



**INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND LANGUAGE INSTITUTE**

# **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP) AT READING**

Your pathway to success

## WELCOME FROM THE IFP PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

One of the first universities to establish a course of its type in the UK, the University of Reading's International Foundation Programme (IFP) provides students from around the globe with the support, skills and ideal learning environment in which to begin their higher education journey.

The University of Reading has a long tradition of welcoming international students. In fact, our first international student arrived in 1904 from Kenya. Since then, we have welcomed thousands of talented students from around the world. Currently we have around 23,000 students from over 160 countries studying on our UK campus-based programmes<sup>1</sup>. This creates a stimulating, vibrant and multi-cultural environment of which all members of the University benefit from and are proud of.

As befits a university in the top 30 in the UK, Reading is an institution renowned for its academic excellence<sup>2</sup>, its world-class facilities and the fantastic student experience it provides. Students, staff and the wider community enjoy the friendly atmosphere of our stunning campuses, one of which, our Whiteknights site, was once again voted one of the best open spaces in the country<sup>3</sup>. Students on the IFP form a very important part of our 'community'.

We want to ensure all our students receive the most rewarding and enjoyable university experience possible. Indeed, Reading was one of the first UK universities to recognise that students from overseas may require extra support and training. Our IFP is now an internationally recognised and respected access course with a high success rate. The majority of our students successfully complete the IFP enabling them to progress onto their chosen degree at the University of Reading. Others may go on to find degree courses at other top-ranking universities in the UK and around the world.

Whatever your destination, the IFP will provide you with the academic training, language and study skills to start undergraduate studies with knowledge and confidence. It is the ideal launch pad for a range of careers. I sincerely hope you choose Reading and look forward to welcoming you to our campus.

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**Natalie Drake**



### Whiteknight Campus

IFP students are based on Whiteknights Campus, which is the main campus of the University of Reading. It is famous for its beautiful green spaces including lakes, woodland and grassland and is home to the majority of schools and departments. It also has the main library, Students' Union, Student Services, shops and restaurants and much of the University halls accommodation.

<sup>1</sup> HESA Student Record, 2019/2020

<sup>2</sup> University of Reading is 28th out of 90 UK universities featured in the QS World University Rankings 2023, and 29th out of 101 UK universities in the Times Higher Education University Rankings 2022

<sup>3</sup> greenflagaward.org



## THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) at the University of Reading offers international students without British A level qualifications or the equivalent, the opportunity to prepare for undergraduate studies on our beautiful campus.

Our long established reputation for academic excellence and student support means that well motivated and hard-working students will have a head start at joining undergraduate programmes here at Reading or other leading institutions.

### KEY BENEFITS OF THE READING IFP

- Teaching by experienced academics from the faculty of your chosen degree
- Access all academic, social and sports facilities at the University
- Choose from a wide range of undergraduate subjects
- A choice of IFP Programmes
- A guaranteed place at the University of Reading upon successful completion of the IFP if you meet the applicable progression requirements
- Live in modern accommodation on an award winning campus
- Join the IFP in September or January, with the option to take a 4-Year Degree with Integrated International Foundation
- Guidance and support from your Academic Tutor
- Discounted tuition fee scholarships and student ambassador scholarships available. See our <https://www.reading.ac.uk/ISLI/study-in-the-uk/ifp/isli-ifp-scholarships-and-discounts.aspx> for more details.

### Programme overview

The IFP prepares students for undergraduate study in three ways:

- provides academic training in subjects related to your chosen pathway
- develops your English language abilities
- gives you the transferable academic skills needed for undergraduate studies and beyond.
- We offer pathways to most degrees at the University of Reading. A small number of degrees require students to pass an interview or psychometric assessment, and we prepare students fully for these. If you want to study art, design, film, television, theatre, graphic communication, business, or economics (only these subjects), you should apply for a UFP in Art and Design or in Business and Economics through ONCAMPUS Reading. UFP students study on the University campus but are enrolled with ONCAMPUS, rather than the University of Reading. Find out more and apply at [www.oncampus.global/uk/campuses/oncampus-reading/foundation-programmes](http://www.oncampus.global/uk/campuses/oncampus-reading/foundation-programmes)

Students who have met the English language progression requirements for their chosen degree take three 40 credit academic subjects. Students who have not yet met the English language requirements for their chosen degree study 40 credits of English and 80 credits in academic subjects. In addition, all students study 20 credits of Academic skills.

We typically have students from over 35 different countries on our programme. Students leave the IFP well prepared for the academic challenges they will face on their degree course with friendships that will last a lifetime and at ease with life both on campus and in the UK.

## THE UNIVERSITY & CAMPUS LIFE



The University of Reading is ranked in the top 229 universities in the world<sup>1</sup>. We are a global University that enjoys a world-class reputation for teaching, research and enterprise.



We are committed to maintaining a supportive, challenging and high-quality experience for students and staff alike and to preserving the heritage and beauty of one of the most beautiful university campuses in the UK.



Campus life at the University of Reading has much to offer our 23,000 students. Contemporary study facilities, halls of residence, support services, cafés and bars are centrally located on one of the most attractive university campuses in the UK.



Whiteknights Campus is just a short walk or bus ride from the centre of Reading with its lively mix of culture, nightlife, shops and eating-places. Reading is just 30 minutes from central London by train.



Our main Whiteknights site is set in 130 hectares of beautiful parkland. With its green open spaces, lake, rare trees and wildlife it is an exceptional environment in which to study, live and relax.



The University of Reading is a great place for sports enthusiasts, with great facilities and clubs. Whether you are a complete beginner or a serious player you can participate in your favourite sport.



The University library is a storehouse of information with over 1 million volumes, 3750 periodical subscriptions, plus archives, manuscripts and multimedia materials. We provide skills training to help students, researchers and teaching staff make the most of library facilities.



Information technology is an integral and vital part of teaching and learning right across the University. Our first-class facilities include 24 computer rooms – some open 24 hours – and free wi-fi is available across the campus.



The University of Reading Student Union (RUSU) is home to 200 societies and clubs, all of which are run voluntarily by students for students. Find out more: [rusu.co.uk](http://rusu.co.uk)

1 University of Reading is ranked 229 out of 1422 ranked institutions ranked in the QS World University Rankings 2022

## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

From the first day of arrival the IFP provides opportunities that make it easy for you to meet and make friends with other students. Throughout the year there are many specially organised events for IFP students. These fun events help you make new friends, gain new experiences and enjoy your time in the UK. Popular activities each year are bowling, laser tag, and a trip to Thorpe Park for thrilling rides. Social events such as the Christmas meal and the International Evening with fashion show and live music are also highlights of the year.

### AWAY DAY

Social events, whilst highly recommended are optional; however one very special event that all IFP students take part in is the IFP Away Day. On this day, students and staff go to an activity centre in the beautiful Berkshire countryside to try different activities. These help develop problem solving, communication and team working skills in a new environment. Activities include kayaking, climbing, orienteering and learning new skills such as archery. The day is free for students, includes a meal and is often described by students as, simply amazing.

### SPORTS AND RUSU

As a student on the IFP you are a full member of the University with access to all the sports facilities as well as the clubs and societies that are offered in the students' union.

### STUDENT-STAFF PARTNERSHIP GROUP

For students who wish to develop debating and leadership skills you have the opportunity to join the Student-Staff Partnership Group of the IFP. The committee meets once a term to discuss matters relating to the programme and members are responsible for representing the interests of their fellow classmates.

## STUDENT VOICES



'I had a wonderful academic experience at the foundation level as lecturers were so friendly and always entertained discussions, debates and answered questions. This gave me a sense of confidence, assurance and academic security knowing that academic assistance was readily available through the numerous, seminars, tutorials, and drop-in sessions. Although it was quite intense, it provided a great way for me to get incorporated into the British educational system and have the right academic values and transferrable skills required for successful undergraduate studies.'

#### Anita Omonuwa (Nigeria)

- Graduated with First Class Honours in LLB Law and the second highest Law score in the University
- Winner of the IFP Award for Academic Excellence
- Anita went on to work for a top law firm in Nigeria



'Thanks to a great year on the IFP I now feel more confident and ready to start my undergraduate course. On the IFP I was able to take courses that allowed me to gain a lot of knowledge and important transferable skills, which will tremendously benefit me in my undergraduate course. The teaching was excellent and support was always given to the students. Studying on the IFP has always given me the opportunity to meet interesting people from all over the world and become close friends with them. I really enjoyed being around people with different cultures and different backgrounds. It was a year filled with hard work, fun and lots of great memories I will never forget.'

#### Nora Linjawy (Saudi Arabia)

- Winner of an IFP Merit Award
- Progressed on to BSc Food and Nutritional Science



'I have had such a wonderful experience through my IFP year. It was such an outstanding year where studying in such a friendly, competitive and enthusiastic environment were its main characteristics. I am very proud and happy that I have done it.'

#### Humaid Al Saqri (Oman)

- Progressed onto LLB Law
- Sponsored student



**'I live in Greenow hall, it's just a 5 minute walk from our main campus. It's a really nice experience to live over there, you get to know many people and the people are really friendly. I have many flatmates who are from the UK. You become like a family with your flatmates.'**

**Zeeshan Abbasi (Pakistan)**



**'The location is really good, I barely leave here. I'm always in Reading, but it's**

**good that it's really close to London too, so it's easy to go back and forth. Reading's got the shopping malls and Broad Street, so it's a really nice town.'**

**Derin Adetunji (Nigeria)**

Completed the IFP and graduated with First Class honours.

## ACCOMMODATION

At Reading we offer a wide range of accommodation options. Our halls provide you with a home away from home where you will find yourself part of a supportive community. Each hall has its own distinctive character offering a safe and secure environment in which to study, socialise and relax. We also run a halls liaison scheme with designated IFP tutors ensuring that our students are settled and happy in their accommodation.

The benefits of living in halls accommodation include:

- accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within easy walking distance
- a range of accommodation choices to suit your needs. Choose from different room types, catered or self-catered options and residency periods
- 'Halls hotline' available 24/7, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently
- communal areas and hall committees which help create a sense of community and ensure a friendly and sociable environment – a great place to meet new friends!

Students who are 17 or over at time of entry to the IFP are eligible for University accommodation. Applicants are welcome to apply, but will only be considered once they have reached their 17th birthday and subject to completing a guarantor form.

Please contact [accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk](mailto:accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk) for more details.

## 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.

The town, which has a population of 235,000, has a proud history of welcoming people from across the globe and international students often comment on its friendly multicultural vibe and homely feel.

### SHOPPING

Reading's thriving town centre is a short walk or bus ride away from the University's Whiteknights and London Road campuses. There you will discover two big shopping centres, the Oracle and Broad Street Mall with big brand names.

### MUSIC

The world-famous Reading Festival, held every August, is the second largest UK music festival after Glastonbury. It attracts 80,000 fans every year who enjoy watching headline acts from around the world.

### CINEMA

Reading has two multi-screen cinemas showing all of the latest releases – Vue in the town centre and Showcase cinema which is located at the eastern edge of Reading and only a ten minute bus journey from the Whiteknights campus. Reading's only independent cinema, Reading Film Theatre, is based in the town centre and shows the best independent, art house and foreign language films twice-weekly during term time.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT PROGRAMME FOR YOU

We offer variations of the International Foundation Programme to suit your circumstances and needs. They differ in terms of start date, entry requirement and choice of progression degree.

- IFP September Start - on-campus
- IFP January Start - on-campus

### INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES (IFP):

The IFP September Start is our standard International Foundation Programme, which runs from September and enables you to progress to most undergraduate degrees at the University of Reading.<sup>1</sup>

The IFP January Start runs from January to August enabling you to start your undergraduate degree in September of the same year. Progression degrees include Law, Computer Science, Construction Management and Engineering, Quantity Surveying, History, Geography and many more.

If you are a Science, Mathematics or Architecture student you should look to join the September IFP.

### 4-YEAR DEGREES WITH INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

If you have already decided on the subject you'd like to study, an alternative to the IFP is a 4-year undergraduate degree with an integrated international foundation year (Year 0). The first year of study (Year 0) is the same as the IFP and after successful completion you can progress onto your chosen undergraduate degree at Reading. These 4-year programmes enable you to apply for a single visa to cover the full 4-years of study. For many 4-year programmes, you also have the choice of starting in September or January.

### 4-YEAR DEGREES WITH INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- Architecture
- Architectural Engineering
- Agriculture
- Agricultural Business Management
- Building Surveying
- Construction Management
- Construction Management and Surveying
- Consumer Behaviour and Marketing
- Economics
- Economics and Finance
- Environmental Science
- Food Business and Marketing
- Food Science
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematics with Finance and Investment Banking
- Meteorology and Climate
- Museum Studies and Archaeology
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Quantity Surveying.

See our 4-Year Degrees with International Foundation Year brochure for more information or visit [www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/subject-area/international-foundation-programme-ifp-ug](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/subject-area/international-foundation-programme-ifp-ug)

<sup>1</sup> If you want to study art, design, film, television, theatre, graphic communication, business, or economics (only these subjects), you should apply for a UFP in Art and Design or in Business and Economics through ONCAMPUS Reading. [www.oncampus.global/uk/campuses/oncampus-reading/foundation-programmes](http://www.oncampus.global/uk/campuses/oncampus-reading/foundation-programmes).

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISCOUNTS

Scholarships apply to international fee-paying students on any IFP programme including those starting in September and January, subject to the terms of the scholarship. They also apply to students on 4-year integrated programmes.

### £3000 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applicants paying international tuition fees, from the countries below, will receive an IFP Scholarship of £3000 applied as a discount to their tuition fees. Country scholarships are:

- **Middle East Scholarship** - Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
- **North Africa Scholarship** - Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia
- **Other country Scholarships** - Nigeria, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, USA, Brazil

### £3000 IFP AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

If you are an outgoing student and are happy to share your experience with a wider audience - for example, through social media posting and video or photo content creation for the IFP - then you should apply for the IFP Ambassador Scholarship. The Scholarship will provide a £3000 discount on tuition fees for the IFP year and is open for all non-sponsored international fee-paying students to apply.

To be eligible to apply for the IFP Ambassador Scholarship, students will need to have applied for a place on the International Foundation Programme and accepted their offer. Students can then apply for the IFP Ambassador Scholarship through the [Me@reading](mailto:Me@reading) Applicant portal.

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

- If you apply through UCAS - the final application deadline is 30th June 2023.
- All other applicants should apply in time to arrange a visa, though we continue to accept direct IFP applications up until enrolment.

Further details about IFP Scholarships are available on our website:

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/ISLI/study-in-the-uk/ifp/isli-ifp-scholarships-and-discounts.aspx>



Malika is an IFP Ambassador and has helped to promote the IFP and the University of Reading through YouTube [www.youtube.com/ifpreading](http://www.youtube.com/ifpreading) and taking part in a webinar for prospective students. She would like to encourage others to apply for the IFP Ambassador Scholarship saying "Take a chance to make your experience in the UoR unforgettable".

## LAW, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE PATHWAY

### MODULES

All of our modules are designed and taught by University departments and are therefore tailored with your future degree in mind. Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded degrees in Law take a range of the following modules:

Law	Economics
Politics	International English*
Sociology	

\* International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the degree linguistic requirements.

Other recommended modules for students wishing to progress on to a Law degree include Introduction to business and management, Information systems and statistics and Psychology. All students take a module in Academic skills.

### DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees including:

Ancient History	Law
Archaeology	Modern Languages
Classics	Philosophy
English Language and Linguistics	Politics and Economics
English Literature	Politics and International Relations
History	

## BUSINESS PATHWAY – UoRM

The IFP does not offer a pathway to business and related degrees on the Reading campus, but does offer this on the University of Reading Malaysia (UoRM) campus. The programme is run to the same high standards as the UK based IFP and upon successful completion of this programme students can progress to University of Reading degrees in both Malaysia and the UK.

### DEGREES

Popular degrees available in both Malaysia and the UK are:

Finance and Business Management	Business Management
Accounting and Finance	Real Estate

Popular degrees available only in the UK are:

Accounting and Business	Economics
Business and Management	Finance and Investment Banking
Consumer Behaviour and Marketing	

More information is available here: <https://www.reading.edu.my/>

## BUSINESS PATHWAY – ONCAMPUS READING

If you wish to study foundation for a business pathway in Reading, the private provider ONCAMPUS Reading are delivering foundation for all University of Reading business pathways and are based on the University of Reading London Road Campus. More information is available online <http://www.oncampus.global/reading>

## SCIENCE AND LIFE SCIENCE PATHWAY

### MODULES

Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded degrees in Science and Life Sciences take a range of the following modules:

Biology
Chemistry
Foundation Mathematics
Further Mathematics and Physics
Psychology
International English*

\* International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the degree linguistic requirements.

Other recommended modules for students wishing to progress onto Science and Life Sciences degrees include Information systems and statistics, Introduction to business and management and Economics. All students take a module in Academic skills.

### DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees in the Sciences and Life Sciences including:

Agriculture	Food Technology with Bio-processing
Animal Science	Geography
Biochemistry	Language Sciences and Psychology
Biological Sciences	Microbiology
Biomedical Sciences	Nutrition with Food Consumer Sciences
Chemistry	Pharmacy
Ecology and Wildlife Conservation	Psychology and Language Sciences
Environmental Science	Speech and Language Therapy
Food Science	

We also have many more Science and Life Science degrees. Visit [reading.ac.uk](http://reading.ac.uk) to see a full list of related degrees.

99% of the School of Law's research is of international standing (Research Excellence Framework 2021, combining 4\*, 3\* and 2\* submissions – Law).

We are ranked 11th in the world for Agriculture and Forestry research (QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022).

# CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PATHWAY

## MODULES

Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded degrees in Construction Management take a range of the following modules:

Foundation Mathematics

Sociology

Psychology

Information systems and statistics

Law

Politics

Economics

Introduction to business and management

International English\*

\* International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the degree linguistic requirements.

All students take a module in Academic skills.

## DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees including:

Architectural Engineering

Building Surveying

Construction Management

Construction Management and Surveying

Quantity Surveying

The University of Reading is ranked 8th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2023 and 9th for Building in the Complete University Guide, 2023. Our research has been ranked as 6th in the UK for research power in Architecture, Built Environment and Planning (Times Higher Education, Institutions Ranked by Subject, based on its analysis of the latest REF 2021).

# MATHEMATICS AND METEOROLOGY PATHWAY

## MODULES

Students who wish to progress onto one of our highly-regarded degrees in Mathematics and Meteorology take a range of the following modules:

Foundation Mathematics

Further mathematics and physics

Information systems and statistics

International English\*

\* International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the degree linguistic requirements.

All students take a module in Academic skills.

## DEGREES

These modules qualify you for a range of degrees including:

Computer Science

Environmental Science

Mathematics

Meteorology

The University's Department of Meteorology has been awarded a prestigious Regius Professorship by HM The Queen. A Regius Professorship is a rare privilege. It is a reflection of the exceptionally high quality of teaching and research at an institution.

# ARCHITECTURE PATHWAY

## MODULES

Students should study Art for Architecture plus a choice of modules\* - to include one science subject and one humanities or social science subject:

### Science Modules

Foundation Mathematics

Chemistry

Biology

Further mathematics and physics

International English\*\*

### Humanities or Social Science Modules

Law

Sociology

Politics

Economics

\* Modules can include but are not restricted to the above example list.

\*\* The IFP English Language requirement for entry on the Architecture Pathway is IELTS 5.0, with no skill below 4.5. Students with an IELTS score below IELTS 6.5 (or any sub-skill below 5.5) must take International English as a compulsory module.

## DEGREES

These modules qualify you for the BSc Architecture degree.

Acceptance on this degree requires successful completion of additional selection criteria.

The Department of Meteorology is ranked 4th in the world for Atmospheric Science (Shanghai Ranking 2022 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects).

## IFP JANUARY ENTRY

The International Foundation Programme has two possible entry points. In addition to our well-established September – June programme, we also offer a January-August IFP.

### MODULES

The January-start programme offers the same quality and benefits of the established IFP in a slightly more intensive format. We believe that this additional entry point provides greater flexibility to qualified and motivated students needing a foundation pathway. Successful completion of this seven-month programme can guarantee<sup>1</sup> a place on an undergraduate degree programme in October of the same year. Modules available are:

Introduction to business and management

Economics

Foundation Mathematics

Information systems and statistics

International English\*

\* International English is compulsory for students who have not yet met the degree linguistic requirements. All students take a module in Academic skills.

### DEGREES

On successful completion of the January Pathway, students can progress onto degrees in some of the top ranking departments in their field including:

Animal Science

Archaeology

Building Surveying

Computer Science

Construction Management

Ecology and Wildlife Conservation

Education Studies

Environmental Science

Geography

Law

Museum Studies and Archaeology

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

Quantity Surveying

**'I think that the most challenging aspect of the module is the grammar but I find it very interesting to do the tasks that involve searching on the internet and then adding the information to Blackboard.'**

**'My advice to future students studying this module is to go to all the lessons, to study hard and don't leave the coursework to the last moment.'**

**Pavlos Panagiotakis (Cyprus)**

**'Academic writing is the big challenge for international students whose second language is English. We get help with this in Academic Skills. Also, presentations allow us to practise our speaking skills and to work in a team.'**

**'My advice to students taking this module is that you must have confidence and if you think you can, you can.'**

**Hu Yao Wen (China)**

## INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH

In order to qualify to proceed to the degree programme of their choice, students must have achieved the following level of English on completion of the Foundation Programme:

- IELTS 8.0 (with no skill below 7.5) for a degree in Speech and Language Therapy
- IELTS 7.0 (with no skill below 6.0) or 60% in International English for most Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (except Politics and International Relations) degrees
- IELTS 6.5 (with no skill below 6.0) or 55% in International English for most degrees including Law and all science degrees.

Students whose English is below the undergraduate entry requirement at the start of the International Foundation Programme will be required to take the 40-credit International English module.

By the end of the module, it is expected that students 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

The module aims to help students develop their study skills in order to be successful on the International Foundation Programme and as undergraduate students.

By the end of the module, it is expected that students 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 their 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.

<sup>1</sup> An undergraduate place at the University of Reading is guaranteed on successful completion of the IFP if you meet the progression requirements set out by the University departments for their degrees. These vary from degree to degree.

See [reading.ac.uk/ifp-qualifyingdegree.aspx](http://reading.ac.uk/ifp-qualifyingdegree.aspx)

## IFP ENGLISH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (IELTS\*)

September entry	January entry
5.0 (no skill below 4.5) Science/Life Science	6.5 (no skill below 5.5) Speech and Language Therapy
5.5 (no skill below 4.5) Law and Politics	6.0 (no skill below 5.0) All programmes in the Humanities and Social Sciences (except Politics and International Relations)
6.0 (no skill below 5.0) All programmes in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (except Politics and International Relations)	5.5 (no skills below 4.5) All other available degrees
6.5 (no skill below 5.5) Speech and Language Therapy	

\* Please note that other English Language qualifications may be used dependent on visa requirements and nationalities: [reading.ac.uk/admissions/ad-EnglishTests.aspx](https://www.reading.ac.uk/admissions/ad-EnglishTests.aspx)

### QUALIFYING FOR YOUR DEGREE

On successful completion of the IFP, you are guaranteed the opportunity of a place on your chosen degree at Reading, if you meet the progression requirements set out by the University departments for their degrees. These vary from degree to degree. See [reading.ac.uk/ifp-qualifyingdegree.aspx](https://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp-qualifyingdegree.aspx)

If you do not meet these requirements, you may be able to progress to a different degree at the University of Reading or a degree at another UK university. Students from Reading IFP have gone onto degrees at universities such as Bath, Bristol, Durham, King's College London, Nottingham and Southampton. Your Academic Tutor will provide assistance with applying to alternative universities.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be made directly to the Admissions Office at the University of Reading or through UCAS. All application details can be found at: [www.reading.ac.uk/isli/ifp/how-to-apply-for-an-ifp](https://www.reading.ac.uk/isli/ifp/how-to-apply-for-an-ifp)

You will need to provide us with your up to date academic transcripts or grades, a reference and a short personal statement explaining why you want to join the IFP at Reading and what it is that you hope to study for your degree. Fees for both tuition and accommodation can be paid in full at the start of the programme or in instalments as agreed by the university. For more information about fees see [reading.ac.uk/Ready-to-Study/study/Subject-area/international-foundation-programme-ifp-ug](https://www.reading.ac.uk/Ready-to-Study/study/Subject-area/international-foundation-programme-ifp-ug)

### TUITION FEES

For information about fees for the International Foundation Programme and 4-year programmes with International Foundation Year, see programme details on our website: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/ISLI/study-in-the-uk/ifp/ifp-programme-options.aspx>

## 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: [www.reading.ac.uk/isli/ifp](https://www.reading.ac.uk/isli/ifp)

### 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. Their details can be found at: [www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/international-and-eu/country-specific-information](https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/international-and-eu/country-specific-information)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This brochure was designed in February 2023 and is aimed at prospective undergraduate students wishing to apply for a place at the University of Reading (the University) on the International Foundation Programme in 2023/2024.

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