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- SPST1** QUALIFICATION NAME

**PD- SPST1.1** The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Space Science and Technology. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters PG Dip SpST (Open) after their names.

**PD- SPST1.2** If you obtain a distinction grade in 120 of the credits in your diploma you will be awarded the diploma with distinction.

**PD- SPST1.3** If you obtain at least a merit grade in 120 of the credits in your diploma you will be awarded the diploma with merit.

**PD- SPST2** REGISTRATION

**PD- SPST2.1** 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 in Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Geosciences, Engineering or Mathematics.

**PD- SPST2.2** If you do not satisfy regulation PD- SPST2.1 but can satisfy the Senate that your qualifications or other evidence of competence are an adequate preparation for the course of study, your application may, in certain circumstances, be considered.

**PD- SPST2.3** To be awarded the postgraduate diploma, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

**PD- SPST3** CREDIT REQUIREMENT

**PD- SPST3.1** The University will award you the postgraduate diploma in Space Science and Technology if you have obtained 120 credits from:

(a) 60 credits from a compulsory module at Stage 1

(b) 30 credits from core option group A and 30 credit from core option group B at Stage 2

**PD- SPST3.3** 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 compulsory modules including the Stage 2 modules, and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

**PD- SPST3.4** The credit for this postgraduate diploma must include from Open University modules a minimum amount that meets the University’s unique study requirements; that minimum amount is 40 credits.

**PD- SPST4** CREDIT TRANSFER

**PD- SPST4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the postgraduate diploma in Space Science and Technology is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).
PD- SPST4.2 Any award of transferred credit must take the form of general credit exemption against the core option modules in Stage 2. No credit transfer is permitted against the compulsory Stage 1 module.

PD- SPST4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit towards the postgraduate diploma in Space Science and Technology is 60 credits.

PD- SPST4.5 The maximum age of any transferred credit towards the postgraduate diploma in Space Science and Technology is 10 years.

PD- SPST5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DIPLOMA

PD- SPST5.1 The credit required for the postgraduate diploma in Space Science and Technology must be obtained during a period not exceeding four years. Stages must be studied in order.