

Flexible Part-time Real Estate Programmes FAQ's & Application Information

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the MSc Real Estate (Flexible) and, MSc Real Estate Investment Finance (Flexible) is a good first degree (normally upper second) or, an equivalent professional qualification such as FRICS, MRICS, ACA, ACCA. Students are also required to be working in real estate or expected to be starting a career in the Real Estate sector by the commencement of the course.

What are the fees?

The fees are currently £2,000 per 20 credit module. Students who are self-funding will receive a payment request after the attendance of each module. If students are being sponsored by their company, an invoice will be sent to the company after the attendance of each module. Fees will remain fixed for the duration of the programme.

How do I apply?

You can apply online by clicking on [Apply Now](#). During the application process you will be required to upload the following documents:

- Certificate of highest academic qualification(s)
- Transcript of results (must show evidence of grade received and/or qualification)
- Statement of purpose
- CV
- 2 references (academic or non-academic)

Do I have to have an appropriate English language qualification?

The University of Reading requires all students whose native language is not English to demonstrate their competence in the English Language. Normally this would be demonstrated by passing a recognised English Language Proficiency Test, for example an IELTS, TOEFL or Pearson test. The level required for MSc programmes in the School is an overall score in the IELTS test of 6.5 with no element below 6.0 (or equivalent in any of our accepted tests).

Exceptionally, applicants may be permitted to produce confirmation that they use English as their main working language. You should note, however, that the University reserves the right to require any applicant to take an English Language Proficiency Test.

Do you offer a distance learning course?

We do not currently offer any distance learning programmes. All modules require 4 days attendance at the university.

How are the modules taught and assessed?

Generally, students receive some pre-reading approximately 3-4 weeks before a module commences. Students then come to the University of Reading where there be will 30-40 hours of lectures, workshops, exercises, presentations and/or site visits during the 4 day module. Whilst at the University, students will be briefed on an assessment to be handed in 8-10 weeks after the module. It is estimated that students will need to work between 7-10 hours per week to complete the assessment.

Do I need to be employed in the real estate sector?

We prefer students to be in relevant employment as this often supports the student's learning experience. However, we recognise that this is not always possible. Additionally, some students find it easier to get a relevant job once they are on the course.

How many students are there on a module?

It can range from 10 – 40 , depending on the module.

Where does the teaching take place?

Teaching takes place in our Real Estate and Planning Departmental teaching rooms in the Henley Business School, University of Reading.

Can I get accommodation on campus?

There are hotels in the Reading town centre which are a short distance from campus. Either the 21a or 21 buses from Reading Station will take you directly onto campus:

[Hotel 1843](#) (30 minute walk from campus)

[Premier Inn Reading Central Hotel](#) (35 minute walk from campus)

[Ibis Reading Town Centre](#)

[Novotel Reading Town Centre](#)

[Malmaison Reading Town Centre](#)

To stay in University Halls of Accommodation, please contact the accommodation office directly:

Tel: +44 (0)118 378 4203

Email: accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk

What are the other students like?

Diverse; many will be recent UK graduates employed by property advisory and investment firms who are in their early to mid-twenties. There are also a number of extremely well qualified real estate professionals in mid-career who are updating or enhancing their existing skills. We have a growing number of international students from Germany, Russia, the Middle East and South Africa and other countries.

Can I obtain exemptions from some modules?

The University does consider recognition of prior learning which may provide exemption from a module. This should be reviewed during the application stage.

When can I start? Do I have to take the modules in a particular order?

Depending on the MSc route you are mostly able to begin the programme not long after you are accepted. Individual advice will be given to you when you accept your offer. Please note that some modules have pre-requisites.

Can I speak to someone who is on the course already?

Yes, it is a good way to find out if this is the course for you. We can help put you in touch with a current student.

What support can I expect once the module has finished?

You will be given access to Blackboard, which is a virtual learning environment. Course documents will be posted here, and there is a discussion board to enable students to debate work in between modules.

Can I attend modules for CPD?

Yes, you can attend any of the modules for continuing professional development. You would not be required to complete the assessment if you were attending on this basis.

What if I do not want to study for the full Masters?

You are able to study for a Postgraduate certificate (60 credits) or Postgraduate diploma (120 credits). Further details are available from the programme administrator.

How long will it take to achieve the Masters?

Students are registered on the programme for up to 6 years however the majority of students complete the masters within 2-3 years.