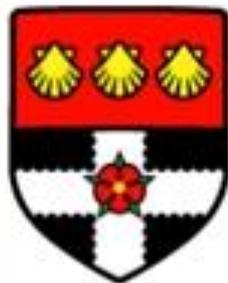


CUMBERLAND LODGE WINDSOR STUDENT RETREAT



Planned for January 2024:

- a week-end (from Friday early evening to Sunday early afternoon) at Cumberland Lodge, a magnificent former royal residence in the heart of Windsor Great Park
- Students pay a fee but heavily subsidised by School
- Series of talks on a range of relevant topics: inequality, meritocracy, climate change etc.....
- Free time to visit park, Windsor etc...



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YEARS OF HISTORY,
WITH ORIGINS AS A
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UNIVERSITY OF READING - OVERVIEW

- 19,000 students from 150 countries
- UK top 30 University (no. 28 in UK in QS World Rankings 2023)
- Award winning campus
- Great location close to London
- Modern student accommodation on campus
- Research intensive with 98% of research internationally recognised

Reading town

25 minutes from London
by train.

40 minutes from London
Heathrow airport

Largest town in the UK



About Reading

- Reading is a commercial centre in Thames Valley with UK headquarters of Microsoft, Oracle and offices of multinational companies including Prudential, Huawei, Ericsson, PepsiCo and many others
- Regional hub for culture, shopping and recreation: Reading Festival, the Oracle shopping centre and green spaces in the countryside





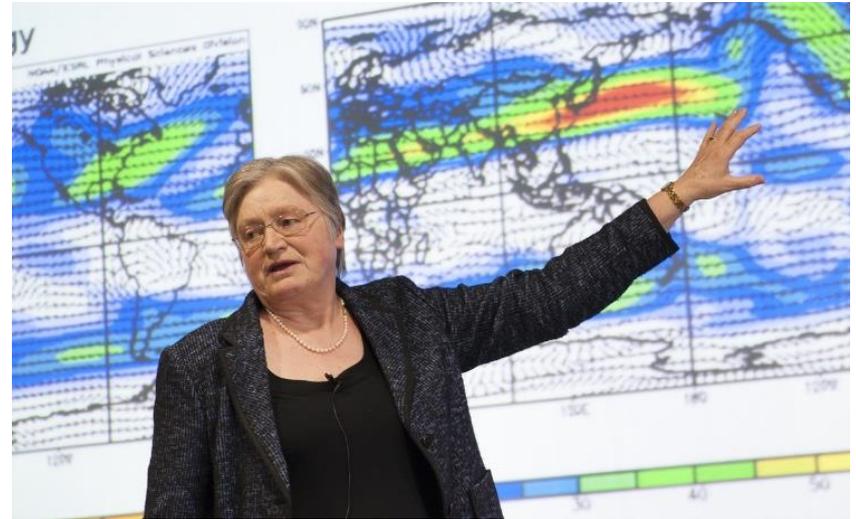






BENEFITTING FROM SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN NEW FACILITIES





LIFE ON CAMPUS

Accommodation



- Almost 5000 rooms on-campus
- Most is located on campus or within a 10-15 minute walk
- A variety of budgets from £133p/w
 - Standard Room without Washbasin
 - Standard Room with Washbasin
 - En-suite
 - Studio
 - One-bed flat
- Catered and Self-catered options are available

Library

- Over £40 million into the Library redevelopment and refurbishment project completed in 2019
- 24hr open during the week in term-time
- More than 1 million books
- 24/7 online access to academic resources



READING UNIVERSITY STUDENT'S UNION



- Over 150 student sport clubs and societies
- Weekly events
 - Club nights
 - Movie nights
 - Comedy nights
- Freshers
- Summer Ball



Academic & Career

The societies listed here are based around academic interests and career prospects. From Chemistry to Cryptocurrency, this is the place for the Richard Bransons and Deborah Meadens of campus to meet!

[>> Read more](#)



Arts

The members of these groups share a passion for particular art forms, be that fine art, music or drama.

[>> Read more](#)



Campaigns & Causes

These societies cover a wide range of groups, from those passionate about a cause to others who just want to meet similar and likeminded people.

[>> Read more](#)



Culture & Faith

Celebrating the diversity and dynamism of students here at Reading, this group of societies unite networks of students based on their shared identity or belief.

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Hobbies & Interests

Whether it's Lego or lock picking DIY or Drum and Bass, conservation or creative writing Science Fiction or Sign Language that appeals; give a society a go!

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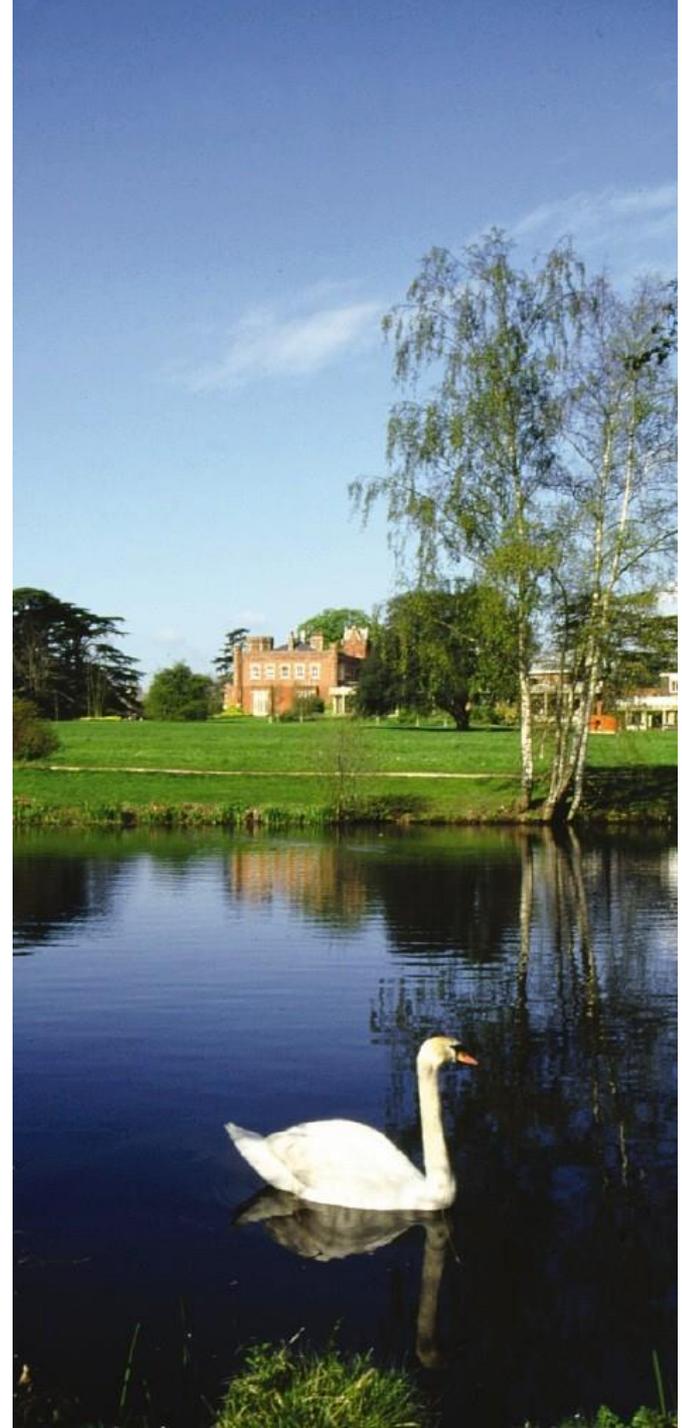


Politics

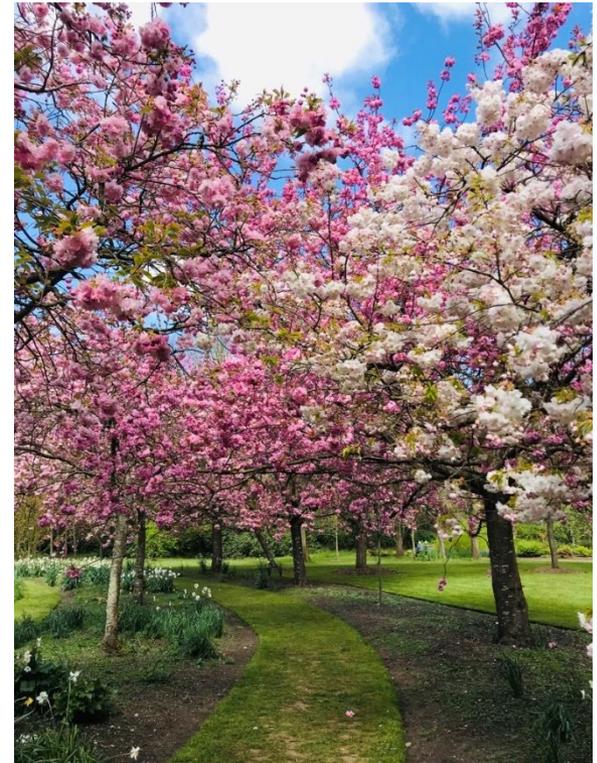
These groups provide a social outlet for politically minded students to campaign and debate on current issues, whether of international importance or campus based concerns.

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Campus in Spring



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Campus in Summer





Campus in Autumn



Campus in Autumn



Campus in Winter

Campus in Winter



THANK YOU – ANY QUESTIONS?



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