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).

**MSc–DM 1 DEGREE NAME**

MSc–DM 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Development Management. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc (Dev Mgmt) (Open) after their names.

MSc–DM 1.2 The Master of Science in Development Management was unclassified until May 2014. For awards made after this date, the Master of Science in Development Management is classified as Distinction and Merit. For the purpose of classifying your degree, the University will use your best grades from 120 credits from the MSc in Development Management.

MSc–DM 1.3 If you obtain a distinction in 90 credits including the 30 credit compulsory project module and at least one of the other compulsory modules; and you obtain a merit or above in a further 30 credits, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MSc–DM 1.4 If you obtain a distinction in 60 credits from the 30 credit project and a further compulsory module and merits in a further 60 credits, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSc–DM 1.5 If you obtain a merit in 120 credits including the 30 credit compulsory project module and at least one of the other compulsory modules you will be awarded the degree with merit.

**MSc–DM 2 REGISTRATION**

MSc–DM 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration requirements in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study.

MSc–DM 2.2 To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

**MSc–DM 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT**

MSc–DM 3.1 To be awarded the qualification, you must obtain:

- (a) 60 credits through the successful completion of the two compulsory modules
- (b) at least 30 credits from option modules in the degree profile
- (c) no more than 30 credits from modules at postgraduate level that form part of other Open University postgraduate-level qualifications.

or

- (d) 90 credits through the successful completion of the three compulsory modules
- (e) 30 credits from option modules in the degree profile

and

- (f) 30 credits from the compulsory project module
- (g) 30 credits from modules at postgraduate level that form part of other Open University postgraduate-level qualifications.
MSc–DM 3.2 If you qualify including the structure described in MSc–DM 3.1 (a) – (c), the final date that the Master of Science in Development Management will be awarded will be 31 December 2021.

MSc–DM 3.3 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree under the structure described in MSc–DM 3.1 (a) – (c) and (f)-(g) if you have 120 credits, of which 60 are from the two compulsory modules and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

MSc–DM 3.4 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree under the structure described in MSc–DM 3.1 (d) – (e) and (f)-(g) if you have 120 credits, of which 90 are from the three compulsory modules and not more than 30 are transferred credit.

MSc–DM 3.5 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 60 credits.

MSc–DM 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–DM 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the Master of Science in Development Management is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–DM 4.2 Any award of transferred credit will take the form of module exemption and/or general credit exemption.

MSc–DM 4.3 If you commence study for the first time for this qualification in October 2012 or later, the study considered for an award of transferred credit must have been completed within the 16 years prior to the University receiving your complete application for credit transfer towards this degree.

MSc–DM 4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the degree under the structure described in MSc–DM 3.1 (a) – (c) is 60 credits. Transferred credit cannot count towards compulsory modules in the programme.

MSc–DM 4.5 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the degree under the structure described in MSc–DM 3.1 (d) – (e) is 30 credits. Transferred credit cannot count towards compulsory modules in the programme.

MSc–DM 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–DM 5.1 You may obtain the credit required for the MSc in Development Management over any number of academic years of study, not necessarily consecutive.

MSc–DM 5.2 The dissertation or project must form the final credit for your degree. You may not take any other modules together with the dissertation or project.
MSc–DM 6  DISSENTATION OR PROJECT

MSc–DM 6.1  You must submit, within the period specified, a dissertation or project conforming to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–DM 6.2  The length of the dissertation or project must be 10,000–15,000 words, excluding footnotes and appendices.

MSc–DM 6.3  The dissertation or project will be submitted to examiners appointed by the Senate. It may be found to be:

(a) acceptable

(b) pending – pass result may be awarded on satisfactory completion of amendments within three months (only one submission permitted)

(c) pending – pass result may be awarded following the collection of further satisfactory evidence from a viva voce (oral) examination (only one attempt permitted)

(d) unacceptable – but with permission for you to re-submit (only one re-submission permitted)

(e) unacceptable – with permission for you to re-register for the dissertation or project on a different topic.