YOUR JOURNEY TO
THE UNIVERSITY
OF READING

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STEP ONE
ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Accept your offer as detailed in your offer email from the Admissions Office
Send any outstanding documents
Pay your deposit if required
Apply for pre-sessional English if required
STEP TWO
BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Book your accommodation
www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation

University accommodation guaranteed if you apply by 1 August
£250 deposit on booking
Great locations on or very close to campus
All inclusive bills
Choose from different room types, catered or self-catered and residency periods
Supportive, friendly community
Alternative accommodation available for families, couples and mature students
Option to choose a ‘new student early arrival contract’ at selected halls which start on Wednesday 19 September 2018. For more information see www.reading.ac.uk/internal/welcome/International/ww-int-accommodation.aspx

For queries contact
accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk
STEP THREE
GET YOUR VISA

If you require a visa, the University will issue you a CAS number as soon as you have firmly accepted your unconditional offer and have sent us your passport details.

This can only happen when your offer is unconditional.

Ensure you have enough money in your bank account 28 days prior to making a visa application to cover your first year’s tuition fees and living expenses (£820 for each month you will study, up to nine months).

Apply at www.ukvisas.gov.uk

For more information please see Immigration and Healthcare.

For any queries email our Immigration Team at immigration@reading.ac.uk

STEP FOUR
PACKING CHECKLIST

Check the following are in your hand luggage (tick them off):

☐ your passport
☐ visa (and TB screening certificate if required)
☐ your CAS email
☐ your transcripts
☐ any medical items (including a repeat prescription letter from your doctor if required)
☐ UK currency (cash and card)
☐ mobile phone
☐ electrical adapters
☐ warm clothes

You are also able to purchase a start up kit online for all essential items. This can be bought as part of your accommodation e-induction.

www.click2campus.com
ON YOUR ARRIVAL

Heathrow is the closest airport but others (Gatwick, Stansted, Luton) are also nearby.

From Heathrow take the RailAir bus to Reading train station (Tickets £20 to pay by cash or a credit/debit card at the machines in the Central Bus Station) – follow signs for Central Bus Station.

We will have a welcome team at Heathrow from Friday 21 September to Sunday 23 September between 07:00–20:00 every day. Please sign up online and visit our welcome pages over the coming months www.reading.ac.uk/welcome.

A taxi from the airport to Reading will cost approximately £35-40. It may be cheaper to travel this way if three or more people are travelling together. You can pre-book your journey at www.loddoncars.com/booking/ or by phone on +44 (0)118 321 321.

From Reading station please take a taxi to your accommodation (£10) – make sure you have booked accommodation before arrival.

If you arrive and are not sure where to go, you can go to Student Services (in the Palmer building) for advice.

If you arrive out of hours ask the taxi to take you to the hall reception.

If your group reception is closed when you arrive please use the call point outside the entrance to your hall or call the halls hotline on +44 (0)118 378 7777. Alternatively you can call Campus Security on 0118 378 7799 who can help you.
ENJOY OUR
WELCOME PROGRAMME
GETTING SETTLED

Our University welcome programme from 21 September will help you settle into university life

Social events & tours
Open to all students, across all levels of study
If you have a visa, make sure you get it scanned as soon as you arrive. You can do this at Palmer building from 15–23 September
Internet is provided in all hall rooms
Your mobile phone may work, but you may need to buy a new SIM
Living expenses will vary based on your lifestyle, but aim to allow £900 per month for your living expenses (to include accommodation, food, travel, entertainment etc.)
For help with money matters, visit www.reading.ac.uk/moneymatters
For help with your budget, visit www.studentcalculator.org.uk/international

Online payment only - Tuition fees cannot be paid in cash!
Payment online is the preferred method
Complete this after online enrolment at https://www.webpay.reading.ac.uk/studentpayments
It is not usually possible to open a student bank account before you arrive and it may take some weeks to open one
There is a bank on campus and further banks available in the town centre
NUS Cards are available for student discounts in shops, restaurants & cinema Young person’s railcard allows up to 1/3 off rail travel
Book long distance travel in advance for further reduced fares
There are many cheap places to shop nearby
Many supermarkets will deliver shopping to your halls of residence
As part of the Tier 4 visa application, if you apply for leave for more than 6 months you will be subject to the immigration health charge. [www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/how-much-pay](http://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/how-much-pay)

University Health Centre is very close to campus.

Insurance is only needed if you arrive in the UK very early or wish to be flown home in an emergency.

We are a welcoming community for people of all faiths and none. Religious life on campus is diverse and includes a Christian chaplaincy, a Muslim Centre and various student faith societies.

The Careers Centre on campus offers advice, events and CV support. JobShop advertises local work and voluntary opportunities. The RED Award allows you to enhance your employability skills.

There is an Academic English Programme available to support you through your studies at the International Study and Language Institute [www.reading.ac.uk/isli](http://www.reading.ac.uk/isli)

There are over 200 clubs & societies, from sports and leisure to academic and career interests. There are specific country or regional societies too. Please come and get involved!

The Graduate School is the hub for all doctoral research activity, providing you with the support and skills training that you need to fulfil your potential as a developing researcher.

**STaR Mentors** gives all students the opportunity to benefit from a mentor before arriving at Reading.

Undergraduates: STaR Mentors - automatically partnered

Postgraduates: STaR Mentors - application process

For more information you can email starmentors@reading.ac.uk
EXPLORE READING

Reading has a major train station with direct transport links to the rest of the UK, including Bath, Manchester and Birmingham.

Close proximity to London

Reading is home to a large shopping and recreational centre.

Reading is ranked in top 10 cities in the UK for employment (source: Centre for Cities)

Ranked in the top 10 European cities of the future (source: GetReading)
YOUR RESOURCES

Below are links to help you

Careers Centre
JobShop
RED Award
Welcome Week
IT Services
Library
Accommodation
Fees and Funding
Health Advice
Learning activities for studying
The Student Room
UK Newspapers and other sources

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