POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING

This is a credit-based qualification

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) or Academic Regulations (Apprentices) as relevant. These regulations are available online via the Open University ‘Student Policies and Regulations’ website at https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies.

PD–C 1 QUALIFICATION NAME

PD–C 1.1 The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters PG Dip Comp (Open) after their names.

PD–C 1.2 If you include certain specified modules in Software Engineering or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your diploma can be awarded as the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Software Engineering).

If you include certain specified modules in Information Security and Forensics or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your diploma can be awarded as the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Information Security and Forensics).

If you include certain specified modules in Cyber Security or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your diploma can be awarded as the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Cyber Security Apprentice).

PD–C 1.3 If you obtain a distinction in at least 60 credits you will be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing with distinction. To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Software Engineering), the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Information Security and Forensics) with distinction, you must obtain a distinction in at least 60 credits, of which at least 30 credits must be from a compulsory module.

PD–C 1.3 If you obtain a distinction in at least 60 credits you will be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing with distinction. To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Cyber Security Apprentice) with distinction, you must obtain a distinction in at least 60 credits, of which at least 30 credits must be from the compulsory modules in PD–C 3.3 a).

PD–C 2 REGISTRATION

PD–C 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 an honours degree conferred by a UK university, or other recognised degree-awarding body, or other qualification or experience deemed to be equivalent and relevant by the Programme Committee.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Cyber Security Apprentice) is an exit qualification for students who do not complete F83. You must be a Graduate Apprenticeship student in Scotland participating within the apprenticeship scheme to be eligible to study F83.

PD–C 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.
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PD–EM 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PD–C 3.1 To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing you must successfully complete 120 credits from approved modules, of these:

(a) at least 60 credits must be from specified core option modules
(b) up to 60 credits can be from specified option modules

PD–C 3.2 To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Software Engineering) or the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Information Security and Forensics) you must successfully complete 120 credits from approved modules, of these:

(a) 60 credits must be from specified compulsory modules
(b) 60 credits are from specified option modules

PD–C 3.3 To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (Cyber Security Apprentice) you must successfully complete 120 credits from approved modules, of these:

(a) 60 credits must be from specified compulsory modules
(b) 30 credits are from a compulsory professional practice module
(c) 30 credits are from specified option modules

PD–C 3.4 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the postgraduate diploma if you have 120 credits, of which:

(a) not less than 60 are from Open University modules
(b) not more than 60 are transferred credits.

PD–C3.5 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–C 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

PD–C 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PD–C 4.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the specified core option modules given in regulation PD–C 3.1 (a) or the specified compulsory modules given in regulation PD–C 3.2 (a) will take the form of module exemption.

PD–C 4.3 Any award of transferred credit towards the specified option modules will take the form of general credit exemption.

PD–C 4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the postgraduate diploma is 60 credits.

PD–C 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE QUALIFICATION

PD–C 5.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the Postgraduate Diploma in Computing must be obtained during a period not exceeding four years. You are advised to study modules in the specified sequence.