University of Reading

Study Abroad Programme

EXCHANGE PARTNER INFORMATION SHEET
2026/27

1. Institutional Information

1.1. Institutional Details

Name of the Institution

University of Reading
Whiteknights,
PO Box 217,
Reading,
Berkshire,
RG6 6AH,
United Kingdom.

Department Responsible for Student Mobility

Study Abroad Office (SAO)

Edith Morley Building,
Shinfield Road,
Whiteknights,
Reading,
RG6 6EL,
United Kingdom.

Please note: any post for SAO should be directed to this address and marked for the attention of the relevant institutional contact (see 1.2.)

Website:
https://studyabroad.reading.ac.uk/incoming/

1.2. Detailed Requirements & Additional Information

Head of Mobility

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Please note: all enquiries regarding any aspect of studying abroad at the University of Reading should be directed to studyabroad@reading.ac.uk

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2. Programme Requirements

2.1. Academic

Students should normally have a achieved a cumulative GPA 3.0 (on a 4 point scale) or the local equivalent of 60% in the UK system at the time of application. This will normally be evidenced in the transcript provided as part of the application. Please see the Study Abroad Programme application webpage for more information.

If in doubt, please contact the Study Abroad Office via studyabroad@reading.ac.uk.

2.2. Language Skills

Exchange partners, following agreement with our institution, are responsible for providing support to their nominated students so that they have the language skills at the start of the study period:

Type of Mobility	Student Mobility
Subject Area	Any
Language(s) of Instruction	English
Recommended Language Level	Dependent on the duration of the mobility and visa requirements. Please see the Study Abroad application webpage for full requirements. Please note: language requirements may be subject to change in future academic years

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3. Application information

3.1. Enrolment Options, Nomination & Application

1. Full information can be found on our Study Options webpage.
2. Students can study at Reading for one of the following Study Abroad Programme enrolment periods:

Enrolment Option	Dates
Semester 1	Monday 21 September 2026 – Friday 29 January 2027
	Please note: - Students must be able to enrol at Reading by Sunday 20 September to attend mandatory Welcome activities from Monday 21 September. - University Accommodation will be open to allow students to arrive from Thursday 17 September, dependent on where students will be living. - Students may leave Reading after the end of the teaching period in December (Friday 18 December) if they need to be present at their home university in January for the start of a new term / Semester there. Students would complete and submit alternative assessments instead of any examinations set in the examination period in January. - Students cannot extend their studies at Reading to the Full Academic Year if they have been applied and accepted to join us for Semester 1 only.
Semester 2	Monday 25 January 2027 – Friday 28 May 2027
	Please note: - Students must be able to enrol at Reading on Monday 25 January to attend mandatory Welcome activities from Monday 25 January. - University Accommodation will be open to allow students to arrive from Sunday 24 January, dependent on where students will be living. Students do not need to arrive any earlier than Sunday 24 January.
Full Academic Year	Monday 21 September 2026 – Friday 28 May 2027
	Please note: - Students must be able to enrol at Reading by Sunday 20 September to attend mandatory Welcome activities from Monday 21 September. - University Accommodation will be open to allow students to arrive from Thursday 17 September, dependent on where students will be living.

3. Holiday periods:
   a. Christmas and New Year: Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 8 January 2027
   b. Easter: Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April 2027

Nomination & Application Deadlines	Partner Nomination Deadline	Student Application Deadline
September 2026 Entry (Semester 1 & Full Academic Year)	1 May 2026	1 June 2026
February 2027 Entry (Semester 2)	1 October 2026	1 November 2026

3.2.   Nomination & Application Process

1. Exchange partner advisers must nominate students via the Study Abroad Office's RISIS Nomination Portal. You can expect to receive the link to the Nomination Portal in:
    a. March, ahead of the September intake (Semester 1 and Full Academic Year)
    b. August, ahead of the January intake (Semester 2)
2. The Nomination Portal will ask for the following information about each student:
    a. Title (Miss, Ms, Mr, Mx, etc.)
    b. Family name (as per passport)
    c. First and other names (as per passport)
    d. Date of birth (in the DD/MM/YYYY format)
    e. Home university email address
3. Partner university colleagues are required to set a temporary password for each student nominated via the Nomination Portal. Please do not provide your student(s) with the temporary password: the RISIS system will reset it automatically prior to the Study Abroad Office providing your nominated student(s) with application instructions.
4. Once a student is nominated, the Nomination Portal will issue an email receipt to the exchange partner adviser. This will include the student's 8 digit University of Reading student ID number, which will begin with a 3. SAO will give the ID number to the students with their application instructions: please do not give it to the students yourself.
5. You can only nominate one student at a time in the Nomination Portal. Please do not click back at any point, and please follow instructions to close windows if asked.
6. Once students have been nominated and SAO has assessed their nominations, the Study Abroad Office will issue application instructions from:
    a. March, for September entry students (Semester 1 and Full Academic Year)
    b. October, for February entry students (Semester 2)
7. Application steps:
    a. Applicants complete the online application, confirming personal details supplied by the exchange partner adviser, adding additional personal details, and submitting provisional module choices.
    b. Applicants must have their completed application form checked and signed by the exchange partner adviser. Digital and wet signatures are accepted.
    c. Applicants must obtain a digital copy of their most recent home university transcript, which must be in English.
    d. Applicants may need to supply English language certification, dependent on the enrolment option they are applying for and their visa requirements.
    e. All application materials must be sent as PDF copies by email to studyabroad@reading.ac.uk.
    f. Upon receipt, SAO will check each application, acknowledge receipt, identify and inform applicants of missing materials (if needed), and begin processing of the application.

g. Applicants will receive a decision on their application from the Study Abroad Office, normally within 15 working days of them submitting their application.

h. If accepted to join us, applicants will receive more information from the Study Abroad Office about preparing to join us and Welcome activities in the period prior to them joining us.

3.3. Module Information

1. Information on how to choose modules can be found on our study options webpage. It is strongly advised that you and your students read this information carefully.

2. Lists of available modules for all subject areas can be found in the Study Abroad Programme module catalogue.

3. Module provision is subject to change and availability. The University of Reading reserves the right to amend its academic provision and cannot guarantee access to particular modules or combinations of modules.

3.4. Grading System

Details can be found at the Study Abroad Grading details webpage.

4. Preparation & Support

Please contact the Study Abroad Office for more information about any of the following.

Preparatory & Support Measures	Website for Information & Arrangements
Accommodation	Students can apply for University Accommodation once they have received and accepted the offer of a place on the Study Abroad Programme. https://studyabroad.reading.ac.uk/incoming/accommodation/
Language Support	Language Support Modules: https://studyabroad.reading.ac.uk/incoming/our-community/ Global Study Lounge: https://www.reading.ac.uk/global-study-lounge/ Institution Wide Language Programme (IWLP): www.reading.ac.uk/iwlp/
Visa	Students nominated for a single semester can enter the UK on a Standard Visitor Visa. Students nominated for a full academic year will be required to apply for a Student Visa. https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/International/Visa-and-immigration
Insurance	https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Money_matters/Insurance

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Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Support-And-Wellbeing/Disability/Disability-Advisory-Service https://studyabroad.reading.ac.uk/incoming/our-community/
Mentoring	https://studyabroad.reading.ac.uk/incoming/our-community/
Alumni Information	We also operate an Alumni LinkedIn group https://www.reading.ac.uk/AlumniAndSupporters/

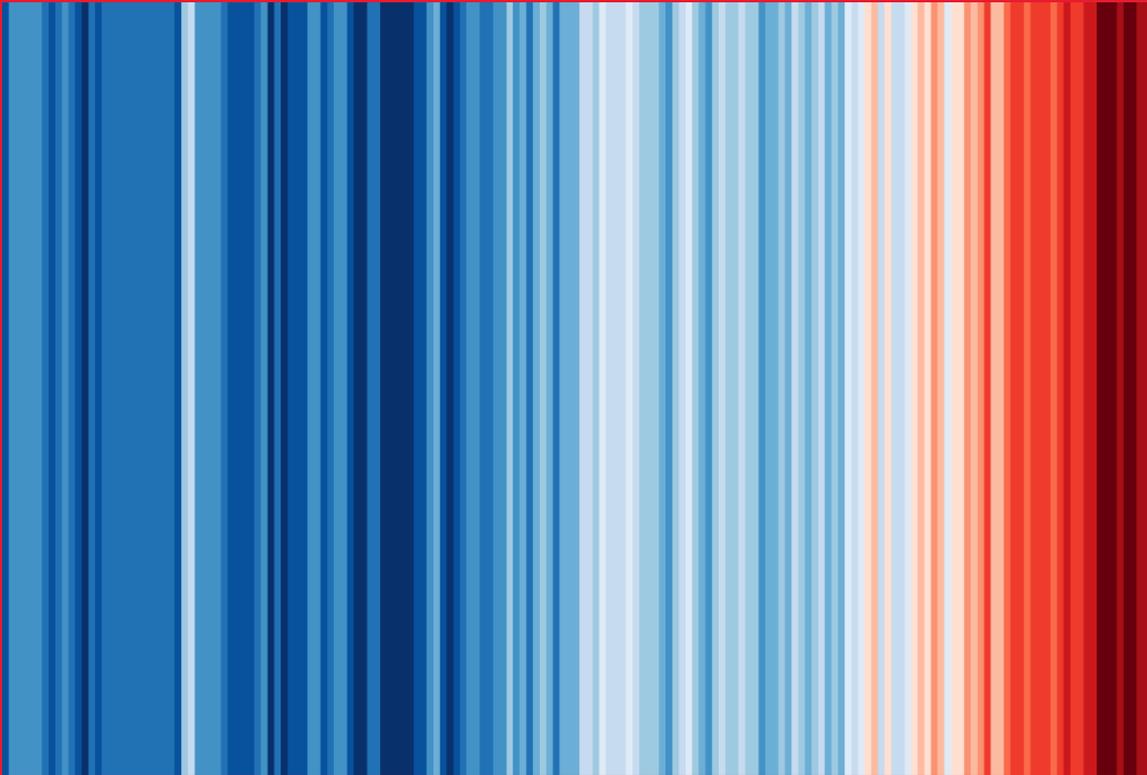# 5. Student Testimonials

1. Read the Testimonials from incoming students from all over the world.
2. Listen to our Study Abroad Podcast .

6. Additional information

1. The University of Reading: Our History
2. 2026: 100 years of excellence: the University of Reading's centenary
3. Research at Reading
4. Partnering For the Planet
5. Queen's Anniversary Prizes
6. Found out more about the Climate Stripes (see rear cover)

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