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–ENG 1 DEGREE NAME

MSc–ENG 1.1 The University offers the degree of Master of Science in Engineering, referred to as the MSc in Engineering. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc (Eng) (Open) after their names.

MSc–ENG 1.2 If you obtain (a) a distinction grade in the 60-credit dissertation or project module in Stage 2 and (b) either a merit or distinction grade in the 30-credit compulsory module and at least 30 credits from the other taught modules as part of the Stage 1 requirements, you will qualify for the degree with distinction.

MSc–ENG 1.3 If you obtain (a) a distinction grade in the 60-credit dissertation or project module in Stage 2 and (b) either a merit or distinction grade in the 30-credit compulsory module and at least 30 credits from the other taught modules as part of the Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering or the Open University postgraduate Master of Engineering degree used to satisfy the Stage 1 requirement, you will qualify for the degree with distinction.

MSc–ENG 2 REGISTRATION

MSc–ENG 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 the equivalent.

MSc–ENG 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–ENG 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–ENG 3.1 To qualify for the degree, you must have successfully completed:

Stage 1 requirement:
(a) the 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module
(b) 60 credits from a range of specified postgraduate-level option modules
(c) 30 credits from a further range of specified postgraduate-level option modules.

Stage 2 requirement:
(d) the 60-credit project or dissertation.

MSc–ENG 3.2 If you have completed either the 120 credit Open University Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering, or the 480 credit Open University postgraduate Master of Engineering degree including 120 credits at postgraduate level, this can satisfy the Stage 1 requirement and you can qualify for the degree if you successfully complete the 60-credit project or dissertation.
MSc–ENG 3.3  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. The unique study for this qualification must include the credit from the compulsory research dissertation or the compulsory professional project.

MSc–ENG 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–ENG 4.1  The credit transfer scheme for the Masters in Engineering is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–ENG 4.2  Any award of transferred credit will take the form of general credit exemption.

MSc–ENG 4.3  Any award of general credit exemption can count for 5 years from the completion date of the study for which the general credit exemption is awarded.

MSc–ENG 4.4  Credit transfer is not permitted against the 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module in MSc–ENG 3.1(a) or the 60-credit project or dissertation MSc–ENG 3.1(d).

MSc–ENG 4.5  The maximum award of transferred credit towards the MSc in Engineering is 60 credits, with a maximum of 30 credits towards modules specified in regulation MSc–ENG 3.1(b).

MSc–ENG 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–ENG 5.1  In order to actively continue your studies, you must satisfy the assignment and examination requirements and make satisfactory progress as specified for the qualification for which you are registered. If you fail to satisfy the assignment and examination requirements for the qualification for which you are registered or to make satisfactory progress, you will cease to be registered for the qualification and will have no more right to continue your studies than a new applicant.

MSc–ENG 5.2  The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the MSc in Engineering must be obtained during a period not exceeding five years from the date of completion of the Stage 1 requirements. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively but you must have completed the 90 credits of study in MSc–ENG 3.1(b) and (c) before you can study the 30 credit compulsory module in MSc–ENG 3.1(a) and you must complete Stage 1 before you can study the Stage 2 module in MSc–ENG 3.1(d).

MSc–ENG 5.3  Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MSc in Engineering at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MSc–ENG 6  DURATION OF STUDY

MSc–ENG 6.1  You must fulfil the requirement of Stage 2 within five years of the date of completion of the Stage 1 requirement.

MSc–ENG 7  DISSERTATION

MSc–ENG 7.1  You will be required to submit, within the period specified for the degree, a dissertation conforming to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–ENG 7.2  The length of the dissertation, excluding footnotes and appendices, must be 10,000–15,000 words. The dissertation will be submitted to examiners appointed by the Senate. It may be found to be:

(a)  pass with distinction
(b)  pass with merit
(c)  pass
(d) unacceptable, with permission for you to re-submit (only one re-submission may be allowed)
(e) unacceptable.

MSc–ENG 7.3 You may be required to attend a *viva voce* (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MSc–ENG 7.4 The result awarded to you, after completion of any corrections and re-submissions required by the examiners, will be pass or fail.