POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SYSTEMS THINKING IN PRACTICE

This is a credit-based qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PD–SP 1 QUALIFICATION NAME

PD–SP 1.1 The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters PG Dip Sys Prac (Open) after their names.

PD–SP 2 REGISTRATION

PD–SP 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entry requirement is:

(a) a first degree conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body

or:

(b) equivalent relevant experience.

PD–SP 2.2 To be awarded the postgraduate diploma, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

PD–SP 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PD–SP 3.1 To be awarded the diploma, you must obtain 120 credits as follows:

(a) 60 credits from the compulsory modules

(b) 60 credits from the core options modules.

PD–SP 3.2 The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 40 credits.

PD–SP 3.3 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the postgraduate diploma if you have 120 credits, of which not less than 60 are from successfully completed specified modules and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

PD–SP 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

PD–SP 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PD–SP 4.2 Any award of transferred credit will take the form of general credit exemption. Transferred credit can only count towards the 60 credits of core options modules.

PD–SP 4.3 Any award of general credit exemption can count for 8 years from the completion date of the study for which the general credit exemption is awarded.
**PD–SP 4.4** The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice is 60 credits: half the credit requirement.

**PD–SP 5 DURATION OF STUDY**

**PD–SP 5.1** The credit required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice must be obtained within eight years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.