

Programme Specification

BSc Real Estate leading to Diploma/MSc in Planning

For students entering Part 1 in September 2023

UCAS Code: K400

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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	4 years
Accreditation	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Royal Town Planning Institute (four year programme with Diploma/MSc in Urban Planning and Development only)

Programme information and content

This is a combined, four-year full-time programme leading to the award of a BSc in Real Estate after three years of study, and either a Diploma or an MSc in Urban Planning and Development after an additional twelve months of study (or nine months for the Diploma). The programme seeks to combine the environmental, social and political awareness of planners with the market awareness of real estate surveyors.

The programme aims to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful career as a chartered surveyor and/or chartered town planner in a related profession; enable you to engage confidently with market and development processes; emphasise the value of inter-disciplinary working; provide you with a structured but flexible learning framework; and ensure that the skill areas covered by the programme are applicable to a range of occupational and professional needs.

Part 1:	Introduces you to the fundamental principles of core subject areas including building, economics, law, investment appraisal, data analysis and planning. A series of projects in real estate and planning will then enable you to develop skills and apply the knowledge gained through the taught modules.
Part 2:	Provides you with deeper knowledge of core topic areas and more specific application of those areas to the property industry and/or planning profession. Areas covered include property valuation, real estate economics, planning and management. As in part 1, project work will enable you to develop skills and apply knowledge gained through the taught modules.
Part 3:	Gives you the opportunity to specialise in development and planning. The syllabus covers aspects such as the development process, development appraisal and sustainability. There are also in-depth projects on development and planning as well as the opportunity to choose from a range of option modules.

Part 4:	Enables to you specialise further in development and planning. The fourth year of study covers planning theory and the politics of planning practice, the governance of cities and regions as well as the business and professional values required in practice. There is also a projects module which integrates a range of knowledge and skills important for practicing planners and puts them into practice through group project study exercises, reports and presentations. Those studying for the MSc qualification must also complete a dissertation.
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Module information

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

Part 1 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
IC103	Introductory Economics for Business and Finance	20	4
LW101F	Introduction to Property Law	10	4
LW1A05	General Introduction to Law	10	4
RE1IAP	Investment Appraisal	20	4
RE1INDA	Introduction to Data Analysis	10	4
RE1IPB	Introductions to Planning and Building	20	4
RE1PROJ	Projects in Real Estate and Planning	30	4

Part 2 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
RE2APL	Applied Property Law	10	5
RE2MCRE	Managing Change in the Real Estate Sector	20	5
RE2PLP	Planning Law and Practice	20	5
RE2PREP	Projects in Real Estate and Planning (2)	30	5
RE2REEI	Real Estate Economics and Investment	20	5
RE2VAL	Property Valuation	20	5

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

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Part 3 Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
RE3DAF	Development Appraisal and Finance	20	6
RE3PDP	Projects in Development and Planning	30	6
RE3RDP	Real Estate Development Process	10	6
RE3SUD	Sustainability and Urban Design	20	6

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Henley Business School and modules from elsewhere in the University.

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. 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.

Additional costs of the programme

Costs are indicative, but will vary according to module choice and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations. The estimates were calculated in 2019.

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

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget approximately £200 a year. 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.

Subject to your module selection, you may be required to purchase sundry materials (i.e. printing). Many students find it advantageous to have their own personal computing facilities though there are central facilities available.

Placement opportunities

Study Abroad:

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a Study Abroad placement during your Programme. This is subject to you meeting academic conditions detailed in the Programme Handbook, including obtaining the relevant permissions from your School, and the availability of a suitable Study Abroad placement. If you undertake a Study Abroad placement, further arrangements will be discussed and agreed with you.

Teaching and learning delivery:

You will be taught through seminars and lectures.

Total study hours for each Part of the undergraduate programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is approximately 250 hours per year.

For students continuing onto the Diploma/MSc in Urban Planning and Development total study hours are 1200 hours for the Diploma and 1800 hours for the MSc. As with Parts one to three, the contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules is approximately 170 hours for the Diploma and 200 hours for the MSc.

Accreditation details

Henley Business School is accredited by the EQUIS and AACSB.

BSc Real Estate is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) for the purpose of graduate membership.

Accreditation from the Royal Town Planning Institute is only for the four-year programme that includes Diploma/MSc in Urban Planning and Development. Further details are given below.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations and coursework.

Progression Requirements:

Part 1

The University-wide rules relating to 'threshold performance' are as follows:

- (i) Obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1; and

(ii) Obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.'

In order to progress from Part 1 to Part 2, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

(i) achieve at least 40% in modules totalling 100 credits and at least 35% in the remaining 20 credits.

(ii) obtain marks of at least 40% in RE1IAP and RE1IPB

Marks below 35% in Part 1 modules will not be condoned.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Part 2

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to:

(i) Obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2;

(ii) Marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and

(iii) Marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance, and:

(i) marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to not less than 120 credits.

Progression from the BSc Real Estate to the Diploma/MSc Urban Planning and Development Students on the '3+1' programme must pass all the compulsory Part 3 modules and be awarded the BSc Real Estate with Honours (upper second class or better, except where mitigating circumstances apply) to be eligible to register for the Diploma/MSc in Urban Planning and Development programme.

Classification

Bachelors' degrees:

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following (but please see the Assessment Handbook for further information):

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below the undergraduate threshold standard
0% - 34%	Unsatisfactory work

Postgraduate Taught degrees:

The University's postgraduate classification scheme is based on the following (but please see the Assessment Handbook for further information):

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	Distinction
60% - 69%	Merit
50% - 59%	Pass
40% - 49%	Below the Masters threshold standard
39% - 0%	Unsatisfactory work

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

Three-year programmes

Part 2 one-third

Part 3 two-thirds

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

Four-year programmes, including Year Abroad:

Normally:

Part 2 one-third

Year Abroad not included in classification

Part 3 two-thirds

(where students fail a study abroad year which does not contribute to classification they transfer to the three-year version of the programme)

For students continuing onto Part 4 (Diploma/MSc in Urban Planning and Development):

The fourth postgraduate year is self-contained in terms of the final postgraduate classification i.e. the marks achieved in the first three years of undergraduate study do not influence the postgraduate degree classification.

In order to meet the RTPI's APC requirements candidates must demonstrate that they have met the indicative learning outcomes detailed in the RTPI's Policy Statement on Initial Planning Education. **These learning outcomes are covered by the core modules on the MSc and Diploma programmes and so, these must be passed in order to pass the RTPI-accredited programme.**

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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